

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

1 Fenton Main St.
Suite 201
Cary NC 27511

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

3:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Butch Lawter called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m., provided an opportunity for any new Members to introduce themselves, and reminded everyone to sign-in.

New Board Member BJ Ayscue (Town of Youngsville) was introduced by Board Member Scott Brame. New Board Members Ben Clapsaddle (Town of Wake Forest) and Lori Bush (Town of Cary) introduced themselves. Board Member Karen Howard (Chatham County) introduced herself.

(Clerk's Note: Board Members Don Mial, Lori Bush, and BJ Ayscue 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.)

*****SEVENTEEN (17) voting members were present.*****

- Present:** 21 - Darryl Moss, Janet Cowell, Karen Howard, Butch Lawter Jr., Susan Evans, Don Mial, Teresa Bruton, Harold Weinbrecht, Lori Bush, John Allers, William (Bill) H. Harris, Elmo Vance, Mike Kondratick, Stephen Morgan, TJ Cawley, Ronnie Currin, Ben C. Clapsaddle, Deans Eatman, Scott Brame, John Adcock, and BJ Ayscue
- Absent:** 15 - Logan Davis, Russ May, Duncan "Eddie" Jaggars, Bob Jusnes, Jacques Gilbert, Porter Casey, Chris Coats, Neil McPhail, Jessica Harrison, Yolanda Jordan, Patrick Hannah, Melvin Mitchell, Valerie Jordan, Ralph Huff, and Lisa Mathis

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

Elizabeth Brunner expressed her concerns regarding a new bus with a steep boarding slope and requested that CAMPO insist its regional transit providers only invest in flat entrances for easy boarding.

5. Consent Agenda

Board Member Janet Cowell motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Scott Brame seconded the motion. The motion carried 17-0.

5.1 Minutes - January 21, 2026
Susan Owens, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Approve the Executive Board Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2026

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Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Minutes - January 21, 2026](#)

This item was approved 17-0 as part of the Consent Agenda.

5.2 FY 2026 3rd Quarter Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Requests
Suvir Venkatesh, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Approve the FY 2026 3rd Quarter Wake Transit Work Plan amendment requests

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FY 2026 Q3 Wake Transit Work Plan Amendments](#)

This item was approved 17-0 as part of the Consent Agenda.

5.3 NCSU-ITRE Master Service Agreement Amendment
Alex Rickard, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Approve extension of the Master Service Agreement to June 30, 2031

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[NCSU-ITRE MSA Amendment](#)

This item was approved 17-0 as part of the Consent Agenda.

5.4 Apex Pleasant Park Access Study Interlocal Agreement
Caleb Allred, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Approve the attached Apex Pleasant Park Access Study Interlocal Agreement and authorize CAMPO's Executive Director to execute the Interlocal Agreement

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Interlocal Agreement](#)

This item was approved 17-0 as part of the Consent Agenda.

End of Consent Agenda

6. Public Hearings

6.1 Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027

Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct Public Hearing. Adopt the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program and Federal Planning Certification Resolution.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027](#)
[Resolution of Adoption - FY 2027 UPWP](#)
[Resolution of Federal Certification - FY 2027](#)

Ms. Powell provided an overview of the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program, highlighting its continuing FY 2026 studies, new FY 2027 studies, technical projects proposed, other ongoing work, the per capita member share decrease to \$0.92 due to population growth, and the indirect cost estimate. She noted that no public comments were received during the comment period.

Chair Butch Lawter opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Upon hearing no public comments, Chair Lawter closed the public hearing.

Board Member Scott Brame motioned to adopt the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program and Federal Planning Certification resolutions. Board Member Stephen Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 17-0.

6.2 Program Management Plan Update: 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct Public Hearing. Endorse the 2026 Section 5310 Program Management Plan

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[5310 Program Management Plan Update](#)

Ms. Powell provided an overview of the Section 5310 Program Management Plan for the Raleigh-Cary Urban Area and the FTA Section 5310 Program and Program roles. She stated that the reasons for this update include 2026 changes to federal guidance, FTA comments and determination that some sections were not addressed strongly enough, alignment with federal guidance, and the need for other minor administrative updates. She summarized the update process and next steps towards completion of the update in advance of the 2027 grant cycle. She noted that no public comments were received during the comment period. She added that CAMPO is preparing a Fall Call for Projects schedule.

Chair Butch Lawter opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Upon hearing no public comments, Chair Lawter closed the public hearing.

Board Member Susan Evans motioned to endorse the 2026 Section 5310 Program Management Plan. Board Member Harold Weinbrecht seconded the motion. The motion carried 17-0.

6.3 FFY 2027 LAPP Program

Alex Rickard, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of the FFY 2027 LAPP Investment Program

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FFY27 LAPP Investment Program](#)
[FFY27 LAPP Selection Panel Discussion](#)
[Atlantic Ave MUP Questions](#)
[FFY27 LAPP Recommended Projects Map](#)

Mr. Rickard provided an overview of the 19 projects submitted for the FFY 2027 LAPP Program, the LAPP Program and its target modal mix, the Project Selection Process and evaluation philosophy, and the "50% Rule" and options for when it is not met. He stated that the Selection Committee recommended funding the top four scoring roadway projects (Rolesville at Riley Hill-Realignment, Holly Springs Road-Central, Youngsville Bypass East-Cedar Creek Straightening, and Morrisville Parkway Intersection Improvements), for a total of \$22,426,165. He noted that the January recommendation for the bicycle/pedestrian project submittals was to fund the top scoring project (Atlantic Avenue Multi-Use Path) and the third top scoring project (Vandora Springs SRTS), as there was not enough funding for the second top scoring project (Smith Creek Greenway). Upon request from the TCC for Staff to review all projects to ensure that funds could be obligated on time, Staff determined that all projects met that requirement. Staff went back to the Selection Committee to recommend expanding funding to include the Smith Creek Greenway Project. The Selection Committee agreed and is now recommending funding of all three top scoring bicycle/pedestrian projects. He noted that no transit projects were submitted. He then compared the target versus recommended percent modal investment mix and noted that the amount being recommended above the Board's target recommendation is \$8,302,900. He stated that funding for those additional investments was identified upon further review of anticipated federal funds, which are expected to increase as the population increases. We feel comfortable now that a \$33 million investment program can be funded. In Spring 2026 there will be discussion on raising the \$25 million LAPP Program target, possibly to \$30 million. He added that the LAPP projects approved here will be incorporated into Amendment #2 to the FY 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program, which is the following Agenda item. He noted that there will be mandatory LAPP Project Manager training scheduled for March 2026 for all funded projects.

Chair Butch Lawter opened the public hearing.

Elizabeth Brunner expressed user-friendliness concerns with the volume of some of these documents and the use of acronyms and links to various other documents and requested that work from older cycles of public engagement be carried over and feedback be re-reviewed to identify comments that may cross-apply to other projects/areas.

Upon seeing no further public comments, Chair Lawter closed the public hearing.

Board Member Scott Brame commented that the Town of Youngsville is excited about their roadway project, noting that the reduction of traffic congestion is their top priority.

Board Member Scott Brame motioned to approve the FFY 2027 LAPP Investment

Program. Board Member Mike Kondratick seconded the motion. The motion carried 17-0.

6.4 **Amendment #2 to FY 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Alex Rickard, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of Amendment #2 to the FY 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FY 2026-2035 TIP Amendment #2](#)
[Updated FY 2026-2035 TIP Amendment #2 \(distributed at meeting\)](#)

Mr. Rickard provided an overview of the Amendment, noting that it includes NCDOT's changes from November-December 2025, the FFY 2027 LAPP Investment Program, and the following additions:

- *N. Tarboro Street pedestrian improvements*
- *Project TG-4321A – reprogramming of past LAPP funds for bus stop improvements*
- *Project U-5118FB – Arendell Ave access management improvements – Removal of Project from the TIP*
- *Project HS-2405BJ – N. Raleigh Blvd/Glascock St, upgrade traffic signal & pedestrian improvements (urgent NCDOT safety project CAMPO was requested to add now)*

Mr. Rickard continued by stating that a new list of all items to be included was distributed and that the last page includes the FFY 2027 LAPP Program projects approved in the previous Agenda item (see Agenda Attachment #3).

Board Member Stephen Morgan asked if Project BO2426 for the National Recreation Trails included construction plans only and inquired as to how to take advantage of those funds. Mr. Rickard responded that it is funded Statewide, so he will need to look into its funding and see how to access it.

Chair Butch Lawter opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Upon hearing no public comments, Chair Lawter closed the public hearing.

Board Member Scott Brame motioned to approve Amendment #2 to the FY 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program. Board Member Janet Cowell seconded the motion. The motion carried 17-0.

End of Public Hearings

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 NCDOT Winter Weather Preparation

Doug McNeal, NCDOT Div. 5

Requested Action: Receive as information**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

Doug McNeal, NCDOT, provided an overview of NCDOT's winter weather preparations, highlighting forecasting considerations, pre-storm activities, salt brining operations, active storm management, storm cleanup operations, ice storm recovery, NCDOT's storm-related resources, and operations during the recent two winter storm events.

This item was received as information only.

7.2 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Chris Lukasina, MPO Executive Director

Requested Action: Consider final Executive Board adoption of the 2055 MTP/CTP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[2055 MTP Summary](#)[2055 MTP Schedule](#)[Adoption Resolution](#)[Conformity Resolution](#)[Destination 2055 MTP-Public Comments \(distributed at meeting\)](#)

Mr. Lukasina recognized the Executive Board's and their Staffs' good work during this four-year process. He provided an overview of the update process and where we are at and Staff's work on the necessary next steps to complete the document. He referenced the handout distributed before the meeting showing the latest public engagement comments (see Agenda Attachment #6) and summarized the public comments and themes. He added that there were two project updates identified during the Air Quality Conformity process. Since Projects A98b (HP-0017) 2nd decade and A943 (HE-0002) first decade are in the TIP, they also need to be in the MTP Project List.

Board Member Janet Cowell motioned to adopt the 2055 MTP/CTP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination. Board Member Harold Weinbrecht seconded the motion. The motion carried 17-0.

7.3 Congestion Management Process - Status of the System FY 2025 Report

Evan Koff, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as Information**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[CMP Status of the System](#)

Mr. Koff stated that this is a federally mandated process and that more information will be provided at the MPO 101 training. He provided an overview of what the System Report is based on, what happened this year on the CMP Network and what we can infer from that data, how the region compares to its peers, impacts of traffic congestion on the community and on freight, transit's impact on congestion, congestion's impact on public health, recent Statewide trends in VMT and highway deaths and CAMPO's focus on reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries and its Blueprint for Safety, the High Injury Network, the update process, and the quarterly Top 10 Bottleneck Report. He added that, if interested, he will be happy to hold a lunch and learn to provide more information.

This item was received as information only.

7.4 Cape Fear River Basin Wildlife Crossing Study Update

Caleb Allred, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

Mr. Allred provided an overview of the Study background, goal, objective, and schedule. He noted that the focus of the Study was not on specific treatments, only the identification of structures for potential treatment. He summarized the GIS data collected and analyzed, site assessments conducted, and anticipated deliverables. He stated that the assessments compiled will be used to justify future treatment decisions and summarized the next steps targeting delivery of the final report in June 2026. He noted that no engagement opportunities have been identified yet.

Board Member Karen Howard commented that the results of Triangle West TPO's Study into the number and severity of vehicle/animal collisions were surprising. She thanked CAMPO for taking this Study on and added that CPRC RPO is also looking at doing a similar Study in the remaining areas of Chatham County.

Responding to Chair Butch Lawter's inquiry, Mr. Allred stated that the Neuse River area has not been identified for similar study yet. Shelby Powell added that Staff is developing a replicable process for further studies of this kind for other interested areas. Chair Lawter stated that Neuse River would be an appropriate area for such a study.

Board Member Stephen Morgan asked if this Study would result in a request for construction dollars. Mr. Allred responded that is outside the scope of this Study; however, the Study will provide the justification needed for such a request.

This item was received as information only.

7.5 Wake Transit Conference Committee Update

Ben Howell, CAMPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[CAMPO Notice of Significant Concern](#)

Mr. Howell provided background information on vehicle rental taxes (VRT) and an overview of how GoTriangle has historically levied them, how the Wake Transit Plan has historically included an assumption for including VRT as a revenue source for the Plan, how VRT proceeds were distributed amongst the Wake, Durham, and Orange County Transit Plans from FY 2018-FY 2023, the Wake Transit Governance Interlocal Agreement (ILA), the Wake Transit Master Participation Agreement (MPA), the Significant Concern Process (Section X of ILA), the makeup of the Conference Committee, Committee facilitation and staff resource responsibilities, the Committee's decision-making process, GoTriangle's outside Counsel's legal opinions, and the 2035 Wake Transit Plan Financial Model Projections. He provided an update on the Conference Committee, highlighting its formation in 2024 to address the following three Significant Concerns:

- 1. What "portion" of the VRT revenue collected by GoTriangle will be allocated to Wake Transit in Fiscal Year 2025?*
- 2. What "portion" of the VRT revenue collected by GoTriangle will be allocated to Wake Transit in the ten-year period from Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2035, effectively setting capacity assumptions for the next update of the Wake Transit Vision Plan?*
- 3. The financial outlook for GoTriangle's Authority-controlled Funds, including the actual Fiscal Year 2023 financial results, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, and long-range financial projections, which CAMPO understands as the driver for GoTriangle's plans to recapture all VRT Revenues.*

Mr. Howell continued by summarizing the Conference Committee's 2024 meetings, the settlement of Significant Concern 1 by agreeing to include \$2.528 million in VRT revenue for FY 2025 and to revise the Financial Assumptions to show "TBD" for VRT revenue in future years, the agreement to go to mediation for Significant Concerns 2 and 3, and the 2024 mediation session. He provided an overview of the Wake Transit Work Plans and the FY 2024, 2025, and 2026 agreements regarding VRT revenue allocation and inclusion in the Wake Transit Work Plan. He next summarized the current status of the Conference Committee, noting that it has not met since June 2025 as it is waiting for additional information. He provided an overview of the next steps, stating that the Committee is scheduled to meet on February 23, 2026, March 26, 2026, and May 19, 2026, and that it will be provided the additional information requested from GoTriangle, CAMPO, and Wake Transit, and that the goals of these meetings will be for the Conference Committee to provide guidance to TPAC on VRT revenue allocation for the FY 2027 Work Plan and for the Conference Committee to discuss and recommend a long-term solution for allocation of VRT revenue to the Wake Transit Plan. He noted that a Wake Transit Work Plan amendment may be required, depending on these discussions.

Chair Butch Lawter noted that CAMPO's two Conference Committee representatives are Vice Chair TJ Cawley and himself. He stated that he prefers maintaining continuity, but will listen if another Board Member has a strong desire to serve on the Conference Committee.

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](#)
[FY 2026 Projection Operating Budget](#)

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](#)
[FY2026 Projection Member's Dues](#)

This item was received as information only.

9. Informational Item: Project Updates

9.1 Project Updates - February 2026

Requested Action: Receive as information

Requested Action: Receive as information

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

This item was received as information only.

10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Report:

Chris Lukasina reported the following:

- *MPO 101 training is this Friday, there will be new content.*
- *Annual ethics reports are due by April 15, 2026. There is nothing we can do if you are fined for not filing.*
- *The Triangle Bikeway Alternatives Survey is open until next weekend. Be sure to participate if you have any input on design alignment.*
- *The Blueprint for Safety Task Forces have held their initial meetings and they were well attended.*
- *The NCAMPO Conference is May 6-8, 2026, and registration is available at www.ncampo.org. Several CAMPO Staff have presentations on the Agenda.*
- *The Senior Transit Planner position closes on February 24, 2026. If you know of anyone interested, please point them to our website.*

TCC Chair:

No report provided.

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:

No report provided.

NCDOT Division 4:

No report provided.

NCDOT Division 5:

TCC Member Becca Gallas reported the following:

- *Capital Boulevard updates:*
 - o *Advanced right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions began in September 2025, and three offers were made in January 2026.*
 - o *Moving towards ROW authorization along the corridor.*
 - o *After the appraisals are completed, the Division will start thinking about a wider strategy along the corridor.*
 - o *Moving forward with utilities authorization – establishing a utility corridor along the Project. You will start to see quick movement with utilities this month.*
 - o *Exploring innovative project delivery methods, including an element of design-build.*
 - o *Negotiated a bridge design variance with CSX.*
- *I-440 & Blue Ridge Road Improvements updates:*
 - o *All four bridges are now constructed; the deck was just poured on the final*

bridge.

o Bridges will be turned over to the railroad in April 2026 to move them from the temporary to the permanent bridge.

- *Grade separation updates:*

- o New Hope Road starts on Monday.*

- o Rogers Road is starting soon.*

- o Durant Road is under contract.*

- *The I-440 pothole photo circulating is actually a photo of a pothole in Arkansas. Winter weather does cause potholes though; they can be reported to NCDOT Staff or myself.*

- *Resurfacing needs can be reported to Doug McNeal or myself. The 5-Year Resurfacing Program is available online. If we can help, please let us know. The public gets excited about these projects.*

NCDOT Division 6:

Division 6 noted that their report was included in the Agenda.

NCDOT Division 8:

No report provided.

NCDOT Rail Division:

No report provided.

NC Turnpike Authority:

John Adcock reported that there will be nightly closures on I-87 the week of March 9, 2026, and the following week, from midnight-5:00 a.m., four nights each week.

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division:

No report provided.

Executive Board Members:

Board Member Ben Clapsaddle thanked CAMPO and NCDOT for accelerating the Capital Boulevard Project. He requested that, as work progresses in the Town of Wake Forest, that it is communicated to the Town in advance, with a little more coordination. He then reiterated his appreciation for everything.

Board Member Stephen Morgan inquired about the consent agenda item related to ITRE. Alex Rickard responded that CAMPO has a master service agreement with ITRE and that

specific task orders are issued annually for projects such as the Travel Demand Model for the region. Mr. Rickard explained that the consent agenda item was simply to extend the period of that Master Service Agreement to 2031 and that it made the procurement process more efficient. Board Member Morgan mentioned that ITRE was doing a lot of exciting things with transportation and inquired about a future presentation on their services and research projects. Mr. Rickard responded that such a presentation could be provided.

Board Member Susan Evans complimented NCDOT on the fact that the I-440 Beltline between Crossroads and Wade Avenue is now three lanes wide each way. It's a game changer.

11. Closed Session

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Closed Session

Executive Board Chair

Requested Action: Enter into closed session

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Board Member Deans Eatman made a motion to enter into Closed Session, pursuant to NCGS sections 143-318.11(a)(3), 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6). Board Member Elmo Vance seconded the motion. The motion carried 17-0.

(Clerk's Note: All persons not authorized to be present for the Closed Session left the room and the Executive Board entered into Closed Session at 4:46 p.m. The Closed Session concluded at 5:43 p.m., at which time Chair Butch Lawter reconvened the regular meeting.)

12. Adjournment

Chair Butch Lawter adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

