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	Filmon Fishastion	Triangle West TPO
	Samad Rangoonwala	Triangle West TPO
	David Miller	Triangle West TPO
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1	Yuwen He*	Triangle West TPO
2	Dolly Hall-Quinlan*	Triangle West TPO

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5 Quorum Count: 17 of 21 Voting Members

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8 Chair Eric Vitale called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Voting Members and

9 Alternate Members of the Triangle West Technical Committee were identified and indicated

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11 **PRELIMINARIES:**

12 **1. Roll Call**

13 Chair Eric Vitale asked everyone to introduce themselves.

14 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

15 **3. Public Comments**

16 No public comments

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18 **Reports from Staff:**

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20 **4. Report from TPO Staff**

21 **Colleen McGue, Planning Manager**

22 Executive Director Plachcinski and Planning Manager McGue relayed the written staff

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5. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Eric Vitale, TC Chair

No Report

6. North Carolina Department of Transportation Reports

Becca Gallas (Tracy Parrott, David Keilson), Division 5 – NCDOT

Written report provided.

Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Nishant Shah), Division 7 – NCDOT

TC Member Chad Reimakoski relayed that Division 7 has updated the format of their project update.

Reuben Blakely (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8, - NCDOT

Written report provided.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

No report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

No report.

Bryan Lopez, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

7. Approval of the November 18th, 2025 TC Minutes Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner

8. TIP Accelerated Amendment #3

64 Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner

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66 **9. FY 2025 UPWP Administrative Modification #3**

67 Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner

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69 **10. FY 20207 UPWP Amendment #1**

70 Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner

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72 **11. Request for Additional Funding for C-5181 Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner**

73 Tina Moon, Town of Carrboro

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75 **12. Reserve Fund Balance Policy**

76 Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner

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78 **13. Continuity of Operations Plan Thomas**

79 Porter, Transportation Planner

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81 TC Member Paul Black made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion was
82 seconded by TC Member Becca Eversole-Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

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85 **Action Items**

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87 **14. TC Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

88 Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager

89 Planning Manager McGue provided an overview of the TC Officer bylaws, and shared that
90 current TC Chair Eric Vitale and Vice Chair Caroline Dwyer are eligible for re-election. TC
91 Member Lindsey Smart made a motion to reelect Eric Vitale as TC chair and Caroline Dwyer as
92 Vice Chair. TC Member Aaron Cain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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94 **15. Safety Transportation Performance Measure Targets CY 2026**

95 David Miller, TPO Staff Brian Murphy, NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit

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97 David Miller and Brian Murphy provided an overview of the annual Transportation Performance
98 Measure (TPM) target setting for safety. The overview included background on target setting
99 and the federal requirement to adopt targets on an annual basis and an analysis of crashes in
100 the Triangle West area. David Miller shared the new approach to safety target setting for CY
101 2026, which entails presenting Triangle West-developed targets alongside NCDOT targets for
102 consideration. David Miller stated this approach was developed from feedback received at
103 recent safety target setting cycles from the TC and Board, and as a recommendation in the

104 adopted Triangle West Vision Zero Action Plan. David Miller and Brian Murphy shared the
105 approaches and methodology for the four target options for consideration, which included one
106 target option developed by NCDOT and three target options developed by Triangle West. Brian
107 Murphy highlighted safety data resources made available by and safety projects being
108 conducted by NCDOT, and David Miller highlighted safety planning and coordination Triangle
109 West and members have been working on. David Miller discussed the strategies and actions in
110 Triangle West's Vision Zero Action Plan, and stated he will follow up with members to request
111 safety updates from each organization pertaining to each action for inclusion in a forthcoming
112 annual regional safety report.

113 Executive Director Doug Plachcinski highlighted the two SS4A grants that were received by
114 Town of Carrboro, Durham County and Orange County. TC Members Ellen Beckmann and Becca
115 Eversole-Robinson each shared an overview of the grants and what the awards will be used for.
116 TC Chair Eric Vitale asked what the advantages were to adopting less aggressive targets. David
117 Miller replied that it presents an opportunity to achieve targets more easily than targets that
118 are more aggressive. David Miller shared that each of the targets the TPO presented for
119 consideration aligns with targets other MPOs have recently adopted.

120 TC Member Curtis Scarpignato expressed support targets that are aggressive, and indicated
121 support for the NCDOT target option.

122 TC Member Bergen Watterson asked about accountability with the actions and strategies.
123 David Miller replied that the annual regional safety report presents an opportunity to highlight
124 the safety work related to the actions and strategies for each MPO member, including Triangle
125 West.

126 The TC discussed the virtue of aggressive vs less aggressive targets and what the benefits and
127 risk of each would be.

128 Chair Eric Vitale made a motion to recommend the Board adopt NCDOT's safety targets for
129 CY2026. TC Member Curtis Scarpignato seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

130 **16. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

131 **Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director**

132 Executive Director Plachcinski explained that the MOU defines the MPO and outlines the roles
133 and responsibilities. The new MOU does the following: updates the new organization name,
134 increases public transportation input and representation, no direct financial contribution from
135 GoTriangle, right sizes representation across committee structures, matches member
136 expectations and resources, and updates cited federal laws and regulations. Director Plachcinski
137 explained he would present the MOU to all jurisdictions' boards and that the MOU would take
138 effect when members representing 75% of the region's population have signed it, however it is
139 expected that all TPO partners will sign the MOU.

140 The TC discussed the changes to the Board voting system, the removal of GoTriangle’s voting
141 authority, the need for a dedicated Transit committee, and GoTriangle’s share of Triangle West
142 and Triangle Regional Model funding. The TC agreed to send feedback and comments on the
143 MOU to Executive Director Plachcinski and took no action on the MOU.

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17. TIP Amendment #2

Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner

Transportation Planner Filmon Fishastion presented Amendment #2 to the FY2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is a 10-year document that programs funds for projects in the TPO Region. Planner Fishastion overviewed the amendment schedule, which included a release for Comment on January 27th, last day for public comments by February 26th, and adoption in March.

TC Member Paul Black made a motion to recommend the Board release the FY 26-35 TIP amendment #2 for public comment. The motion was seconded by Aaron Cain. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Federal Funding Policy

Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager

Planning Manager McGue overviewed the Regional Flexible Funding pool, which includes the following funding sources: Block Grant-Direct Attributable (BG-DA), Block Grant-ANY (BG-ANY), Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). Most project phases are eligible for funding.

Manager McGue overviewed three proposed changes:

1. Added separate policy for fund swaps for DA projects, in order to separate out this funding from the larger pool and get this funding obligated more quickly.
2. Required grant Agreement with TWPO and certification that nonfederal match is in place: this is important so that the TPO can ensure federally funded projects are a local priority and have the non-federal match in place.
3. The Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program competes with all other projects for funding, rather than being funded with CMAQ funding “off the top.”

Manager McGue explained that projects may lose funding if funding isn’t obligated within 2 years. If there is an adopted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) it can suffice as a verification of non-federal match.

TC members discussed potential administrative burdens the new requirements could create for smaller municipalities.

Manager McGue provided clarification for how the federal swap money materializes. As of this moment, TWTPPO has \$20 million in unobligated swap funds. TPO Staff will work with the STIP

185 unit to determine if the funding provided to a project will be state or federal. All projects would
186 need to meet federal requirements.

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188 The TC took no action.

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190 **19. Local Input Point Methodology (LIP)**

191 **Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager**

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193 Manager McGue provided an overview of the P8 Local Input Point (LIP) Methodology. The SPOT
194 office requires a draft of the LIP methodology by April 1, 2026. A version of the LIP was brought
195 to the TC and Board last year, prior to P8 opening, as the LIP methodology also includes the
196 SPOT project selection methods. Manager McGue presented the schedule for allocating LIP, the
197 SPOT scoring systems, as well as a process for determining which projects the TPO will select for
198 express designs.

199 The updates to the LIP methodology included minor changes to the language (but not the
200 criteria) for safety—High Injury Network (HIN) projects get priority and changes to the wording
201 to more inclusive of Environmental Justice communities. As in the prior SPOT cycle, the TPO will
202 receive 2000 points and is allowed to deviate from the LIP methodology.

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204 TC Member Aaron Cain made a motion to recommend the Board release the Local Input Point
205 Methodology for public comment. TC Member Paul Black seconded the motion. The motion
206 carried unanimously.

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208 **20. Environmental Justice (EJ) Report Methodology Update**

209 **Samad Rangoonwala, Transportation Planner**

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211 Planner Rangoonwala presented the updated EJ Methodology and preliminary performance
212 measures, an overview of the legal background to the EJ report, the original methodology and
213 its problems, the updated methodology and how it has been updated since October, and then
214 showcased the new EJ communities and performance measures derived from the MTP model.

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216 The TC discussed the performance measures, including how the model handled remote jobs.
217 They requested a web map of the performance measures to allow members to explore the data
218 for themselves.

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220 TC Vice Chair Caroline Dwyer made a motion to recommend the Board adopt the updated EJ
221 Methodology. The motion was seconded by TC member Ellen Beckmann.

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- 223 **Recent News Articles and Updates**
224 Chair Eric Vitale referenced the recent news articles and updates in the agenda packet.
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226 **Adjourn**
227 Chair Eric Vitale adjourned the meeting at 3:43 pm.

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