

French Broad River MPO/Land-of-Sky RPO
Transportation Planning Retreat
March 5, 2010
Land-of-Sky Regional Council

Time	Topic
8:30 a.m.	Registration and Visual Preference survey
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Trends and Issues in Regional Planning: Don Kostelec
10:15 – 10:20	Break
10:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	The Transportation Planning Process: MPO Staff Transportation Planning Panel Q&A: Moderator: Linda Giltz, Land-of-Sky Regional Council Panel Members: MPO Staff Loretta Barren, Federal Highway Administration Linh Nguyen, North Carolina Department of Transportation Mariate Echeverry, Asheville Transit
11:30 a.m.	Visual Preference Survey results and Breakout Session instructions
Noon	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Breakout Session: What works in your community?
12:55 p.m.	Closing Remarks
1:00 – 1:15	Break
1:15 – 3:45	Mapping Exercise*: Don Kostelec (optional)

*Land-of-Sky RPO and French Broad River MPO members are invited to participate in an optional Mapping Exercise following the Transportation Planning Retreat. In preparation for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update and development of the associated Congestion Management Process (CMP), FBRMPO will be conducting a focus group session to identify major corridors and intersections that are subject to congestion around the region. Participants will be asked to work with other participants from their county to identify congested locations, potential solutions to these problem areas, corridors subject to future growth and development, and to rank and prioritize the improvements at these locations.

The results will be combined with other focus group sessions that will include input from municipal staff, emergency services personnel, school transportation officials, transit operators and regional freight and manufacturing interests. The outcomes of these group sessions will then be used to generate short- and long-term projects, programs and policies for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Congestion Management Process (CMP).