

1 **TRIANGLE WEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD**  
2 **February 25, 2025**  
3 **MINUTES OF MEETING**  
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5 The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization Board met on February 25,  
6 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at Central Pines Regional  
7 Council. The following people were in attendance:

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9 Karen Howard (MPO Chair) Chatham County  
10 Javiera Caballero (MPO Board Vice Chair) City of Durham  
11 Amy Fowler (Member) Orange County  
12 Carl Rist (Member) City of Durham  
13 Melissa McCullough (Member) Town of Chapel Hill  
14 Sally Greene (Member) GoTriangle  
15 Danny Nowell (Member) Town of Carrboro  
16 Mark Bell (Member) Town of Hillsborough  
17 Wendy Jacobs (Alternate) Durham County  
18 Nida Allam (Member)\* Durham County  
19 Marilyn Carter (Alternate)\* Orange County  
20 Lisa Mathis (Alternate)\* NC Board of Transportation  
21 Matt Hughes (Alternate)\* Town of Hillsborough  
22 Michael Parker (Alternate)\* GoTriangle  
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24 *\*Denotes virtual attendance*  
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26 Eric Vitale (TC Chair) City of Durham  
27 Nishith Trivedi\* Orange County  
28 Chad Reimakoski\* NCDOT Division 7  
29 Bryan Kluchar\* NCDOT Division 8  
30 Becca Eversole-Robinson Town of Carrboro  
31 Matt Day Central Pines Regional Council  
32 Thanh Schado\* Chatham County  
33 Matt Efir\* Hillsborough  
34 David Keilson\* NCDOT Division 5  
35 Julie Bogle\* NCDOT TPD  
36 Josh Barrett\* City of Durham  
37 Marie Parker\* Town of Carrboro  
38 Sean Egan\* City of Durham  
39 Joe Geigle\* FHWA  
40 Becca Gallas NCDOT Division 5  
41 Tina Moon Town of Carrboro  
42 Ed Harrison\* Resident  
43 Erin Convery\* City of Durham  
44 Bonnie Parker\* Capital Area MPO  
45 Ben Berolzheimer\* Town of Chapel Hill  
46 Bill Judge\* City of Durham  
47 Amin Hezaveh\* NCDOT Division 5  
48 Bergen Watterson\* Town of Chapel Hill  
49 Darlene Weaver\* Orange County  
50 Jeron Monroe\* NCDOT Division 8

51	Paul Black*	GoTriangle
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54	Doug Plachcinski	Triangle West TPO
55	David Miller	Triangle West TPO
56	KC Chae*	Triangle West TPO
57	Filmon Fishastion	Triangle West TPO
58	Colleen McGue	Triangle West TPO
59	Yanping Zhang	Triangle West TPO
60	Samad Rangoonwala	Triangle West TPO
61	Thomas Porter	Triangle West TPO
62	Beth Seidel	Triangle West TPO
63	Madeline Galliano	Triangle West TPO
64	Dolly Hall-Quinlan*	Triangle West TPO
65	Eve He*	Triangle West TPO
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67	Quorum Count:	9 of 10 Voting Members
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70 Chair Karen Howard called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. The Voting Members and  
71 Alternate Voting Members of the Triangle West TPO Board were identified and are indicated  
72 above.

73 **PRELIMINARIES:**

74 **1. Roll Call**

75 Chair Howard asked everyone to introduce themselves.

76 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

77 Chair Howard asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

78 **3. Public Comments**

79 Chair Howard asked if any members of the public were signed up to speak. There were  
80 none.

81 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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83 **4. Approval of January 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**  
84 **Beth Seidel, MPO Staff**

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87 Mark Bell moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Carl Rist.

88 The motion passed unanimously.

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

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**5. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)**

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**Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff**

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Filmon Fishastion gave an update on the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program. Amendment #6 contained project updates such as additional funding for the NS-BRT and the swaps that occurred during the August Redistribution. This amendment also approves the Item N updates for December, January, and February. The Board requested an accompanying document that explains what the charges are.

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A motion was made by Danny Nowell to release TIP Amendment #6 for public comment and was seconded by Melissa McCullough. The motion passed unanimously.

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**5A. FFY25 Anticipated Application Activity (AAA) Spreadsheet**

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**Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff**

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The purpose of this spreadsheet is to identify all planned TrAMS applications and amendments early in FFY25, consulting with our Federal Transit Administration (FTA) pre- and post-award managers in advance, to move our applications forward, as well as to update our Agency's Point of Contact Information. When ready, the TPO will populate the spreadsheet with DRAFT applications entered in TrAMS producing a Temporary FAIN. TPO staff will delete any obsolete or redundant grant applications in TrAMS created in the past that we do not plan to advance. The Board has requested a list of projects on which to follow up.

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A motion was made by Sally Greene to authorize staff to amend the TIP bypassing required public comment periods if the executive director determines that such amendment is necessary to comply with updated USDOT and FTA guidance and the following circumstances are met:

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- 116 a) Funding is verified as the result of Federal and/or State programmatic formula  
117 funding grants or discretionary grant awards; and  
118 b) The project sponsor requests the amendment prior to June 30, 2025.

119 The motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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121 **6. SPOT Local Input Points Methodology Release for Public Comment**  
122 **Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff**  
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124 In the SPOT 8.0 process, the first step is to update the Methodology for Identifying and  
125 Ranking New Transportation Improvement Program Project Requests. Triangle West TPO will  
126 use this Methodology to select projects for submittal into SPOT 8,0 as well as assign Local Input  
127 Points to projects submitted during the current SPOT cycle.

128 The existing Methodology was drafted during the SPOT 6.0 cycle and amended during  
129 the SPOT 7.0 cycle. The updated draft Methodology is based on the 2023 Methodology with the  
130 following changes:

- 131 • Modification to the Criteria and Weights: Removal of the criteria involving projects  
132 in a high crash area
- 133 • Additional changes may be announced by the SPOT Workgroup

134 Significant changes from the previous Methodology are highlighted in the draft document  
135 in red. Filmon Fishastion noted that only new projects are currently being accepted. The Board  
136 requested a breakdown of state v. federal dollars.

137 Javiera Caballero made a motion to release the draft Methodology for public comment.  
138 The motion was seconded by Amy Fowler and the motion passed unanimously.

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140 **7. Public Participation Plan: Release for Public Comment**  
141 **Monet Moore, Principal Planner**

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143 The Public Participation Plan (PPP), formerly referred to as the Public Involvement  
144 Policy (PIP), for the Triangle West TPO explains how to involve community members and other  
145 stakeholders in planning a transportation system that supports regional goals like better travel  
146 options, economic growth, sustainability, and fairness. The PPP explains how the public will be  
147 informed, how they can share feedback, and how long public comment periods will last. The  
148 PPP outlines how major plans, programs, and studies will be developed and incorporate  
149 feedback from the public. The PPP also includes guidelines that the TPO will be following to  
150 better connect with and be a part of the regional community. The presentation on the PPP  
151 highlighted the key changes from the PIP which included the use of Plain Language, simplified  
152 public comment periods, emergency policy, and a social media policy.

153 Monet Moore shared the schedule for the PPP. The Board recommended including a  
154 link to the old PIP if anyone wanted to see it. Board members also provided recommendations  
155 of community organizations the TPO should engage with during planning efforts.

156 Amy Fowler made a motion to release the draft Public Participation Plan for a 45-day  
157 public comment period. Danny Nowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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159 **8. Destination 2055: Deficiency and Needs**

160 **Yanping Zhang, Modeling Manager**

161 **Dolly Hall-Quinlan, TPO Staff**

162 **Eve He, TPO Staff**

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164 Yanping Zhang presented the Destination 2055: Deficiency and Needs item. He shared  
165 that the Deficiency and Needs Analysis is the second step in developing the 2055 MTP,  
166 following the Goals and Objectives phase. This analysis evaluates traffic and transit conditions  
167 at the regional, corridor, and roadway levels to identify future transportation deficiencies. It does  
168 so by modeling a 2020 transportation network plus committed projects and transit services with

169 2055 population and employment projections, a method often referred to as a future no-build  
170 scenario.

171 Amy Fowler moved to release the 2055 MTP Deficiency and Needs Analysis for a 30-  
172 day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed  
173 unanimously.

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175 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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177 **9. Destination 2055: Alternatives Analysis and Scenarios**

178 Yanping Zhang, Modeling Manager

179 Monet Moore, Principal Planner

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181 Monet Moore and Yanping Zhang presented an update on the MTP Alternatives and  
182 Scenarios, covering a range of topics, including various assumptions, land use patterns, and  
183 transportation possibilities.

184 **REPORTS:**

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186 **6. Report from Board Chair**

187 Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair

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189 No report.

190 **7. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

191 Eric Vitale, TC Chair

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193 Eric Vitale thanked everyone for the retreat that was held.

194 **8. Report from MPO Staff**

195 Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

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197 No additional report.

198 **9. NCDOT Reports**

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200 **Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**  
201 Lisa Mathis gave an update on repairs that have been done from Helene. There is a link  
202 on the drivenc.gov website for more information. In honor of Black History Month, they have  
203 highlighted some of the programs offered through the Office of HBCU Outreach. These  
204 programs and initiatives help young professionals as they transition from college into their  
205 careers into transportation fields. There is a Rockingham bypass in Richmond County. NC by  
206 Train had record ridership.

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208 **Becca Gallas, Division 5 – NCDOT**

209 Becca Gallas shared that they were hosting their STIP drop-in session this week.

210 **Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 – NCDOT**

211 Chad Reimakoski shared that they are also having their STIP drop-in session this week in  
212 Greensboro. He has emailed everyone a power point presentation for the I-40 project.

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214 **Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT**

215 Bryan Kluchar introduced Jeron Monroe who has joined their team. He pointed out that  
216 there are three ways to comment on the draft STIP. The easiest is to use the ncdot.gov website  
217 or the MPO can contact Brian Wirt, the STIP manager to propose changes, or stop by the drop-  
218 in this week. Unfortunately, the draft STIP moved the U6192 project on US 15 501 to  
219 preliminary engineering only, which means the right of way and let dates have been removed  
220 from the 10-year plan. The new project would be rescored in P8 just like a new submittal

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222 **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**

223 No report.

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225 **John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**

226 No report.

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228 **Regan Buchanan (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division**

229 No report.

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231 **10. Recent News Articles & Updates**

232 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero pointed out the news articles included in the agenda packet  
233 and the next meeting date.

234 **ADJOURNMENT**

235 The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.