

TRIANGLE WEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD
March 25, 2025
MINUTES OF MEETING

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization Board met on March 25, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at Central Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

Karen Howard (MPO Chair)	Chatham County
Javiera Caballero (MPO Board Vice Chair)	City of Durham
Amy Fowler (Member)	Orange County
Carl Rist (Member)	City of Durham
Melissa McCullough (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Sally Greene (Member)	GoTriangle
Danny Nowell (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Mark Bell (Member)*	Town of Hillsborough
Marilyn Carter (Alternate)*	Orange County
Lisa Mathis (Alternate)	NC Board of Transportation
Michael Parker (Alternate)	GoTriangle
<i>*Denotes virtual attendance</i>	
Eric Vitale (TC Chair)	City of Durham
Nishith Trivedi	Orange County
Chad Reimakoski	NCDOT Division 7
Becca Eversole-Robinson	Town of Carrboro
Matt Day	Central Pines Regional Council
Thanh Schado*	Chatham County
David Keilson	NCDOT Division 5
Julie Bogle*	NCDOT TPD
Marie Parker*	Town of Carrboro
Joe Geigle*	FHWA
Becca Gallas*	NCDOT Division 5
Tina Moon	Town of Carrboro
Jared Draper	Toole Design Group
Erin Convery*	City of Durham
Ben Berolzheimer*	Town of Chapel Hill
Bill Judge*	City of Durham
Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
Darlene Weaver*	Orange County
Matt Efird*	Town of Hillsborough
Riley Stout*	North Carolina Rail Road
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
Madeline Galliano

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Quorum Count:

9 of 10 Voting Members

Chair Karen Howard called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the Triangle West TPO Board were identified and are indicated above.

PRELIMINARIES:

1. Roll Call

Chair Howard asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Chair Howard asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

3. Public Comments

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1

Thomas Porter, TPO Staff

5. 5307/5340 Partial Apportionment Split Letter

Madeline Galliano, TPO Staff

Thomas Porter, TPO Staff

6. FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates

Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff

7. Approval of February 25, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Beth Seidel, MPO Staff

Lisa Mathis moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Carl Rist.
The motion passed unanimously.

87 **ACTION ITEMS:**

88 **8. Triangle West TPO Draft Regional Safety Action Plan**
89 **Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager**
90 **Jared Draper, Toole Design**
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92 Jared Draper from Toole Design gave an overview of the Triangle West TPO Draft
93 Regional Safety Action Plan. Over the past nine months, Triangle West TPO has been in the
94 process of developing a regional safety action plan to improve transit, pedestrian/bicyclist and
95 highway safety throughout the Triangle West planning area. The draft plan is the result of the
96 data analysis, community engagement, and stakeholder discussions that have taken over the
97 course of this planning effort.

98 Throughout the month of March and early April, Triangle West staff are partnering with
99 member agencies and community-based organizations around the region to host public
100 workshops and pop-up events to share the draft plan with the community. The comments
101 received and discussions at these engagement events will be reviewed and incorporated into
102 the draft plan during the public comment period.

103 A motion was made by Melissa McCullough to release the draft Triangle West TPO
104 Safety Action Plan for public comment and was seconded by Javiera Caballero. The motion
105 passed unanimously.
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107 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

108 **9. Draft 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) Update**
109 **Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff**
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111 Filmon Fishastion presented the Draft 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement
112 Plan (STIP) update to the Board. The draft 2026-2035 STIP was released on January 29, 2025,
113 which includes new projects that were recently awarded funding from the Statewide Strategic

114 Prioritization 7.0 Cycle. Due to limited funding availability, new projects were selected for
115 funding in only four Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) categories: Statewide Mobility,
116 Regions C and D, and Division 6. Triangle West TPO did receive funding for new projects, and
117 TPO staff are working closely with NCDOT to understand schedule changes that are affecting
118 existing projects in the draft STIP.

119 NCDOT has been running a public comment period from January 31, 2025 to April 4,
120 2025 with drop in sessions between February 17 and March 17, 2025. The final STIP is
121 expected to be adopted in July 2025.

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123 **10. FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Modification #1**
124 **Thomas Porter, TPO Staff**
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126 Thomas Porter updated the TC on Administrative Modification #1 information to the
127 FY2025 UPWP. Thomas Porter explained that the Local Project Delivery Study was
128 programmed into the FY2025 UPWP for \$100,000 (20% local match of \$20,000 and 80%
129 STBG-DA funds of \$80,000). Triangle West requested funding for this study to support its
130 members in advancing and delivering local projects. Since the study was programmed, Triangle
131 West was awarded a competitive grant from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA)
132 Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) to pursue project delivery support. Procurement for
133 the PPPP grant project is underway, and the \$100,000 for the project that is programmed in the
134 UPWP is no longer needed to pursue this effort.

135 Thomas Porter clarified that Triangle West will be moving the \$100,000 in approved
136 funds from this study and shifting it to the Durham City/County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
137 special study and US 70 141 East Corridor Study: Phase II.

REPORTS:

11. Report from the Technical Committee Chair
Eric Vitale, TC Chair

No report.

12. Report from MPO Staff
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Colleen McGue filled in for Doug Plachcinski, and she reminded Board members to complete their State Ethics filing ASAP.

13. NCDOT Reports

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Lisa Mathis gave a Hurricane Helene report, sharing that there are currently 150 road closures, and \$494M spent on Helene damages. The public can track the repairs on their dashboard.

Becca Gallas, Division 5 – NCDOT

Becca Gallas thanked everyone who came to the STIP drop in at their office. They are currently working on pavement repairs from winter weather.

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

Chad Reimakoski noted that there is a change in the cost column, which are cost increases. They are still taking public comments on STIP through April 4.

Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT

No report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

No report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

No report.

Regan Buchanan (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division

No report.

14. Recent News Articles & Updates

It was noted that several Triangle West TPO staff will be presenting at the North Carolina Association of MPOs Conference in April including David Miller and Colleen McGue, along with Jared Draper.

ADJOURNMENT

Amy Fowler made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Lisa Mathis. The meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.