



NORTHWEST PIEDMONT
RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Wednesday, October 15th, 2014

10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Attendance

Will Marklin, Mocksville	Jesse Day, PTRC
Steve Yokeley, Mount Airy	John Rhyne, Division 9
Kevin Austin, Yadkin County	Mike Pettyjohn, Division 11
Wayne Moore, Jonesville	Vernia Wilson, NCDOT TPB
Ernest Lankford, Stokes County	Elizabeth Jernigan, PTRC
Sharon Conaway, Walnut Cove	

Welcome and Ethics Statement

Sharon Conaway read the ethics statement; no one indicated any conflict of interest.

Action Items

I. TAC Minutes – August 20 & 27, 2014

Sharon Conaway asked for a motion to approve the two sets of minutes from the August meeting.

Will Marklin made a motion to approve the minutes and Kevin Austin seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted.

II. NWPRPO TCC Bylaws Update

Sharon Conaway presented the Transportation Coordinating Committee bylaws updates. The bylaws were updated to restore voting rights to the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Executive Director and the NWPRPO Coordinator as well as the Transportation Planning Branch Coordinator for NCDOT. Also, the section on standing was updated to increase the likelihood of quorum for municipalities that cannot consistently attend TCC meetings. In addition, small textual changes were made to update organization name changes of member organizations. The TCC had recommended the changes for approval on October 14, 2014.

Kevin Austin made a motion to approve the updated bylaws and Steve Yokeley seconded the motion. The updated bylaws were adopted.

III. A. Resolution of Support: Piedmont Together

It was mentioned that the TCC wanted more information before passing a resolution of support for the project. A 15 minute presentation was suggested by TCC members at the next NWPRPO meeting in December. Some TAC members had heard the presentation before, so a presentation on the Piedmont Together project will be included 15 minutes before the regular meeting time in December.

B. Resolution of Support: Yadkinville Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Grant

A resolution of support for the Town of Yadkinville to apply for a joint bicycle and pedestrian planning grant was submitted for consideration. The Town of Yadkinville has indicated support for the matching funds need to receive the State grant.

Will Marklin made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Wayne Moore seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted.

Discussion Items

IV. Spot 3.0 Feedback

Jesse Day provided comments that the TCC discussed regarding SPOT 3.0 and were sent to the NCRPO Association for consideration in SPOT 4.0, answering the question it would be better if:

- There was a way to keep poor projects from entering the system if they do not have justification (e.g. adopted plan, some base level of need)
 - Drop existing low scoring projects from the database
- Do a better job of identifying projects and what funds are available to match to projects (e.g. normalization was not effective in creating equity across different modes)
 - Access to certain federal funds in one mode should not penalize access to other pots of federal funds for another mode – if possible
- Look at changing the formula to allow rural projects to be based upon different metrics such as safety, lane widths, paved shoulder width.
 - Modernization of existing roadways is needed, especially in rural areas and there are few good ways to get these projects to score well using existing criteria.
- Look at eliminating parallel project recommendations from both scoring high and potentially getting funded. If the projects serve the same broad corridor – giving points to both projects does not serve the purpose of spending dollars in an efficient manner.

- There was at least some standardization with the process. Surely a plan can be developed where each MPO, RPO, Division, Region, District etc. would use a similar process. Yes, that eliminates the individual input where some deal with oranges and some with apples, and throw in some grapes and then a few nuts on top.

TAC members presented frustration that many key projects scored low, wondering if some Counties would not receive any projects.

V. *Strategic Transportation Corridors*

Jesse Day provided an overview of the new Strategic Transportation Corridors. Although not directly link to STI, the routes may end up prioritizing funding to the newly designated routes in future prioritization. Staff plans to send comments regarding the concern about dropping US 158, US 64 West of Asheboro and NC 24-27 from the State's previous Strategic Highway Network. If there are additional comments, please send them to Kerry Morrow kmorrow@ncdot.gov by Tuesday December 2, 2014.

Informational Items

VI. *Division 9 Updates*

John Rhyne presented a written report on existing projects.

VII. *Division 11 Updates*

Mike Pettyjohn mentioned that two roundabout projects are moving forward on NC 67 in Boonville and Jonesville. Also, the bridge replacement near Pilot Mountain should be completed soon. Mike also mentioned that East Bend has sidewalk funds to connect to the library.

VIII. *TPB Update*

Vernia Wilson mentioned that the Yadkin County municipalities have approved the Yadkin County CTP maps and recommendations chapter. The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners hearing will be on November 17, 2014 at 7pm and NWPRPO consideration on December 17, 2014.

IX. *RPO Update*

Jesse Day introduced Elizabeth Jernigan, who is helping to coordinate the NWPRPO since Christina Walsh moved on to the Town of Wilkesboro. He also mentioned the streetscape assessment program and will be working with municipal members to roll out that program over the next fiscal year.

New Business

There was no new business

Adjournment

Sharon Conaway asked for a motion to adjourn. Will Marklin made the motion and Steve Yokeley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Conaway
Sharon Conaway, TAC Chair

12/17/14
Date

Elizabeth Jernigan
Elizabeth Jernigan, Secretary

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