

1 **TRIANGLE WEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD**  
2 **March 25, 2025**  
3 **MINUTES OF MEETING**  
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5 The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization Board met on March 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	Marilyn Carter (Alternate)*	Orange County
18	Lisa Mathis (Alternate)	NC Board of Transportation
19	Michael Parker (Alternate)	GoTriangle
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21	<i>*Denotes virtual attendance</i>	
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23	Eric Vitale (TC Chair)	City of Durham
24	Nishith Trivedi	Orange County
25	Chad Reimakoski	NCDOT Division 7
26	Becca Eversole-Robinson	Town of Carrboro
27	Matt Day	Central Pines Regional Council
28	Thanh Schado*	Chatham County
29	David Keilson	NCDOT Division 5
30	Julie Bogle*	NCDOT TPD
31	Marie Parker*	Town of Carrboro
32	Joe Geigle*	FHWA
33	Becca Gallas*	NCDOT Division 5
34	Tina Moon	Town of Carrboro
35	Jared Draper	Toole Design Group
36	Erin Convery*	City of Durham
37	Ben Berolzheimer*	Town of Chapel Hill
38	Bill Judge*	City of Durham
39	Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
40	Darlene Weaver*	Orange County
41	Matt Efird*	Town of Hillsborough
42	Riley Stout*	North Carolina Rail Road
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44	David Miller	Triangle West TPO
45	KC Chae*	Triangle West TPO
46	Filmon Fishastion	Triangle West TPO
47	Colleen McGue	Triangle West TPO
48	Yanping Zhang	Triangle West TPO
49	Samad Rangoonwala	Triangle West TPO
50	Thomas Porter	Triangle West TPO

51 Beth Seidel Triangle West TPO  
52 Madeline Galliano Triangle West TPO  
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54 Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members  
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57 Chair Karen Howard called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. The Voting Members and  
58 Alternate Voting Members of the Triangle West TPO Board were identified and are indicated  
59 above.

60 **PRELIMINARIES:**

61 **1. Roll Call**

62 Chair Howard asked everyone to introduce themselves.

63 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

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

65 **3. Public Comments**

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

68 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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70 **4. FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1**

71 Thomas Porter, TPO Staff

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73 **5. 5307/5340 Partial Apportionment Split Letter**

74 Madaline Galliano, TPO Staff

75 Thomas Porter, TPO Staff

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77 **6. FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates**

78 Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff

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80 **7. Approval of February 25, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

81 Beth Seidel, MPO Staff

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84 Lisa Mathis moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Carl Rist.  
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**ACTION ITEMS:**

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**8. Triangle West TPO Draft Regional Safety Action Plan  
Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager  
Jared Draper, Toole Design**

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Jared Draper from Toole Design gave an overview of the Triangle West TPO Draft Regional Safety Action Plan. Over the past nine months, Triangle West TPO has been in the process of developing a regional safety action plan to improve transit, pedestrian/bicyclist and highway safety throughout the Triangle West planning area. The draft plan is the result of the data analysis, community engagement, and stakeholder discussions that have taken over the course of this planning effort.

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Throughout the month of March and early April, Triangle West staff are partnering with member agencies and community-based organizations around the region to host public workshops and pop-up events to share the draft plan with the community. The comments received and discussions at these engagement events will be reviewed and incorporated into the draft plan during the public comment period.

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A motion was made by Melissa McCullough to release the draft Triangle West TPO Safety Action Plan for public comment and was seconded by Javiera Caballero. The motion passed unanimously.

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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**9. Draft 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) Update  
Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff**

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Filmon Fishastion presented the Draft 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) update to the Board. The draft 2026-2035 STIP was released on January 29, 2025, which includes new projects that were recently awarded funding from the Statewide Strategic

114 Prioritization 7.0 Cycle. Due to limited funding availability, new projects were selected for  
115 funding in only four Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) categories: Statewide Mobility,  
116 Regions C and D, and Division 6. Triangle West TPO did receive funding for new projects, and  
117 TPO staff are working closely with NCDOT to understand schedule changes that are affecting  
118 existing projects in the draft STIP.

119 NCDOT has been running a public comment period from January 31, 2025 to April 4,  
120 2025 with drop in sessions between February 17 and March 17, 2025. The final STIP is  
121 expected to be adopted in July 2025.

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123 **10. FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Modification #1**  
124 **Thomas Porter, TPO Staff**  
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126 Thomas Porter updated the TC on Administrative Modification #1 information to the  
127 FY2025 UPWP. Thomas Porter explained that the Local Project Delivery Study was  
128 programmed into the FY2025 UPWP for \$100,000 (20% local match of \$20,000 and 80%  
129 STBG-DA funds of \$80,000). Triangle West requested funding for this study to support its  
130 members in advancing and delivering local projects. Since the study was programmed, Triangle  
131 West was awarded a competitive grant from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA)  
132 Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) to pursue project delivery support. Procurement for  
133 the PPPP grant project is underway, and the \$100,000 for the project that is programmed in the  
134 UPWP is no longer needed to pursue this effort.

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

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**REPORTS:**

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**11. Report from the Technical Committee Chair  
Eric Vitale, TC Chair**

No report.

**12. Report from MPO Staff  
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

Colleen McGue filled in for Doug Plachcinski, and she reminded Board members to complete their State Ethics filing ASAP.

**13. NCDOT Reports  
Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

Lisa Mathis gave a Hurricane Helene report, sharing that there are currently 150 road closures, and \$494M spent on Helene damages. The public can track the repairs on their dashboard.

**Becca Gallas, Division 5 – NCDOT**

Becca Gallas thanked everyone who came to the STIP drop in at their office. They are currently working on pavement repairs from winter weather.

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

Chad Reimakoski noted that there is a change in the cost column, which are cost increases. They are still taking public comments on STIP through April 4.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

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

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173 **14. Recent News Articles & Updates**

174 It was noted that several Triangle West TPO staff will be presenting at the North  
175 Carolina Association of MPOs Conference in April including David Miller and Colleen  
176 McGue, along with Jared Draper.

177 **ADJOURNMENT**

178 Amy Fowler made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Lisa Mathis. The meeting  
179 adjourned at 11:48 am.