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Mr. Voelker,
Isothermal RPO's TAC affirms that its public involvement procedures and the local input methodology conditionally authorized by the Department have been followed. During its August 20, 2014 meeting, the TAC adopted its final Regional List of Projects to Receive Local Input Points and its final Division List of Projects to Receive Local Input Points. Please find both of those lists attached.

The IRPO made changes to both the Regional and Division Lists of Projects based on public comments, staff recommendations and local priorities, so please find a summary of those changes and their rationales below.

Regional List

SPOT Number	Description	Change	Point Change	Reason
H090504	NC 226-Widen to 4 Lanes	Deleted	-100	Technical Change--Project is not within IRPO's boundaries
R141903	NS line from Salisbury-Track Improvements	Deleted	-100	Though Rail is important to IRPO, without support along the entire corridor, the project is not feasible
H111024	US 221 Business-Widen to 3 Lanes	Added	100	Next Highest Scoring Project, per IRPO methodology
H090166-C	US 221 -Construct Multi-lanes	Added	100	US 221 project was deemed more significant to the IRPO over H090846, given public comments and the fact that NC-226 is not addressed in McDowell County CTP.
H090164-C	US221-Widen to Multi-Lanes	Adjusted	-32	Maximum Allowed is 68. Project crosses into Avery County
H141517	NC9-Construct Paved Shoulders, turn lanes, rumble strips and guard rail.	Added	32	Next Highest Scoring Project, per IRPO methodology. Given 32 points not used by H090164-C

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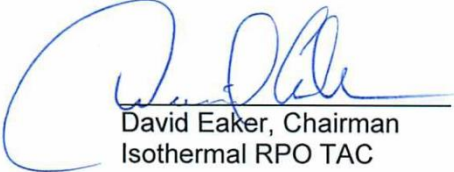
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Division List

SPOT Number	Description	Change	Point Change	Reason
R141903	NS line from Salisbury-Track Improvements	Deleted	-100	Though Rail is important to IRPO, without support along the entire corridor, the project is not feasible
R142238	NS line from Salisbury-Depot Improvements	Deleted	-100	All Depots in IRPO area have been improved
B142005	US 176-Construct Paved Shoulder	Deleted	-100	No Commitment Letter from Municipality
H090842	SR-2241 Oak Street-Widen to Three Lanes	Added	100	IRPO decided to match Division 13's priority
B142020	SR 1703 Baldwin Ave.-Curb, gutter and sidewalk	Added	100	Next Highest Scoring Project, per IRPO methodology
A130291	Runway Extension	Added	100	Next Highest Scoring Project, per IRPO methodology

Sincerely,



David Eaker, Chairman
Isothermal RPO TAC