

# Southwestern Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting

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## 09/23/2013 Minutes

Southwestern Community College Macon Campus  
Siler Road, Franklin, NC

### Present:

Larry Callicutt ☐ Bryson City	Andy Cable ☐ Graham County	Reuben Moore ☐ NCDOT Div 14
Pam Cook ☐ NCDOT TPB	Matt Quesenberry ☐ NCDOT TPB	Paige Roberson ☐ Sylva
Jack Morgan ☐ Macon County	Kim Angel ☐ Transit	Scott Cook ☐ NCDOT Div 14
Debbie Coffey ☐ Dillsboro	Gerald Green ☐ Jackson County	

### Non-Voting:

Philip Moore ☐ Southwestern RPO Secretary      Becca Duley ☐ SW Commission Community Planner

### **Agenda Items:**

1. Chairman Green called meeting to order at 11:03 AM, read the ethics statement, and established that a quorum was present.
2. Update from Philip Moore: Kim Angel is Macon County's Transit Director, and she is a voting member of the TCC as approved at the March 2012 meeting.
3. Green called for approval of the minutes from the 05/09/2013 TCC business meeting.  
***Motion by Paige Roberson, seconded by Jack Morgan, to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.***
4. Transportation Planning Update was given by Philip Moore on the following projects:
  - a. Locally Coordinated Plan has been approved
  - b. Regional Trails Plan is in the public review stage.
    1. Gerald encouraged members to review
    2. Philip noted that local governments might be asked to include the Blue Ridge Bike Plan in an upcoming meeting agenda in the near future.
    3. Green asked where the funding would come from for implementation of a trails plan, and a conversation about creative matching opportunities for funding ensued, including ideas focused on economic development funds or safety initiatives to help provide funding.
  - c. Freight Assessment  
Pam Cook suggested that the question "How have your freight needs changed over the years?" should be included.
  - d. Graham County CTP
  - e. Prioritization 3.0
    1. Angel noted a serious concern with quantitative data measures and how they may impact rural areas.
    2. Pam Cook noted that if a bike/ped project part of a proposed road project, the project will typically be ranked as a road project and thus the bike/ped project will potentially rise to a tier (i.e., statewide or regional).

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3. Philip requested that all local government offices should send their new transportation priorities to him by early to mid-November.
- f. Opt-In  
Philip agreed to send a public meetings list to TCC members.

***No action necessary.***

4. Scott Cook gave updates from Division 14.

***No action necessary.***

5. No members of the public were in attendance for public comment.

6. ***At 12:30 PM, Green called for adjournment, second by Kim Angel. Motion carried.***