

French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
Minutes
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
A-B Technical Community College, Haynes Conference Center
May 17, 2007

TCC Voting Members:

Jaime Adrignola, Town of Mills River; Paul Benson, Town of Waynesville; Mark Biberdorf, Town of Fletcher; Chris Boyd, Haywood County; James Coman, Buncombe County; Mark Combs, City of Asheville; Nathan Clark, Town of Maggie Valley; Bill Crisp (for David White), Apple Country Transportation; Ivo Dernev, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch; Rosemary Green, Town of Canton; Michael Morgan, Town of Weaverville; Claudia Nix, NC Bicycle Task Force; Ken O'Connor, CTAB Mountain Mobility; Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County; Carrie Runser-Turner, LOSRPO; Nelson E. Smith, Biltmore Forest; Joel Setzer, NCDOT-Div. 14; Greg Shuler, NCDOT-Div.13.

TCC Non Voting Members :

Tom Herman, NCDOT Public Transportation Division

Staff and Agency Attendees:

Reuben Moore, NCDOT-Div. 14; Sarah Smith, NCDOT-Transportation Planning Branch; Dan Baechtold, MPO Coordinator; Barb Mee, MPO Staff; Patricia Nurse-Cortes, MPO Staff.

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by Chairman Jim Coman. He asked for self-introductions. Mr.Coman announced the minutes from the March 15th meeting were not available.

TIP Public Involvement and Final Approval

Dan Baechtold gave an update on this item. The TAC had the hearing relating to the passage of the 2007-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. No significant public comments were received.

Recommend Approval of 2007 Priority Needs List for the FY2009-2015 TIP

Chairman Coman mentioned that all pertinent documentation on this item was previously distributed. Mr. Baechtold said the comments are still being received for this item. It was mentioned that the Black Mountain interchange had been removed from the PNL at the last TAC meeting. Discussion proceeded about moving the Sweeten Creek Road improvements ahead of the Leicester Highway improvements. The motion was made by Michael Morgan and seconded by Mark Biberdorf to make this change. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion followed related to certain items on the list. Chairman Coman asked for a motion to recommend the draft PNL to the TAC. The motion was made by Jim Wert and seconded by Paul Benson. The motion was carried unanimously.

SPECIAL UPDATE

CTP Schedule

Sarah Smith announced Ivo Denerv as NCDOT-MPO Coordinator, who replaced Daniel Holt. His office will be in Raleigh. The CTP project will be completed by Martin Alexiou Bryson. The work should be finished by September. She further explained the process.

STAFF REPORTS

US 70 Corridor Study Update – Dan Baechtold reported that the consultants have three different land use scenarios to review. Public comment is to follow. He said that he will keep everyone updated on developments

Asheville Bicycle Plan Update—Consultants have developed draft recommendations for the plan. The next step is to take the recommendations to the steering committee. Many of the roads are maintained by NCDOT and those areas will be discussed with the department before taking the information to the public.

REGULAR UPDATES

Greg Shuler, NCDOT-Div.13 -- brought everyone up to date on various projects in the area.

Ruben Moore, NCDOT-Div 14 -- said that he had information on smaller projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, GREAT IDEAS

Mr. Coman announced there is now county-wide zoning in Buncombe County. Paul Benson of Waynesville expressed appreciation of the FBRMPO's support as they received a grant for their pedestrian plan. Mr. Coman said that a draft of flood the county's flood maps will soon be available.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.