

Meeting Minutes
Rural Task Force Benzie County Local Meeting
November 8, 2021
9:00am – Benzie County Road Commission

In Attendance: Matt Skeels (Benzie County Road Commission), Mathew Cooke (Networks Northwest), Hannah Yurk (Networks Northwest), Josh Grab (MDOT)

Matt Skeels was the only one in attendance and recommended and approved the proposed projects. Although we try to treat these as public meetings, MDOT guidance was that local meetings do not take action as the Regional RTF is the one who approves the projects. Because the meeting was sent out to members a month in advance, the meeting took place and recommendations were made for the RTF 10C Meeting on December 15, 2021.

1. Introductions

Mathew Cooke called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Those in attendance were introduced to one another.

2. Approval of agenda

No motion was taken but Matt Skeels approved the November 8, 2021 agenda.

Josh Grab noted that currently the local RTFs do not have bylaws and this is something that the Advisory committee is looking into creating so when these types of issues come up regarding voting there are clear directions. Discussion ensued on local meetings and regional meetings, and how MDOT recognizes action and approval from the Regional RTF.

3. Revisions to 2020-2023 TIP Projects

FY 2022

The various location projects for 2022 will be for an overlay project located on County Road 66 - Maple City Hwy project, the total cost of the project is estimated at \$537,000 (\$332,000 STP, \$80,790 State D, and \$125,105 local match). A new 1799 will be needed for this project.

Illustrative List

_____The Maple City Hwy project can be eliminated from the list.

Matt Skeel was the only person in attendance and recommended the change for 2022 and the Illustrative list update.

4. Fiscal Year 23-26 TIP Development

Matt Skeel provided several projects and would like to use all of the STP allocations.

FY 2023

- Transit project for \$65,000 STP.
- Cinder Road project for overlay will take place from Thompsonville Hwy to Pioneer road with a total cost of \$445,791.76.

FY 2024

- Benzie County Chip Seal project at \$371,844 STP
 - Roads include Karlin Road, Copemish Road, N. Manistee County Line Road, and Kurik Road. More roads may be added as funding allows.
- Benzie Bus allocated \$33,156 STP.

FY 2025

- Benzie County Chip Seal project at \$413,000 STP
 - Roads include Platte Road, Pioneer Road, Reynolds Road, and Thompsonville Highway. More roads may be added as funding allows.

FY 2026

- Benzie County Chip Seal project at \$421,000 STP
 - Roads include Pioneer Road. More roads may be added as funding allows.

Matt Skeels recommends the discussed and approved projects as Benzie County's FY 23-26 projects for RTF 10C consideration and approval.

Additionally, Mathew Cooke will work with Don and Josh from MDOT regarding the approval process, but Josh stated that due to these meetings to be used for recommendations to the regional RTF meetings the recommendations by Matt Skeel should be sufficient.

5. Public Comments

No comments.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.