TRIANGLE WEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
October 13th, 2026
MINUTES OF MEETING

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization Technical Committee met on October 13th, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Long Leaf Conference Room at the Central Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

Eric Vitale (TC Chair)	City of Durham
Caroline Dwyer (TC Vice Chair)	Town of Chapel Hill
Aaron Cain (Member)	Durham-City County Planning
Anne Calef (Alternative)	RTF
Becca Eversole (Member)	Orange County
Ben Berolzheimer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Bill Judge (Member)	City of Durhan
Clint Blackburn (Member)	City of Durham
Curtis Scarpignato (Member)	Durham County
Duncan Dodson (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Isabel Soberal (Member)	UNC
Jason Hardin (Alternative)	GoTriangle
Lucia Ciro (Alternative)	Town of Carrboro
Matt Day (Member)	Central Pines Regional Council
Stephanie Trueblood (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Evian Patterson	City of Durham
David Keilson (Alternative)	NCDOT Division 5
Chad Reimakoski (Alternative)	NCDOT Division 7
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT Transportation Planning Office
Johnna Burkett* (Alternative)	NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
Amina Adams	Town of Chapel Hill
Doug Plachcinski	Triangle West TPO
Colleen McGue	Triangle West TPO
Monet Moore	Triangle West TPO
David Miller	Triangle West TPO
Filmon Fishastion	Triangle West TPO
Madeline Galliano	Triangle West TPO
Samad Rangoonwala	Triangle West TPO
Thomas Porter	Triangle West TPO
Yanping Zhang	Triangle West TPO

*Denotes virtual attendance

Quorum Count: 18 of 31 Voting Members

TC Chair Eric Vitale called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the Triangle West TPO Technical Committee were identified and are indicated above.

PRELIMINARIES:

1. Roll Call

TC Chair Eric Vitale asked in-person attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

TC Chair Eric Vitale asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Planning Manager McGue added an action item for the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY2027) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #3.

3. Public Comments

TC Chair Eric Vitale asked if any members of the public were signed up to speak. There were none.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

4. Report from TPO Staff

Colleen McGue, Triangle West TPO Planning Manager

Planning Manager McGue reported that staff are developing the 2027 meeting calendar. She noted that the TC will elect officers for the next calendar year in November.

Planning Manager McGue also noted that the 2026 Membership Survey remains open.

5. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Eric Vitale, TC Chair

No report.

6. North Carolina Department of Transportation Reports

David Keilson, NCDOT Division 5

No report.

Chad Reimakoski, NCDOT Division 7

Chad Reimakoski reported that Division 7 has finished its preliminary Division Needs highway point assignments and distributed them that day. Division 7 is still working on its non-highway projects and will share those assignments soon.

Division 8, NCDOT

Division 8 was not in attendance and directed members to its written report.

Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Office
Julie Bogle reported that the draft NCDOT Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan has been completed and is under internal review. She also announced that Andy Daly is the new senior manager in the Transportation Planning Office.

Johnna Burkett*, NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
Johnna Burkett reminded members that the Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) has two open calls for projects: the Paved Trail Feasibility Studies and the Safe Routes to School Planning and Programming grant, both accepting applications through November 6th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

7. Approving September 8th, 2026 TC Minutes
Samad Rangoonwala, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner

8. TIP Accelerated Amendment #7
Filmon Fishastion, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner

Becca Eversole made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Aaron Cain. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

9. Prioritization 8.0 Update
Filmon Fishastion, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner

Transportation Planner Fishastion presented an update on the Prioritization 8.0 (P8.0) Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) cycle, noting that Division Needs local input points are due at the end of November. He reviewed updated funding availability for Divisions 5, 7, and 8 and introduced split funding, a new tool that spreads a project's cost across multiple funding categories. To be eligible, a project must be in the delivery State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), have a confident scope and cost estimate, and score high enough with sufficient funding in both categories. He noted the risks, including that points may be wasted if the project is not picked up and that split funding reduces Division Needs funds for other projects. Proposed changes to the adopted points include accepting 100 points from Central Pines Rural Planning Organization (RPO) for the Chapel Hill signal system project, applying split funding to the NC 55 and I-40 interchange (one of roughly 11 to 12 eligible projects statewide), and assigning remaining points to the Durham Belt Line / Rail Trail to offset anticipated donations from Kerr-Tar RPO.

Members asked staff to return in November with answers on how much funding the project needs from each tier, which Division Needs projects could be affected, whether Division 5 would include the Triangle Bikeway and at what cost, whether that change would affect the project's eligibility for commitment, whether the City's requested betterment on both sides of NC 55 could be included, and what happens to the project if it is not split funded.

Clint Blackburn made a motion to defer action on the revised Division Needs Local Input Point assignments to the November TC meeting. The motion was seconded by Curtis Scarpignato. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Grant - FFY26 Program of Projects

Colleen McGue, Triangle West TPO Planning Manager
Thomas Porter, Triangle West TPO Transportation Planner

Transportation Planner Porter presented the Fiscal Year 2026 Section 5310 Program of Projects. Applications opened in August, and staff will seek Board approval at the end of October and send notification letters in November. The TPO received four proposals. All four were funded in full. Porter mentioned that the TPO would also be taking 5310 funds for administrative purposes.

Caroline Dwyer made a motion to recommend that the Triangle West TPO Board approve the proposed Program of Projects. The motion was seconded by Duncan Dodson. The motion passed unanimously.

11. FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #3

David Miller, Triangle West TPO Principal Planner
Evian Patterson*, City of Durham

Principal Planner Miller introduced a City of Durham request to amend the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add a special study for downtown Durham parking. The study would review parking operations and assess the economic value of downtown lots. The request is for $200,000, likely in Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) funds, with a $50,000 local match from the City, for a total of $250,000. Evian Patterson added that the study would update the City's 2018 parking study and cover the full downtown parking supply, including City lots and garages as well as private supply built since 2018, and that the City hopes the updated data will inform the Triangle Regional Model. In response to a question, Principal Planner Miller confirmed that the funds are available and are not being taken from another project.

Aaron Cain made a motion to recommend that the Triangle West TPO Board approve FY2027 UPWP Amendment #3. The motion was seconded by Curtis Scarpignato. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

TC Chair Eric Vitale adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3rd, 2026.