

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

1 Fenton Main St.
Suite 201
Cary NC 27511

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

4:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Present:** 22 - Teresa Bruton, Blake Massengill, Lewis Weatherspoon, Harold Weinbrecht, Georgana Kicinski, Corey Branch, Sean Mayefski, TJ Cawley, Chair Vivian Jones, Vice Chair RS "Butch" Lawter, Susan Evans, Scott Brame, Deans Eatman, Stephen Morgan, Patrick Hannah, Elmo Vance, Jacques Gilbert, Joe Geigle, Russ May, James Salmons, John Allers, and Katie Kenlan
- Absent:** 10 - Porter Casey, Montell Irvin, Ronnie Currin, Bob Jusnes, Chris Coats, Michael Schriver, Glenn York, Melvin Mitchell, Valerie Jordan, and Grady Hunt

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Ethics Statement:

There were no conflicts.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes - Jan 17, 2024 Executive Board Meeting

Requested Action: Approve the January 17, 2024 minutes

Attachments: [January Minutes](#)

5.2 FY 2024 3rd Quarter Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Requests

Ben Howell, CAMPO Staff

Requested Action: Approve the FY 2024 Q3 Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment requests.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[FY 24 Q3 Amendment Requests Package](#)

5.3 Mobility Management Program Funding Agreements

Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Authorize the Executive Director to sign and execute the final grant funding agreements.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Grant Agreement 1 - FY24 CAMPO REGULAR 5310 Subrecipient](#)

[Grant Agreement 2 - FY24 CAMPO CRRSAA 5310 Subrecipient](#)

End of Consent Agenda

motioned to approve the consent agenda.

seconded that motion.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

6. Public Hearing

6.1 FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Adopt the FY 25 Unified Planning Work Program and the Resolution Certifying the MPO Planning Process.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FY 2025 UPWP](#)
[RESOLUTION-OF-ADOPTION-2025-UPWP with Attestation](#)
[Resolution Certifying MPO Planning Process](#)

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Lukasina reminded Board members that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) serves as the annual work program for the MPO. He provided highlights of the continued and proposed studies, and other ongoing FY 2025 work within the UPWP.

Mr. Lukasina noted that the public review and comment period had begun on January 22nd and ended today, February 21st. He informed the Board that today, the item would need a public hearing.

*Chair Vivian Jones opened the floor for the questions.
There were none.*

*Chair Jones opened the public hearing.
There were no comments or questions.
Chair Jones closed the public hearing.*

Corey Branch motioned to adopt the FY25 UPWP and the resolution certifying the MPO planning process.

Elmo Vance seconded that motion.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

6.2 FFY 2025 LAPP Program
Chandler Hagen, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct public hearing. Consider approval of the FFY 25 LAPP Investment Program.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FFY25 LAPP Recommended Investment Program](#)
[FFY25 LAPP Recommended Projects Map](#)
[FFY25 LAPP Selection Panel Discussion](#)

Alex Rickard, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Rickard provided an overview of the FFY 2025 LAPP Program, for new Board Members. He noted that Call for Projects FFY 2025 LAPP Funds opened in August of 2023. He stated that 19 projects were submitted.

Mr. Rickard provided a recap of the discussion and recommendations from the TCC on this item. The concern was regarding whether the COR staff would be able to secure direction from its Council by March's TCC meeting.

Mr. Rickard informed the Board that Raleigh did get in touch with CAMPO and stated that their Council met and unanimously approved staff to move forward with the project. Therefore, the next projects on the list would not be accelerated through the federal fiscal year ending in September.

Mr. Rickard presented the current approval options. He noted that approval of roadway projects for the FFY25 LAPP is anticipated for TCC's recommendation at their March 7th meeting.

He also informed the Board that LAPP Project Manager training, which is mandatory for all funded project managers, will be held on March 21st from 9am to 3pm.

Chair Jones opened the floor for public hearing.

There were no comments.

Chair Jones closed the public hearing.

Corey Branch noted that Raleigh City Council voted to move forward with additional funding that would confirm the project wouldn't be behind and would also be able to use the LAPP funding.

Susan Evans asked would it be a major problem with waiting another month. She stated that her preference would have been for TCC to be presented with full information and have the ability to make a decision at the time.

Ms. Evans shared that she wondered what the implications were for waiting another month and it would cause major problems.

There was discussion from Mr. Branch and Mr. Rickard that the questions had been answered and the projects behind the Raleigh projects would not be moved since Raleigh was on track.

Teresa Bruton asked where was the over programming coming from.

Alex Rickard stated that there is always a 20% over-programming that protects the MPO from not fully utilizing its funds if a project was delayed.

Corey Branch motioned to approve the LAPP Program as recommended by Selection Panel.

TJ Cawley seconded that motion.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

End of Public Hearings

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 US 401 Corridor Study - Final Phase

Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Endorse the US 401 Corridor Study recommendations.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[US 401 Corridor Study Executive Summary-2024-02-19](#)

[Comments Received Feb Mar 2024](#)

Kenneth Withrow, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Withrow provided background on the US 401 Corridor Study. He stated that the study was a 3 year study that got extended.

Mr. Withrow stated that public engagement was key in the study. He stated that survey results show that the study generated feedback not only from individuals within the study area, but from throughout the region.

Mr. Lukasina provided an overview of the 401 Study and it's history. He noted the recommendation for the existing U.S. 401 in Wake County. These primarily focused on widening and access management improvements through Fuquay-Varina.

Mr. Lukasina noted that the study was multi-modal in nature. Therefore, it also looked at other modes of transportation, identifying areas for pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

He shared some recommendation in the Harnett County area, based on public feedback from the 1st three rounds of engagement. The study looked at a widening a 2-lane corridor at 55mph to a 4-lane at 45mph. He noted that two cross sections were looked at for Harnett County, which both concepts received public support.

Mr. Withrow stated that there were many intersection improvements along the 401 corridor. He stated that they had strong public support for all intersection improvement recommendations.

He also stated that there were many alternatives looked at for the future 401 alignment. He noted that final phases were completed at the request of the Executive Board, and helped push for public engagement this past Fall. He stated that support on this alignment had not been unanimous. There were strong feelings for and against all of the alternatives, primarily focused on property impacts.

Mr. Withrow expressed that many responses stated that 45mph speed was too low, and that they preferred a 55mph or higher speed limit with a narrower corridor. He noted that in earlier rounds of engagement, that there was a desire to attempt minimizing the impacts of that future corridor, this was why a 45mph design speed alternative was created. He also noted that this project is still in planning phase.

Mr. Withrow stated that the final recommendation is to advance Alternative X/Z, based on public feedback during Round 4. He stated that the public comment had began and concludes on March 20th.

Chair Jones opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

Susan Evans said thank you to Mr. Withrow and staff for their efforts and willingness to

work on this study for 3 years and she appreciated all of the work. She expressed that Wake County is very sensitive to the concerns of the agricultural/rural area on the Eastern side of Wake County. She informed the Board that Wake County's perspective is that if or when there is ever a need for a future 401 Corridor, they think the X/Z route is better than what is currently in the MTP.

Ms. Evans noted that funding for this isn't available until at the earliest, the year of 2050, therefore this wouldn't be something that happens right away.

Georgana Kicinski commented that if 51% is opposed, how could you say that the majority is supportive.

Mr. Withrow responded that this was only referring to the Harnett County study area.

Stephen Morgan asked with the corridor split amongst two different counties, how does the corridor impact scoring in the MTP.

Mr. Rickard responded that both Wake County and Harnett County (Division 5 & 6) are in region C, therefore the scoring is consistent if both Division supports the projects.

Brittney Lee commented that the new X/Z route is incredibly different than it was when it was presented in October. She wanted to understand why is there such an urgency to make a final decision.

Ms. Lee asked where could she find a map demonstrating this alignment online.

Mr. Withrow responded that the maps are available online and that he would get with her following the meeting.

This item was received as information only.

7.2 Amendment #3 to FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chandler Hagen / MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[TIP_Amendment_3_CAMPO](#)

Alex Rickard, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Rickard reminded the Board that the TIP is the tenure work program. He stated that the amendment includes request from the Board of Transportation from their November and December amendments.

Mr. Rickard noted that this amendment moved FFY 23 funding to FFY 24 and added FFY 24 LAPP projects that were funded after the initial award period.

He informed the Board that this amendment is now posted for public comment through March 20th. A public hearing will be held at the March Executive Board meeting.

Chair Jones opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

This item was received as information only.

7.3 DRAFT 2055 MTP Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[MTP Goals Objectives](#)
[2055 MTP Engagement Strategy](#)
[Preliminary 2055 MTP Schedule](#)

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO, presented this item alongside Bonnie Parker, CAMPO.

Mr. Lukasina informed the Board that the 2055 MTP Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures were out for public comment and review. He stated that we are moving into the active process of the MTP development.

Mrs. Parker, stated that as the Public Engagement Planner for CAMPO, she worked with a working group which included Staff from DCHC, Central Pines and CAMPO, to run the public engagement process for the goals development for the MTP.

She reminded the Board that an update on the public engagement strategy was presented to the Board a few months prior.

Mrs. Parker stated that the goals for the 2050 MTP went through an online survey which included over 2000 respondents.

The work group conducted pop up events throughout the MPO. She noted that people were generally supportive. Feedback expressed that the public would like to see more transit and asked when would there be service provided to the airport.

Mrs. Parker stated that during the public engagement process, the team looked at different studies to include CAMPO studies, the US 401 Corridor Study, the Northeast Area Study and the BRT Study, to ensure these goals were still important to the region.

She provided a heat map to give a visual of the public engagement responses.

Mrs. Parker noted that feedback showed that people who lived and worked in the MPO's main concern was safety. Safety concerns based on use of technology or slower speeds.

She informed the Board of the next steps in the public engagement process for this item. She also stated that the next 8 months would be used to focus on raising awareness in the community to figure out alternatives.

Mr. Lukasina stated that this item will return to the Board in the Spring, to get an interim action, reaffirming these goals and objectives for use and plan development.

Chair Jones opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

This item was received as information only.

7.4 CAMPO Memorandum of Understanding

Chris Lukasina, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information and review draft updates

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[CAMPO MOU Updates](#)

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Lukasina explained that CAMPO's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) needed to be updated to add Chatham County, Town of Coats, and the Town of Lillington as official members. It also needed to reflect changes in federal regulations and recognize the weighted voting schedule update process.

Mr. Lukasina stated that the MOU would be presented to the Board in March or April for approval to release to local jurisdictions for their approval.

Chair Jones opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

Lew Weatherspoon asked if the unincorporated areas such as Buies Creek would be included in the MOU.

Mr. Lukasina stated no they wouldn't be. He clarified that the jurisdiction is the county, and the boundary change doesn't affect that.

This item was received as information only.

8. Informational Item: Budget

This item was received as information only.

8.1 Operating Budget FY2024

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2024 Operating Budget Projection Q2](#)

8.2 Member's Shares FY2024

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2024 Projected Members Dues Q2](#)

9. Informational Item: Project Updates

This item was received as information only.

9.1 Project Updates - February 2024

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [February Project Updates](#)

9.2 Public Engagement Updates

Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Ex Board Public Engagement Updates 2024_02_14](#)

10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Executive Director:

Chris Lukasina announced that Evan Koff is now the Senior Transportation Planner.

He introduced Cara Russell as the new Senior Transportation Planner and Sarah Williams as the new Mobility Manager.

Mr. Lukasina informed the Board that NCDOT had informed CAMPO that they are willing to commence a toll study for the US 1 North Corridor, which was requested by the Board in January. This would begin in late March and potentially have a draft report in Fall of 2024. He stated that to do so, they would need to engage a consultant which would require a budget of \$600,000. They are requesting that CAMPO cover \$150,000.

Mr. Lukasina stated that we could repurpose unused funds from the current FY's budget, if the Board would like to proceed with this.

He informed the Board that MPO 101 annual training is scheduled for March 15, info and link will be sent out.

Susan Evans asked would this be virtual training.

Mr. Lukasina stated that it is in person but would be recorded.

Katie Kenlan asked is there a set time for the training and how long does the training last.

Mr. Lukasina stated that the training is generally 3 hrs, But, the time has not been set yet.

He announced that a parking deck will be being built, and is scheduled to began construction this year. He noted that there would be temporary parking allotted until parking deck is completed.

Mr. Lukasina reminded the Board to sign in on roster. He also reminded the Board that all members and their alternates of the ethics filing requirements. The deadline is April 15th. He informed new members that they have 30 days from the time of appointment to file to avoid fine.

Katie Kenlan asked if new jurisdictions have to adhere to the ethics filings before the new MOU is signed.

Mr. Lukasina responded that they do not have to file until the new MOU is signed and the new jurisdictions are officially part of CAMPO's boundary.

NCDOT Division 5:

I-40 widening project (from Raleigh to Johnston County) update: In Johnston County, they are modifying NC 42 interchange, converting that into a merging diamond. They are also adding access to Cleveland School Road which is anticipated to be open in March.

11. Closed Session

Susan Evans motioned to go into a closed session pursuant to NCGS sections 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6).

Lew Weatherspoon seconded that motion.

**11.1 Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)
Executive Board Chair**

Requested Action: Enter into closed session.

Corey Branch motioned to end closed session and adjourn the Executive Board meeting.

John Allers seconded that motion.

The Executive Board reconvened the regular meeting.

12. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Events

<i>Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting</i>	<i>March 7, 2024</i>
<i>1 Fenton Main Street</i>	<i>10:00am - noon</i>
<i>Suite 201</i>	
<i>Cary, NC 27511</i>	
<i>Raleigh, NC 27601</i>	

<i>Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting</i>	<i>March 20, 2024</i>
<i>1 Fenton Main Street</i>	<i>4:00pm - 6:00pm</i>
<i>Suite 201</i>	
<i>Cary, NC 27511</i>	

<i>Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting</i>	<i>April 4, 2024</i>
<i>1 Fenton Main Street</i>	<i>10:00am - noon</i>
<i>Suite 201</i>	
<i>Cary, NC 27511</i>	
<i>Raleigh, NC 27601</i>	

<i>Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting</i>	<i>April 17, 2024</i>
<i>1 Fenton Main Street</i>	<i>4:00pm - 6:00pm</i>
<i>Suite 201</i>	
<i>Cary, NC 27511</i>	