



# **TRIANGLE WEST**

**Transportation Planning Organization**

## **Triangle West TPO Board Meeting Agenda**

**June 16th, 2026  
9:00 AM**

**Long Leaf Conference Room, Central Pines Regional Council  
4307 Emperor Blvd  
Durham, NC**

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

**Reports from Staff:**

**5. Legislative Update** **26-164**

**EQV Strategic**

Update on Federal and State legislation concerning the TPO and its partners

**Board Action:** Receive the Legislative Update.

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

**Doug Plachcinski, TPO Executive Director**

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-101\) Staff Report](#)

[2026-06-16 \(26-101\) Fatal Crash Report: April 1-May 15, 2026](#)

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

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**7. Report from the Board Chair** **26-105**

**Javiera Caballero, TPO Board Chair**

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

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**8. Report from the Technical Committee Chair** **26-102**

**Eric Vitale, TC Chair**

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

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**9. North Carolina Department of Transportation Reports****26-103****Lisa Mathis, NCDOT Board of Transportation****Becca Gallas (Mark Craig, David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT****Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Nishant Shah), Division 7 - NCDOT****Reuben Blakely (Justin Richardson) Division 8 - NCDOT****Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT****Bryan Lopez, Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT****Board Action:** Receive the reports from NCDOT.**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-103\) Division 5 Report](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-103\) Division 7 Report](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-103\) Division 8 Report](#)

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**Action Items:****10. Update to the Federal Funding Policy (5 minutes)****26-162****Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager**

At the Technical Committee meeting on June 2, the TC identified an inconsistency within the Federal Funding Policy. This update addresses this inconsistency regarding eligibility of roadway projects that address an identified safety concern. The Triangle West Public Participation Plan requires a 30-day public comment period for updates to the Federal Funding Policy. This item is related to agenda items 11 and 12.

**Board Action:** Release the Federal Funding Policy update for public comment.**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-162\) Federal Funding Policy](#)

**11. Call for Projects Funding Recommendation (15 Minutes)****26-154****Filmon Fishastion, TPO Transportation Planner**

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (TWTPO) invited member agencies to submit applications for federal funding from the Regional Flexible Funding (RFF) in November 2025. The RFF pool consists of three funding sources that come directly to Triangle West: Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (BGDA), Transportation Alternatives Direct Attributable (TADA), and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ). The call for projects that was conducted by TPO staff is consistent with federal requirements for CMAQ and TADA funds, and can be applied to all funding sources. A memo detailing the amount of available funding, scores, and the next steps can be found in the attachment.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Board adopt the Call for Projects Funding recommendation with the addition of \$1.2 million to the Fayetteville Transit Emphasis Corridor, and requested clarification from the Board on the eligibility of roadway safety projects for funding within the Federal Funding Policy.

**TPO Staff Recommendation:** Recommends that the Board adopt the Call for Projects Funding Recommendations with the addition of \$1.2 million to the Fayetteville Transit Emphasis Corridor and to approve the eligibility of roadway safety projects for funding within the Federal Funding Policy.

**Board Action:** Adopt the Call for Projects Funding Recommendations with the addition of \$1.2 million to the Fayetteville Transit Emphasis Corridor.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-154\) Call for Projects Memo](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-154\) Project Submissions](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-154\) Call for Projects Presentation](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-154\) NCDOT Presentation on Cheek and Junction](#)

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**12. TIP Accelerated Amendment #5 (5 Minutes)**  
**Filmon Fishastion, TPO Transportation Planner****26-151**

This amendment to the FY2026-FY2035 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) requests to add new projects and updates to existing projects consistent with the recommendations in the Call for Projects. It also includes a new project for the RTP Rail Station feasibility study and actions from the May Item N Handout from NCDOT.

**TC Action:** Recommended the Triangle West TPO Board adopt TIP Accelerated Amendment #5.

**Board Action:** Adopt TIP Accelerated Amendment #5.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-151\) Accelerated Amendment #5 Full Documentation](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-151\) Resolution Endorsing Candidate CMQ Projects Proposals](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-151\) Accelerated Amendment 5 Resolution](#)

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**13. P9 Express Design Recommendation (10 Minutes)**  
**Filmon Fishastion, TPO Transportation Planner****26-155**

Starting in P9, Highway Projects submitted to the Statewide Prioritization (SPOT) process will require at least an express design level cost estimate. NCDOT will be facilitating express design development through the Feasibility Studies Unit. Triangle West has been allocated nine (9) express design slots to be selected in batches of 3. This is the second of three (3) express design selections in the run-up to P9 project submissions.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Triangle West TPO Board approve the selected Express Designs submissions.

**Board Action:** Approve the selected Express Designs submissions.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-155\) TWTPPO SPOT 9.0 Express Design Submissions Round 2](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-155\) Express Design Submissions Presentation](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-155\) Express Design Submission Memo](#)

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**14. Local Input Point Allocation & Project Ranking for SPOT 8.0 (10 Minutes)****26-158****Filmon Fishastion, TPO Transportation Planner****Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager**

On March 24, 2026, the Triangle West TPO Board approved the revised TWTPO 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. A memo is included with this agenda item describing the process to determine the initial list of projects and items for discussion. Also attached is a list of projects to be assigned local points. Per the TWTPO Public Participation Plan, the list of projects for local points must be released for a 30-day public review period. Triangle West has the ability to deviate from assigning points to the initial list for a variety of reasons, as described in the Methodology. Both the Methodology and state law require documentation of the reasons for deviation from the initial list.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Triangle West TPO Board release the initial list for public review.

**Board Action:** Release the initial list of projects for local points for a 30-day public review period.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-158\) Initial LIP Memo](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-158\) P8 LIP Methodology Adopted](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-158\) Preliminary Regional and Division Local Points Assignment](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-158\) LIP Assignment Presentation](#)

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**15. Title VI Plan (5 Minutes)**

**26-137**

**Monet Moore, TPO Principal Planner**

The Triangle West TPO is required to submit a Title VI Program to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) every three years in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and related federal nondiscrimination statutes. The Title VI Program documents the TPO's policies and procedures for ensuring nondiscrimination in all federally funded programs, services, and activities.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Triangle West TPO Board adopt the Title VI Plan.

**Board Action:** Adopt the Title VI Plan.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-137\) Title VI Plan](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-137\) Title VI Presentation](#)

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**16. Triangle Bikeway East Design Project (10 Minutes)****26-138****Cara Russell, Capital Area MPO****David Miller, TPO Transportation Planner**

The Triangle Bikeway Study was an 18-month collaboration between the Triangle West TPO and Capital Area MPO (CAMPO) to look at the idea of a 23-mile bicycle and pedestrian path linking Raleigh, Cary, Morrisville, Research Triangle Park (RTP), Durham, and Chapel Hill along I-40 and NC 54. The study began in April 2020 and served to both continue the planning of the segment in CAMPO's planning area (implementation) that was identified in a 2017 plan, and to identify a conceptual alignment to expand the path into Triangle West's planning area (feasibility). This collaboration resulted in the Triangle Bikeway Feasibility and Implementation Study. The study is available for review at <https://www.centralpinesnc.gov/mobility-transportation/triangle-bikeway>. In June 2022 the Triangle West TPO Board (formerly the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO) adopted a resolution stating the Board's support for the regional implementation of the Triangle Bikeway for the benefit of the greater regional community.

At the March 2026 TC meeting, CAMPO shared an update on their Triangle Bikeway East Design Project, which is currently underway and moving towards 30% design. This portion consists of 14 miles between Research Triangle Park/TW Alexander Drive and the NC Museum of Art greenway bridge at I-440/Wade Avenue. As part of the design project, about 4 miles of the proposed Triangle Bikeway resides in the Triangle West TPO area of Durham and Research Triangle Park. Since a portion of the designs CAMPO is developing includes the Triangle West TPO planning area, and to ensure regional coordination as the Triangle Bikeway project continues to move forward, CAMPO will present to and seek endorsement of the 30% designs from the Triangle West TPO TC and Board.

**TC Action:** Recommended Triangle West TPO Board endorsement of the technical recommendation alignment for the Triangle Bikeway East Design Project to carry forward to 30% design plan completion.

**Board Action:** Endorse the technical recommendation alignment for the Triangle Bikeway East Design Project to carry forward to 30% design plan completion.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-138\) Alternatives Technical Recommendation Memo](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-138\) Triangle Bikeway East Design Project Presentation](#)

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**17. Triangle Mobility Hub Locally Preferred Alternative (10 Minutes)**  
**Catherine Miller, GoTriangle****26-160**

GoTriangle is proposing to relocate the existing Regional Transit Center (RTC) in order to enhance regional connectivity and mobility, support transit plan-funded expansion of service, and address operational constraints of the current RTC site. Through an extensive site selection and evaluation process, GoTriangle has identified an assemblage of undeveloped parcels located at 4135 NC 54 Hwy E in Research Triangle Park (REID 157814 and 157830) as the proposed Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Triangle Mobility Hub (see attached Proposed LPA Map). GoTriangle has conducted on-site due diligence and evaluated conceptual layouts to validate that the proposed location can accommodate bus and on-demand transit service, park-and-ride, rideshare, and bicycle/pedestrian facilities, and that it can support future connections to planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, the future Triangle Bikeway, and future passenger rail service consistent with the 2055 MTP. GoTriangle recently concluded public engagement activities to inform and solicit feedback on the project and the proposed LPA site. The LPA was approved by the GoTriangle Board in April 2026, a 30-day public comment period is underway (May 18–June 16), and the LPA is now being considered by the regional MPOs.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Triangle West TPO Board approve the Locally Preferred Alternative for GoTriangle’s Triangle Mobility Hub.

**Board Action:** Approve the Locally Preferred Alternative for GoTriangle's Triangle Mobility Hub.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-160\) TMH LPA Information Packet](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-160\) TMH Proposed LPA Map](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-160\) TMH Engagement Phase 3 and 4 Report Summary](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-160\) Concurrence Points 1-3 Information Package](#)

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## Consent Agenda:

**18. April 21, 2026 Board Minutes****26-163****Samad Rangoonwala, TPO Transportation Planner**

A copy of the April 21, 2026, Board Minutes is attached.

**Board Action:** Adopt the minutes of the April 21, 2026, meeting of the Triangle West TPO Board.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-163\) April 21 2026 Minutes](#)

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**19. Section 5307 Full Apportionment Split Letter****26-152****Thomas Porter, TPO Transportation Planner**

Triangle West TPO has been advised that the FFY 2026 5307/5340 full apportionment for the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Urbanized Area is \$11,163,772.00. Distribution of the FFY 2026 Section 5307/5340 Durham UZA apportionment in the table in the attached memo includes an allocation to the four fixed-route transit operators within the Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Split Letter allocating Triangle West TPO's Apportionment of the FFY 2026 Section 5307/5340 funds.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Triangle West TPO Board approve the FFY 2026 Section 5307 Full Apportionment Split Letter.

**Board Action:** Approve the FFY 2026 Section 5307/5340 Full Apportionment Split Letter.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-152\) FFY26 5307 Full Apportionment](#)

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**20. Strategic Plan and Organizational Assessment****26-165****Doug Plachcinski, Triangle West TPO Executive Director**

The Strategic Plan and Organizational Assessment is being presented for adoption by the Triangle West Board. The Strategic Plan guides the Triangle West TPO.

**Board Action:** Adopt the Strategic Plan and Organizational Assessment.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-165\) Strategic Plan](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-165\) Organizational Assessment](#)

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**21. FY2027 UPWP Amendment #2****26-166****Thomas Porter, TPO Transportation Planner**

This amendment to the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) programs scope and funds for the Orange County Better Bus Stop Study. The study will assess the current condition of bus stops in Orange County and provide recommendations for potential upgrades to bus stop infrastructure, with a focus on ways to improve bus stop safety and accessibility. The study will be administered and overseen by the Triangle West TPO, with participation from Orange County. The total cost of the study is \$75,000; Triangle West will contribute \$60,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) funds, and Orange County will provide the remaining \$15,000 local match. This amendment increases the total STBG-DA amount in the FY2027 UPWP by \$75,000.

**Board Action:** Approve FY2027 UPWP Amendment #2.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-166\) FY27 UPWP Amendment 2](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-166\) FY27 UPWP Amendment 2 Resolution](#)

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**22. Section 5339 Full Apportionment Split Letter****26-153****Thomas Porter, TPO Transportation Planner**

The Section 5339 Buses and Bus Facilities Program makes federal resources available to states and designated recipients to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities. Triangle West TPO is the designated recipient for the Durham urbanized area (UZA). Section 5339 formula funds are allocated to urbanized areas (UZAs) based upon population, vehicle revenue miles, and passenger miles. For FFY 2026, the Durham UZA was awarded a full apportionment of \$1,039,949. As the designated recipient for 5339 funds for the Durham UZA, the Triangle West TPO may allocate funding to fixed-route operators. The recommended distribution of this funding was developed in consultation with the four fixed-route transit operators and MPO policy. A “split letter” to FTA regarding the allocation of these funds among transit operators must be approved by the Board to authorize the transit operators to seek applications for funding. Attached is the split letter to FTA for the Board Chair's signature.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Triangle West TPO Board approve the FFY 2026 Section 5339 Full Apportionment Split Letter.

**Board Action:** Approve the FFY 2026 Section 5339 Full Apportionment Split Letter.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-153\) FFY26 5339 Full Apportionment](#)

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**23. FY2026 UPWP Administrative Modification #2****26-161****Thomas Porter**

This administrative modification documents the City of Durham’s Federal Transit Administration FFY23 5307 planning funding for current grant reimbursement purposes. The 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funding supports GoDurham planning activities.

The City of Durham has also requested that the Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization include information regarding the City’s Village Transit Center Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) planning grant. Work at the Village Transit Center began in 2023 and is in the amount of \$325,000 (\$292,500 federal and \$32,500 local).

**TC Action:** Recommended the Board approve the Administrative Modification.

**Board Action:** Approve the Administrative Modification.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-161\) UPWP Admin Mod 2](#)

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## Informational Items:

### **24. Bi-Annual Locally Administered Projects Report (10 Minutes)**

**26-157****Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager**

In February 2026, the Triangle West TPO Board adopted an update to the Federal Funding Policy, which guides the distribution of federal funds that flow through the TPO for local projects, such as Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBGDA), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). By applying for federal funding for a project through the TPO's program, the applicant is committing to locally managing that project. The sponsor is responsible for all federal and state reporting requirements associated with the funding source applied to their project, as well as TPO reporting requirements.

The Triangle West TPO Federal Funding Policy states that recipients of federal funding will provide a brief report on the status of their locally administered projects (LAP) to the TPO Board twice a year. The attached information is the basis of the first report for 2026, which will be provided to the TPO Board at their June meeting.

The FY 2025/26 UPWP includes a Local Project Delivery Initiative. This initiative is intended to assist our TPO, in partnership with our local jurisdictions and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (the Department), with obligating and delivering projects in the Triangle West area. Triangle West was awarded a Prioritization Process Pilot Program grant through USDOT in December 2024 to complete this work. The grant agreement with FHWA has been executed, and soon a consulting team will be procured to conduct interviews with relevant stakeholders (the Department, our local jurisdictions, and TPO staff) to learn about current challenges and opportunities and produce recommendations for improving our federal funding process and LAP program. The desired outcome of this study is project benchmarking, a web dashboard, and improved project sponsor update opportunities.

**TC Action:** Received the presentation for information.

**Board Action:** Receive the presentation for information.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-157\) LAP Report](#)

[2026-06-16 \(26-157\) LAP Report Memo](#)

[2026-06-16 \(26-157\) LAP Presentation](#)

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**25. 2026 Triangle West Safety Report (10 Minutes)****26-159****David Miller, TPO Transportation Planner****Lucia Ciro, TPO Planning Intern**

The Triangle West TPO adopted a Regional Vision Zero Action Plan in April 2025. The plan's primary objective is to establish a framework for reducing traffic-related fatalities and injuries in Triangle West's planning area by half by 2035, moving towards zero by 2050. To track and monitor the implementation of Triangle West's Regional Vision Zero Action Plan, and progress towards our region's short-, mid-, and long-term safety goals, Triangle West has developed its first annual regional safety report for its planning area. The annual report includes a high-level summary of safety planning, projects, and initiatives at the state, regional and local levels, and analysis of fatal and serious injury crashes in the TPO's planning area. This presentation will highlight elements found in the annual report, including regional safety planning and crash analysis.

**TC Action:** Received the presentation for information.

**Board Action:** Receive the presentation for information.

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-159\) Safety Report Presentation](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-159\) Annual Regional Safety Report](#)

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

**Attachments:** [2026-06-16 \(26-104\) Blind Waymo Users Revel in the Joy of Riding Alone](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-104\) Rumors of Colfax's devastation are greatly exaggerated](#)  
[2026-06-16 \(26-104\) Transit Oriented Development Can Help Cities Grow](#)

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**27. Closed Session: Executive Director Evaluation****26-150****Doug Plachinski, Triangle West TPO Executive Director**

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

**Board Action:** After exiting the closed session, the Board may consider a motion setting the Executive Director's salary increase for FY27 and any other changes to their employment agreement.

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**Adjourn**

Next meeting: August 25, 2026