

## Southwestern Rural Planning Organization

### TAC Meeting 03/23/2009 Holiday Inn – Cherokee, NC

#### Present

##### *TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)*

- Don Mullen – Town of Highlands, Macon County
- Glenn Jones – Swain County
- Brian McMahan – Jackson County
- Harrell Moore – Town of Hayesville, Clay County
- Steve Odom – Graham County
- Brenda Oliver – Town of Sylva, Jackson County
- Brad Walker – Town of Bryson City, Swain County
- Joe Collins – Town of Franklin, Macon County
- Steve Gray – Town of Webster, Jackson County
- Gene Tweedy – Village of Forest Hills, Jackson County
- Harry Jarrett – Clay County

##### *Non-voting Attendees*

- Ryan Sherby, RPO Planner of Southwestern Commission, Secretary TCC/TAC
- Bill Gibson – Southwestern Commission Executive Director
- Joel Setzer – NCDOT Division 14 Engineer
- Gene Troll – Graham County Commissioner
- Bruce Snyder – Graham County Commissioner
- William Shelton – Jackson County Commissioner

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**

Chairman Jones offered for approval the minutes of the November 24, 2008 business meeting.

**MOTION BY MAYOR HARRELL MOORE, SECOND BY MAYOR DON MULLEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 24, 2008 BUSINESS MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

Sherby summarized the Planning Work Program, Funding Tables and the 5 Year Planning Calendar. Sherby stated these documents list the planning priorities and the level of effort that will be focused on particular work tasks in the upcoming federal fiscal year.

**MOTION BY MAYOR DON MULLEN, SECOND BY MAYOR HARRELL MORRE, TO ADOPT THE PWP, FUNDING TABLES AND THE 5 YEAR PLANNING CALENDAR AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Sherby presented the updated bylaws for the TAC. He stated that these bylaws have been revised to reflect the recently adopted amended MOU for the RPO. Mayor Mullen inquired about the differences. Sherby stated the primary differences were in the quorum a definition being that if a member fails to attend or send his/her designate to 2 consecutive meetings, then his/her seat would become vacant. The seat would be reinstated at the next attended meeting. A minimum of 7 members must be present for a quorum.

**MOTION BY MAYOR HARRELL MOORE, SECOND BY MAYOR DON MULLEN, TO ADOPT THE RECENTLY UPDATED BYLAWS FOR THE TAC. MOTION CARRIED.**

Sherby then gave an overview of the Southwestern Coordinated Public Transportation and Human Services Transportation Plan (LCP). He stated the LCP does not obligate any money from the counties or municipalities. It only provides the mechanism for transit providers to apply for federal funding. Copies of the plan were made available to all members on the committee.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARRY JARRETT, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BRIAN MCMAHAN, TO ADOPT THE LCP AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner William Shelton, Jackson County, offered an overview of the US 441 Small Area Plan, as it resides in his district. Southwestern Commission's executive director Bill Gibson assisted Shelton as Gibson resides on the steering committee. Joel Setzer and Commissioner Brian McMahan suggested that they let the county finish the ordinance prior to RPO adoption. The plan was tabled until further action has been taken by the county.

Sherby gave an overview of the Comprehensive Transportation Plans underway in the region:

Jackson County: Alternative analysis is underway to prevent future year deficiencies. Sherby stated that the next meeting would be Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

Macon County: The selection of steering committee for the Macon County plan is underway.

Joel Setzer gave an overview of NCDOT transformation, current projects and the stimulus package. Gene Conti is the new secretary for NCDOT. NCDOT will now operate under three planning and programming periods: 20 year statewide vision, a 10 year plan (which probably will become the TIP), and a 5 year work plan. There is an

effort underway to reestablish credibility to schedules and timetables. The role of the board will be to develop the 20 year vision. The RPO will assist in the visioning and with the prioritization of projects for the ten year plan. There will be a statewide effort to prioritize all of the projects submitted. Setzer then gave an overview of existing projects. He welcomed anyone to inquire about specifics regarding ongoing projects.

No public comment was offered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Sherby - SW RPO TAC Secretary

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