

TRIANGLE WEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

June 3, 2025

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization Technical Committee met on June 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Long Leaf Conference Room at the Central Pines Regional Council office and through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in attendance:

Eric Vitale (Chair)	City of Durham
Caroline Dwyer (Vice-Chair)	Chapel Hill Transit
Jennifer Belle (Member)	City of Durham
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
Ben Berolzheimer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Nishith Trivedi (Member)	Orange County
Sarah Williamson (Member)	Orange County
Curtis Scarpignato (Member)	Durham County
Ellen Beckmann (Member)	Durham County
Aaron Cain (Member)	Durham County
Thanh Schado (Member)	Chatham County
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
Matt Day (Member)	Central Pines Regional Council
Travis Crayton (Member)	Research Triangle Foundation
Erin Convery (Alternate)	City of Durham
Tracy Parrott (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Davis Keilson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Chad Reimakoski (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
Paul Black (Member)	GoTriangle
Earl Lewellyn	Kimley-Horn & Associates
Bill Judge	City of Durham
Marie Parker	Town of Carrboro
Cristobal Palmer	Town of Carrboro
Jason Hardin	GoTriangle
Logan Giacomo	GoTriangle
Brooke Roper*	Durham County
Darlene Weaver*	Orange County
Stephanie Trueblood* (Alternate)	Town of Hillsborough
Bryan Kluchar* (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 8
Delia Chi* (Alternate)	Raleigh Durham Airport Authority
Colleen McGue	Triangle West TPO
David Miller	Triangle West TPO
Filmon Fishastion	Triangle West TPO
Yanping Zhang	Triangle West TPO
Beth Seidel	Triangle West TPO

49 Monet Moore Triangle West TPO
50 Thomas Porter Triangle West TPO
51 Samad Rangoonwala Triangle West TPO
52 Lucia Ciro
53 KC Chae* Triangle West TPO
54 Eve He* Triangle West TPO
55 Quorum count 19 of 31 voting members

56 *Attended remotely

57 Chair Eric Vitale called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
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59 **PRELIMINARIES:**

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61 **1. Roll Call**

62 The roll call was completed verbally and by using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees and the
63 Zoom participant list for remote attendees.

64 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

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

66 There were no adjustments.

67 **3. Public Comments**

68 Chair Eric Vitale asked if there were any public comments. There was one public comment from
69 Christobal Palmer, Town of Carrboro Council Member. Mr. Palmer spoke in support of the funds to keep
70 the NC Hwy 54 work on track.

71 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

72 **4. FFY 20255307 Full Apportionment for Durham NC UZA**
73 **Thomas Porter, Triangle West TPO**

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75 **5. FFY 2025 5339 Full Apportionment for Durham NC UZA**
76 **Thomas Porter, Triangle West TPO**

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78 **6. Approval of the April 8, 2025 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**
79 **Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board**
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7. City of Durham Request to Flex FHWA Funds to FTA (5307) Funds
Tom Devlin, City of Durham

Paul Black made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Aaron Cain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates
Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner

Filmon Fishastion shared the details of Amendment #8 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the Technical Committee. The Amendment includes the following updates:

- Additional funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements along NC 54 (Project BL-0044) and electric buses for GoDurham (Project TL-0065)
- Addition of the Right-of-Way phase for the Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail (BL-0168) to the STIP
- Modify funding for project along Carpenter Fletcher Road (U-4726HO) and along R. Kelly Bryant Bridge (EB-5720)
- Approval of Item N updates for April, May, and June

A motion was made by Bergen Watterson to recommend that the TPO Board adopt TIP Amendment #8 and the motion was seconded by Curtis Scarpignato. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Draft 2026-2035 TIP Public Comment Release
Filmon Fishastion, Transportation Planner

Filmon Fishastion shared that the NC Board of Transportation is expected to adopt the FY2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at their July meeting. In order to implement the program, the TPO Board is required to adopt the Triangle West Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The STIP and the TIP must match for the first four years of the program.

Per the TPO's Public Participation Plan, the TIP must be released for a 30-day public comment period and a public hearing will take place at the August TPO Board meeting. Once adopted, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will review the STIP and TIP to ensure conformity. Once that review is complete, the FY2026-2035 TIP will go into effect.

There were several questions from the Technical Committee about the changes. Thanh Schado moved to recommend the TPO Board release the Draft TIP for public comment. The motion was seconded by Paul Black, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. SPOT 8.0 Public Release of Project List **Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff**

Filmon Fishastion shared that the Strategic Prioritization of Transportation (SPOT) process is a data-driven approach for ranking projects across the state. Projects are scored based on mode of transportation, degree of impact, and other critical factors. This process takes several years and determines the prioritization of projects in a future funding cycle. This upcoming SPOT cycle is the 8th iteration of the scoring process and projects will be funded for the FY2028-2037 STIP.

Earlier this year, members were asked to submit requests for projects that have not already competed in a SPOT cycle in the past. This list of new submissions has been added to the list of Holding Tank projects and the list of projects that were considered for submission in P7.0 that ultimately did not make the list of submissions. This combined list of all projects being considered for P8.0 will go out for public comment in the month of July. A subcommittee of the TC will meet in August to narrow the list of projects to the final recommended list. The final recommended list will take into consideration the comments received, the project scores from P7.0, and local priorities

There was a suggestion to add the Roxboro Rail Trail in case Kerr-Tar does not include it. Paul Black moved to recommend the TPO Board release the project list for public comment. The motion was seconded by Nish Trivedi and passed unanimously.

138 **11. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment: Massey Chapel Road**
139 **Bill Judge, City of Durham**
140 **Earl Lewellyn, Kimley-Horn and Associates**
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142 Bill Judge shared that the City of Durham is seeking a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)
143 Amendment for an alternative alignment to Massey Chapel Road. Earl Lewellyn gave more details about
144 the possible alternative scenarios that could take place.

145 Aaron Cain moved to recommend that the TPO Board release the proposed CTP amendment for a
146 45-day public comment period with additional mailed notice to adjoining property owners. The motion was
147 seconded by Paul Black and passed unanimously.

148 **INFORMATONAL ITEMS:**
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151 **12. 2055 MTP – Preliminary Preferred Scenario**
152 **Yanping Zhang, Modeling Manager**
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154 Yanping Zhang shared information about the Preliminary Preferred Scenario for the 2055 MTP
155 with the Technical Committee. The Preferred Option represents the fourth step in developing the 2055
156 MTP and serves as the final draft of the plan. After evaluating three alternative scenarios – each exploring
157 different land use and transportation strategies for the region’s future – a preliminary preferred scenario
158 has been developed. This scenario includes draft project lists informed by the outcomes of the three
159 alternatives, covering roadway projects, transit projects, and technology and integration projects.
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161 **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

162 **13. Report from TPO Staff**
163 **Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager**

164 Colleen McGue updated the Technical Committee on staffing changes including that she would be
165 facilitating the Technical Committee meeting. Lucia Ciro is a recent graduate from UNC and is serving as
166 an intern for Triangle West. This will be Beth Seidel’s last meeting with the Triangle West TC, as she will
167 be with Central Pines Regional Council 100% starting July 1. Samad Rangoonwala was recently hired full-
168 time as a Transportation Planner and will be filling in for some of the duties Beth covered.

There will be no meetings until August, however staff will be working hard. Colleen reminded everyone that if you are applying for a Safe Streets for All Grant and need a letter of support, please let staff know so they can get it on the Board Agenda.

14. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Eric Vitale, TC Chair

No report.

15. NCDOT Reports

Becca Gallas, (Tracy Parrott), Division 5

No report.

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

Chad Reimakoski noted that changes to report are in red. There was one update: traffic shifts new inside travel lanes between I-85 and New Hope Church Road, traffic shifts between New Hope Church Road and Durham County; the project will continue for the next few months. Millhouse Road is expected to be open next week.

Reuben Blakley (Bryan Kluchar, Jeron Monroe), Division 8

No report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division

The statewide initiatives group has started some preliminary work on the NCDOT statewide multimodal freight plan update. There will be a kickoff in July. There is a survey you can take to help inform the desired focus of the plan. The NCDOT is seeking input about NC by Train inner city passenger rail improvements. There is ongoing public engagement including two more open houses. There is a survey available online through June 30.

John Grant, Traffic Operations

No report.

Nick Morrison, NCDOT IMD

196 No report.

197 **ADJOURNMENT**

198 Chair Eric Vitale reminded everyone that there will not be a meeting in July. There being no other
199 business to discuss, Paul Black moved to adjourn, and Aaron Cain seconded the motion. The meeting
200 adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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