



# **TRIANGLE WEST**

**Transportation Planning Organization**

**Triangle West TPO Board  
Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, March 24th, 2026  
9:00 AM**

Central Pines Regional Council  
4307 Emperor Blvd  
Durham, NC 27703

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1. Roll Call
  2. Ethics Reminder
  3. Adjustments to the Agenda
  4. Public Comments
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### Reports from Staff:

5. Report from TPO Staff 26-101  
Doug Plachcinski, Triangle West TPO Executive Director

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

**Attachments:** [\*2026-24-03 \(26-101\) Report from TPO Staff.doc\*](#)  
[\*2026-24-03 \(26-101\) Draft Project Agreement.doc\*](#)

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6. Report from the Board Chair 26-104  
Javiera Caballero, Board Chair

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

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7. Report from the Technical Committee Chair (5 Minutes) 26-102  
Eric Vitale, TC Chair

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

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- 8. North Carolina Department of Transportation Reports (5 Minutes) 26-103**  
**Lisa Mathis – NCDOT Board of Transportation**  
**Becca Gallas (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: [2026-03-10 \(26-103\) Division 5 Report](#)  
[2026-03-10 \(26-103\) Division 7 Report](#)  
[2026-03-10 \(26-103\) Division 8 Report](#)*

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### **Consent Agenda:**

- 9. Approving January 27th, 2026 Board Minutes 26-129**  
**Samad Rangoonwala, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner**

A copy of the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes is attached.

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

*Attachments: [2026-03-24 \(26-129\) 01-27-2026 Board Meeting Minutes](#)*

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- 10. Approving February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Board Minutes 26-135**  
**Samad Rangoonwala, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner**

A copy of the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes is attached.

**Board Action:** Approve the Minutes of the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Board Meeting.

*Attachments: [2026-24-03 \(26-135\) February 24th Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)*

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### 11. CMAQ Application for the NS-BRT

26-140

**Katy Fontaine, Transit Development Manager, Chapel Hill Transit**  
**Filmon Fishastion, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner**

The Board will be asked to endorse the attached resolution supporting the North-South Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project in Chapel Hill and authorizing submission of an application to NCDOT for statewide Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The North-South BRT is planned to improve high-frequency, reliable transit service in Chapel Hill, generally connecting the Eubanks Park-and-Ride area to Southern Village, and is intended to help reduce vehicle emissions by shifting trips to transit while improving mobility and access to key destinations.

**TC Action:** Recommended the TPO Board endorse the resolution.

**Board Action:** Endorse the resolution.

*Attachments: [2026-24-03 \(26-140\) NSBRT CMAQ Application Resolution.pdf](#)*

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### Action Items:

### 12. PUBLIC HEARING Federal Certification Review

26-143

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (Triangle West TPO) is undergoing a Federal Planning Certification Review. Federal Planning Certification is a process that occurs every four (4) years to ensure compliance with federal law. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will jointly review and evaluate the transportation planning process. A certification review includes a desk review of the TPO's planning process and products, an in-person meeting to discuss planning topics, and a final report. Triangle West TPO will have the opportunity to review the draft report for factual verification and provide comments.

As a part of the Federal Planning Certification Review process, a public hearing will be hosted at the upcoming Triangle West TPO Board Meeting on March 24, 2026 at 9:00am. Members of the community are welcome to provide comments during the public hearing.

**Board Action:** Hold the Public Hearing

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### 13. Title VI Report (10 Minutes)

26-137

**Monet Moore, Triangle West 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 the Board release the Title VI report for public comment.

**Board Action:** Release the Title VI report for public comment.

**Attachments:** [2026-24-03 \(26-137\) Title VI Report.pdf](#)

[2026-24-03 \(26-137\) Title VI Report PPT](#)

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### 14. LIP Methodology Adoption (10 Minutes)

26-121

**Colleen McGue, Triangle West TPO Planning Manager**

**Filmon Fishastion, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner**

Local Input Points (LIP) are applied to local priority projects in the regional and division funding tiers of the SPOT Process. The LIP methodology will guide how the TPO's local input points are applied to projects in P8. There are no substantive changes proposed to the LIP from the previous round.

The Local Input Point Methodology was released for a 30-day public comment period on January 26, 2026. The information about the public comment period was posted on the TPO's social media and on our website. The public comment period closed on February 26, 2026, and no comments from the public were received. No changes have been made to the draft LIP Methodology that was presented in January. All Local Input Point Methodologies are due to the SPOT office by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Board adopt the LIP Methodology.

**Board Action:** Adopt the LIP Methodology

**Attachments:** [2026-03-10 \(26-121\) LIP Presentation](#)

[2026-03-10 \(26-121\) LIP Methodology.pdf](#)

[2026-03-10 \(26-121\) LIP Memo.pdf](#)

[2026-03-10 \(26-121\) Public Comment Period Summary](#)

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### 15. FY2026-2035 TIP Amendment #2 (10 Minutes)

26-138

#### **Filmon Fishastion, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner**

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2 includes a new project from GoTriangle to improve three bus stops in Hillsborough, modifications to TM-0066 to add additional 5307 funds, and the programming of the FY26 Community Project Funds to the Triangle Mobility Hub and the Fordham Sidepath. Also included in this Amendment are the Item N Handouts for November through March.

Since this Amendment contains a new project, it was released for a 30-day public comment period. We did not receive any comments on this Amendment. The current timeline for adoption is as follows:

- January 13: TC recommended Board to release for public comment.
- January 27: Board released Amendment #2 for public comment.
- March 10: TC recommended Board to approve Amendment #2.
- March 24: Board approves Amendment #2.**

**TC Action:** Recommended the Board approve Amendment #2.

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

*Attachments: [2026-03-10 \(26-138\) TIP Amendment #2 Documentation](#)  
[2026-03-10 \(26-138\) TIP Amendment #2 Presentation](#)*

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### **Informational Items:**

### 16. SE Data Dashboard (10 Minutes)

26-141

#### **Yanping Zhang, Triangle West TPO Modeling Manager**

#### **Xin Wang, NCDOT**

After adoption of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), an online Socio-Economic (SE) Data Dashboard was developed to visualize MTP data. The SE data include demographic and employment data for the years 2020, 2035, 2045, and 2055. The dashboard enables users to view data summaries at the MPO, county, and grouped Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) levels, supporting policymakers, planners, engineers, and residents in their planning and analysis.

**Board Action:** Receive the presentation.

*Attachments: [2026-24-03 \(26-141\) SE Data Dashboard](#)*

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### 17. Strategic Plan Implementation Dashboard (10 Minutes)

26-142

**Samad Rangoonwala, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner**  
**Drew Finley, Fountainworks**

The strategic plan implementation dashboard will track metrics derived from the strategic plan's core focus areas and guide the TPO's strategic external and internal decision making. The dashboard team is presenting a draft set of metrics for Board feedback and review.

**Board Action:** Receive the update.

**Attachments:** [2026-24-03 \(26-140\) Strategic Plan Dashboard Link](#)

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### 18. Recent News Articles and Updates

**Attachments:** [2026-24-03 \(26-120\) 1-77 Toll Lanes : What the Research, Process, and Law Actually says](#)

[2026-24-03 \(26-120\) Local leaders want more say in federal transportation funding](#)

[2026-24-03 \(26-120\) What You Can Learn About Power from Walking](#)

[2026-24-03 \(26-120\) The United States needs fewer bus stops - Works in Progress Magazine](#)

### Adjourn

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, April 7th, 2026

### Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings:

- **North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization Annual Conference**
  - o May 6-8, 2026, in Asheville, NC
  - o [Website](#)