

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 11, 2025

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization Technical Committee met on February 11, 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
Becca Eversole-Robinson (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Ben Berolzheimer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Thanh Schado (Member)	Chatham County
Lindsay Smart (Member)	City of Durham
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
Aaron Cain (Member)	Durham County
Curtis Scarpignato (Member)	Durham County
Matt Efird (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Becca Gallas (Member)	NCODT Division 5
Paul Black (Member)	GoTriangle
Matt Day (Member)	Central Pines Regional Council
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
Josh Barrett (Alternate)	City of Durham
Chad Reimakoski (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
Anne Calef (Alternate)	Research Triangle Foundation
Joe Geigle (Member Non-Voting)	FHWA
Tina Moon (Member)*	Town of Carrboro
Nishith Trivedi (Member)*	Orange County
Darlene Weaver (Member)*	Orange County
John Grant (Member)*	NCDOT Traffic Operations
David Keilson*	NCDOT Division 5
Bryan Kluchar (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 8
Delia Chi (Alternate)*	Research Triangle Foundation
Marie Parker *	Town of Carrboro
Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 8
Ty Cheek*	
Doug Plachcinski	Triangle West TPO
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

47 Monet Moore Triangle West TPO
48 Thomas Porter Triangle West TPO
49 Samad Rangoonwala Triangle West TPO
50 Andy Henry* Triangle West TPO
51 Dolly Hall-Quinlan* Triangle West TPO
52 Eve He* Triangle West TPO
53 Quorum count 15 of 31 voting members

54 *Attended remotely

55 Chair Eric Vitale called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

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57 **PRELIMINARIES:**

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59 **1. Roll Call**

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

62 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

63 Chair Eric Vitale asked the Technical Committee if there were any adjustments to the agenda.
64 There were no adjustments.

65 **3. Public Comments**

66 Chair Eric Vitale asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

67 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

68 **4. Approval of the November 5, 2024, Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

69 Beth Seidel, TPO Staff

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71 Becca Eversole-Robinson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Matt Efird seconded
72 the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

73 **ACTION ITEMS:**

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75 **5. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates**

76 Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff

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78 Filmon Fishastion gave an update on the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program.

79 Amendment #6 contained project updates such as additional funding for the NS-BRT and the swaps that

80 occurred during the August Redistribution. This amendment also approves the Item N updates for
81 December, January, and February.

82 A motion was made by Paul Black to recommend that the MPO Board release TIP Amendment #6
83 for public comment and was seconded by Aaron Cain. The motion passed unanimously.

84 **6. SPOT Local Input Points Methodology Release for Public Comment**
85 **Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff**
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87 In the SPOT 8.0 process, the first step is to update the Methodology for Identifying and Ranking
88 New Transportation Improvement Program Project Requests. Triangle West TPO will use this
89 Methodology to select projects for submittal into SPOT 8.0 as well as assign Local Input Points to projects
90 submitted during the current SPOT cycle.

91 The existing Methodology was drafted during the SPOT 6.0 cycle and amended during the SPOT
92 7.0 cycle. The updated draft Methodology is based on the 2023 Methodology with the following changes:

- 93 • Modification to the Criteria and Weights: Removal of the criteria involving projects in a high
94 crash area
- 95 • Additional changes may be announced by the SPOT Workgroup

96 Significant changes from the previous Methodology are highlighted in the draft document in red.

97 Filmon Fishastion noted that only new projects are currently being accepted.

98 Becca Eversol-Robinson made a motion to release the draft Methodology for public comment. The
99 motion was seconded by Aaron Cain and the motion passed unanimously.

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101 **7. Public Participation Plan: Release for Public Comment**
102 **Monet Moore, Principal Planner**
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104 The Public Participation Plan, formerly referred to as the Public Involvement Policy (PIP), for the
105 Triangle West TPO explains how to involve community members and other stakeholders in planning a
106 transportation system that supports regional goals like better travel options, economic growth,
107 sustainability, and fairness. The PPP explains how the public will be informed, how they can share

108 feedback, and how long public comment periods will last. The plan outlines how major plans, programs,
109 and studies will be developed and incorporate feedback from the public. The PPP also includes guidelines
110 that the TPO will be following to better connect with and be a part of the regional community.

111 Monet Moore shared the schedule for the PPP.

112 Paul Black made a motion to recommend that the TPO Board release the draft Public Participation
113 Plan for a 45-day public comment period. Thanh Schado seconded the motion. The motion passed
114 unanimously.

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116 **8. Destination 2055: Deficiency and Needs**

117 **Yanping Zhang, Modeling Manager**

118 **Dolly Hall-Quinlan, TPO Staff**

119 **Eve He, TPO Staff**

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121 Yanping Zhang presented the Destination 2055: Deficiency and Needs item. He shared that the
122 Deficiency and Needs Analysis is the second step in developing the 2055 MTP, following the Goals and
123 Objectives phase. This analysis evaluates traffic and transit conditions at the regional, corridor, and
124 roadway levels to identify future transportation deficiencies. It does so by modeling a 2020 transportation
125 network plus committed projects and transit services with 2055 population and employment projections, a
126 method often referred to as a future no-build scenario.

127 Becca Eversole-Robinson moved to recommend that the TPO Board release the 2055 MTP
128 Deficiency and Needs Analysis for a 30-day public comment period, with suggested edits from the
129 Technical Committee. The motion was seconded by Thanh Schado. The motion passed unanimously.

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131 **INFORMATONAL ITEMS:**

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133 **9. Destination 2055: Alternatives Analysis and Scenarios**

134 **Yanping Zhang, Modeling Manager**

135 **Monet Moore, Principal Planner**

Monet Moore and Yanping Zhang presented an update on the MTP Alternatives and Scenarios, covering a range of topics, including various assumptions, land use patterns, and transportation possibilities.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

10. Report from TPO Staff

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC TPO Executive Director

No additional report.

11. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Eric Vitale, TC Chair

Chair Eric Vitale thanked the TPO staff for hosting the TC Retreat. Doug Plachcinski added that they will be taking the input provided from the TC and Board at their retreats to help create the strategic plan.

12. NCDOT Reports

Becca Gallas, (Tracy Parrott), Division 5- NCDOT

No additional report.

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

Chad Reimakoski shared that there would be a draft STIP at their Greensboro division office.

Reuben Blakley (Bryan Kluchar*, Jeron Monroe), Division 8 – NCDOT

Bryan Kluchar shared that they would be having a drop in at their Carthage office February 24-28.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

Julie Bogle shared that they have a tool available for value capture, which she will send via email.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

No report.

Regan Buchanan - NCDOT IMD

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, Aaron Cain moved to adjourn, and Becca Eversole-

Robinson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.