



Triangle West TPO Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 27th, 2026

9AM

Central Pines Regional Council

4307 Emperor Blvd

Durham, NC 27703

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1. Roll Call**2. Board Chair and Vice Chair Election (5 Minutes)****26-124****Doug Plachcinski, Triangle West TPO Executive Director**

Per the MPO Board bylaws, officer elections are to be held at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year. As the nominating committee was unable to meet before the 11/18/25 Board Meeting the 2026 Officer elections will be held on 1/26/26. The bylaws allow for a Chair or Vice Chair to serve two consecutive terms. The Bylaws further state that the Chair and Vice Chair may not come from the same county. Board Chair Karen Howard and Vice Chair Javeria Cabellero are at the end of their second term and are ineligible for reelection.

Board Action: Elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-124\) FY2027 Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections](#)

3. Ethics Reminder:

It is the duty of every Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the matter involved.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda**5. Public Comments****Reports from Staff:****6. Report from TPO Staff****26-101****Doug Plachcinski, CFM, Triangle West TPO Executive Director**

Board Action: Receive the report and Ethics Reminder from the Triangle West TPO Staff.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-101\) MPO Staff Report.docx](#)
[2026-1-27 \(26-101\) PCSP Support Letter](#)

**7. Report from the Board Chair 26-104
Karen Howard, Board Chair**

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair.

**8. Report from the Technical Committee Chair 26-102
Eric Vitale, TC Chair**

Board Action: Receive the report from the Technical Committee Chair.

**9. North Carolina Department of Transportation Reports 26-103
Lisa Mathis- NCDOT Board of Transportation
Becca Gallas (Tracy Parrott, David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT
Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Nishant Shah), Division 7 - NCDOT
Reuben Blakely (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT
Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT
John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT
Bryan Lopez, Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT**

Board Action: Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-103\) Division 5 Report](#) (provided bi-monthly)
[2026-1-27 \(26-103\) Division 7 Report](#)
[2026-1-27 \(26-103\) Division 8 Report](#)

Consent Agenda

**10. Approving November 18th, 2025, Board Minutes 26-110
Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner**

Board Action: Approve the Minutes of the November 18th, 2025, Board meeting.

Attachments: [2026-01-13 \(26-120\) 11-18-25 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

**11. TIP Accelerated Amendment #3 26-111
Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

Accelerated Amendment #3 is being expedited to allow for the Jones Creek Greenway project (C-5181) to continue with being let. Also included in this Amendment are funding modifications for the North-South Bus Rapid Transit (TL-0035) and the UPWP (U-4727).

TC Action: Recommended the Board adopt TIP Accelerated Amendment #3.

Board Action: Adopt TIP Accelerated Amendment # 3.

Attachments: [2026-01-13 \(26-111\) 10-14-25 Accelerated Amendment #3 Full Documentation](#)
[2026-01-13\(26-111\) Accelerated Amendment #3 Memo.pdf](#)
[2026-01-13\(26-111\) Accelerated Amendment #3 Memo.docx](#)

**12. FY 2025 UPWP Administrative Modification #3 26-112
Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner**

TC Action: Recommended the Board adopt the FY 2025 UPWP Administrative Modification #3.

Board Action: Adopt the FY 2025 UPWP Administrative Modification # 3.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-112\) FY2025 UPWP Administrative Modification #3](#)

**13. FY 2026 UPWP Amendment #2 26-123
Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner**

TC Action: Recommended the Board adopt the FY 2026 UPWP Amendment #2.

Board Action: Adopt the FY 2026 UPWP Amendment #2

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-123\) FY2026 UPWP Amendment #2](#)

**14. FY 2027 UPWP Amendment #1 26-113
Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner**

TC Action: Recommended the Board adopt the FY 2027 UPWP Amendment #1.

Board Action: Adopt the FY 2027 UPWP Amendment #1

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-113\) FY2027 UPWP Amendment #1](#)

15. Request for Additional Funding for C-5181 26-114
Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner
Tina Moon, Town of Carrboro Planning & Transportation Administrator

The Town of Carrboro is requesting \$550,000 in federal funds to allow project C-5181 to move forward to completion. Additional details can be found in the attached memo. TPO staff confirms there are STBG-DA funds available to accommodate this request.

TC Action: Recommended the TPO Board approve additional funding for C-5181.

Board Action: Approve additional funding for C-5181

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-114\) C-5181 Request for Additional Funding](#)

16. Reserve Fund Balance Policy 26-115
Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner

The attached document is Triangle West's draft Fund Balance Policy. Developed alongside the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program, the TPO has edited the Fund Balance Policy draft to incorporate feedback from key stakeholders.

TC Action: Recommended the Board Authorize staff to release the Fund Balance Policy for Public Comment.

Board Action: Authorize Staff to release the Fund Balance Policy for Public Comment.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-115\) Fund Balance Policy](#)

17. Continuity of Operations Plan 26-116
Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner

The attached document is Triangle West's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). A COOP is designed to help the TPO ensure that essential operations are maintained during emergencies.

TC Action: Received the Continuity of Operations Plan.

Board Action: Receive the Continuity of Operations Plan.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-116\) COOP](#)

18. Local Input Point Methodology Update (10 Minutes)**26-120****Colleen McGue, Planning Manager**
Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner

Local Input Points (LIP) are applied to local priority projects in the regional and division funding tiers of the SPOT Process. The LIP methodology will guide how the MPO's LIP's are applied to projects in P8.

TC Action: Recommended the Board Adopt the Local Input Point Methodology

Board Action: Adopt the Local Input Point Methodology

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(25-193\) P8 Local Input Point Methodology](#)
[2026-1-27 \(25-193\) LIP Memo](#)

Informational Items**19. Annual Ethics Filing (5 Minutes)****26-126****Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner**

This is an annual reminder for all MPO Board members and alternates that the annual State Ethics Commission filing period for members started on January 1st. All Board members and alternates need to file new Statements of Economic Interest (SEIs) and Real Estate Disclosure (RED) forms. The annual filing period runs from January 1st through April 15th. Beth Seidel, our new Clerk to the Board, is the new MPO Ethics Liaison. If you have any questions regarding filing with the State Ethics Commission, please reach out to Beth. An informational sheet from the State Ethics Commission is attached, which explains the obligations for all MPO Board members and alternates, along with tips for filing electronically. There is a statutory Grace Period which commences with the 30 Day Notice letter; failure to file in that 30 day window can result in fines being levied. Fines total \$500, and failure to file is a misdemeanor.

Board Action: Receive the information.

Attachments: [2026-01-27 \(25-126\) BOARD ETHICS NEW MEMBER INFORMATION 2026](#)

20. Strategic Plan Implementation Update (10 Minutes) 26-127
Drew Finley, Fountain Works

Review and discuss draft Success Measures for Triangle West's Strategic Plan. These measures were initially developed at a previous Board workshop meeting. Since then, Triangle West leadership staff have reviewed and updated these measures for the Board's consideration.

Board Action: Receive the presentation.

Attachments: [2026-01-27 \(26-127\) Strategic Plan Presentation](#)
[2026-01-27 \(26-127\) Strategic Plan Memo](#)

21. FY27 Durham Transit Work Program Update 26-128
Brandi Minor, Durham County
Ellen Beckmann, Durham County

The Durham Transit Work Program is the annual budget for the 2023 Durham County Transit Plan which determines how the half cent transit sales tax revenue is spent.

Board Action: Receive the presentation.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-128\) Durham Transit Work Program Presentation](#)
[2025-1-27 \(26-128\) Transit Work Program Update](#)

Action Items

22. Destination 2055 MTP Draft Report Public Hearing (10 Minutes) 26-125
Yanping Zhang, Transportation Modeling Manager
Dolly Hall-Quinlan, Transportation Modeler
Eve He, Transportation Modeler
Monet Moore AICP, Principal Planner

A Public Hearing will be held on the Destination 2055 MTP Draft Report.

Board Action: Hold the Public Hearing.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-125\) Draft 2055 MTP Final Report](#)
[2026-1-27 \(26-125\) Destination 2055 Web Map](#)

23. Safety Transportation Performance Measure Targets CY 2026 (20 minutes) 26-117**David Miller, Transportation Planner****Matt Albee, NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit**

Effective April 14, 2016, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) established five highway safety performance measures in accord with regulations set forth in the Federal MAP-21 and FAST Act transportation funding bills. These performance measures are:

1. Number of fatalities.
2. Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.
3. Number of serious injuries.
4. Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; and
5. Number of combined non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.

These targets are established annually, are based on five-year rolling averages, and are for calendar years. MPOs are required to establish performance targets for each of these measures. MPOs are further required to establish their targets not later than 180 days after the State DOT establishes and reports targets in the State Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) annual report. The MPO can agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the NCDOT HSIP target or develop their own quantifiable targets with a methodology consistent with Federal reporting requirements.

The Triangle West TPO Board has endorsed NCDOT's targets in previous target setting cycles. Discussion during recent target-setting cycles guided TPO staff to explore developing its own safety targets for consideration, which was part of its regional Vision Zero Action Plan (adopted April 2025) and conducted as part of this current annual target setting cycle. While both NCDOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (2024) and Triangle West's Vision Zero Action Plan have an overarching goal of reducing fatalities and serious injuries by half by 2035, moving towards zero by 2050, the annual safety target setting cycle presents an opportunity to adopt a short-term target.

Four safety target approaches will be presented for consideration:

CY2026 Target Options					
Target Options	Fatalities	Fatality Rate*	Serious Injuries	Serious Injury Rate*	Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries
Option A: Dramatic Reduction (Zero)	0	0	0	0	0
Option B: Sharp Reduction (NCDOT)	29.5	0.517	70.5	1.235	18.2
Option C: Steady Reduction of 3%	52.69	0.896	111.967	1.905	30.109
Option D: Steady Reduction of 1%	54.886	0.934	116.632	1.979	31.363

TC Action: Recommended the TPO Board adopt the NCDOT safety targets (Option B) for CY 2026.

Board Action: Adopt safety targets for CY 2026.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-117\) CY26 Safety Targets Presentation](#)
[2026-1-27 \(26-117\) Safety Performance Measure Targets Memo](#)

24. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update (10 Minutes) 26-121
Doug Plachcinski, Triangle West TPO Executive Director

The MOU is a federal mandated document governing cooperation between the TPO, local partners, NCDOT, and USDOT

TC Action: Received the MOU update and provided feedback.

Board Action: Receive the MOU update and provide feedback.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-121\) MOU Memo](#)
[2026-1-27 \(26-121\) MOU Update](#)

25. TIP Amendment #2 (5 minutes) 26-118
Filmor Fishastion, Transportation Planner

Amendment #2 includes a new project from GoTriangle to improve four bus stops in Hillsborough and modifications to TM-0066 to add additional 5307 funds. Also included in this Amendment is the Item N Handouts for November, December, and January.

Since this Amendment contains a new project, it will be released for a 30-day public comment period. The current timeline for adoption is as follows:

-January 13: TC recommends Board to release for public comment.

-January 27: Board releases Amendment #2 for public comment.

-March 10: TC recommends Board to approve Amendment #2.

-March 24: Board approves Amendment #2.

TC Action: Recommended the TPO Board release Amendment #2 for public comment.

Board Action: Release Amendment #2 for public comment.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-118\) FY 26-35 Amendment #2 Full Documentation.pdf](#)
[2026-1-27 \(26-118\) FY-26-35 Amendment #2 Presentation](#)

26. Federal Funding Policy Update (10 Minutes)
Colleen McGue, Planning Manager**26 -119**

The TPO's Federal Funding Policy has been revised to include a policy for allocating Highway Trust Fund swap funds to projects, changes to the way the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program is funded, and additional requirements for project sponsors regarding confirmation of the availability of required matching funds.

TC Action: Received the Federal Funding Policy and provided feedback.

Board Action: Receive the Federal Funding Policy and provide feedback.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-119\) Federal Funding Policy.pdf](#)
[2026-1-27 \(26-119\) Federal Funding Policy.docx](#)
[2026-1-27 \(26-119\) Federal Funding Policy Presentation](#)

27. Environmental Justice Report Methodology (10 Minutes)
Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner**26- 122**

TPO Staff have developed a new methodology for identifying Environmental Justice Communities using data from the American Community Survey. The new methodology is presented along with preliminary performance measures.

TC Action: Recommended the Bboard approve the updated methodology for identifying EJ communities in the Environmental Justice Report.

Board Action: Approve the updated methodology for identifying EJ communities in the Environmental Justice Report.

Attachments: [2026-1-27 \(26-122\) EJ Report Methodology](#)
[2026-1-27 \(26-111\) EJ Report PPT](#)

Recent News Articles and Updates**26-104***Attachments:*

1. [2026-1-27 \(26-104\) The Button Hook and the Cost of Safety We Refuse to Pay](#)
2. [2026-1-27 \(25-104\) 10 Takeaways from Training North Americas Bike Network Builders](#)

28. Closed Session

Closed session under NC G.S. 143-318.11 to discuss confidential personnel matters and potential attorney-client privileged matters.

Adjourn

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, 9 AM. Long Leaf Conference Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings:

- **North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization Annual Conference**
 - **May 6-8, 2026 in Asheville, NC**
 - [Website](#)