

**NC Capital Area Metropolitan  
Planning Organization  
Meeting Minutes - Draft  
Executive Board**

1 Fenton Main St.  
Suite 201  
Cary NC 27511

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Wednesday, May 20, 2026

3:00 PM

Conference Room

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

*Chair Butch Lawter, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. New Board Member Harrison Kesling from the Town of Morrisville introduced himself.*

**(Clerk's Note: Board Members Don Mial, Gretchen Williams, and Harrison Kesling were present in a non-voting capacity as additional agency representatives present, and Board Member John Adcock was present as an ex-officio, non-voting member.)**

**\*\*\*TWENTY voting members were present.\*\*\***

- Present:** 24 - Darryl Moss, Janet Cowell, Katie Kenlan, Russ May, Butch Lawter Jr., Susan Evans, Don Mial, Jacques Gilbert, Harold Weinbrecht, Porter Casey, William (Bill) H. Harris, Elmo Vance, Mike Kondratick, Stephen Morgan, TJ Cawley, Harrison Kesling, Ronnie Currin, Ben C. Clapsaddle, Deans Eatman, Scott Brame, Patrick Hannah, Lisa Mathis, John Adcock, and Gretchen Williams
- Absent:** 12 - Logan Davis, Duncan "Eddie" Jaggars, Bob Jusnes, Teresa Bruton, Chris Coats, John Allers, Neil McPhail, Jessica Harrison, Yolanda Jordan, Melvin Mitchell, Valerie Jordan, and Ralph Huff

**2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

*There were no amendments to the Agenda.*

**3. Ethics Statement:**

*Vice Chair TJ Cawley read the required Ethics Statement.*

*No conflicts of interest were declared.*

**4. Public Comments**

*There were no public comments.*

**5. Consent Agenda**

**Board Member Janet Cowell motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Deans Eatman seconded the motion. The motion carried 20-0.**

**5.1 Minutes - April 15, 2026**  
Susan Owens, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Approve the Executive Board Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2026

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**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Minutes - April 15, 2026](#)

This item was approved 20-0 as part of the Consent Agenda.

**5.2 Raleigh UZA Federal Transit Formula Funding MOU**  
Shelby Powell, CAMPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Approve the final MOU.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Transit Suballocation Raleigh UZA - Final MOU](#)  
[Sub-Allocation Formula & Methodology Implementation Guide](#)

This item was approved 20-0 as part of the Consent Agenda.

**5.3 NC 540 (R-2829) Bonus Allocation Programming Update**  
Alex Rickard, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Approve Bonus Allocation projects for inclusion in TIP Amendment #3

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[R-2829 Bonus Allocation Letter](#)  
[Recommended Projects List](#)

This item was approved 20-0 as part of the Consent Agenda.

**5.4 FY2026 4th Quarter Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Requests**  
Suvir Venkatesh, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Approve the FY2026 4th Quarter Wake Transit Work Plan amendment requests

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[FY2026 4th Quarter Wake Transit Work Plan Amendments](#)

This item was approved 20-0 as part of the Consent Agenda.

**End of Consent Agenda**

**6. Public Hearing**

**6.1 Recommended FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan**  
Steven Mott, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Conduct a public hearing and receive as information

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

[FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan](#)

[FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan-Executive Summary](#)

[FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan-Engagement Summary Report](#)

*Mr. Mott provided an overview of the recommended FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan, a financial snapshot, operating and capital investments, FY 2027 revenue updates, modeled revenues and expenditures, Community Funding Area projections, Draft Work Plan updates, and operating and capital budget updates. He noted a correction on the Capital Budget Updates slide for the Raleigh: GoRaleigh/GoWake Access Paratransit O&M Facility (TC002-V) project – the project total should read \$67,000,000. He continued with a summary of CFA Program updates, the engagement summary report for the 30-day draft Work Plan public comment period, with result themes and highlights and sample engagement and public notice materials, the strategy for the current 14-day public comment period for the recommended Work Plan, and next steps towards a June 2026 adoption.*

*Chair Butch Lawter, Jr. opened the public hearing.*

*There were no public comments.*

*Chair Lawter closed the public hearing.*

**This item was received as information only.**

## 6.2 Amendment #3 to FY 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Alex Rickard, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Conduct a public hearing. Approve TIP Amendment #3.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[TIP Amendment #3](#)

*Mr. Rickard provided an overview of the Amendment, noting the following:*

- *Inclusion of NCDOT's STIP amendments from January-March 2026*
- *Adding AO-0004 – a new RDU project at Aviation Boulevard and National Park interchange; RDU will be applying for federal funding*
- *Removing BL-0172 – a FY 2026 LAPP project that the Town of Cary is not ready to move forward with*
- *Removing TD-5314 – a Wake Transit project that is now being covered by other funds*
- *Noting a cost increase for I-5966 for an auxiliary lane on I-40*
- *Inclusion of the Triangle Bikeway engineering and design work*
- *Inclusion of the NC 540 Bonus Allocation projects just approved*

*Mr. Rickard noted that Staff has not received any public comments.*

*Chair Butch Lawter, Jr. opened the public hearing.*

*Responding to Board Member Patrick Hannah, Mr. Rickard provided additional project details for the RDU project, noting that the project is 100% funded by RDU, but that RDU will also be seeking federal funding for the project.*

*Chair Lawter closed the public hearing.*

**Board Member Patrick Hannah motioned to approve TIP Amendment #3. Board Member Susan Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried 20-0.**

### **End of Public Hearings**

## **7. Regular Agenda**

**7.1 NCDOT Confident Scope & Cost Estimate (CSCE)**

Brian Wert, PE, NCDOT STIP Central Region Manager

**Requested Action:** Receive as information

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[CSCE Status - April 28, 2026](#)

*Brian Wert, NCDOT, provided an overview of what the CSCE is and what it applies to, expected goals and outcomes, the appropriate time to document CSCE based on project type, status updates on projects currently scheduled for delivery, the September 30, 2027, deadline and how it was selected, and steps taken since the January 2026 meeting.*

*Mr. Wert presented a project status update on CAMPO projects in Division 4. He noted that U-6208 was listed as TBD as the work has just been completed and is being reviewed.*

*Mr. Wert presented a project status update on CAMPO projects in Division 5. He noted that EB-5718 was listed as TBD due to the uncertainty regarding confluence with the BRT project and commented that the City of Raleigh wants to identify things first, which is delaying this project. He spoke regarding separate consideration for signal systems projects, such as U-6119 and U-6194, due to the speed of changing technologies.*

*Responding to Alex Rickard's question regarding the Apex signal system project status, Mr. Wert stated that the Apex project is listed as "Likely to Meet" because the project is closer along to delivery.*

*Mr. Wert presented a project status update on CAMPO projects in Division 8, followed by a summary of the overall CAMPO project statuses.*

*Responding to Board Member Deans Eatman's question regarding whether the September 30, 2027, deadline is a hard deadline, Mr. Wert stated that there will need to be some case by case reviews. In response to Board Member Eatman's follow up inquiry as to what will happen after the deadline, Mr. Wert stated that NCDOT is focusing on those projects scheduled for delivery now. Going forward, NCDOT views the CSCE milestone as the gatekeeper for moving from that scheduled for PE only status at the back end half of the STIP, to the scheduled for delivery front half of the STIP. He commented that how this will work out in the next round of prioritization will have to be worked out. There will probably be a transition round before a fully implemented round.*

*Responding to Chair Butch Lawter, Jr., Mr. Wert stated that the CSCE milestone will generally be met at the 25% design review plans part of the process for most projects. He noted that there will also be a CSCE sign off requirement from the MPOs.*

*Responding to Chair Lawter's inquiry regarding what happens if bids on signed off projects come in much differently from the estimates, Mr. Wert stated that NCDOT will review the bids to determine why they are off. That is the purpose of the CSCE. He added that, lately, project estimates and bids are coming more in line with each other.*

*Mr. Rickard asked Mr. Wert if it was safe to say that there will always be variation between estimated and actual costs and that the CSCE process is meant to avoid ballooning projects. Mr. Wert responded that he did not disagree with the intent behind that. If we all agree on what the project should encompass before we get to that stage,*

*then there will be a lot more certainty and last minute changes to projects, especially those of orders of magnitude, will not occur.*

*Chris Lukasina stated that there will be quarterly future email updates and a presentation every six months through the September 30, 2027, deadline.*

**This item was received as information only.**

## 7.2

### **Triangle Mobility Hub Project Progress & LPA Update**

Catherine Miller, GoTriangle Project Manager

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

[Triangle Mobility Hub LPA Information Packet](#)

[Triangle Mobility Hub Proposed LPA Map](#)

[Triangle Mobility Hub Concurrence Points 1-3 Information Package](#)

*Brian Smith, President/CEO GoTriangle, spoke briefly about GoTriangle actively implementing its 2025-2028 Strategic Plan, which includes this project as a priority. He appreciates the wide support across the communities. He emphasized the importance of bringing developments and funding plans forward in tandem with one another and the opportunity to marry resources. He noted that they cannot do this without their partners. He concluded by introducing Catherine Miller.*

*Ms. Miller, GoTriangle, provided an update on the Triangle Mobility Hub (TMH) Project and the locally preferred alternative (LAP) and an overview of what will be included and where, project scope, target schedule, funding sources, public engagement efforts and results, an update of the Wake Transit concurrence process, purpose and need for the project, alternatives analysis, site evaluation and screening results, a map of the LPA vicinity and a site overview, and LPA evaluation criteria. She noted that the reference to "consistent with the 2050 MTP" in the evaluation criteria presentation slide should reference the 2055 MTP instead. She concluded with a summary of next steps.*

*Board Member Stephen Morgan expressed his hope that there has been a lot of thought regarding including bike garages similar to other BRT locations in order to push multimodal access. Ms. Miller confirmed that is part of the project scope.*

**This item was received as information only.**

**7.3 Triangle Bikeway East Design Project Update: Winter 2026  
Engagement Summary**

Cara Russell, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Receive as information

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

[Winter 2026 Engagement Summary Report](#)

[Winter 2026 Engagement Summary Report Appendices](#)

*Ms. Russell provided an update on the Triangle Bikeway East Design Project, with an overview of the project, progress to date, schedule, and next steps. She provided an engagement summary, including engagement efforts and highlights on how respondents heard about the survey, potential uses of the completed project, who respondents were, why people want to go certain places, how they would use the bikeway, where people want to connect to and how they relate to the alternatives analysis, respondents' priorities for alignment orientation, and a highlight of overall input themes. She stated that additional information and details are available online at [www.pubicinput.com/TriBikeEast](http://www.pubicinput.com/TriBikeEast) and in the agenda packet. She added that she will be back next month with the technical recommendation for final alignment.*

**This item was received as information only.**

**8. Informational Item: Budget**

**8.1 Operating Budget, FY2026**

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Receive as information

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

[2026 Operating Budget Projection Q3](#)

**This item was received as information only.**

**8.2 Member's Shares, FY2026**

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Receive as information

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

[2026 Member's Dues Projection Q3](#)

**This item was received as information only.**

**9. Informational Item: Project Updates**

**9.1 Project Updates**

**Requested Action:** Receive as information

**Requested Action:** Receive as information

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[CAMPO Project Updates - May 2026](#)  
[NCDOT Div. 6 Project Report - May 2026](#)

**This item was received as information only.**

**9.2 Public Engagement Updates**

Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Public Engagement Updates - May 2026](#)

**This item was received as information only.**

## 10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

*MPO Report:*

*Chris Lukasina reported the following:*

- *Yesterday was the North Falls Lake Area Study Open House; we received great community input.*
- *The NCAMPO Conference was two weeks ago. CAMPO was well represented, with several Staff members presenting on the good work that is being done here in the region.*
- *Please remember to sign in if you have not already.*
- *At the federal level, the next version of the Transportation Reauthorization has been introduced in the House as the Build America 250 Act. The Senate has not introduced anything yet, but we may see something in the next couple months. The Act is a large document, and we are still reviewing it. Some highlights include:*
  - o *An overall increase in the amount of federal transportation funding through either formula funding or competitive grants available at the local and regional level.*
  - o *A 9.5% increase in MPO operations and planning funding, with a 3% year over year increase that will enable us to reduce some of the STP funds used to supplement our budget. It also expands how those funds can be used in a couple of areas, including going beyond feasibility studies and preliminary design work. This will help accelerate us into the project development process.*
  - o *Enablement of MPOs to become direct recipients of some federal funding, which currently flows through NCDOT, to streamline the process.*
  - o *Ensures direct access to the Federal Financial Management System so we can see what is happening with all of our projects and their federal funding statuses. That will help with our LAPP program as well.*
  - o *An increase to about \$9 billion annually to competitive programs like the bridge formula program.*
  - o *The RAISE and BUILD Grant and Safe Streets for All are also included with regular funding.*
  - o *Addition of a new Surface Transportation Accelerator Grant Program.*
  - o *Several studies would be required to be completed at the federal level, looking at efficiencies and streamlining regulations to accelerate project delivery.*

*Mr. Lukasina introduced Alex Yoshizumi to provide the following presentation:*

*NCSU-ITRE Presentation:*

*Alex Yoshizumi, NCSU-ITRE, provided an overview of the Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE)'s service areas, team structure, their goals, their research and areas of expertise, the TRM Service Bureau (TRMSB) structure, TRM entity relationships, functional team structures, how agency staff map to team structures,*

*TRMSB core services and functionality, project management services, coordination and communication, model development processes across time, model maintenance and documentation, model tools and applications, model enhancements and investigations, data management and coordination, the Household Travel Survey, the Triangle Travel Trends Analysis, technical support, training, and outreach services provided, insights from TRM user forums, program planning timelines in alignment with four-year MTP cycles, systems planning and analysis expertise, economic and policy assessment, data visualization, traffic safety marketing and programs, public transportation offerings, and training for all levels of the transportation workforce.*

*Responding to Board Member Stephen Morgan's inquiry regarding how such studies align with the Unified Planning Work Program and the interaction between CAMPO and ITRE, Chris Lukasina stated that Board Member Morgan can contact Staff, and we can see if the study can be done internally or if it is more elaborate and requires ITRE. If it is a regional or sub-regional study, it may be something we look at through our special studies program. That would be funded through our UPWP and annual budget. In August there is also the One Call for All for any special study requests for the following fiscal year, and our LAPP Program process begins as well.*

*TCC Chair:*

*No report provided.*

*NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:*

*No report provided.*

*NCDOT Division 4:*

*TCC Member Matt Clarke reported the following:*

- The Town of Archer Lodge project to widen Covered Bridge Road from two to three lanes has been awarded, and construction will begin in September 2026. The Division will be providing the Town with outreach support regarding how traffic will be managed during construction.*
- The project at the intersection of Shotwell Road and Clayton Boulevard should be substantially completed in the next few weeks and traffic is in its final pattern.*

*NCDOT Division 5:*

*No report provided.*

*NCDOT Division 6:*

*No report provided.*

*NCDOT Division 8:*

*No report provided.*

*NCDOT Rail Division:*

*No report provided.*

*NC Turnpike Authority:*

*Board Member John Adcock reported the following regarding the NC 540 Project:*

- *East Garner Road is being relocated through the project limits. This will require a closure and detour period to connect the old alignment with the new one for 45 days, potentially less, starting at the end of June 2026 or after July 4, 2026. The detour will be Auburn-Knightdale to Rock Quarry Road. We will have a firmer commitment on the start date next month.*

*NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division:*

*No report provided.*

*NCBOT:*

*Board Member Lisa Mathis reported on the following:*

- *Hurricane Helen recovery efforts*
- *Two AASHTO Innovation Awards received for advancing safety on North Carolina roads*
- *Secretary Daniel Johnson attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Project Gemini in Lexington*
- *She represented Secretary Johnson at the first DCI Summit at Fort Bragg*
- *Departmental updates:*
  - o *The Strategic Plan is well underway*
  - o *Heather Millett is the new Legislative Director*
  - o *Chief Operating Officer Christopher Peoples is retiring at the beginning of June*

*Chair Butch Lawter, Jr. thanked Board Member Mathis for her consistent presence at the meetings. As someone who was born in Bat Cave, and lived in Chimney Rock, he expressed a personal note of appreciation for NCDOT's amazing Hurricane Helene recovery work in Bat Cave and Chimney Rock.*

*Executive Board Members:*

