

**Prioritization Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019
Land of Sky Regional Council**

ATTENDING

Voting Members

-Josh O’Conner, Buncombe County –
Chair
-Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville
-Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County
-Brian Burgess, Town of Mills River

Non-Voting

-Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
-Nick Kroncke, FBRMPO
-Emily Scott Cruz, FBRMPO/LOSRPO
-Vicki Eastland, LOSRPO

-Janna Peterson , NCDOT
-Stephen Sparks, NCDOT
-Hannah Cook, NCDOT
-Troy Wilson, NCDOT
-Daniel Sellers, NCDOT
-Dan Baechtold, City of Asheville
-Mark Gibbs, NCDOT
-Colby Brown (Phone, Consultant)
-LeRoy Robinson, Town of Waynesville

I. Welcome and Housekeeping

I-A // Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda

Prioritization Chair, Josh O’Conner, presided calling meeting to order at 9:05am. Members gave their introduction. The Agenda was approved.

I-B // July 9, 2019 Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Brian Burgess made a motion to pass the minutes as presented. Julie Mayfield seconded. All approved.

II. Public Comment

Ritchie Rozzelle made mention of the BikeWalkNC conference coming up in November.

III. Business

III-A // Land Use Study Update

Colby Brown with Manhan Group gave an overview of the draft baseline forecast. The forecast takes into account: changes in demand (HH income, size of industry), industrial suitability metric and development pipeline inventory. Other effects accounted for were feedback on household and job density, transportation accessibility dynamics and land supply constraints. Caveats such as county-level numbers were not as firm or finalized yet.

To estimate the number of jobs that can be accessed within a certain travel time, Colby took 2015 base year data and calculated travel time index and looked at auto access to jobs. The measure used in the land use model is the normalized auto

access to jobs which takes congestion into account. Colby made mention of taking into account natural constraints and sending out those numbers for review.

Colby showed a draft of "business as usual" scenario with change in households as a raw number and as a percentage. Colby showed maps with percentage growth allocated for each TAZ. Also in the BAU scenario, Colby showed change in employment in terms of number of jobs and percentage change in employment. A lot of growth of jobs were near the urban core and places within easy access to highways. Julie Mayfield asked a clarification question about job growth near Hot Springs, and was going to look into it further. HH and job employment growth were reviewed with the sub-committee, and it was identified that topography was a problematic issue where the land may look available, but it is not actually developable. Colby mentioned calculating slope for each TAZ and using that as a measure for HH availability. Daniel made mention of using an economic model that looks at the cost to build on "unideal land". There was discussion of incorporating landslide and climate related constraints into the model, which is challenging given the entire region isn't mapped for landslides. There will be another scenario with "efficient growth" that is a sustainable look at how the region can grow, taking into account more environmental constraints.

Colby mentioned refinements in progress that includes better anticipation of congestion, constraints and county-level demographics. The alternative scenario of "efficient growth" can be distributed electronically.

III-B // SPOT Update

Tristan Winkler provided an overview of the SPOT changes. Submissions are now due April 2020. This pushes out the rest of the schedule to 2022 so it will likely produce the 2023-2032 STIP. This makes it difficult to know quantitative scores for projects that will go into the MTP, so it will be hard to know what will be funded in SPOT 6. It was discussed why the delays and cash-balance issues have occurred.

III-C // MTP Goals and Objectives

Tristan mentioned two goals that may be added to the list, "Ensure equity and participation" and "Stimulate economic vitality". These were brought up in the MTP survey and encompass a wide swath of criteria, which would include adding objectives to those goals. It was discussed of grouping multimodal and transit goals together. It was agreed to make the equity goal and develop objectives for them. The group did not want to add stimulate economic vitality as it's own goal, and considered it a secondary goal that would be incorporated as an objective.

Tristan made note of the objectives needing to be measurable but not measurements, essentially to make the objectives more sound. The group decided to move on with the objectives as presented.

III-D // MTP Next Steps

Next month, staff want to hold a CTP Lite Workshop in lieu of October Prioritization Meeting. This would be developing a list of all eligible projects that would fit into the CTP and become a "master list" to incorporate in future MTP and TIP. Daniel Sellers made mention of the TDM being developed and projects coming out of that effort. The goal of this project is to give us an additional list of projects to consider for the MTP that aren't already incorporated into the CTP. This supplemental list will not be an adopted part of the CTP but more identifying deficiencies.

The November prioritization meeting will start to develop project evaluation criteria and weigh the importance of goals for different project types. January Prioritization will likely involve making financial projects and assumptions. It was discussed of how to incorporate public input in the MTP. It could be incorporated into the project list discussion and were to put weights in the process.

It was made mention to hold winter workshops on here's what's been done, here's what projects are being considered, and here are projects with data included with them. The task timeline as presented is what the group wants to move forward with.

IV. Announcement, News, Special Updates - None.

V. Topics for Next Meeting

Next Meeting: **October 1 at 9am**. CTP Lite Discussion at next meeting.

VI. Public Comment 2

No public comment at this time.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.