

# Southwestern Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

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## 9/24/2012 Minutes

Chestnut Tree Inn (Holiday Inn)  
37 Tsalagi Road Cherokee, NC 28719

### Present:

Phillip Carson- Swain Co.	Maurice Moody- Sylva	Tim Gamble- Fontana Dam
Bill Hughes- Murphy	Jack Debnam- Jackson Co.	Harrell Moore- Hayesville
Joe Collins- Franklin	Kate Welch- Bryson City	Mike Fitzgerald- Dillsboro
Tom Sutton- Bryson City	Mike Edwards- Graham Co.	Larry Philips- Webster

### Non-voting:

Joel Setzer- NCDOT  
Sarah Graham- Southwestern Commission Regional Planner/ RPO secretary  
Ryan Sherby- Southwestern Commission  
Greg Cable- Graham County manager

### **Agenda Items:**

1. Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and established that a quorum was present.

Introductions were made around the table.

2. Edwards called for approval of the minutes from the 3/26/2012 & 5/15/2012 TAC business meetings.

***Motion by Hughes, second by Moore, to approve the minutes from the 3/26/2012 & 5/15/2012 business meetings. Motion carried.***

3. Resolution of Appreciation for outgoing BOT member Conrad Burrell

After discussion and review, upon a motion of Mayor Bill Hughes, seconded by Mayor Harrell Moore and, upon being put to a vote, was carried unanimously, the Southwestern Rural Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) approved the following resolution:

### **Resolution In appreciation of Conrad Burrell, for his representation of Division 14 and the Southwestern Rural Planning Organization on the North Carolina Board of Transportation**

WHEREAS, Conrad Burrell was first appointed to the North Carolina Board of Transportation in 2001, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burrell has shown steadfast support for the Southwestern RPO since its inception, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burrell has supported projects for all modes of transportation, to improve the infrastructure and economies of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties, and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Burrell has, in 2012, retired from his position on the North Carolina Board of Transportation,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Southwestern RPO Transportation Advisory Committee, meeting in legal session convened this 24th day of September, 2012, does hereby convey its deepest and most sincere expressions of gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Conrad Burrell, for the invaluable contributions he made during his eleven years of service to the North Carolina Board of Transportation, and particularly for his dedicated service on the Southwestern RPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

4. Prioritization 3.0- process reviewed by Graham

The 3rd round of statewide prioritization, called Prioritization 3.0 (P3.0), will occur in 2013. The TAC would like recommendations from staff and the TCC on changes to our methodology.

***No action necessary***

5. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)-

Setzer gave a report on the draft STIP, projects included in it, and process for creating it.

***No action necessary***

6. Legislative Update- Graham

- a. MAP- 21
- b. RPO member ethics requirement

***No action necessary***

7. A transportation planning update was given by Graham on the following projects:

- a. Blue Ridge Bike Plan (which includes Jackson and Swain County)
- b. Regional Trails Plan
- c. Robbinsville Streetscape Plan
- d. Cherokee Co. CTP
- e. NC 107 Corridor Study
- f. Public Transit Locally Coordinated Plan
- g. NCDOT bike/ped planning grants application process

***No action necessary***

8. Regional Visioning Project- update given by Ryan Sherby

***No action necessary***

9. Public Comment- none

10. ***Edwards called for adjournment, second by Hughes. Motion carried.***