

**French Broad River MPO  
Prioritization Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2020**

**ATTENDING**

**Voting Members**

- Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville
- Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County
- Brian Burgess, Town of Mills River
- Elizabeth Teague, Town of Waynesville
- Anthony Sutton, Town of Waynesville

**Non-Voting**

- Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
- Nick Kroncke, FBRMPO
- Emily Scott Cruz, FBRMPO
- Janna Peterson, Henderson County
- Troy Wilson, NCDOT
- Hannah Cook, NCDOT
- Daniel Sellers, NCDOT
- Vicki Eastland, LOSRPO

**I. Welcome and Housekeeping**

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

Prioritization Vice-Chair, Elizabeth Teague, presided calling meeting to order at 9:00am. Members gave their introduction. The Agenda was approved.

**I-B // January 7, 2020 Minutes**

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

**II. Public Comment**

None at this time.

**III. Business**

**III-A // DRAFT SPOT Project List**

Tristan Winkler provided a recap of the SPOT submittal process and how the SPOT process works in relation to the entire transportation planning process. The draft list will be going to TCC and Board this month with the public comment period running from February 28 to March 25<sup>th</sup>. Clarification was given on the Woodfin project that goes from Charlotte to Broadway through The City of Asheville. Discussion about consolidating The Biltmore Avenue and McDowell Street projects took place and was supported by the division. Brief discussion took place about how to include materials and information on access management projects and how to disseminate that information out to the public. Discussion about the overall project list took place along with specific questions for projects. Clarification was given

that Henderson County has a hold in place for their bike/ped submittals, project limits TBD.

*Julie Mayfield motioned to approve the list. Brian Burgess seconded. All approved.*

### **III-B // 2045 Model Outputs**

Daniel Sellers from NCDOT presented on the land use model to the group. Daniel gave a background on models, noting how models are not perfect but are simply representative of what's actually occurring in the real world. Daniel discussed calibration of models and mentioned how its done to improve the parameters of the model to improve the known data/statistics. Data for real-time traffic was discussed with what data is available to put into these models. The group asked about using real-travel time data such as "Airsage", for future model updates. It is anticipated that this data will be available statewide. There are 1,200 roads in the region counted for their annual weekday daily traffic (AWDT) and calibrated to that number. There are five categories of targets calibrated by the model where it sums total volume and looks at roadway deviation from that the total based on the volume group. It was noted that the overall deviation from the norm was near 1.0% which is desirable and shows the model is well calibrated to the actual. Daniel presented further results from Root Square Mean Error, including data from "screenline" results which is where imaginary lines lead to separation of results. The focus of this discussion was to look towards where problematic areas will be over the next 25 years. Daniel showed where facilities could potentially be over capacity in the future and highlighted that a lot of the north-south corridors could be that way such as Hendersonville Road and Asheville Highway. A few east-west connectors are over-capacity as well. It was mentioned to leave the maps up and look at specific projects that are potentially being programmed for the MTP. Daniel brought up municipal by municipal segments to be potentially go into the MTP. Julie Mayfield mentioned sending this information out to each municipality to review and follow up with each municipality for what information they need. Tristan Winkler mentioned having large print outs of the calibrated model available for TCC and Board with an explaining sheet of what this information means. Julie mentioned also having information from the Congestion Management Plan (CMP).

*Informational item only.*

### **III-C // MTP Project Selection & Update**

Tristan Winkler gave an overview of MTP 2045 and the group needs to start moving towards project selection. A large list of projects was provided to the group for review with preliminary scores provided staff as a point of discussion. An important clarification was given that a lot of funding is available statewide, with significantly less regional funding and a medium amount of division needs project. There is less money expected for the statewide tier than what is currently programmed. The issue is that the MTPs financial plan is very constrained and as it stands, there are less programs planned for the MTP than what is currently going into SPOT. Tristan

gave an overview of data that is used to make up each metric such as volumes, crash scores, environment, equity and multi-modal connections. Autumn Radcliff asked about including projects that are not publicly feasible or desirable now that are included in the MTP but wanted to be sure that they don't automatically go into SPOT. Julie Mayfield made mention that there are projects she does not desire to go into the plan at this time. Elizabeth Teague made mention of creating a "parking lot" list of projects, that essentially are the CTP, and having them in a holding tank but not specifically included in the list. Multiple members mentioned getting more feedback from their elected officials and clarification on the project before including or excluding for the plan. Further discussion around specific projects on the list took place. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

*The subcommittee made mention (no formal motion was made) to move the following list to the "parking lot" for consideration and remove from the MTP list : I-26 at Brookside Camp Road, I-26 at Clear Creek Road, US 23/74A from US 276 to Blue Ridge Parkway. Charlotte Street/I-240, I-40 from NC 191 to Porters Cove Road, I-40 from Porters Cove Road to NC 9, were to be discussed at the next meeting.*

**IV. Announcement, News, Special Updates** - None.

**V. Topics for Next Meeting** – Next Meeting: \*RESCHEDULED\* to February 25 **at 9am.**

**VI. Public Comment 2** - No public comment at this time.

**VII. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.