

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

9/24/2012 Minutes

Southwestern Community College Macon Campus
Siler Road, Franklin, NC

Present:

Jack Morgan- Macon Co.	Derrick Roland- Franklin	Paige Roberson- Sylva
Debbie Coffey- Dillsboro	Larry Callicut- Bryson City	Reuben Moore - NC DOT
Gerald Green- Jackson Co.	David Clabo- Highlands	Josh Carpenter- Cherokee Co
Chuck Wooten- Jackson Co.	Andy Cable- Graham Co	

Non-voting:

Sarah Graham- Southwestern Commission Regional Planner/ RPO secretary

Agenda Items:

1. Chairman Carpenter, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and established that a quorum was present.

Introductions were made around the table.

2. Carpenter called for approval of the minutes from the 3/26/2012 TCC business meeting.

Motion by Morgan, second by Moore, to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2012 business meeting. Motion carried.

3. Discussion of draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

-The draft STIP was recently released to the RPOs by NCDOT. It will be released to the general public in October. A copy of the STIP, specific to our six county region, was distributed to each SWRPO TCC & TAC member via email. The TCC briefly discussed the document.

-Moore made the statement that getting a project into the STIP is the big step, and that once in the STIP projects get delayed for various reasons, but once in the STIP they are scheduled for further planning and funding.

4. P3.0 Methodology

-The 3rd round of statewide prioritization, called Prioritization 3.0 (P3.0), will occur in 2013. The committee discussed our current methodology for prioritization, and changes that they may choose to recommend to the TAC for P3.0. They agreed to meet in early 2013 for a more in-depth discussion.

No action necessary

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5. A legislative update was given by Graham on the following items:

- a.** MAP-21 (handout and brief discussion)
- b.** New RPO member ethics requirement

No action necessary

6. 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.** Regional Visioning Project (Corridor K)
- f.** NCDOT bike/ped planning grants application process
 - i.** Green asked why these could not be used for counties- said that a county could use a bike plan more than a small municipality

No action necessary

7. Division 14 project update given by Moore

No action necessary

8. Public Comment- none

9. ***Green called for adjournment, second by Carpenter. Motion carried.***