

NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes - Final Executive Board

1 Fenton Main St.
Suite 201
Cary NC 27511

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

4:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Jones opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

Present: 20 - Bobby Wheeler, Harold Weinbrecht, Porter Casey, Sean Mayefski, TJ Cawley, Ronnie Currin, Chair Vivian Jones, Vice Chair RS "Butch" Lawter, Susan Evans, Scott Brame, Deans Eatman, Stephen Morgan, Elmo Vance, Katie Kenlan, Neil McPhail, Art Wright, Russ May, Joe Geigle, Jacques Gilbert, and Glenn York

Absent: 11 - Teresa Bruton, Grady Hunt, Blake Massengill, Lewis Weatherspoon, Corey Branch, Bob Jusnes, Chris Coats, Patrick Hannah, Harry Foy, Valerie Jordan, and Melvin Mitchell

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Ethics Statement:

Vice Chair Lawter read the required ethics statement. No conflicts of interest were identified.

4. Public Comments

There were no public speakers signed up to speak.

5. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member McPhail, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.1 Minutes - October 16, 2024 Executive Board Meeting

Requested Action: Approve the October 16, 2024 minutes

Attachments: [October Minutes](#)

This Minutes was approved as part of Consent Agenda.

5.2 FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #2

Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Recommend the Executive Board approve Amendment #2 to the FY 2025 UPWP.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FY 25 UPWP - Amendment #2 - Draft](#)
[RESOLUTION-OF-ADOPTION-Amendment#2-2025-UPWP-Draft](#)

This UPWP Item was approved as part of Consent Agenda.

5.3 FY2025 Quarter 2 Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Request

Steven Mott, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Approve the FY 2025 Q2 Wake Transit Work Plan amendment requests.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FY25Q2 Amendment Request Packet for TCC](#)

The Wake Transit Work Plan Q2 Amendments were approved as part of Consent Agenda.

End of Consent Agenda**6. Public Hearing**

6.1 Amendment #6 to FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chandler Hagen / MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct public hearing. Consider approval Amendment #6 to FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2024-2033 TIP Amendment 6](#)

Chandler Hagen, MPO staff, presented this item. Ms. Hagen noted that this TIP Amendment covered items from NCDOT dating from June 1 to September 30, 2024. The amendment includes moving LAPP projects from FY 25 to FY 26, Bonus Allocation projects from FY 25 to FY 26, and a change to the schedule of HS-2405. Alex Rickard, MPO staff, noted that the Town of Morrisville requested the removal of project U-5811 from this TIP amendment to give the Town and CAMPO additional time to coordinate with NCDOT on the project schedule. Member TJ Cawley noted that this project is of extremely high priority to the Town for safety and accessibility reasons, and that the delays identified in the amendment are not acceptable. The Town will work with CAMPO and NCDOT to determine a path forward for the project. He asked that the recommended TIP amendment be amended to remove U-5811.

Chair Jones opened the Public Hearing. No one signed up to speak at the public hearing. The Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Board Member Ronnie Currin, seconded by Board Member Susan Evans, that this item be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.2**SPOT 7.0 - Division Needs Local Input Point Assignment**

Daniel Spruill - MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct public hearing. Consider approval of the recommended Division Needs Local Input Point assignment and direct staff to maximize coordination with Division Engineers which may result in point adjustments with Chair approval.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[SPOT Division Needs Points Assignment](#)

Daniel Spruill, MPO staff, presented this item. Mr. Spruill reviewed the NCDOT SPOT structure and budgets for the division tier projects, noting that only Division 6 in CAMPO showed a positive balance of available funding for the upcoming STIP / TIP. He presented the points as recommended by staff, noting that several projects had received donated points from our neighboring planning organizations. The final staff recommendation was to assign 1300 points to highway projects; 300 points to aviation projects; 200 points to transit projects; 100 points to rail projects; and 600 points to bicycle/pedestrian projects. He noted an error on the slide in the transit project list, and stated that the transit project points should be going to buses for the New Bern BRT project in Raleigh. Final point assignments were reviewed in the slides.

Chair Jones opened the Public Hearing. No one was signed up to speak at the public hearing. The Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Board Member TJ Cawley, seconded by Board Member Deans Eatman, that this item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

End of Public Hearings**7. Regular Agenda**

7.1 NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors - Corridor P Resolution of Support

Dominique Boyd, NCDOT

Requested Action: Adopt the Resolution of Support.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[STC Corridor P-Resolution - Nov 2024](#)

[Corridor P-Vision Statement - Nov 2024](#)

Teresa Gresham, Kimley-Horn, presented this item on behalf of NCDOT. Ms. Gresham noted that this item was coming back to the CAMPO Executive Board after several years of working on the corridor plan and then several years of funding-related project delay. Corridor P is one of the NCDOT-identified Strategic Highway Corridors (STC). Corridor P extends along I-40, future I-42 and US 70 from Raleigh to Morehead City. The vision for Corridor P is one of high mobility including freight mobility, safety and economic development. Ms. Gresham noted that several projects along the corridor were funded to bring the corridor up to a freeway standard. It is the NCDOT vision to ultimately bring the corridor to freeway standards throughout the entire length with the exception of in town in Morehead City. The vision identifies a long term 30 year vision and a mid-term 15 year vision. The mid-term vision includes the ability for bicycle and pedestrian traffic to cross the corridor, truck parking, electric vehicle charging, and resiliency projects to reduce flooding impacts. The long-term vision includes utilizing the corridor as an evacuation route for emergency traffic management and additional truck mobility.

Member Porter Casey asked if route 101 was still being considered as an alternate around Morehead City. Ms. Gresham replied that the planning team evaluated that and felt that route 101 was not able to fulfill the mobility needs of the corridor, and thus was not being considered as an alternate to Corridor P.

A motion was made by Jacques Gilbert, seconded by Glenn York, that this item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.2 Projects U-5747 & U5750 and Traffic Management Plan

John Braxton, NCDOT Staff

Requested Action: Receive as Information.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[NCDOT Division 5 Project Development U-5747AB U-5750](#)

John Braxton, NCDOT staff, presented this item. Mr. Braxton reviewed the status of projects U-5747 (McCrimmon Parkway from west of Davis Drive to Perimeter Park Drive) and U-5750 (NC 54 from Shiloh Glenn Drive to east of Perimeter Park Drive). Some highlights include that there will be a continuous flow intersection on McCrimmon at Perimeter Park Drive, a grade separation over the railroad, 5-foot sidewalks on one side of McCrimmon and an 8-foot multi-use path on the other side. The project will also include bike lanes. The anticipated let date for U-5747 is February 2026. NCDOT anticipates that McCrimmon Road will be closed for 65 days during the construction with a detour on Airport Blvd, NC 54, and Davis Drive. For the U-5750 project, NCDOT does not anticipate any peak hour closures of the road. Mr. Braxton reviewed several betterments they were working on with the Town of Morrisville, and noted that NCDOT would work with the Town of Cary for additional betterments as well.

This TIP Item was received as information.

7.3 DRAFT 2055 MTP Update

Chris Lukasina, MPO Executive Director

Requested Action: Consider approval of the draft goals, objectives, performance measures, and guide totals for use in MTP development.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[2055 MTP Schedule](#)[2055 MTP Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures](#)[Socio-economic Guide Totals](#)

Chris Lukasina, MPO staff, presented this item. Mr. Lukasina reviewed the draft goals that had been previously shared, and updated the Board on the engagement effort that took place in the fall around the goals and objectives. He reminded the Board of their touch points and decision points for the MTP, and explained that this was the first of several points in the process where they would make decisions guiding the eventual outcome. He explained that the region is expecting 1 million additional residents and 800,000 new jobs by 2055. These figures were derived from the work of the NC State Demographer. The goals, objectives and performance measures presented were intended to guide the evaluation of alternatives and scenarios for the 2055 MTP development.

A motion was made by Board Member TJ Cawley, seconded by Board Member Katie Kenlan, that the goals, objectives, performance measures and county guide totals for use in the MTP development be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.4

DRAFT 2055 MTP Scenario Development

Chris Lukasina, MPO Executive Director

Requested Action: Receive as information and comment on alternatives analysis framework.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2055 MTP Schedule](#)
[Learning Scenarios](#)

Chris Lukasina, MPO staff, presented this item. Mr. Lukasina noted that the 2055 MTP development is in full-swing, and the Board could expect to see items related to this development on most upcoming agendas in future months. He reviewed the advanced scenario planning work that staff completed in the fall, and reviewed the outcomes of the various scenarios. He discussed which elements of those scenarios would be included in the official MTP alternatives analysis work, reminding the Board that the MTP scenarios must be grounded in reality and aligned with local plans. Upcoming trainings were mentioned, including an MTP 101 class the staff is developing and several lunch-and-learn opportunities as we move through alternatives analysis. He reminded the Board that the website for the MTP is www.destination2055NC.com. He encouraged all members to visit the website to keep updated on the progress of the MTP.

This MTP Item was received as information.

7.5 Wake Transit Plan Update Presentation

Ben Howell, CAMPO

Requested Action: Receive as information.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[Wake Transit Phase I Public Engagement Summary Report](#)

Ben Howell, MPO staff, presented this item. He reminded the board that the Wake Transit Plan gets updated every four years to align with the MTP cycle. He presented the results of the recent engagement efforts, noting that there were good response levels from the community after the engagement period was extended. He reviewed the schedule of the plan update, noting that another round of engagement would occur in December and January to get public feedback on what the top priorities for the plan were. He noted that public feedback indicated a high level of interest in rail, but that stakeholders and the project team recognized that the commuter rail project was too expensive and unable to be delivered in the ten-year planning horizon of the plan. As such, there is funding being set aside in the plan to supplement other rail investments in the region and to explore what activities may be able to advance passenger rail efforts within and connecting across Wake County. He noted there were new ideas for extending BRT and additional investments planned in frequent bus and the Community Funding Area program. The main question for the public in the next round of engagement is to determine what the plan should focus on first - geographic expansion or serving the denser population areas. Mr. Howell reviewed the engagement materials being deployed for the effort.

Board Member Susan Evans reminded attendees that the MPO's Rail Subcommittee desired to move away from discussing "commuter rail" and to more refer to "regional rail." There is a lot of confusion in the public about the different types of rail and what the Wake Transit Plan is trying to do. Mr. Howell responded that the intent in this engagement is to clarify the rail terminology and transition the expectation away from the traditional commuter rail project toward some form of regional passenger rail.

This Informational Report was received as information.

8. Informational Item: Budget**8.1 Operating Budget, FY2025**

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[2025 Budget Projection Q1](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

8.2 Member's Shares FY2025
Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 Member Shares Projection Q1](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

9. Informational Item: Project Updates

9.1 Project Updates - November 2024

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [November Project Updates Final](#)
[Division 6, Project Report - CAMPO November 2024](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

9.2 Public Engagement Updates
Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Ex Board Public Engagement Updates Nov 2024](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Report - Chris Lukasina announced that all local adoptions for the Memorandum of Understanding had been completed and returned in record time. He also announced that if there were members who had not yet scheduled their one-on-one meeting with MPO staff, they should contact Shelby Powell to get that scheduled. The local MTP coordination efforts are underway, with MPO planners working with local planners to review MTP data inputs. Mr. Lukasina also announced that the Technical Advisory Teams for the Blueprint for Safety Plan were anticipated to be scheduled in January, and asked members to be on the lookout for that. He announced that through the annual One Call for All, the MPO had received 7 special study requests and 11 LAPP project requests. He noted that the NCDOT Advanced Air Mobility Planning Grant was an opportunity to do a regional Air Mobility study to enable local MPO members to access implementation funds, and that the MPO would submit an application for the planning grant funds. Finally, Mr. Lukasina introduced Jacob Irving, the new Transportation Planner with the CAMPO team.

TCC Chair - no report.

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division - absent

NCDOT Division 4 - no report.

NCDOT Division 5 - Brandon Jones, NCDOT staff, reported on the recovery efforts in Western NC after Hurricane Helene. The NCDOT has reopened over 1,000 roads, but over 60 roads are still closed. There were 813 bridges damaged, and 180 of those need to be replaced completely. The NCDOT awarded a \$5B contract to restore the transportation infrastructure in the area. Of that, \$8M will be used to stabilize I-40 at the state line to reopen lanes to traffic by the end of the year. Mr. Jones also announced that this would be his last CAMPO meeting, as he has decided to retire at the end of 2024. He expressed appreciation for the Board's support and thanked them for the work they continue to do to move transportation forward in the region. The Board expressed appreciation for Brandon's efforts.

NCDOT Division 6 - absent, report included in agenda packet.

NCDOT Division 8 - Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT staff, introduced himself as the Division 8 representative and announced there are no projects under construction in the CAMPO portion of Division 8.

NCDOT Rail Division - absent

NC Turnpike Authority - Mr. Shapiro announced that the three interchanges on NC 540 that had been delayed in opening were anticipated to open in the next two weeks. Those include the westbound Old Stage Road interchange and the full Bells Lake interchange. Also, the environmental permits on Phase 2 of the project had been received, so the construction on that phase should start shortly after the holidays.

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division - absent

Executive Board Members - Chair Jones announced that there was no need to meet in December, and that the meeting would be cancelled.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Jones adjourned the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings/Events