

**Transylvania County
Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Work Group
Meeting #1 Summary**

April 3, 2019

Attendees:

- Daniel Sellers, NCDOT TPD
- Vicki Eastland, Land of Sky RPO
- Nick Kroncke, Land of Sky RPO
- Steve Williams, NCDOT Division 14 Planning Engineer
- Troy Wilson, NCDOT Division 14 CDE
- Jimmy Whitmire, Transylvania Co. TAC
- Don Surrette, Pisgah Forest Community
- Lonnie Watkins, NCDOT Division 14, District 1 District Engineer
- Amy Freeman Marquez, Blue Ridge Community Health
- Sylvia Petit, Transylvania County
- Patricia Avery, Transit User
- David Carter, Transylvania Co. TAC
- Eric Caldwell, Transylvania Economic Alliance
- Scott McCall, Transylvania County TAC
- Joy Fields, Transylvania County Planner
- Mack McNeely, Planning Board
- April Alm, Transylvania County Transit
- Rick Houck Transylvania County TAC
- Kate Hayes, Transylvania County Emergency Services
- Mark Tooley, Transylvania County TAC
- Kevin Shook, Transylvania County Emergency Services
- Emmett Casiato, Military/Veterans
- Lee McMinn, Military/Veterans/TNRC

Meeting format, Workgroup Handbook

Vicki Eastland welcomed the workgroup members to the Transylvania County CTP kickoff. She reviewed the workgroup handbook, and presented the desired outcomes:

- Workgroup understands what a CTP is
- Understands their role
- Agrees on general day/time for future meetings (doodle Poll to follow)
- Thinking about vision and goals
- Understands tentative next meeting agenda

Who is Land of Sky RPO?

Vicki Eastland gave a short presentation on the background of Land of Sky RPO and what RPO's do:

- Formed in 2003, housed at Land of Sky Regional Council
- Provide local officials with transportation related info
- Forum for public input on transportation information
- Perform data gathering and analysis
- Work with our member governments, NCDOT partners on the State Transportation Improvement plan (STIP) development, AKA SPOT
- Represent RPO areas on project development and Scoping

What is a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP?)

Daniel Sellers provided the group with a presentation on the purpose and uses of a CTP and what types of data, information will go into the CTP and generally how the plan will be developed.

NCDOT Division 14 Draft STIP and current projects in Transylvania County

Steve Williams, NCDOT Division 14 Planning Engineer explained what the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) is and what projects are currently in design or construction in Transylvania County.

Transylvania County CTP Public Survey Results

Nick Kroncke, Land of Sky RPO, shared the results of the public survey.

- 331 Respondents, (0.97%) of county)
- Road maintenance, safety improvements, pedestrian and bicycle improvements were the top 3 most requested project types
- Facilities with the most safety concern for motorist as well as pedestrians and bicyclists were, US 276, Wilson Rd, Neely Rd and NC 280.
- Other areas of concern for motorists were; intersections, US 64, Park St and concerns in the municipal areas of Brevard and Rosman.
- Additional facilities with safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists were Old 64, Greenville Hwy (US 276) and Crab Creek Rd.

Vision and Goals:

Vicki Eastland shared with the group the vision statements from the Transylvania County and the City of Brevard's Comprehensive Plans. She then shared the first cut at a vision statement for the Transylvania County CTP:

- **Transylvania County and its municipalities will have a safe; robust and balanced transportation system; that will serve to connect its citizens to services; will support diverse population growth; foster economic investment opportunities, while preserving the county's cultural resources, natural beauty and productive farmlands. The transportation system will provide transportation opportunities for multiple modes of travel and enhance the quality of life for citizens of all ages.**

The group discussed the statement, it is thought to be too long. The vision statement will be revisited at the next CTP meeting.

Future meeting date/time

A doodle poll will be shared, meetings will be 1.5 hours, and held either at the Transylvania Co. Board of Elections building or the Library. The group will get plenty of notice.