NORTHWEST PIEDMONT
RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting
Tuesday, October 22nd, 2013
12:00 p.m.
Yadkin County Government Offices
217 E. Willow Street
Yadkinville

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Scott Buffkin, Jonesville	Kim Bates, Surry County
Michael Poston, Yadkin County	Homer Dearmin, Pilot Mountain
Aaron Church, Yadkin County	Andrew Meadwell, Davie County
Jeff Cockerham, YVEDDI	Diane Hampton, Division 9
George Crater, Elkin	Christina Walsh, PTRC

Welcome and Ethics Statement   George Crater

The ethics statement was read and no conflicts of interest were mentioned.

Information Items

I.   NWPRPO Bylaws Documents   Christina Walsh
- Christina Walsh provided a handout containing: 1) NCGS Chapter 136, Article 17, 2) NWPRPO TAC and TCC Bylaws, 3) NWPRPO 2012 Memorandum of Understanding, 4) NWPRPO TAC and TCC Minutes
- Michael Poston provided three handouts on research conducted by Yadkin County: 1) NC RPO TAC-TCC By-law Comparison, 2) NC RPO MOU Comparison, and 3) NC RPO Prioritization. [Copies of the handouts are saved in the Minutes folder.] He found that similar policies exist between RPOs and differences include term limits for members.

II.   Strategic Transportation Investments Update   Christina Walsh
- Christina Walsh provided the following handouts during the "Discussion Items" section: 1) Existing Highway Projects by County, 2) Past NWPRPO Ranking System, 3) Letter from NCDOT regarding prioritization policy requirements, and 4) NWPRPO 2013-2014 Timeline.

Discussion Items   TCC Members

I.   Bylaws and MOUs
         a.   Voting Members
      Members discussed:
      • TAC Bylaws allow one NCDOT Board of Transportation representative, however the RPO
        has two BOT members for the region.
      • TCC Bylaws allow four NCDOT representatives.
      • Recommendations for TCC Bylaws:
           o Add YVEDDI representative as a voting member and add an Aviation representative
           o Change the TCC status of the following representatives to "ex-officio/ non-voting":
              Executive Director, NWPCOG; Chief Planner, NWPCOG; and NCDOT RPO Coordinator,
              Statewide Planning Branch
II.   Prioritization Policy
         a.   Methodology
         b.   Ranking
         c.   Non-Highway Modes
         d.   Public Input
         e.   NCDOT Participation
      Members discussed: 1) project cost information helps with ranking, 2) how to help the most
      people through a project, 3) how to approach competition between all modes of transportation,
      4) compatibility between RPO and Division priorities, 5) greater focus on rail, freight, and
      aviation, 6) evaluating the feasibility of a project and then ranking it

III. Point Assignment
      Members asked the following questions: How to assign points between modes? What is the
      local match requirement?

New Business   TCC Members

Adjournment   George Crater
      Motion: Scott Buffkin
      Seconded: Homer Dearmin
      All in Favor, None Opposed