

1 **TRIANGLE WEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

2 **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

3
4 **March 11, 2025**

5 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

6 The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization Technical Committee met on March 11, 2025, at
7 1:30 p.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at the Central Pines Regional Council office and through
8 the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in attendance:

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10 Eric Vitale (Chair)	City of Durham
11 Caroline Dwyer (Vice-Chair)	Chapel Hill Transit
12 Becca Eversole-Robinson (Member)	Town of Carrboro
13 Ben Berolzheimer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
14 Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
15 Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
16 Nishith Trivedi (Member)	Orange County
17 Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
18 Curtis Scarpignato (Member)	Durham County
19 Ellen Beckmann (Member)	Durham County
20 Becca Gallas (Member)	NCODT Division 5
21 Paul Black (Member)	GoTriangle
22 Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
23 Erin Convery (Alternate)	City of Durham
24 Scott Whiteman (Alternate)	Durham County
25 Anne Calef (Alternate)	Research Triangle Foundation
26 Elise Bieler	Benesch
27 Tyler White	Kimley-Horn
28 Landon Coley	UNC Chapel Hill
29 Ryan Perez	Duke Law
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31 Darlene Weaver (Member)*	Orange County
32 Thanh Schado (Member)*	Chatham County
33 Matt Efird (Member)*	Town of Hillsborough
34 Tom Devlin (Alternate)*	City of Durham
35 Nishant Shah*	NCDOT Division 7
36 Chad Reimakoski (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 7
37 Bryan Kluchar (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 8
38 Marie Parker *	Town of Carrboro
39 Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 8
40 Joe Geigle (Member Non-Voting)*	FHWA
41 Ty Cheek*	
42 Brooke Roper*	Durham County
43 Lauren Grove*	City of Durham
44 Christobal Palmer*	
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46 Doug Plachcinski	Triangle West TPO

47 Colleen McGue Triangle West TPO
48 David Miller Triangle West TPO
49 Filmon Fishastion Triangle West TPO
50 Yanping Zhang Triangle West TPO
51 Beth Seidel Triangle West TPO
52 Monet Moore Triangle West TPO
53 Thomas Porter Triangle West TPO
54 Samad Rangoonwala Triangle West TPO
55 KC Chae* Triangle West TPO
56 Dolly Hall-Quinlan* Triangle West TPO
57 Eve He* Triangle West TPO
58 Quorum count 16 of 31 voting members

59 *Attended remotely

60 Chair Eric Vitale called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

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62 **PRELIMINARIES:**

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64 **1. Roll Call**

65 The roll call was completed verbally and by using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees and the

66 Zoom participant list for remote attendees.

67 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

68 Chair Eric Vitale asked the Technical Committee if there were any adjustments to the agenda.

69 There were no adjustments.

70 **3. Public Comments**

71 Chair Eric Vitale asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

72 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

73 **4. FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1**

74 Tom Porter, TPO Staff

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76 **5. 5307/5340 Partial Apportionment Split Letter**

77 Madaline Galliano, TPO Staff

78 Thomas Porter, TPO Staff

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80 **6. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates**

81 Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff

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83 **7. Approval of the March 11, 2025 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

84 Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board

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86 Paul Black made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Becca Eversole-Robinson seconded
87 the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

88 **ACTION ITEMS:**

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90 **8. Triangle West TPO Draft Regional Safety Action Plan**
91 **Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager**
92 **Jared Draper, Toole Design**
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94 Colleen McGue shared that over the past nine months, the Triangle West TPO has been in the
95 process of developing a regional safety action plan to improve transit, pedestrian/bicyclist and highway
96 safety throughout the Triangle West planning area. The draft Vision Zero Safety Action Plan includes a
97 snapshot of the crash types, severities, and locations and identifies strategies for improving overall safety
98 in the region. This draft plan is the result of the data analysis, community engagement, and stakeholder
99 discussions that have taken place over the course of this planning effort. Jared Draper presented the draft
100 Safety Action Plan and shared next steps, which will include partnering with member agencies and
101 community-based organizations around the region to host public workshops and pop-up events
102 throughout the months of March and early April to share the draft plan with the community. The comments
103 received and discussions at these engagement events will be reviewed and incorporated into the draft
104 plan during the public comment period.

105 A motion was made by Nish Trivedi to recommend that the MPO Board release the draft Triangle
106 West TPO Safety Action Plan for public comment and was seconded by Aaron Cain. The motion passed
107 unanimously.

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109 **INFORMATONAL ITEMS:**

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111 **9. Draft 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) Update**
112 **Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff**
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114 Filmon Fishastion presented on the draft 2026-2035 STIP that was released on January 29, 2025.
115 This draft includes new projects that were recently awarded funding from the Statewide Strategic
116 Prioritization 7.0 Cycle. Due to limited funding availability, new projects were selected for funding in only
117 four Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) categories: Statewide Mobility, Regions C and D, and
118 Division 6. Triangle West TPO did receive funding for new projects, and TPO staff are working closely with
119 NCDOT to understand schedule changes that are affecting existing projects in the draft STIP. Filmon
120 Fishastion outlined those in his presentation.

121 NCDOT has been running a public comment period from January 31 to April 4, 2025 with drop in
122 sessions between February 17 and March 17, 2025. The final STIP is expected to be adopted in July
123 2025. Several TC members raised questions about STIP project cost increases. Becca Gallas from
124 Division 5 shared some details regarding the overall project cost increases in the STIP. Mr. Fishastion
125 also shared that the development of the recently funded bus rapid transit projects in the Triangle West
126 area is under way, and there are discussions happening amongst the transit providers in the region about
127 the details of these projects.

128 **10. FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Modification #1**
129 **Thomas Porter, TPO Staff**
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131 Thomas Porter updated the TC on Administrative Modification #1 information to the FY2025
132 UPWP. Thomas Porter explained that the Local Project Delivery Study was programmed into the FY2025
133 UPWP for \$100,000 (20% local match of \$20,000 and 80% STBG-DA funds of \$80,000). Triangle West
134 requested funding for this study to support its members in advancing and delivering local projects. Since
135 the study was programmed, Triangle West was awarded a competitive grant from the Federal Highway
136 Administration's (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) to pursue project delivery support.
137 Procurement for the PPPP grant project is underway, and the \$100,000 for the project that is programmed
138 in the UPWP is no longer needed to pursue this effort.

139 Thomas Porter clarified that Triangle West will be moving the \$100,000 in approved funds from
140 this study and shifting it to the Durham City/County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan special study and US 70
141 East Corridor Study: Phase II.

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REPORTS FROM STAFF:

144 **11. Report from TPO Staff**

145 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC TPO Executive Director**

146 Doug Plachcinski shared that they are close to US 70 being done with Phase 2, but not quite there
147 yet with the 15-501 study in Chapel Hill.

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149 **12. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

150 **Eric Vitale, TC Chair**

151 No report.

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153 **12. NCDOT Reports**

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155 **Becca Gallas, (Tracy Parrott), Division 5- NCDOT**

156 Becca Gallas thanked everyone who attended the drop-in session at their office. There have been
157 many pothole issues and lane closures due to winter weather, which they are working on getting
158 completed.

159 **Wright Archer, (Chad Reimakoski, Nishant Shah) Division -7**

160 Chad Reimakoski noted the items in red in their report, which are increases in cost.

161 **Reuben Blakley (Bryan Kluchar*, Jeron Monroe), Division 8 – NCDOT**

162 Bryan Kluchar reminded everyone that the draft STIP comments will end April 4.

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

164 No report.

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

166 No report.

167 **Regan Buchanan - NCDOT IMD**

168 No report.

169 **ADJOURNMENT**

170 There being no other business to discuss, Paul Black moved to adjourn, and Caroline Dwyer

171 seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.