



TRIANGLE WEST

Transportation Planning Organization

Triangle West TPO Board Meeting Agenda

August 25th, 2026

9 AM

**Long Leaf Pine
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Durham, NC 27703**

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

Reports from Staff:

4. Report from TPO Staff **26-101**

Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, Triangle West TPO

Board Action: Receive the report from TPO Staff

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-101\) August Staff Report](#)
[2026-08-25 \(26-101\) August Fatal Crash Report](#)

5. Report from the TPO Board Chair **26-105**

Javiera Caballero, Board Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair

6. Report from the TPO 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 (Matt Nolfo, David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT
Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Nishant Shah), Division 7 - NCDOT
Reuben Blakely (Justin Richardson, Jessica Luther), Division 8 - NCDOT
Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Office – NCDOT
Johnna Burkett, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT

Board Action: Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-103\) Division 5 Report](#)
[2026-08-25 \(26-103\) Division 7 Report](#)
[2026-08-25 \(26-103\) Division 8 Report](#)

Action Items:**8. Approval for FY27 Transit Plan Global Special Capital Agreements (5 Minutes)****26-174****Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, Triangle West TPO****Colleen McGue, Planning Manager, Triangle West TPO**

Triangle West TPO is a party in the Global Special Capital Agreements for several projects in both the FY27 Durham Transit Plan and FY27 Orange Transit Plan. All projects that include federal funding that is under the distribution and program management responsibility of the TPO, or regardless of funding source, constitutes a regionally significant project as defined in 23 CFR§ 450.104, shall include Triangle West TPO as a party.

The list of projects includes:

- East Durham Grade Crossing Study (Durham County)
- Holloway Street Transit Emphasis Corridor (City of Durham)
- Fayetteville Street Transit Emphasis Corridor (City of Durham)
- Durham Station Improvements (City of Durham)
- Central Durham BRT Project Development (City of Durham)
- The Village Mobility Hub (City of Durham)
- Vehicle Replacement, Rehabilitation and Equipment (City of Durham)
- Triangle Mobility Hub (GoTriangle)
- Expansion of Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility (GoTriangle)
- Route 805 Corridor Accessibility Stop Improvements (GoTriangle)
- Vehicle Acquisition and Replacement (GoTriangle)
- North South Rapid (Town of Chapel Hill)

The draft project agreements for these projects and relevant exhibits are included in the attachments.

TC Action: Recommended the Triangle West TPO Board Authorize the Executive Director to sign the Global Special Capital Agreements.

Board Action: Authorize the Executive Director to sign the Global Special Capital Agreements.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-174\) Global Special Capital Agreement Packages](#)

9. Local Input Point Approval for Prioritization 8.0 (10 minutes)**26-158****Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner, Triangle West TPO**

On March 24, 2026, the Triangle West TPO Board approved the revised Triangle West TPO Methodology for Identifying and Ranking Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Requests, which was subsequently approved by NCDOT on April 2, 2026. The methodology directs TPO staff to apply certain criteria to all projects as an initial determination of which projects should receive local points. The approved methodology is provided in the attachments for reference. Also attached is a list of projects and their local input point assignments for Statewide Prioritization (SPOT). Since the initial list of projects to receive local input points in SPOT Prioritization 8.0 was created, Triangle West staff have continued to coordinate with local and regional partners to identify both local and regional priorities and document any potential deviations from the methodology used to determine the initial list of projects.

A report is included with this agenda item summarizing the coordination and outreach efforts. Also attached to this item are the most recent Local Input Point Prioritization 8.0 lists from our neighboring MPOs/RPOs. These lists are DRAFT versions pending approval from their respective Boards. The TPO's local input point assignments are to be approved and submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) by August 28, 2026. An interactive report of the public comments can be viewed using this link: <https://PublicInput.com/Report/jwsp3r230lj>"

TC Action: Recommended that the Triangle West TPO Board adopt the Local Input Point assignment for submittal to NCDOT, removing points from project T192909 RTP to Triangle Town Center, and direct staff to maximize coordination with Division Engineers which may result in point adjustments with Chair approval.

TPO Staff Recommendation: Adopt the Local Input Point Assignment for submittal to NCDOT as recommended by the TC and accept the point donation from CAMPO for project T192909 RTP to Triangle Town Center.

Board Action: Adopt the LIP assignment for submittal to NCDOT as presented and Direct staff to maximize coordination with Division Engineers which may result in point adjustments with Chair Approval.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-158\) Regional and Division Local Input Point Assignments](#)

[2026-08-25 \(26-158\) P8 LIP Methodology Adopted](#)

[2026-08-25 \(26-158\) P8 LIP Report](#)

[2026-08-25 \(26-158\) Other Agency Draft Project List](#)

[2026-08-25\(25-158\) LIP Assignment TC Board](#)

10. Revisions to the Federal Funding Policy (5 Minutes)**26-162****Colleen McGue, Planning Manager, Triangle West TPO**

At the Technical Committee meeting on June 2, 2026, the TC identified an inconsistency within the Federal Funding Policy. This update removes this inconsistency regarding eligibility of roadway projects with a design that addresses a documented non-motorized safety concern. The Triangle West Public Participation Plan requires a 30-day public comment period for updates to the Federal Funding Policy which started on June 16th 2026 and concluded on July 16th 2026. No public comments were received, and therefore the proposed Revised Policy is consistent with what was released to the public.

TC Action: Recommended that the Triangle West TPO Board adopt the update to the Federal Funding Policy.

Board Action: Adopt the update to the Federal Funding Policy.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-162\) Federal Funding Policy](#)

[2026-08-25 \(26-162\) Changes to the Federal Funding Policy Memo](#)

[2026-08-25 \(26-162\) Federal Funding Policy Tracked Changes](#)

[2026-08-25\(25-162\) Federal Funding Policy Presentation](#)

Consent Agenda:**11. Approving June 16th, 2026 Board Minutes****26-170****Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner, Triangle West TPO**

A copy of the draft June 16th, 2026 Board Minutes is attached.

Board Action: Approve the Minutes of June 16, 2026 Board Meeting.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-170\) June 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

12. Federal Certification Review Report & Results**26-171****Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, Triangle West TPO**

MPO's are reviewed and certified by FHWA every 4 years, Triangle West's latest recertification was conducted in Spring 2026, Triangle West received two commendations, for the Public Participation Plan and Annual Obligation Report

TC Action: Received the Federal Certification Review Report.

Board Action: Receive the Federal Certification Review Report.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-171\) Federal Certification Review Report](#)

[2026-08-25 \(26-171\) Federal Certification Review Report Cover-letter](#)

13. UPWP FY28 Call for Projects Announcement**26-172****Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner, Triangle West TPO**

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization FY 2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is currently in development. Beginning August 11, 2026, TPO member agencies may request special studies and plans for consideration in the UPWP. Special studies are intended for planning, concept design, and the study of issues. Submitted studies must be regional in nature.

TPO member agencies may apply for a special study by submitting a request through <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/EqbQgCZ6Rm> by Monday, August 31, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. TPO member agencies are strongly encouraged to contact Colleen McGue, Planning Manager, at Colleen.McGue@twtpo.org for assistance during the development of special study applications.

TC Action: Received the announcement as information.

Board Action: Receive the announcement as information.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-172\) FY28 UPWP Call for Special Studies Memo](#)

14. TIP Accelerated Amendment #6**26-173****Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner, Triangle West TPO**

This amendment to the FY2026-FY2035 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adds updates to the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail, the UPWP, routine capital for GoTriangle, bus stop improvements along US 15-501, and the EV charging station in Chatham County. Also included are the NCDOT Item N handouts for July and August 2026.

TC Action: Recommended the Triangle West TPO Board Adopt TIP Accelerated Amendment #6.

Board Action: Adopt TIP Accelerated Amendment #6.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-173\) FY26-35 TIP Accelerated Amendment #6 Full Documentation](#)
[2026-08-25 \(26-173\) FY26-35 TIP Accelerated Amendment #6 Resolution](#)

15. Resolution to Transfer FHWA Funds to FTA**26-179****Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner, Triangle West TPO**

This resolution requests that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) transfer the listed funds to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Bus purchases (TA-4923) and the Fayetteville Street Transit Emphasis Corridor.

TC Action: Recommended the Triangle West TPO Board approve the request to transfer funds.

Board Action: Approve the request to transfer funds.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-179\) Resolution to Transfer FHWA Funds to FTA](#)

16. Approval of the Updated Increased Cost of Existing Service Policy for Orange County Transit**26-180****Sarah Willamson, Orange County**

In 2011, Orange County voters approved a half-cent sales tax to fund public transportation improvements. The sales tax proceeds can only be used for projects that have been approved by the Orange County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) and the GoTriangle Board of Directors. The Interlocal Agreement for Transit Governance, executed in 2023, includes Financial Policies and Guidelines. Among these policies and guidelines is a policy for Increased Cost of Existing Service (ICES).

Representatives from Orange County and GoTriangle have collaborated on minor edits to this policy to bring it up to date and allow Orange County to continue to receive ICES in FY26 and future years.

Board Action: Approve the updated increased cost of existing services policy.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-180\) Approval of an Updated Increased Cost of Existing Service Policy for Transit](#)

[2026-08-25 \(26-180\) Increased Cost of Existing Service Policy update-Redlined](#)

[2026-08-25 \(26-180\) Increased Cost of Existing Service Policy update-Clean](#)

Informational Items:**17. Highway Safety Improvement Program Funding Presentation (15 Minutes)****26-178****John Grant, Central Regional Field Operations Engineer, NCDOT**

John Grant, Central Regional Field Operations Engineer at NCDOT, will share an overview of transportation safety funding available through the state of North Carolina's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

TC Action: Received the presentation.

Board Action: Receive the presentation.

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-178\) HSIP Funding Presentation](#)

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

Attachments: [2026-08-25 \(26-104\) What the Data Decided you Wanted](#)
[2026-08-25 \(26-104\) NC's New Parking Law](#)
[2026-08-25 \(26-104\) How to Fix Transit Construction](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: September 22, 2026

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings:

- **NCDOT IMD Complete Streets Training**
 - Date and Time: Thursday, September 24, 2026 from 10 am to 12 noon
 - Location: Central Pines Regional Council, 4307 Emperor Blvd, Durham, NC 27703
 - Format: In-person only
 - Meeting Space: Central Pines Conference Room
 - Free registration: [link](#)

- **2026 Triangle Regional Transportation Safety Summit**
 - Date and Time: Tuesday, December 8, 2026 from 8:30 am to 1 pm
 - Location: The McKimmon Conference and Training Center at NC State, 1101 Gorman St, Raleigh, NC 27606
 - Format: In-person only
 - Registration forthcoming