

FFY 27 LAPP Selection Panel Meeting Overview December 12, 2025

Attendees:

Matt Day, Regional Planning Director, Central Pines Regional Council
Becca Gallas, Division Engineer, NCDOT Division 5
Kai Monast, Director, Public Transportation Group, ITRE
Joe Milazzo, Executive Director, RTA
Alex Rickard, Deputy Director, CAMPO

Discussion:

The Selection Panel began by reviewing the LAPP Program: program purpose & goals, funding restraints, and the target modal investment mix. The panel then went over how LAPP projects are scored and the criteria used for each mode of transportation along with local input points, phase multiplier, and prior year funding points. The panel was informed that twelve roadway projects and seven bicycle & pedestrian projects were submitted along with zero transit projects. It was noted that the \$2 million dollars for the transit mode would need to be programmed elsewhere.

Roadway Projects:

Staff began with a quick review of the roadway projects submitted and provided additional project information as needed to answer questions from the Selection Panel. The highest scoring project was Rolesville @ Riley Hill intersection improvements with a total score of 53.6. The panel was unanimous in recommending the Rolesville @ Riley Hill intersection project for programming. The Holly Springs Roadway project was discussed in detail including noting the cost to the LAPP program of \$12,237,000 but also noting the high score of the project, the multi-modal improvements included in the corridor, and the successful history of prior LAPP projects for the corridor. The Youngsville bypass project was discussed including the cost, planning history of the project, the multi-modal improvements included in the proposed scope, and the prior year funding points for the Town of Youngsville. The panel agreed that while all the top scoring projects were excellent recommendations, given the limited funding there was discussion about potentially skipping the Youngsville bypass project to fully fund several of the lower cost projects including: Morrisville Parkway Intersection improvements, Sunset Lake Road @ Optimist Farm Rd intersection improvements, and Grasshopper @ Smithfield Road intersection improvements. The Selection Panel asked if they needed to consider future LAPP cycles by ensuring ROW and Design projects were funded. Staff reminded the panel that the phase multiplier component of the scoring was approved to prioritize construction programming over right-of-way and design requests. After much discussion, staff informed the panel that the staff was comfortable with a small amount of overprogramming for FFY27. The Selection Committee recommended full funding for:

Rolesville @ Riley Hill intersection improvements
Holly Springs Road – Central
Youngsville Bypass East
Morrisville Parkway Intersection improvements

The total funding recommendation was \$22,426,165.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects:

Staff reviewed the submitted bicycle & pedestrian projects for the Selection Panel. The top scoring project was the Atlantic Avenue Multi-Use path project with a score of 59.7. The Atlantic Avenue Multi-Use Path project is the first Design/Build project submitted and is being scored as Design, Right-of-Way,

and Construction. The second highest scoring project was the Smith Creek Greenway project for Phases 2 & 3 with a score of 54.0. The Selection Panel discussed the project and noted the applicant had submitted a 74% local match for the \$20 million dollar project. The third highest project was the Vandora Springs Safe Routes to School project with a score of 38.0.

The Selection Panel was unanimous in recommending full programming for the Vandora Springs SRTS project given the project cost of \$520,000. The proximity of the Atlantic Avenue MUP project to the High Speed Rail corridor was noted and questions were raised about coordination with NCDOT Rail Division and Rail companies. There was considerable discussion of the project and the potential complications of a design/build project that involved railroad coordination. The Selection Panel was unanimous in recommending full programming for the Atlantic Avenue MUP project provided City of Raleigh staff answered follow-up questions related to rail coordination. In the event Raleigh staff could not answer those questions, or if it was determined significant coordination with Rail Division would be necessary and a greater risk of project delay was possible, the Selection Committee would recommend awarding funding for Design only and recommend fully funding the Smith Creek Greenway Phase 2 & 3 project. The City of Raleigh staff were able to successfully answer the Selections Committee's questions and concerns. Those questions and responses are attached.

The Selection Committee recommended:

Atlantic Avenue Multi-Use Path project

Vandora Springs Safe Routes to School project

The total funding recommendation was \$5,538,120.

All Projects:

The Selection Panel discussed several combinations of project funding awards while considering the costs of top scoring projects, the two million of transit funding, and the funding challenges of both bicycle & pedestrian projects and secondary roadway projects outside of the LAPP program. It was noted that both the Holly Springs Roadway project and the Youngsville Bypass project both contained multi-use paths and other bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Ultimately the Selection Committee unanimously recommended fully funding four roadway projects, totaling \$22,426,1654, and two bicycle and pedestrian projects, totaling \$5,538,120. The total amount of funding the Selection Panel recommends programming for FFY27 is \$27,964,300. This is \$2,964,300 over the target investment program established by the CAMPO Executive Board.