



Triangle West TPO Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 24th, 2026

9:00 AM

Central Pines Regional Council

4307 Emperor Blvd

Durham, NC 27703

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1. Roll Call
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
3. Public Comments

Reports from Staff:

4. **Report from TPO Staff** **26-101**
Doug Plachcinski, CFM, Triangle West TPO Executive Director
Hope Tally, CPRC Chief Financial Officer

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

Attachments: [2026-02-24\(26-101\) MPO Staff Report.docx](#)
[2026-02-24\(26-101\) Regional Model Work Plan](#)
[2026-02-24 \(26-101\) NSBRT Letter of Support](#)

5. **Report from the Board Chair** **26-104**
Javeira Cabellero, Board Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair.

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

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

7. **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
Bryan Lopez, Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT

Board Action: Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2026-02-24\(26-103\) Division 5 Report](#) (provided bi-monthly)
[2026-02-24\(26-103\) Division 7 Report](#)

[2026-02-24\(26-103\) Division 8 Report](#)**Consent Agenda:****8. Approving January 27th, 2026 Board Minutes 26-129
Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner**

A copy of the January 27th, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes is attached.

Board Action: Approve the Minutes of January 27th, 2026 Board Meeting.

Attachments: [2026-02-24 \(26-129\) 01-27-2026 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

**9. MPO Self Certification Document 26-131
Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner**

The MPO Self Certification Document certifies that the Triangle West TPO is in compliance with all relevant state and federal regulations and has adopted all required state and federal plans and policies.

TC Action: Recommended the Board approve the Self Certification Document.

Board Action: Approve the Self-Certification Document.

Attachments: [2026-02-24 \(26-131\) 01-13-2026 Self Certification Document](#)

**10. 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.

Board Action: Adopt the Fund Balance Policy

Attachments: [2026-2-24 \(26-115\) Fund Balance Policy](#)

Action Item: 2055 MTP and Air Quality Conformity Determination Report Adoption**11. 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination (15 minutes)** **26-132****Yanping Zhang, Modeling Manager****Dolly Hall-Quinlan, Transportation Modeler****Eve He, Transportation Modeler****Monet Moore, Principal Planner**

Previous Actions: At the October meeting, the TWTPPO Board approved the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project lists and Financial Plan. In November, the Board granted pre-authorization to release the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQ CDR) for a 21-day public comment period (beginning on or before February 3, 2026) and the 2055 MTP for a 45-day public comment period ending February 23, 2026. The Board also held a public hearing on the MTP and AQ CDR in January.

2055 MTP Report: The final 2055 MTP report begins with an executive summary and compiles the key details and assumptions used throughout the plan's development. It also presents new information demonstrating how the 2055 MTP meets requirements related to environmental justice, air quality conformity, and federal critical planning factors. The MTP report and appendices are posted in the Phase 4- Final Plan section of the [2055 MTP web page](#). Additional materials—such as interactive maps, and responses to public comments—will be posted to the webpage as they become available. A resolution is attached that adopts the 2055 MTP and establishes the official socioeconomic (SE) data and Triangle Regional Model (TRM). A compilation of public comments and staff responses will be shared once finalized.

Air Quality Conformity Determination Report: The AQ CDR is posted in the Phase 4- Final Plan section of the [2055 MTP web page](#). A resolution is attached that adopts AQ CDR. A compilation of the public comments and staff responses will be shared once finalized.

The remaining schedule includes:

- February 24, 2026 -- Board adopts the 2055 MTP (including the SE Data and TRM and AQ CDR by resolutions.
- February-March 2026 -- Approval letter from US DOT Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

TC Action: Recommended that the Board adopt the 2055 MTP by resolution.
Recommended that the Board adopt the AQ CDR by resolution.

Board Action: Adopt the 2055 MTP by resolution. Adopt the AQ CDR by resolution.

Attachments: [2026-02-24 \(26-132\) 2055 MTP Report](#)
[2025-02-10 \(26-132\) AQCD Report](#)
[2026-02-24 \(26-132\) 2055 MTP Adoption Resolution](#)
[2026-02-24 \(26-132\) 2055 AQDR Resolution](#)
[2025-02-24 \(26-132\) Public Comment Memo](#)

Federal Actions Consent Agenda:

Federal Actions must come after the adoption of the MTP they act upon. Accordingly, the following consent items which relate to federal actions are presented as consent agenda items, to be taken after the adoption of the 2055 MTP and AQ CDR.

12. TIP Administrative Modification #1**26-130****Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

This administrative modification adds on “,etc. includes ADA, PM, and service vehicles” to the description of TG-4738: Routine Capital and Preventative Maintenance.

TC Action: Recommended the TPO Board approve Administrative Modification #1 to the FY2026-2035 TIP.

Board Action: Approve Administrative Modification #1 to the FY2026-2035 TIP

Attachments: [2026-02-24 \(26-130\) Administrative Modification #1 Full Documentation](#)
[2026-02-24 \(26-130\) Administrative Modification #1 Full Documentation PDF](#)

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

The attached memorandum details the proposed Amendment #1 for the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

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

Action Items:**14. Federal Funding Policy Update (10 Minutes)****26-119****Colleen McGue, Planning Manager**

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. Comments shared by the TC at the January meeting have been addressed and are reflected in the "marked up" copy of the policy as well as the updated presentation included in the attachments.

TC Action: Recommended the Board adopt the Federal Funding Policy Update.

Board Action: Adopt the Federal Funding Policy Update.

Attachments: [2026-02-24\(26-119\) Federal Funding Policy](#)
[2026-02-24\(26-119\) Federal Funding Policy Marked Up](#)
[2026-02-24\(26-119\) Federal Funding Policy Clean.pdf](#)
[2026-02-24\(26-119\) Federal Funding Policy Presentation](#)

**15. Environmental Justice Report (10 Minutes) 26-133
Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner**

The 2026 update to the Triangle West TPO Environmental Justice (EJ) Report. The report outlines the steps the TPO will take to ensure Title VI compliance and equal access to TPO plans and processes as well as an updated methodology for identification of EJ communities.

TC Action: Recommended the Board release the Environmental Justice Report for public comment.

Board Action: Release the Environmental Justice Report for public comment.

Attachments: [2026-02-24\(26-133\) EJ Report Draft](#)
[2026-02-24 \(26-133\) EJ Report Draft.pdf \(may not be ADA accessible\)](#)
[2026-02-24\(26-133\) EJ Report Webmap](#)
[2026-02-24\(26-133\) EJ Report PPT](#)

**16. Granting the Executive Director Agreement Authority (5 Minutes) 26-134
Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director**

Authority for the Triangle West Executive Director to execute Regional Flexible Funding (RFF) project agreements with project sponsors that receive funding awards. These collaborative project agreements, as proposed in our updated federal funding policy, will establish a project scope, phases, and timelines to improve overall RFF spending and delivery performance.

Board Action: Grant the Executive Director the authority to executive RFF project agreements with project sponsors that receive funding awards.

Informational Items:

**17. Memorandum of Understanding (10 minutes) 26-120
Doug Plachcinski, Triangle West Executive Director**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is a federal mandated document governing cooperation between the TPO, local partners, NCDOT, and the US Department of Transportation (USDOT).

TC Action: Received the MOU as information.

Board Action: Receive the MOU as information.

Attachments: [2026-02-24 \(26-121\) MOU Updated Document](#)
[2026-02-24 \(26-121\) MOU Updated Document.pdf](#)

18. Recent News Articles and Updates**26-104**

Attachments: [Synergy Between Vision Zero and Safe Routes to School](#)
[Cities Pave New Paths for Active Transportation Without Federal Backing](#)
[We Still Don't Know if Robotaxis Are Safer Than Human Drivers](#)
[Nearly one in five is interested in car-free living](#)
[Phoenix Changes Course on Light Rail Under Pressure From State GOP](#)
[GoRail Reauthorization Letter](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, 9 a.m., 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](#)