

**TRIANGLE WEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**Technical Committee**  
**August 12, 2025**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization Technical Committee met on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Long Leaf Conference Room in the Central Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

Eric Vitale (TCC Chair)	City of Durham
Aaron Cain	City of Durham
Travis Clayton	RTP Foundation
Thahn Schado	Chatham County
Sarah Williamson	Orange County
Ellen Beckman	Durham County
Curtis Scapignato	Durham County
Tina Moon	Town of Carrboro
Ben Berolzheimer	Town of Chapel Hill
Paul Black	GoTriangle
Stephenie Trueblood	Town of Hillsborough
Delia Chi	RDU Airport Authority
Julie Boogle	NCDOT TPD
Matt Day	CPRC
Tasha Johnson	City of Durham
Bill Judge	City of Durham
Lindsey Smart	City of Durham
Caroline Lamb	Durham County
Chad Reimakoski	NCDOT Division 7
David Rooker	Childrens Campus Preschool
Brooke Rooper*	Durham County
Darlene Weaver*	Orange County
Erin Convery*	City of Durham
Jason Hardin*	GoTriangle
John Grant*	NCDOT Traffic Operation
Logan DiGiacomo*	GoTriangle
Marie Parker*	
Nish Trivedi*	Orange County
Nishant Shah*	NCDOT Division 7
Tom Devlin *	City of Durham
Doug Plachcinski	Triangle West TPO
David Miller	Triangle West TPO
KC Chae*	Triangle West TPO

Filmon Fishastion	Triangle West TPO
Colleen McGue	Triangle West TPO
Yanping Zhang	Triangle West TPO
Samad Rangoonwala	Triangle West TPO
Thomas Porter	Triangle West TPO
Beth Seidel	Triangle West TPO
Madeline Galliano	Triangle West TPO
Yuwen He*	Triangle West TPO
Lucia Ciro*	Triangle West TPO
Dolly Hall-Quinlan*	Triangle West TPO

Quorum Count: 21 of 31 Voting Members

Chair Eric Vitale called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the Triangle West Technical Committee were identified and are indicated above.

#### **PRELIMINARIES:**

##### **1. Roll Call**

Chair Vitale asked everyone to introduce themselves.

##### **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

##### **3. Public Comments**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

##### **4. Approval of June 6th, 2025, TC Minutes**

**Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner**

##### **5. Letter of Support for Central Durham BRT**

**Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager**

Paul Black moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by

Thahn Schado. The motion passed unanimously.

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76 **ACTION ITEMS**

77 **6. 2025 Update to the ADA Transition Plan**

78 **Monet Moore, Principal Planner**

79 Monet Moore, Principal Planner, presented the 2025 ADA Transition Plan

80 update. She reviewed the legal framework (Section 504, ADA Title II), the 2017 plan,  
81 and the recent how the TPO held an ADA Focus Group in partnership with the Triangle  
82 Disability Awareness Council. The group identified regional barriers and proposed  
83 improvements in transit stops, pedestrian infrastructure, communications, and staff  
84 training. The draft plan includes updated grievance procedures, accessibility audits of  
85 MPO facilities, and outreach strategies and a set of recommendations to improve  
86 transit and bike/ped accessibility throughout the region. The TPO has brought on braille  
87 and ASL service providers as vendors.

88 Ellen Beckman moved to release the ADA Transition Plan for a 30-day public  
89 comment period. The motion was seconded by Thahn Schado. The motion passed  
90 unanimously.

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92 **7. 2025 Update to the Language Action Plan**

93 **Lucia Ciro, Transportation Planning Intern**

94 Lucia Ciro, TPO Intern, presented the updated Language Access Plan. The plan  
95 expands beyond Spanish to include Chinese, ASL, and Braille. The decision to rename the  
96 document from a “Limited English-Proficiency Plan” to the “Language Access Plan” was  
97 explained. Legal foundations for this plan include Title VI, Executive Orders 13166 and

14224, and DOJ guidance. A four-factor analysis identified Spanish and Chinese as Safe Harbor languages. Key components include translated summaries of vital documents, staff training, the creation of “I speak cards” for public engagement. Paul Black noted that “safe harbor” is a term that originated with HUD not DOT and that he was surprised to see no south Asian language groups met the threshold. Motion to release the draft Language Access Plan for a 45-day public comment period was made and passed unanimously.

Paul Black moved to release the LAP Plan for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Thahn Schado. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment: Massey Chapel Road**  
**Bill Judge, City of Durham**  
**Earl Lewllyn, Kimley-Horn and Associates**

As Kimley Horn was not in attendance, Bill Judge (City of Durham) presented the proposed amendment to the CTP realignment of Massie Chapel Road. Bill explained that the public comment period resulted in 8 comments with public reception being mixed. The proposal has introduced some confusion about the proposal’s timeline. Bill explained that he does not have a recommendation for the board. Committee members discussed three options:

1. Deny the amendment and retain the current CTP alignment.
2. Approve the amendment as requested.
3. Removing the existing CTP alignment.

Ellen Beckman asked if option three had any impact on the traffic signals on Fayetteville, committee members discussed the long-term constructability of the

proposed update and the existing CTP realignment with members doubting that either the city or state would prioritize building it. David Rooker, owner of the impacted daycare explained that the existing alignment would run through his daycares pickup and drop off lines and supported the amendment. The TC agreed to seek NCDOT feedback and decide whether to reopen the public comment period in the future with Aaron Cain noting that City of Durham had not received an application from the developer and the timeline for it would mean that a 3 month delay from the TPO would not impact Kimley-Horns client. The city and TPO will coordinate with NCDOT's TPD and John Sandor in Division 5.

Aaron Cain moved to postpone the CTP amendment, Paul Black seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. MTP: Preferred Scenario**

**Yanping Zhang, TPO Staff**

**Dolly Hall-Quinlan, TPO Staff**

**Eve He, TPO Staff**

Yanping presented the 2055 MTP Draft Preferred Scenario, based primarily on the "shared leadership" scenario it includes \$22 billion in total investments split across highway, transit and bike and pedestrian projects. The TPO held meetings with stakeholders and the comments and suggestions they received are being incorporated into the preferred option ahead of the model run. Yanping presented the project lists for ITS, highway and fixed guideway transit, impacts on congestion, travel time, VMT, and transit ridership and crowdedness metrics. Matt Day explained that the financial model was developed using proposed project costs and adjusting for inflation rates

144 along with revenue estimates and assumptions about changes to state, federal and local  
145 funding streams. One assumption, the proposed half cent sale tax would require general  
146 assembly approval. Doug noted that the financial plan is highly speculative.

147 Ben Berolzheimer noted that Chapel-Hill would like to remove Danzinger drive from  
148 the model due to recently approved development in the area. Matt Day noted that a  
149 project on 15-501 in Chatham County is a SPOT project and shouldn't be removed from  
150 the MTP unless the TPO also wants to pull the project from the SPOT carryover lists.

151 Paul Black moved to release the MTP Preferred option for a 45-day public comment  
152 period, Curtis Scapignato seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

153 **10. 2026-2035 TIP Adoption and AQ Conformity**  
154 **Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

155 Filmon presented the draft TIP and Air Quality Conformity Report. The air  
156 quality conformity report demonstrates that transportation sector pollutant emissions  
157 won't exceed a certain level. It's needed due to the TIP and MTP adoptions. The MTIP is  
158 a subset of the approved STIP, it's consistent with the 2050 MTP and first 4 years of the  
159 STIP. Filmon went over the adoption schedule including the public hearing at the August  
160 board meeting and the amendment schedule. STIP amendments happen after TPO  
161 MTIP amendments.

162 Paul Black made a Motion to recommend the Fy2026-Fy2035 MTIP and AQ-CDR for  
163 Board approval. The motion was seconded by Matt Day. The motion passed  
164 unanimously.

165 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

166 **11. Spot Process Updates**

167 **Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

168 Filmon reviewed updates to the SPOT 8 candidate list, including additions and  
169 removals based on stakeholder feedback. Members were reminded to submit project  
170 data by August 22. Filmon outlined new express design requirements for highway  
171 projects in SPOT 9. Nine express designs are available, with NCDOT Feasibility Studies  
172 Unit doing the work. The express designs will be done in phases with the TPO needing to  
173 submit the first 3 in November starting with the highest scoring projects. The TPO can  
174 conduct its own express designs if needed.

175 **12. Call for Projects Schedule Announcement**

176 **Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

177 Filmon reviewed funding allocations, project caps, and submission timelines. FY  
178 2027 will prioritize shortfall funding for existing projects; FY 2028 will accept new  
179 proposals. Training is scheduled for November 16. Filmon announced that the 4p grant  
180 for project delivery was approved and grant execution was underway.

182 **REPORTS:**

183 **13. Report from TPO Staff**

184 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, Triangle West TPO Executive Director**

185 Along with the report attached in the Agenda, Colleen Mcgue reminded members to  
186 complete the member survey and review the MTP Model Network by August 31<sup>st</sup>

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188 **14. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

189 **Eric Vitale, TC Chair**

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191 No report.

192 **15. NCDOT Reports**

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

195 Drop in sessions for SPOT 8 ongoing

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

197 Drop in sessions for SPOT 8 ongoing

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

199 Drop in sessions for SPOT 8 ongoing

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

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

202 No report.

203 **Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division**

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205 **16. Recent News Articles & Updates**

206 **ADJOURNMENT**

207 Chair Eric Vitale adjourned the meeting at 3:32 PM.