



Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting
Tuesday, December 16th, 2014
12:00 p.m.
Elkin Town Hall

MINUTES

Attendance

Vernia Wilson, NCDOT TPB
Amy Euliss, NCDOT
Andrew Meadwell, Davie County
Michael Poston, Yadkin County
George Crater, Elkin
Chris Ong, Yadkinville

Scott Bufkin, Jonesville
Michael Poston, Yadkin County
Dean Ledbetter, NCDOT – Div 11
Lisa Hughes, Yadkin County
Elizabeth Jernigan, PTRC
Jesse Day, PTRC

Welcome and Ethics Statement

George Crater read the ethics statement. Nobody had a conflict of interest.

Action Items

I. *TCC Minutes – October 14, 2014*

George Crater asked if committee members had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting. Elizabeth Jernigan indicated the copies in the agenda packet did not include meeting attendees, however the version presented to the committee for approval included attendees. Andrew Meadwell made a motion to approve the minutes. Michael Poston seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

II. *Resolutions of Support*

a. Yadkin County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Resolution of Adoption

Vernia Wilson presented the Yadkin County CTP for recommendation of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). She indicated there had been no changes from previous version with the exception of replacing the “draft” text to “recommended.” The current Plan has been adopted by municipalities in the County and Yadkin County adopted the Plan on November 17th. Michael Poston made a motion to recommend adoption of the resolution and Andrew Meadwell seconded the motion.

b. Piedmont Together Resolution of Support

Elizabeth Jernigan presented on Piedmont Together. The 1.6 million dollar project was administered by PART and PTRC served as the lead planning agency. Ultimately the plan resulted in was a strategic plan documenting 16 goals, 172 objectives and 259 strategic actions across five categories, jobs, housing, transportation, healthy communities and places and spaces . The project is documented through a powerful

website which hosts an interactive map that can be used by administrators and others to show how transportation, poverty, environmental conditions, etc., intersect. The strategic plan doesn't identify specific actions a community is required to take but lays the groundwork for a community to customize individual plans. George Crater made a motion to recommend adoption and Chris Ong seconded the motion.

Discussion Items

III. 2015 TCC Meeting Dates

The TCC agreed on the following 2015 meeting schedule. The schedule is subject to change on an as needed basis.

- February 17th – Pilot Mountain
- April 14th – Jonesville
- June 16th – PTRC Kernersville
- August 18th – Davie County
- October 20th – Yadkinville
- December 15th Surry County or Elkin

IV. Officers

George Crater also indicated it is time to vote for officers. The TCC agreed to wait until the next meeting to elect officers in hopes there are more members present.

V. Stokes County CTP

Elizabeth Jernigan will recommend Stokes County as a candidate for a Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Their land use plan (Stokes2035) should be completed early in 2015 making them eligible. We need to submit the proposal in January but can withdraw the application if Stokes County does not want to proceed.

VI. STIP

Jesse Day presented an overview of the STIP and how NWPRPO scored compared with other regions in the state.

Informational Items

VII. Division 9 Updates

John Rhyne was unable to attend and sent handouts with Amy Euliss on Division 9 projects. There were no questions.

VIII. Division 11 Updates

Dean Ledbetter provided handouts and provided a project update. There were no questions.

IX. TPB Update

Vernia Wilson identified the Yadkin County CTP as the only update for TPB.

X. RPO Update

Elizabeth Jernigan discussed the NWPRPO Streetscape Assessment program including how we are addressing the specific needs of each community. One of the main components of the final document will be a strong appendix.

XI. Northern Long-eared Bat (NLEB) Update

Amy Euliss, NCDOT Division 9 Environmental Officer, presented on the Northern Long-eared Bat which is proposed to be federally endangered on April 2nd, 2015. The bat is being attacked by a fungus (white-nose syndrome) which blocks their airways. The species has a very large range and can be found in culverts and under bridges. All work activities that could impact the NLEB not completed by the time of listing would be subject to the Endangered Species Act and Section 7 consultation with no grandfathering. Currently identified activities with the potential to impact NLEB include:

- Tree clearing: Oct 15 to April 15 without tree surveys
- Structure demolition/removal: surveys required
- Structure maintenance activities: surveys required
- Subsurface mines within 0.5 miles: surveys
- Cost: 20 mile project with 10 miles habitat, survey cost equaled \$238,000
- Consultation with USFWS if present

New Business

No new business

Adjournment

George Crater asked for a motion to adjourn. Michael Poston made the motion and Scott Bufkin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 at 12pm in Pilot Mountain.

George Crater, Chair
Transportation Coordinating Committee

Elizabeth Jernigan, Secretary
Transportation Coordinating Committee