

Southwestern Rural Planning Organization

TCC Meeting 10/16/2007

Southwestern Commission, Sylva, NC

Present

TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee)

- Paul Leek – Clay County
- Jay Denton – Town of Sylva, Jackson County
- Malcolm McNeil – Town of Webster, Jackson County
- Ron Roman – Town of Forest Hills, Jackson County
- David Badger – Cherokee County
- Linda Cable – Jackson County
- Stacy Guffey – Macon County
- Lynn Cody – Graham County
- Joel Setzer – NCDOT Division 14 (Alt for Jaime Wilson)
- Dan Thomas – NCDOT TPB (Alt for Sarah Smith)

Non-Voting Attendees

- Ryan Sherby, RPO Planner of Southwestern Commission, Secretary TCC/TAC
- Conrad Burrell, NCDOT Division 14 Board Member

Ryan Sherby called the meeting to order at 10:40am. The committee was two municipalities short to establish quorum.

Introductions were made.

Agenda Additions

Town of Webster, Malcolm McNeil added item #6 to the agenda. The town is in discussion to apply for scenic by-way designation for NC 116; however, nothing has been put into writing at this time. If the town passes a resolution, it will be distributed to the RPO committees to consider endorsing the project. This item may be on the January agenda.

Agenda Items

Agenda Item 2. Prioritized list of projects. Discussion centered on refining the list for the TAC to consider for adoption.

- Jackson County – It was recommended that the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) not be on a project list, since it is already #1 on the CTP list. Insert a feasibility study for NC 107 to relieve traffic congestion (would become item #3 on the priority list). A study area needs to be defined. The towns of Webster, Sylva and Jackson County supported adding this item to the priority list.
- Macon County – Stacy Guffey said details still need to be worked out on the Siler Road project Option A, which is currently on the draft priority list.

- Graham County – Ryan Sherby brought to the attention of Lynn Cody that construction dollars had not been allocated to the NC 143 upgrade/improvements that link Robbinsville to the Cherohala Skyway. Mr. Cody stated that this projects completion would rank right behind Corridor K.

Agenda Item 3. Prioritizing the county wide Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTPs) Ryan Sherby distributed the previously submitted list. Dan Thomas then explained the process and how a land development plan must precede the CTP. Counties were encouraged to report back to other county staff and to be ready to rank the counties at the January meeting. This item will be on the January agenda.

Public Comment

Roger Turner submitted written and verbal public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ryan Sherby
SW RPO TCC Secretary