

Southwestern Rural Planning Organization

TAC Meeting 11/24/2008 Holiday Inn – Cherokee, NC

Present

TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

- Bill Hughes – Town of Murphy, Cherokee County
- Glenn Jones – Swain County
- Brian McMahan – Jackson County
- Harrell Moore – Town of Hayesville, Clay County
- Lynn Cody – Graham County
- Brenda Oliver – Town of Sylva, Jackson County
- Kate Welch – Town of Bryson City, Swain County
- Joe Collins – Town of Franklin, Macon County
- Steve Gray – Town of Webster, Jackson County
- James Wallace – Village of Forest Hills, Jackson County
- Bobby Cagle – Town of Robbinsville, Graham County
- Jonathon Dickey – Cherokee County
- Ronnie Beale – Macon County

Non-voting Attendees

- Ryan Sherby, RPO Planner of Southwestern Commission, Secretary TCC/TAC
- Jaime Wilson – NCDOT Division 14 Construction Engineer
- Bobby Koppers – Macon County Commissioner
- Bill Gibson – Southwestern Commission Executive Director
- Joel Setzer – NCDOT Division 14 Engineer

Chairman Glenn Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Ryan Sherby reported that a quorum was present.

Introductions were made.

Agenda Items

Public Hearing opened at 5:30 PM for the Priority Needs List (PNL) of transportation improvement projects for the region. The TAC approved the draft PNL for a 30-day public comment period at the 9.22.08 meeting. There was no public comment offered during the 30 day period.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRIAN MCMAHAN, SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER RONNIE BEALE TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Sherby offered for approval the minutes of the September 22, 2008 business meeting.

**MOTION BY MAYOR HARRELL MOORE, SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER LYNN CODY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM
THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 BUSINESS MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

The PNL was available for public review and comment for 30 days after its draft was approved on 9.22.08. A public hearing on the PNL was held just prior to this TAC meeting. Mayor Gray inquired as to how the feasibility study for improvements to the US 74/BUS 23 interchange would be ranked. Sherby informed Mayor Gray that members on the TCC recommended creating a new section in the PNL for feasibility studies.

**MOTION BY MAYOR STEVE GRAY, SECOND BY MAYOR JAMES
WALLACE, TO ADOPT THE PNL AS PRESENTED. MOTION
CARRIED.**

Sherby presented a requested letter of support for the Town of Andrews to pursue the Safe Routes to Schools grant funding initiative to fund sidewalks between the school and the downtown Andrews area.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JONATHON DICKEY, SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER BRIAN MCMAHAN, TO ENDORSE THE PROJECT
AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

George Bridgers and Laura Boothe with the Attainment Planning Branch of NCDENR presented the new Ozone NAAQS and proposed non-attainment boundary recommendations. The RPO TAC decided to endorse an elevation of 4500 feet and above in redrawing the non-attainment areas.

**MOTION BY MAYOR JAMES WALLACE, SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER RONNIE BEALE, TO ENDORSE THE 4500 FOOT
ELEVATION AND ABOVE BOUNDARY FOR THE AREAS THAT WILL
BE IN NON-ATTAINMENT.**

Joel Setzer gave an overview of the 16 major construction projects in the region.

The NC 107 Connector, R-5000, workshop was announced for December 4th 2008 at 4 PM.

No public comment was offered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Sherby - SW RPO TAC Secretary