

RPO Meeting 7-8-15

TCC call to order. TAC no quorum was present.

Reading of ethics statement- no known conflict of interests were expressed.

Old Business

Approval of the minutes from April 1, 2015. Tabled due to lack of quorum.

Marion CTP has been endorsed and adopted by City of Marion to go to board of Transportation soon. Matt noted that the Board is reviewing currently.

Rutherford County CTP is underway and has made significant progress with over 550 responses to the survey.

Both Rutherford and Polk Counties are completing transit studies, which will assist with the project selection process locally.

Doug Barrick arrived at 10:15, making a quorum for the TAC.

New Business

Chimney Rock TAC Membership discussion: Chimney Rock has requested a seat on the TAC board, which requires a vote of the existing membership. Chimney Rock mayor Barbara Meleski stated that the town participates on the other boards and would like a voting seat on TAC. Shannon Baldwin stated that it would be helpful to the town of Lake Lure to have representation from Chimney Rock on the board since they have worked together on their CTP. It was also noted that Saluda is not listed as a TAC member, but are allowed to elect representation, just that they have never previously participated.

RPO Website: Karyl previewed the new RPO website to the membership and noted that data for all RPO counties would eventually be gathered and posted on the site. The site also includes MOU and bylaws, publications, resources and data, resurfacing schedules for each county, DOT maps, meeting schedules, and updates/timelines for the ongoing SPOT processes.

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TIEC Request: STIP amendments are currently under review, which includes the rearrangement and roundabout construction that was requested by TIEC on Pea Ridge Road and John Sheehan Road and will be built in FY 16 if approved.

2017-2026 STIP: Karyl noted that the RPO can submit eleven new projects in each mode category for the upcoming STIP. Existing projects that were not funded but were sister projects to those that were funded are still considered but will need to be prioritized. There were ten projects that can be resubmitted for highway projects and seven new projects that were submitted, totaling 17 project submittals that must be cut down to eleven projects. Karyl asked the membership how they would like to proceed with narrowing down the projects for submission to STIP. Four of the new project requests

are intersection projects, which must be submitted by September 1, so the decision of project selection must be made soon in order to proceed. Karly suggested that the TCC or a sub-committee of the TCC should make the selection recommendation to the TAC for project selection. Bob Boyett made a motion that the TCC be the group that makes that selection decision for referral to the TAC. Doug Barrick seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

STI Timeline: Karyl gave a brief review and history of the STI timeline process to the membership. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes for reference.

Steve Garrison noted that the density factor tied into economic development for the region as well.

Karyl stated that she would be getting the TCC approval for the public involvement plan and input methodology in the near future.

A list of holding tank projects was presented for review and Karyl noted that any projects that were on hold at the state level could be removed or modified with permission from the division if the membership so chose.

Future Meetings: Karyl stated that the meeting information survey showed discrepancies with respect to the separation of TCC and TAC as well as meeting times. Karyl stated that the benefit of separating the two committees was that the staff could have a more involved conversation regarding projects without their elected officials in the room. Doug Barrick stated that he had participated in separate meetings before and felt that it was a benefit. Steve Garrison agreed and stated that the TAC/TCC separate meetings was a benefit. Kristina Solberg stated that DOT staff would try to attend each meeting, but at it would be helpful to hold them on the same day. Karyl noted that she would still require a quarterly meeting with the TAC. It was decided to have the TCC meet just before lunch and the TAC just after lunch. Karyl stated that RPO money cannot be used to purchase food, so she would look into lunch options and invoice the attendees.

Doug Barrick made a motion to have 6 TAC and TCC meetings per year with each group meeting separately. Shannon Baldwin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Updates:

Matt Quesenberry stated that there are currently many changes, including changes to the comprehensive transportation planning process. He encouraged the membership to complete a survey on that topic sometime before the end of summer.

Division 13 Update: Various resurfacing projects underway in both counties, Rutherford County 4 bridges in 2016, guardrail project on big island road in early August. McDowell County, work on Walker

Road Bridge and a pre-construction meeting for bridge 17 over broad river on 221 expected construction in early August. There was a complaint regarding the long construction process of the bridge replacement on Fairview Road in McDowell County. Local traffic is detoured and businesses have complained about poorly marked detour routes and the length of process, especially in the summer months for the local Jellystone Park camping resort and the local food store near the campground which is suffering from lack of drive by business.

Division 14 Update: SRTS sidewalk project in Saluda will be completed next month. Safety project of rumble strips on shoulders and center line in select locations on NC 9 from SC to Rutherford County. 5 bridge projects in 5 year horizon and the interchange at 74 and 108 is funded and has date of May 2020 for construction. It will be designed and completed through the Raleigh DOT staff. TIEC roundabout is a new STIP project funded through economic development discretionary funds and construction will begin in May 2016.

Meetings: First Wednesday in September 10:30 AM TCC and 1 PM TAC meeting. Karyl will set up a conference call in and notify all members of the meeting to discuss and approve the Chimney Rock TAC membership request.

There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:40 AM.