



TRIANGLE WEST

Transportation Planning Organization

Triangle West TPO Board Meeting

Meeting Agenda

September 22nd, 2026

9:00 AM

Long Leaf Conference Room

4307 Emperor Blvd

Durham, NC

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

Reports from Staff:

4. Report from TPO Staff

26-101

Doug Plachcinski, Triangle West TPO Executive Director

Colleen McGue, Triangle West TPO Planning Manager

The TPO has access to a training course, *MPO 101 for Board Members*. This is a concise, four-module overview that frames the MPO process from a Board member's perspective, and a refresher on how our core products fit together. Estimated completion time is about 2 hours. Please contact Planning Manager [Colleen McGue](#) for access.

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

Attachments: [2026-22-09 \(26-101\) Report from TPO Staff.doc](#)
[2026-22-09 \(26-101\) Triangle West TPO August Safety Report](#)

5. Report from the Board Chair

26-105

Javiera Caballero, Board Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair.

6. Report from the 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 Trustees

Becca Gallas (Matt Nolfo, David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT

Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski) Division 7 - NCDOT

Reuben Blakely (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: [2026-22-09 \(26-103\) Division 5 Report](#)
[2026-22-09 \(26-103\) Division 7 Report](#)
[2026-22-09 \(26-103\) Division 8 Report](#)
[2026-22-09 \(26-103\) Integrated Mobility Division Report](#)

Action Items:**8. P9 Express Design Recommendation (10 Minutes)****26-155**

Filmon Fishastion, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner

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 third 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 for submittal to NCDOT.

Attachments: [2026-22-09 \(26-155\) Express Design Presentation](#)
[2026-22-09 \(26-155\) Express Design Submission R3 Memo](#)

9. Fiscal Year 2028 Unified Planning Work Program (10 Minutes)**26-182**

Thomas Porter, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner

The Triangle West TPO is presenting the draft FY28 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP) for public review and comment. This document outlines the federally funded transportation and regional planning projects and other planning projects administered by Triangle West slated for the region from July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2028. Triangle West develops the Work Program annually with its planning partners to reflect the region's current planning needs.

TC Action: Recommended the TPO Board release the draft FY28 UPWP for public comment.

Board Action: Release the draft FY28 UPWP for public comment.

Attachments: [2026-22-09 \(26-182\) FY2028 UPWP](#)

10. CTP Amendment- Triangle Bikeway (10 Minutes)**26-180****Monet Moore, Triangle West TPO Principal Planner****David Miller, Triangle West TPO Principal Planner**

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization proposes an amendment to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The intent of this amendment is to add the Triangle Bikeway and remove redundant adopted bicycle and pedestrian CTP projects that overlap with alignment, as studied in the 2022 Triangle Bikeway Feasibility and Implementation Study. Additionally, the intent of the Triangle Bikeway CTP Amendment is to ensure consistency amongst the Triangle Bikeway Feasibility and Implementation Study, the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, and the NCDOT STIP Project U-5774.

TC Action: Recommended to the Triangle West TPO Board to release the proposed Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendment for a 45-day public comment period.

Board Action: Release the proposed Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendment for a 45-day public comment period.

Attachments: [2026-22-09 \(26-180\) Triangle Bikeway Presentation](#)

[2026-22-09 \(26-180\) Triangle Bikeway Amendment](#)

11. CTP Amendments - City of Durham (10 minutes)**26-181****Eric Vitale, City of Durham**

The City of Durham Department of Transportation is bringing forward four proposed amendments to the 2017 Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). The proposal is to remove Alston Avenue Extension, Miami Boulevard Extension, Pettigrew Street Extension (East) and, Midland Terrace Extension.

TC Action: Recommended to the Triangle West TPO Board to release the following proposed Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendments for a 45-day public comment period, using this period to conduct targeted outreach, data analysis and collaboration between NCDOT and the City of Durham: Alston Ave Extension; Miami Blvd Extension; Pettigrew Street Extension (East); Midland Terrance Extension.

Board Action:

Triangle West TPO Board to authorize the release of the following proposed Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendments for a 45-day public comment period when final amendment documents and analyses are complete:

- Alston Ave Extension
- Miami Blvd Extension
- Pettigrew Street Extension (East)
- Midland Terrance Extension

Attachments: [2026-22-09 \(26-180\) Alston Ave Ext](#)

[2026-22-09 \(26-180\) Miami Blvd Ext](#)

[2026-22-09 \(26-180\) Pettigrew St. Ext](#)

[2026-22-09 \(26-180\) Midland Terrace](#)

[2026-22-09 \(26-180\) City of Durham CTP Amendments PPT](#)

Consent Agenda:

12. Approving August 25th 2026 Board Minutes

26-170

Samad Rangoonwala, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner

A copy of the August 25th, 2026 Board Minutes is attached.

Board Action: Approve the Minutes of August 25th, 2026 Board Meeting.

Attachments: [2026-22-09 \(26-170\) August 25th Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

13. Letter of Support for the Orange County 5310 Application

26-178

Madeline Galliano, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner

Orange County has requested a letter of support for their application for Section 5310 funding to NCDOT.

TC Action: Recommended that the Board authorize the Board Chair to sign the letter of support for the Orange County 5310 Application.

Board Action: Authorize the Board Chair to sign the letter of support for the Orange County 5310 Application.

Attachments: [2026-22-09 \(26-178\) TWTP0 LOS OC5310](#)

Informational Items:**14. J Branch Rail Trail Feasibility Study Update (15 minutes)****26-182****David Miller, Triangle West TPO Principal Planner****Lauren Blackburn, Transportation Planning Lead, VHB**

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (TWTPPO), the Town of Chapel Hill, the Town of Carrboro, Orange County, the North Carolina Railroad Company (NCRR), and UNC Chapel Hill, are leading a feasibility study to examine potential future reuses of the J Branch rail corridor. The nearly 11-mile corridor runs from the UNC Cogeneration Facility on Cameron Avenue through Carrboro and Chapel Hill, through Blackwood Station, and terminates at the historic University Station site in Orange County. Norfolk Southern currently operates the rail line to deliver coal to the UNC Cogeneration Facility.

The presentation is to provide an update on the study's progress, and a summary of public input received during the first phase of engagement. The study will provide a vision for the corridor that includes high-level concepts for potential future uses. The study is anticipated to conclude by May 2027. For more information about the J Branch Rail Trail Feasibility Study, visit vhb.link/j-branch.

TC Action: Received the presentation.

Board Action: Receive the presentation.

Attachments: [2026-22-09 \(26-182\) J-Branch Trail Feasibility Study Update Presentation](#)

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

The [2026 Membership Survey by Triangle West](#) is now live. Take the survey by Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

News: [2026-22-09 \(26-104\) Why Multimodal Reform Falts in Car Centric Cities](#)

[2026-22-09 \(26-104\) Triumph and Tragedy of Light Rail in Charlotte](#)[2026-22-09 \(26-104\) J-Branch Corridors Future](#)

Upcoming Events

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
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2026 Triangle Bike and Pedestrian Workshop

- Date and Time: Friday November 6th 2026 from 8:30 am to 1 pm
- Location: The Drakeford Library- 203 North Greensboro Street, Carrboro, NC 27510
- Format: In-person only

Adjourn

Next meeting: October 27th, 2026