



# **Triangle West TPO Board Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, September 23, 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****Consent Agenda****5. Approving the August 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner**

**25-178**

**TC Action :** Approve the Minutes of the August 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 Board Meeting

*Attachments:* [2025-09-23 \(25-178\) 08-26-25 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

**6. Letter of Support for Orange County 5310**

**25-169**

**Colleen McGue, Planning Manager**

Orange County Public Transit is seeking a letter of support for their 5310 grant application to NCDOT.

**Board Action:** Authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of Support for Orange County's 5310 application.

*Attachments:* [2025-09-23 \(25-169\) Letter of Support for Orange County 5310](#)

**7. Request for Additional Funding for HL-0045**

**25-179**

**Stephanie Trueblood, Town of Hillsborough**

The Town of Hillsborough is requesting \$195,000 in federal funds to allow project HL-0045 to move forward to completion. Additional details can be found in the attached memo.

**Board Action:** Approve the additional funding for HL-0045.

*Attachments:* [2025-09-23 \(25-179\) HL-0045 Memo](#)

**8. TIP Accelerated Update #1****25-170****Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

Accelerated Amendment #1 is being expedited to allow for the Exchange Club bridge repair project (HL-0045) to proceed with being LET in the spring of 2026. Also included in this amendment is the Item N reports for July, August, and September. We have received a request from NCDOT to expedite the funding for C-5702E on the August report, M-0507T on the July report, and HV-0001 on the September report.

**Board Action:** Approve Accelerated Amendment #1.

**Attachments:** [2025-09-23 \(25-170\) Accelerated Amendment 1 Full Documentation](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-170\) Accelerated Amendment 1 Resolution](#)

**Action Items****9. PUBLIC HEARING: 2055 MTP Preferred Option****25-160****Yanping Zhang, Modeling Manager**

In April 2025, staff presented an overview of the MTP alternatives and evaluation. In June 2025, a draft preferred option was developed based on the established goals and objectives, as well as the results of the alternatives analysis. This draft was presented at TC and board meetings and later discussed in meetings with member agencies. Staff received feedback during these meetings that led to modifications of the project list. In August 2025, the MTP preferred option was presented to the TC and Board and released for a 45-day public comment period, which will conclude on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Today the Board will hold a public hearing on the 2055 MTP Preferred Option. In October 2025, staff will present the 2055 MTP Preferred Option to the TC and Board for approval.

The presentation file, which includes the Preferred Option report as an attachment, contains tables and online maps of the project lists in the Preferred Option, along with socio-economic data, TRM model results, measures of effectiveness, and other related items.

**Board Action:** Hold a public hearing on the 2025 MTP Preferred option.

**Attachments:** [2025-09-23 \(25-160\) MTP Preferred Option Presentation](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-160\) MTP Preferred Option Report.pdf](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-160\) MTP Preferred Option Report.docx](#)

**10. Draft FY27 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP):****Release for Public Comment****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:** Release the draft FY27 UPWP for public comment.

**Attachments:** [2025-09-23 \(25-171\) FY2027 UPWP](#)

**11. SPOT 8.0 Project List Approval****25-172****Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

The Strategic Prioritization of Transportation (SPOT) process serves as input to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This process is in its 8th iteration, known as P8.0, and the highest scoring projects are expected to receive funding in the FY2028-2037 STIP. P8.0 project submissions must be submitted in SPOT Online (NCDOT portal) by September 29, 2025. In preparation for this, we are presenting the P8.0 project candidates for the four applicable modes within Triangle West boundaries, those being bicycle and pedestrian, highway, transit, and rail.

Each project list is structured in the following order:

1. **Project Submissions** - There are 17 projects for each mode. Projects in this section include holding tank projects (those submitted in previous SPOT cycles that have a SPOT ID), and new projects that are in the process of being given preliminary scores.
2. **Projects Potentially Submitted by Others** - These projects are listed in no particular order at this time. These projects are also important to the TPO and include projects that were submitted by other MPOs, RPOs, or local NCDOT Divisions. TPO staff is actively working with all partners to determine which projects may be submitted on our behalf.

Additionally, we are seeking the board's approval to alter the area-specific weights for Highway modernization and mobility projects at the Division tier, moving the 5% for Freight to Safety, resulting in a 15% for Safety. TPO staff have been coordinating with other planning organizations in our highway divisions to discuss this change. More information is available in the attached presentation.

**Board Action:** Approve of the P8 candidate project lists for submittal to NCDOT's prioritization process and direct staff to maximize coordination with Division Engineers which may result in alternate projects being submitted with Chair approval. Approve the proposed alteration to the area-specific weights.

**Attachments:** [2025-09-23 \(25-172\) TWTPPO Spot 8 Project Submissions](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-172\) SPOT 8.0 Project List Presentation](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-172\) P8-Schedule](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-172\) Division 7 P8 Preliminary Submittal List](#)

**12. TIP Update #1****25-173****Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

Amendment #1 to the Transportation Improvement Program includes the addition of the Central Durham BRT and the Village Mobility Hub to the and modifications to several other projects.

As there are new projects and projects with changes in excess of \$2 million and 25% from the original amount, this amendment will be released for a 30-day public comment period. The current timeline for adoption is as follows:

- September 9: TC recommended Board release for public comment
- September 23: Board releases for public comment
- November 4: TC recommends Board approve amendment
- November 18: Board approves amendment

**Board Action:** Release Amendment #1 for public comment.

**Attachments:** [2025-09-23 \(25-173\) TIP Amendment Schedule](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-173\) FY26-35 TIP Amendment 1 Full Documentation](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-173\) FY26-35 Amendment 1 Presentation](#)

**13. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment: Massey Chapel Road 25-151**  
**Bill Judge, City of Durham**  
**Earl Lewellyn, Kimley-Horn and Associates**

The City of Durham is seeking a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment for an alternative alignment to Massey Chapel Road. The 45-day public comment period has been completed, and a public notice was mailed to 45 property owners within proximity of the existing alignment as requested by the Technical Committee. A compilation of the public comments received are attached to this item. In response to the public comments received, the City has modified the original request (as identified in the attached “Realignment Package” developed by Kimley-Horn and Associates) to amend the CTP to reflect the existing condition of the roadway.

**Board Action:** Review the proposed CTP amendment as proposed by the City of Durham and public comments received and approve (or do not approve) the amendment.

**Attachments:** [2025-09-23 \(25-151\) Massey Chapel Realignment Package](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-151\) Massey Chapel Road Public Comments](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-151\) Massey Chapel Road Public Comment Memo](#)



**Informational Items****14. Strategic Plan****25-177**

**Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director**  
**Drew Finley, Fountainworks**

The Triangle West TPO Strategic Plan is being presented for review and feedback by the Board. This plan guides the TPO future growth and capabilities.

**Action:** Receive the presentation.

**Attachments:** [2025-09-23 \(25-177\) Organizational Assessment Report](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-177\) Strategic Plan Final Report](#)

**Reports from Staff:****15. Report from TPO Staff****25-101**

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

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

**Attachments:** [2025-09-23 \(25-101\) MPO Staff Report.pdf](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-101\) MPO Staff Report.docx](#)

**16. Report from the Board Chair****25-102**

**Karen Howard, Board Chair**

**Board Action:** Receive the report from the Board Chair.

**17. North Carolina Department of Transportation Reports****25-103**

**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**  
**VACANT, Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT**

**Board Action:** Receive the reports from NCDOT.

**Attachments:** [2025-09-23 \(25-103\) Division 5 Report](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-103\) Division 7 Report](#)  
[2025-09-23 \(25-103\) Division 8 Report](#)

**18. Recent News Articles and Special Studies Updates****25-104***Special Studies Presentations:*

1. [2025-09-23 \(25-174\) Downtown Hillsborough Parking Study Presentation](#)
2. [2025-09-23 \(25-175\) Chapel-Hil High-Capacity Transit Corridor Study Presentation](#)

*News Articles*

1. [2025-09-23 \(25-104\) Durham Trail Conversion Plans Proceed; Community Input Needed](#)
2. [2025-09-23 \(25-104\) New Tech Can Change a City.](#)
3. [2025-09-23 \(25-104\) Help Shape the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail](#)
4. [2025-09-23 \(25-104\) To Tame Traffic and Boost Safety, Cities Rethink one way Streets](#)

**19. Closed Session: Executive Director Evaluation****25-179****Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, Triangle West TPO Executive Director**

The Board will enter a closed session to conduct an evaluation of the Triangle West TPO Executive director.

**Board Action:** Enter a closed session to conduct an evaluation of the Triangle West TPO Executive director.

**Adjourn.**

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, 9 a.m., Central Pines Conference Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings:**

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Move-A-Bull City

November 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 - Triangle Bicycle & Pedestrian Workshop

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