

## Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10:30 a.m. PTRC Kernersville

## **MINUTES**

#### Attendance

Steve Yokeley, Mount Airy Wayne Moore, Jonesville Ernest Lankford, Stokes County John Rhyne, Division 9 Wayne Davis, TPB Elizabeth Jernigan, PTRC Jesse Day, PTRC

#### Welcome and Ethics Statement

Ernest Lankford read the ethics statement. Nobody had a conflict of interest. Elizabeth Jernigan thanked members for coming and stated there were not enough members present for a quorum as identified in the bylaws.

#### **Discussion Items**

I. Funding for Mountains to Sea Guide

Elizabeth Jernigan was asked by Kate Dixon with the NCMST program to request NWPRPO funding in the amount of \$1,000 to support the development of a trail guide for Stokes County. TCC members agreed it was a good use of funds and recommended the TAC approve use of funds for the guide. Elizabeth said she would get in touch with Kate Dixon to see if funds needed to be released prior to approval at the next TAC meeting. If so, Elizabeth will call a special meeting to address the action item.

## II. RPO America Membership

At the request of the NCARPO, Elizabeth Jernigan requested the NWPRPO consider joining the RPO America program through the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). Elizabeth told the TAC members TCC members requested additional information on what they are actually getting with the membership and whether other RPOs in the state are joining and at what level.

III. SPOT 3.0 Projects to Split and intersection/Interchange List
Elizabeth Jernigan discussed the SPOT 4.0 prioritization process and upcoming
deadlines. The most immediate deadline is September 1, 2015 by which any project
modifications or intersection/interchange/operational/superstreet projects are due.
Intersection improvements recommended by the TCC include the intersection at Elm
and 67 in Jonesville and NC 601 and NC 67 in Boonville. Steve Yokeley also identified

an intersection in Mount Airy at N. South Street, Pine Street and Franklin Street. The NWPRPO is eligible to submit 12 projects in each mode. SPOT On!ine will open in mid-October for project submittals.

## IV. Legislative Update

Elizabeth Jernigan provided a legislative update. Updates include:

- HB 232 Study/Update Bicycle Safety Laws: In NC, bicyclists currently have many of the same rights as drivers. Hopefully the findings of this study won't take away cyclists rights.
- HB 74 Study MPO/RPO Oversight: This bill could have a significant impact on the RPO program.
- HB 44/SB 53 Local Government Regulatory Reform: If passed, this bill will have a huge impact on the ability of communities to implement road diets on state roads with average daily traffic volumes of 20,000 per day or more. Hillsborough Street in Raleigh is an example of the type of road diet that would be prohibited under this bill.
- SB 396 Limit Number of Studies/MPOs and RPOS: This bill could have a significant impact on the RPO program.

## V. Improvements to Comprehensive Transportation Plans

Elizabeth Jernigan discussed an initiative by NCDOT to update the Comprehensive Transportation Planning process. Included in the agenda packet is a link to a brief survey to help the committee update the process. Elizabeth will send the link out directly to TAC members.

#### **Informational Items**

#### VI. Division 9 Updates

John Rhyne provided a overview of current projects in Division 9 including resurfacing and bridge projects in Stokes County and interstate maintenance projects in Davie County. Ernest asked John how much citizen input was involved in the scoring process for projects and John identified public input as a category in the scoring matrix.

#### VII. Division 11 Updates

No staff were present from Division 11.

## VIII. TPB Update

Wayne Davis is anticipating a list of CTP studies will be released shortly.

#### IX. RPO Update

Elizabeth Jernigan updated members on the Streetscape Assessment Program which has been extended to a two year program to more thoroughly document community needs and identify next steps. She also distributed the NWPRPO newsletter to better help the public and staff understand what is going on in the region. The newsletter will be published quarterly and available in print and electronic format. Davie County is also eligible to receive the full 100K through CMAQ funding and anticipates submitting a sidewalk project.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business.

# Adjournment

Ernest Lankford thanked members for attending.

Ernest Lankford, Chair Transportation Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Jernigan, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee