

FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

September 1, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

Agenda

1. **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING (5 min)**
 - A. **Introductions, Approval of Agenda** Josh O’Conner
 - B. **August 4, 2020 Minutes** Josh O’Conner

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

3. **BUSINESS (30-60 min)**
 - A. **MTP Update & Changes** MPO Staff

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES (3 min)**

5. **TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING? (3 min)**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT 2**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTENDING

Voting Members

-Josh O'Conner, Buncombe County
-Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville
-Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County
-Anthony Sutton, Town of Waynesville
-Jerry Vehaun, Town of Woodfin

Non-Voting

-Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
-Nick Kroncke, FBRMPO
-Emily Scott Cruz, FBRMPO
-John Ridout, FBRMPO
-Janna Peterson, Henderson County
-Bill Lapsley, Henderson County
-Jessica Trotman, Black Mountain
-Daniel Cobb, Town of Mills River
-Dan Baechtold, City of Asheville
-Troy Wilson, NCDOT
-Steve Williams, NCDOT
-Stephen Sparks, NCDOT
-Daniel Sellers, NCDOT
-Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
-Michael Dawson, FHWA
-Marks Gibbs, NCDOT

*Meeting held virtually via Zoom. All votes held by roll-call.

I. Welcome and Housekeeping

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

Prioritization Chair, Josh O'Conner, presided calling meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members gave their introduction. The Agenda was approved.

I-B // July 7, 2020 Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Julie Mayfield made a motion to pass the minutes. Anthony Sutton seconded. All approved.

II. Public Comment

None at this time.

III. Business

III-A // STBGDA/TAPDA Call for Projects

Tristan Winkler presented. Last month, FBRMPO met with FHWA and it was approved to combine the funds for STBGDA/TAPDA projects. FBRMPO is holding a competitive call for projects and is utilizing the scoring methodology approved by the board: either fund the top 13 projects and leave a little for cost overruns (\$1.6 million) OR fund the top 14 projects. Because almost all projects are exceeding

estimated costs, the first alternative to leave \$1.6 million on the table is safe. The second alternative would leave remaining funds at \$16,151, which wouldn't cover much; however, that would utilize almost ALL of the funds.

There was questions about whether the cost estimates included contingencies. FBRMPO took out contingency portion of funds. Tristan addressed the new process of asking NCDOT Divisions for input on cost estimates, which in this round has altered estimates. He noted that the RAD greenway was split up because if it was combined, it would need to be re-prioritized due to the high cost estimate.

Questions were raised about the scoring methodology.

The FBRMPO is looking for a recommendation regarding which funding alternative to bring to the TCC and Board.

Autumn Radcliff motioned to recommend Scenario 1 moving forward to the TCC and Board. Jerry Vehau seconded. All approved.

IV. Announcement, News, Special Updates -

15% higher VMT in the region. Mark Gibbs acknowledged that we don't know what NCDOT funds will affect quite yet. David Wasserman noted that NCDOT needs to make sure that finances are stable before resuming projects and that we need to wait to see what happens with FHWA and FTA. David shared that NCDOT is reprogramming the STIP and hopes to have that available to be shared by the end of the month.

V. Topics for Next Meeting –Next Meeting September 1 at 9am.

VI. Public Comment II – None at this time.

VII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 A.M.

