



Triangle West TPO Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

9:00 AM

Central Pines Regional Council

4307 Emperor Blvd
Durham, NC 27703

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1. Roll Call**2. 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 particular matter involved.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda**4. Public Comments****Reports from Staff:****5. Report from TPO Staff 25-101**

Doug Plachcinski, CFM, Triangle West TPO Executive Director

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

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-101\) MPO Staff Report.pdf](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-101\) MPO Staff Report.docx](#)

6. Report from the Board Chair 25-105

Karen Howard, Board Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair.

7. Report from the Technical Committee Chair 25-102

Eric Vitale, TC Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair

8. North Carolina Department of Transportation Reports 25-103

Lisa Mathis, Board- NCDOT

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 report from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-103\) Division 5 Report](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-103\) Division 7 Report](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-103\) Division 8 Report](#)

Consent Agenda

9. Approving September 23rd, 2025, Board Minutes 25-190 **Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner**

Board Action: Approve the Minutes of the September 23rd, Board Meeting

Attachments: [2025-10-14 \(25-190\) 2025-09-23 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

10. TIP Accelerated Amendment #2 25-181 **Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

Accelerated Amendment #2 is being expedited to allow for the NC 54 project (BL-0044) to continue with being let. This project received additional funds from the TPO earlier this year in preparation for bidding, but the bids received came back higher than anticipated requiring additional funds being added to the project. Also included in this Amendment is the Item N report for October. We have received a request from NCDOT to expedite the approval of BN-0031. This is a statewide project that will fund an NCDOT initiative to make fuller use of TAP funds by delivering pedestrian safety projects.

This Amendment also incorporates the contents of Accelerated Amendment #1. While Accelerated Amendment #1 originally amended the FY2026–2035 STIP, it will now be applied retroactively to update the FY2024–2033 STIP. Until FHWA completes its review of the adopted STIP, any modifications will need to be made to both the FY2024–2033 and FY2026–2035 STIPs.

TC Action: Recommended the Board approval Accelerated Amendment #2.

Board Action: Approve the changes in Accelerated Amendment #2 to both the FY2024–2033 and FY2026–2035 STIP.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-181\) Accelerated Amendment 2 Full Documentation](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-181\) Accelerated Amendment 2 Resolution](#)

11. FY25 UPWP Administrative Modification #2**25-182****Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner**

TC Action: Recommended the Board approve FY26 UPWP Administrative Modification #2

Board Action: Approve FY26 UPWP Administrative Modification #2.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-182\) FY25UPWP Administrative Modification #2.doc](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-182\) FY25UPWP Administrative Modification #2.pdf](#)

12. FY26 UPWP Amendment #2 BBPA**25-188****Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner****TC Action:** Recommended the Board approve FY26 UPWP Amendment #2 BBPA**Board Action:** Release FY26 UPWP Amendment #2 BBPA for a 14 day public comment period

*Note: the TC Action was incorrectly worded and asked for TC to recommend the Board approve the item. The proper action was to recommend the Board release the amendment for public comment.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-188\) FY26 UPWP Amendment #2](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-188\) FY26 UPWP Amendment #2 Resolution](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-188\) FY26 UPWP Amendment #1 Table](#)

13. CTP Amendment: Massey Chapel Road**25-191****Bill Judge, City of Durham****Earl Lewyllyn, Kimley Horn & Associates**

At the September 23rd, 2025 Meeting of the Triangle West TPO Board, the Board approved an amendment to the CTP removing the realignment of Massey Chapel Road. This resolution is being presented to the board to formally adopt the previously “approved” Amendment.

TC Action: Recommended that the Board Adopt the previously approved CTP Resolution**Board Action:** Adopt the CTP Amendment.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-191\) Massey Chapel Road CTP Amendment Resolution](#)

Action Items**14. 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) (25 Minutes)****25-183****Yanping Zhang, LPA Staff****Monet Moore, LPA Staff****Dolly Hall-Quinlan, LPA Staff****Eve He, LPA Staff****Public Comments:**

The TPO released the Preferred Option for a public comment period from August 26 through October 11th, and the TPO Board conducted a public hearing at their meeting on September 23. Public comments received are compiled in an attachment and a summary is provided in the attached presentation.

Approve 2055 MTP Project Lists:

Based on public comments, additional updates have been made to the MTP project lists. The attached presentation outlines the recommended changes to the highway, transit, technology and system integration, and financial plan sections of the Preferred Option to develop the final 2055 MTP. In addition, updated copies of the project maps, tables, and financial plan are attached.

TC Action: : Recommended that the TPO Board approve the associated project lists and financial plan for incorporation into the 2055 MTP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Reports.

Board Action: Approve the associated project lists and financial plan for incorporation into the 2055 MTP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Reports.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-183\) Preferred Option Public Comment Summary](#)

[2025-10-28 \(25-183\) 2055 MTP Project Lists.pdf](#)

[2025-10-28 \(25-183\) 2055 MTP Project Lists Presentation](#)

[2025-10-28 \(25-183\) 2055 MTP Financial Plan.pdf](#)

15. Functional Classification Requests and Urban Area Boundary Update (10 Minutes)

25-176

Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has requested that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) conduct a statewide post-Census review of the Functional Classification System for roadways within their planning areas. Functional classification identifies the role each roadway plays in serving mobility and access needs and is a key factor in funding eligibility, system continuity, and long-range transportation planning.

The Triangle West TPO, in coordination with Orange County and the City of Durham, has developed proposed functional classification changes based on increased roadway usage, development patterns, urban area boundary adjustments, and roadway connectivity. These changes are intended to more accurately reflect the current and future role of the identified corridors and will improve eligibility for federal funding for roadway improvements.

At the October Technical Committee and Board meetings, members are being asked to take formal action by approving a resolution that confirms and supports the requests submitted to NCDOT.

In addition, staff will provide an update on the Adjusted (Smoothed) U.S. Census Urban Area Boundary. The last update was reported to the Technical Committee on June 11, 2024, and to the Board on June 24, 2024. FHWA [approved the Adjusted UA Boundary](#) on January 16, 2025.

TC Action: Recommended that the TPO Board approve the proposed Functional Classification changes.

Board Action: Approve the proposed Functional Classification changes.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-176\) Functional Classification Memo.pdf](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-176\) Functional Classification Resolution.pdf](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-176\) Functional Classification Resolution.doc](#)

16. PUBLIC HEARING: FY2027 UPWP (10 Minutes)**25-171****Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner**

The draft Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP) for FY27 is being presented for public review and comment. This document outlines all the federally funded transportation and regional planning projects and other planning projects administered by Triangle West TPO slated for the region from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The Work Program is developed annually by the Triangle West Board with its planning partners to reflect the region's current planning needs.

Board Action: Hold a public hearing on the Draft FY2027 UPWP.

17. Strategic Rail Infrastructure Study (15 Minutes)**25-184****Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (TWTPO) will present the Triangle Rail Study (completed by HDR). The study lays out a step-by-step path to expand intercity passenger rail in the Triangle. It tests service concepts, identifies the track, signal, and station projects needed, and scores them for federal/state funding. It also recommends an investment sequence: grade-crossing removals; advancing station/NEPA work; protective land for maintenance/layover yards; targeted interlockings and sidings; and early NC Line work (Burlington–Selma). A collaboration framework guides work with FRA, NCDOT Rail, and freight railroads.

TC Action: Recommended that the Board endorses this study.

Board Action: Endorse this study.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-184\) CAMPO-TWTPO Rail Local Decision Tree](#)

[2025-10-28 \(25-184\) CAMPO-TWTPO Executive Summary](#)

[2025-10-28 \(25-184\) CAMPO-TWTPO Triangle Rail Decision Making Framework](#)

[2025-10-28 \(25-184\) CAMPO-TWTPO Rail Project Attribute Matrix](#)

[2025-10-28 \(25-184\) CAMPO-TWTPO Triangle Trail Recommended Future Studies](#)

[2025-10-28 \(25-184\) Rail Study Presentation](#)

18. 2025 Update to the ADA Transition Plan (10 Minutes)**25-158****Monet Moore AICP, Principal Planner**

The ADA Transition plan is a document that guides Triangle West TPO's ADA and accessibility policies, sets goals for accessible engagement, planning and recommendations for future actions to improve mobility access in the triangle.

TC Action: Recommend the Board adopt the ADA Transition Plan

Board Action: Adopt the ADA Transition Plan.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-158\) ADA Transition Plan.pdf](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-158\) ADA Transition Plan Bike Durham Comments](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-158\) ADA Transition Plan TDAC Comments](#)
[2025-10-28\(25-158\) ADA Transition Plan Presentation](#)

19. 2025 Update to the Language Access Plan (5 Minutes)**25-159****Monet Moore AICP, Principal Planner**

This Language Access Plan provides information on the languages that meet Federal requirements for additional assistance in our region and policies to support their inclusion. This plan has defined language access more broadly and chosen to include people with disabilities in these policies.

TC Action: Recommended that the Board adopt the Language Access Plan

Board Action: Adopt the Language Access Plan.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-159\) Language Access Plan \(.pdf\)](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-159\) Language Access Plan Presentation](#)

20. MPO Board Officer Nominating Committee (5 Minutes)**25-191****Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

Per the MPO Board bylaws, officer elections are to be held at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year. 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. Since Chair Howard is at the end of her second term as Chair, she is not eligible to be elected to a third term. The same is true for Vice Chair Caballero.

Board Action: Select a nominating committee to nominate TPO Board Officers for 2026.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-191\) Nominating Committee Memo](#)

Informational Items**21. Durham to Roxboro Rail Trail (10 Minutes)****25-186****Ellen Beckmann – Durham County Transportation****Caroline Stahlschmidt – Destination by Design****Sarah Johnson – Toole Design**

The Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Feasibility Study is a planning study that was pursued to assess the transformation of an existing 18-mile inactive rail corridor within the City of Durham and Durham County into a multi-use trail. This proposed rail trail could ultimately establish a 26-mile trail network linking downtown Durham to Roxboro. The project is a collaborative effort led by five key organizations: Durham County, City of Durham, Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization, North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the East Coast Greenway Alliance. The Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail Feasibility Study was programmed into Triangle West TPO's FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and it commenced in October 2024. Destination by Design was selected as the prime consultant, and Toole Design was selected as the subconsultant. The study team will present a brief background of the study and its recommendations.

TC Action: Received the presentation**Board Action:** Receive the presentation.***Attachments:*** [2025-10-14 \(25-186\) Durham To Roxboro Rail Trail Presentation](#)**22. Durham Freeway Update (10 minutes)****25-185****Erin Convery, City of Durham****Monet Moore AICP, Principal Planner**

The City of Durham Transportation Department is leading the Reimagine Durham Freeway study. This study aims to develop a community-led vision for the Durham Freeway corridor (also known as NC 147) through central Durham. This presentation will give an overview of the project, community engagement and the developed alternatives.

TC Action: Received the presentation**Board Action:** Receive the presentation.***Attachments:*** [2025-10-14 \(25-185\) Durham Freeway Update Presentation](#)

23. Environmental Justice Report Methodology and Preliminary Findings (10 Minutes) **25-187**

Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner

The updated environmental justice report methodology and preliminary findings are being presented for feedback and review.

TC Action: Received the presentation

Board Action: Receive the presentation.

Attachments: [2025-10-28 \(25-187\) Environmental Justice Methodology Presentation](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-187\) Environmental Justice Methodology Memo](#)

24. Draft FY2027 UPWP Local Match (5 Minutes) **25-189**

Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner

The Draft FY2027 UPWP Local Match table will be presented for Board member comment and discussion.

TC Action: Received the presentation

Board Action: Receive the update.

Attachments: [2025-10-14 \(25-189\) Draft FY2027 UPWP Local Match](#)
[2025-10-28 \(25-189\) Draft FY2027 UPWP Local Match Table](#)

25. Recent News Articles and Updates **25-104**

Attachments:

1. [2025-10-28 \(25-104\) School Zone Speed Safety Cameras in North Carolina](#)
2. [2025-10-28 \(25-104\) Pedestrian Safety - Call for Projects](#)
3. [2025-10-28 \(25-104\) Should We Let Public Transit Die?](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting(s):

Triangle West & CAMPO Joint Board Meeting-Wednesday, October 28th 2025,

9:00 a.m., Central Pines Conference Room

Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, November 18th, 2025,

9:00 a.m., Long Leaf Conference Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meeting

November 7th, 2025- Triangle Bicycle & Pedestrian Workshop

November 20th, 2025- Triangle West TPO's Second Annual Regional Safety Summit at the Chapel Hill Library