

Southwestern Rural Planning Organization

TAC Meeting 3/24/2008

Holiday Inn – Cherokee, NC

Present

TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

- Glenn Jones – Swain County
- Brian McMahan – Jackson County
- Jene Hartbarger – Town of Dillsboro
- Harding Hohenshutz – Town of Lake Santeetlah
- Harrell Moore – Town of Hayesville, Clay County
- Lynn Cody – Graham County
- Brenda Oliver – Town of Sylva
- Kate Welch – Town of Bryson City
- Joe Collins – Town of Franklin
- Steve Gray – Town of Webster, Jackson County

Non-voting Attendees

- Ryan Sherby, RPO Planner of Southwestern Commission, Secretary TCC/TAC

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

Introductions were made.

Agenda Items

Sherby offered for approval the minutes of the November 26, 2007 meeting.

MOTION BY MAYOR HARRELL MOORE, SECOND BY MAYOR STEVE GRAY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 26, 2007 BUSINESS MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

Sherby offered for approval three administrative items for consideration: 2008-2009 Planning Work Program, Funding Tables and the 5 Year Planning Calendar. An explanation of the line items and amounts was provided.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRIAN MCMAHAN, SECOND BY MAYOR HARRELL MOORE, TO ADOPT THE PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, FUNDING TABLES AND 5 YEAR PLANNING CALENDAR AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

Sherby presented the prioritized list of County Transportation Plans (CTPs) to the TAC. Recommendation came from the TCC to adopt the list as presented. Sherby explained that the list would have to be updated at the November meeting of the TAC. Sherby also explained that the Jackson County CTP would not be completed until early 2009 giving the committee another chance to change the priorities before the next county plan is initiated.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR JEAN HARTBARGER TO ADOPT THE
PRIORITIZED LIST OF COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE
TRANSPORTATION PLANS AS RECCOMENDED BY THE TCC,
SECOND BY MAYOR STEVE GRAY. MOTION CARRIED**

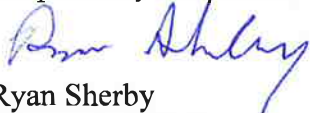
Ryan Sherby offered an amendment to the Prioritized List of Projects for the Region to be considered in the draft 2009-2015 STIP (State Transportation Improvement Plan). Sherby explained public comment has favored the removal the 107 to 441 portion of the proposed Sylva Dillsboro By-Pass, STIP # R-4745A. Sherby also offered that Jackson County elected officials and NCDOT feel that the priority and focus should be on the 107 to 19/74 portion. Sherby made a staff recommendation to the RPO TAC to remove the R-4745A portion from the SWRPO Prioritized List of Projects for the Region. Kate Welch then proposed to advance the improvements of Hwy 19 thru Bryson City, STIP # R-4751 to the top of the list for Swain County priorities.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR STEVE GRAY, SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER BRIAN MCMAHAN, TO ADOPT THE AMENDED
PRIORITIZED LIST OF PROJECTS AS PRESENTED. MOTION
CARRIED.**

Ryan Sherby reported that **Hayesville, Highlands, Robbinsville, Franklin, Dillsboro, Sylva, and Bryson City** have rejoined the RPO via a Municipal Statement of Adoption.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ryan Sherby
SW RPO TCC Secretary