



NORTHWEST PIEDMONT
RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 • 12:00 p.m.

298 East Depot Street

Mocksville, NC 27028

MINUTES

Attendance

Andrew Meadwell, Davie County
Dawn Vallieres, Yadkin County
David Sudderth, Stokes County
John Eller, Davie County
Marcus Abernathy, Mocksville

Sarah Harris, Boonville
Elizabeth Jernigan, PTRC
Dean Ledbetter, NCDOT Div 11
Diane Hampton, NCDOT Div 9
John Rhyne, NCDOT Div 9

Welcome and Ethics Statement

Andrew Meadwell welcomed members and read the ethics statement. There were no conflicts of interest.

Action Items

I. *TCC Minutes –October 17th, 2017*

Mr. Meadwell asked if committee members had a chance to review minutes from the last meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Diane Hampton identified some minor typos. Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Ms. Vallieres seconded the motion. All were in favor.

II. *Piedmont Legacy Trails Resolution of Support (PTRC)*

Ms. Jernigan introduced Kayla Kohlman, an AmeriCorps member with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council specializing in developing the Piedmont Legacy Trail Brand. Ms. Kohlman presented an overview of the Piedmont Legacy Trail Program. Dean Ledbetter asked how PLT would work with overlapping trail initiatives. Ms. Jernigan stated the signage guidelines have not been developed yet, but that would be taken into consideration, particularly as it relates to NCDOT signage requirements. Ms. Jernigan stated all counties and municipalities in the region are being asked to

sign the resolution. The resolution does not request any funding but may provide leverage for future grant or other funding sources. She stated Randolph and Yadkin County have adopted the resolution. Mr. Meadwell asked for a motion to approve recommendation of a Resolution of Support for Piedmont Legacy Trails. Ms. Harris made a motion to approve recommendation. Mr. Abernathy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

III. *High Impact/Low Cost Resolution of Support (Div 9)*

Ms. Jernigan summarized a request by Division 9 to adopt a blanket resolution of support for projects in the NWPRPO area that meet the requirements for the High Impact/Low Cost program. Many of these projects are STI projects and if funded through this program would allow the NWPRPO to put points to other, higher cost projects. Diane Hampton summarized the High Impact/Low Cost program and stated the Division had 3.4 million to spend over two years and that Danbury and Davie County already adopted resolutions supporting projects in their jurisdictions. Mr. Ledbetter stated Division 11 members were adopting resolutions independently. Mr. Meadwell asked for a motion to approve recommendation of a Resolution of Support for the Division 9 High Impact/Low Cost program. Mr. Sudderth made a motion to approve recommendation. Mr. Eller seconded the motion. All were in favor.

IV. *Meeting Dates & Locations*

Ms. Jernigan presented the meeting dates for 2018 and requested members identify which meeting they would be willing to host. Mr. Meadwell asked for a motion to approve the following 2018 meeting dates and locations. Ms. Vallieres made a motion to approve meeting dates and locations. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2018 NWPRPO TCC Schedule

February 20, 2018 – Yadkin County

April 17, 2018 – Boonville

June 19, 2018 – PTRC

August 14, 2018 – Stokes County

October 16, 2018 – Elkin

December 18, 2018 – Davie County

Time: 12:00 p.m.

** Meeting dates are scheduled on the Tuesday prior to the NWPRPO TAC and PTRC Board of Delegates Meetings*

V. *Meeting Dates & Locations*

Ms. Jernigan summarized the bylaws and stated Mr. Meadwell has served two consecutive. Ms. Harris is currently Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Meadwell asked for nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Sarah Harris was nominated for Chair and Dawn Vallieres was nominated for Vice-

Chair. Mr. Sudderth made a motion to approve the nominations. Marcus Abernathy seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

Discussion Items

VI. P5.0 Methodology

Ms. Jernigan reviewed the NCDOT process for reviewing the methodology for each MPO, RPO and Division and updated members on the timeline for adopting the methodology. She stated we would need to adopt our methodology at the February meeting to ensure the SPOT Methodology Review Committee had sufficient time to review and approve our methodology by their March deadline. She stated that while there were no significant findings by Cambridge Systematics, there were recommendations to improving the structure of the document to improve readability and public participation in the planning process. She reviewed our current methodology stating it was currently based on 60% quantitative score and 40% local input and that NCDOT no longer required both a qualitative and quantitative component. She emphasized the competitive process and the importance of having a high score, local and division level support for projects. Members agreed local support was needed in the region. Mr. Ledbetter emphasized the importance of putting forth good projects and having local support in order to compete with other organizations in the Division. He stated the High County RPO was changing their methodology and would likely have more success in securing projects than in the past.

Ms. Jernigan recommended considering replacing "plan consistency" from the criteria under Bike/Ped since all projects were required to be part of an adopted plan in order to be submitted. Members considered including activity centers and/or missing links to the criteria but did not reach consensus.

Informational Items

VII. Division 9 Updates

John Rhyne provided an update for Division 9.

VIII. Division 11 Updates

Dean Ledbetter provided an update for Division 11 including that Ramie Shaw moved over to Project Manager and he would be representing the Division until the position was filled. He also summarized the new Corridor Development Engineer position which will be help with project identification and modification to help ensure needed projects are funded.

IX. TPB Update

Ms. Jernigan stated Mr. Upchurch could not attend the meeting but indicated CTP 2.0 was moving forward and he would be presenting additional information at a future meeting.

X. RPO Updates

Ms. Jernigan provided a few brief updates including new administrative requirements RPOs will need to comply with including Title VI requirements, updates to the Planning Work Program, TAC Appointments and TAC Ethics Requirements. She also stated they were in the data review process for SPOT projects and provided an opportunity for members to review highway projects.

New Business

There was no new business.

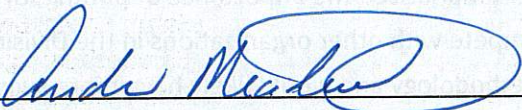
TCC Members

Adjournment

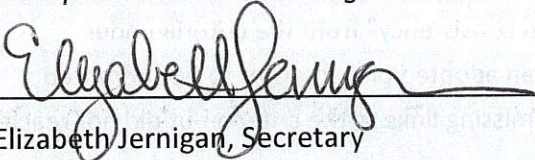
Andrew Meadwell

Mr. Meadwell asked for a motion to adjoin the meeting. Mr. Sudderth made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Vallieres seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2018, Yadkin County



Andrew Meadwell, Chair
Transportation Coordinating Committee



Elizabeth Jernigan, Secretary
Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization