

TRIANGLE WEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
June 17, 2025
MINUTES OF MEETING

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization Board met on June 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at Central Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

Karen Howard (Chair)	Chatham County
Javiera Caballero (Vice Chair)	City of Durham
Amy Fowler (Member)	Orange County
Carl Rist (Member)	City of Durham
Melissa McCullough (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Danny Nowell (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Mark Bell (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Marilyn Carter (Alternate)	Orange County
Wendy Jacobs (Alternate)	Durham County
Matt Hughes (Alternate)	Town of Hillsborough
Michael Parker (Alternate)	GoTriangle

**Denotes virtual attendance*

David Keilson	NCDOT Division 5
Chad Reimakoski	NCDOT Division 7
Tina Moon	Town of Carrboro
Becca Eversole-Robinson	Town of Carrboro
Matt Day	Central Pines Regional Council
Sarah Williamson	Orange County
Mikayla Feldbauer*	Carrboro Resident/UNC Student
Ben Berolzheimer*	Town of Chapel Hill
Eric Vitale*	City of Durham
Thanh Schado*	Chatham County
Logan DiGiacomo*	GoTriangle
Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
Julie Bogle*	NCDOT TPD
Marie Parker*	Town of Carrboro
Nish Trivedi*	Orange County
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Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT Division 8
Heidi Perov Perry*	Resident
Riley Stout*	North Carolina Railroad
Earl Lewellyn	Kimley-Horn

Doug Plachcinski	Triangle West TPO
David Miller	Triangle West TPO
KC Chae*	Triangle West TPO
Filmon Fishastion	Triangle West TPO
Colleen McGue	Triangle West TPO
Yanping Zhang	Triangle West TPO
Samad Rangoonwala	Triangle West TPO

Thomas Porter	Triangle West TPO
Beth Seidel	Triangle West TPO
Madeline Galliano	Triangle West TPO
Yuwen He*	Triangle West TPO
Dolly Hall-Quinlan*	Triangle West TPO
Lucia Ciro	Triangle West TPO

Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members

Chair Karen Howard called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the Triangle West TPO Board were identified and are indicated above.

PRELIMINARIES:

1. Roll Call

Chair Howard asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Chair Howard asked if there were any additions to the agenda and there were none.

3. Public Comments

Chair Howard asked if any members of the public were signed up to speak. There was one person who signed up to provide comments, Mikayla Feldbauer, a Carrboro resident and UNC student. They spoke in support of the additional funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements on NC-54 in TIP Amendment 8, noting how difficult it is for UNC Students and staff like them to cross 54 on foot or on bike and get to classes and work due to the current lack of bike and pedestrian facilities and high speeds on the roadway.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Approval of April 22, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board

5. Letter of Support for City of Durham SS4A Application

Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager

6. Letter of Support for Durham County and Orange County's SS4A Application

Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager

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87 7. **Letter of Support for Town of Carrboro SS4A Application**
88 Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager
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90 8. **Letter of Support for Town of Chapel Hill SS4A Application**
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93 9. **FFY 2025 5307 Full Apportionment for Durham NC UZA**
94 Thomas Porter, Triangle West TPO
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96 10. **FFY 2025 5339 Full Apportionment for Durham NC UZA**
97 Thomas Porter, Triangle West TPO
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99 11. **City of Durham Request to Flex FHWA Funds to FTA (5307) Funds**
100 Tom Devlin, City of Durham
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103 Michael Parker moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by
104 Marilyn Carter. The motion passed unanimously.
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106 **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 107 12. **FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates**
108 Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner

109 Filmon Fishastion shared TIP Amendment #8 with the Board. This included the following
110 updates:

- 111 • Additional funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements along NC 54 and
112 electric buses for GoDurham
113 • Addition of the Right-of-way phase for the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail to the
114 STIP
115 • Modify funding for project along Carpenter Fletcher Road and along R. Kelly
116 Bryant Bridge
117 • Approval of Item N updates for April, May, and June

118 The Board indicated they would like a project identifier next to each of the numbers in
119 the presentations.

A motion was made by Danny Nowell to adopt the TIP Amendment #8 and was seconded by Wendy Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Draft 2026-2035 TIP Public Comment Release
Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner

Filmon Fishastion shared that the North Carolina Board of Transportation is expected to adopt the FY 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at their July meeting. In order to implement the program, the TPO Board is required to adopt the Triangle West Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The STIP and the TIP must match for the first four years of the program.

Per the TPO's Public Participation Plan, the TIP must be released for a 30-day public comment period and a public hearing will take place at the August TPO Board meeting. Once adopted, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will review the STIP and TIP to ensure conformity. Once that review is complete, the FY 2026-2035 TIP will go into effect.

Amy Fowler moved to release the Draft TIP for public comment. The motion was seconded by Mark Bell, and the motion passed unanimously.

14. SPOT 8.0 Public Release of Project List
Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner

Filmon Fishastion shared that the Strategic Prioritization of Transportation (SPOT) process is a data-driven approach for ranking projects across North Carolina. Projects are scored based on mode of transportation, degree of impact, and other critical factors. This process takes several years and determines the prioritization of projects in a future funding cycle. This upcoming SPOT cycle is the 8th iteration of the scoring process and projects will be funded for the FY 2028-2037 STIP.

Earlier this year, members were asked to submit requests for projects that have not already competed in a SPOT cycle in the past. This list of new submissions was added to the

list of Holding Tank projects (submissions from P7.0 that were not selected for funding) and the list of projects that were considered or submission in P7.0 that ultimately did not make the list of submissions. This combined list of all projects being considered for P8.0 will go out for public comment in the month of July.

A subcommittee of the TC will meet in August to narrow the list of projects to the final recommended list. The final recommended list will take into consideration the comments received, the project scores from P7.0, and local priorities.

Amy Fowler moved to release the project list for public comment. The motion was seconded by Danny Nowell and passed unanimously.

15. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment: Massey Chapel Road
Bill Judge, City of Durham
Earl Lewellyn, Kimley-Horn and Associates

Bill Judge shared that the City of Durham is seeking a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment for an alternative alignment to Massey Chapel Road. A traffic memo provided by Kimley-Horn that describes the proposed change to the CTP was presented by Earl Lewellyn.

It was recommended that the Board release the amendment for a 45-day public comment period with additional mailed notice to adjacent property owners. Amy Fowler made this motion, and it was seconded by Javiera Caballero. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

16. 2055 MTP – Preliminary Preferred Scenario
Yanping Zhang, Modeling Manager

Yanping Zhang presented the Preferred Option, which represents the fourth step in developing the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and serves as the draft final plan. After evaluating three alternative scenarios – each exploring different land use and transportation strategies for the region’s future – a preliminary preferred scenario has been

developed. This scenario includes draft project lists informed by the outcomes of the three alternatives, covering roadway projects, transit projects, and technology and integration projects.

Members of the Board requested a written analysis.

REPORTS:

17. Report from the Board Chair

Karen Howard, Triangle West TPO Board Chair

No report.

18. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Eric Vitale, TC Chair

No report.

19. Report from TPO Staff

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, Triangle West TPO Executive Director

No report.

20. NCDOT Reports

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Becca Gallas, Division 5 – NCDOT

Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 – NCDOT

Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT

Bryan Kluchar pointed out a few changes and updates in his report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division

208 **21. Recent News Articles & Updates**

209 The Chair noted the recent news articles and updates listed in the agenda. It was also
210 noted that there is an RTA Brunch on August 8.

211 Doug Plachcinski shared that Triangle West scheduled a tentative date for its the 2nd
212 Annual Regional Safety Summit for Thursday, November 13. Board members in Durham
213 indicated that this date conflicts with their inter-city visit to Austin, Texas. Doug
214 Plachcinski said that Triangle West will reschedule the event and will share details soon.

215 **ADJOURNMENT**

216 The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.