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53 54	Quorum Count:	9 of 10 Voting Members
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57	Chair Karen Howard called the mee	eting to order at 9:10 am. The Voting Members and
58	Alternate Voting Members of the Triangle V	Vest TPO Board were identified and are indicated
59	above.	
50	PRE	ELIMINARIES:
51	1. Roll Call	
62	Chair Howard asked everyone to in	troduce themselves.
63	2. Adjustments to the Agenda	
54	Chair Howard asked if there were a	ny additions to the agenda. There were none.
65	3. Public Comments	
56	Chair Howard asked if any member	s of the public were signed up to speak. There were
67	none.	
68	CONS	SENT AGENDA:
69 70 71	4. FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Pr Thomas Porter, TPO Staff	ogram (UPWP) Amendment #1
72 73	5. 5307/5340 Partial Apportionment S	Split Latter
74	Madaline Galliano, TPO Staff	Joint Letter
75 76	Thomas Porter, TPO Staff	
77 78	FY 2024-2033 Transportation Impr Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff	ovement Program (TIP) Updates
79 80	7. Approval of February 25, 2025 Boa	ard Meeting Minutes
81 82	Beth Seidel, MPO Staff	
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84	Lisa Mathis moved to accept the Conse	ent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Carl Rist.
85	The motion passed unanimously.	

87 <u>ACTION ITEMS:</u>

8. <u>Triangle West TPO Draft Regional Safety Action Plan</u> Colleen McGue, TPO Planning Manager

Jared Draper, Toole Design

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

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

A motion was made by Melissa McCullough to release the draft Triangle West TPO Safety Action Plan for public comment and was seconded by Javiera Caballero. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

9. <u>Draft 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) Update</u> Filmon Fishastion, TPO Staff

Filmon Fishastion presented the Draft 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement

Plan (STIP) update to the Board. The draft 2026-2035 STIP was released on January 29, 2025,

which includes new projects that were recently awarded funding from the Statewide Strategic

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

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

10. <u>FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Modification #1</u> Thomas Porter, TPO Staff

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

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

40	REPORTS:
41 42 43 44 45	11. Report from the Technical Committee Chair Eric Vitale, TC Chair No report.
46	12. Report from MPO Staff Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director
.48 .49	Colleen McGue filled in for Doug Plachcinski, and she reminded Board members to
.50	complete their State Ethics filing ASAP.
.51	13. NCDOT Reports
.53	Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation
.54	Lisa Mathis gave a Hurricane Helene report, sharing that there are currently 150 road
.55	closures, and \$494M spent on Helene damages. The public can track the repairs on their
.56	dashboard.
.57	Becca Gallas, Division 5 – NCDOT
.58	Becca Gallas thanked everyone who came to the STIP drop in at their office. They are
.59	currently working on pavement repairs from winter weather.
.60	Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 – NCDOT
.61	Chad Reimakoski noted that there is a change in the cost column, which are cost
.62	increases. They are still taking public comments on STIP through April 4.
.63	Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT
.64	No report.
.65	Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT
.66	No report.

168	John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT
169	No report.
170	Regan Buchanan (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division
171	No report.
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173	14. Recent News Articles & Updates
174	It was noted that several Triangle West TPO staff will be presenting at the North
175	Carolina Association of MPOs Conference in April including David Miller and Colleen
176	McGue, along with Jared Draper.
177	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
178	Amy Fowler made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Lisa Mathis. The meeting
179	adjourned at 11:48 am.