

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

1 Fenton Main St.
Suite 201
Cary NC 27511

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

3:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair Butch Lawter called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. New Board Members Darryl Moss (City of Creedmoor) and Mike Kondratick (Town of Holly Springs) introduced themselves.

(Clerk's Note: Board Members Georgana Kicinski and Annie Drees 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. Fifteen voting members were present.)

- Present:** 18 - Darryl Moss, Georgana Kicinski, Katie Kenlan, Russ May, Butch Lawter Jr., Susan Evans, Jacques Gilbert, Teresa Bruton, Harold Weinbrecht, William (Bill) H. Harris, Mike Kondratick, Annie Drees, Stephen Morgan, Neil McPhail, TJ Cawley, Patrick Hannah, Lisa Mathis, and John Adcock
- Absent:** 16 - Janet Cowell, Michael Schriver, Duncan "Eddie" Jaggars, Bob Jusnes, Chris Coats, John Allers, Buddy Gupton, Ronnie Currin, Ben C. Clapsaddle, Deans Eatman, Scott Brame, Yolanda Jordan, Melvin Mitchell, Valerie Jordan, Ralph Huff, and Porter Casey

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Staff requested the addition of the following item to the Agenda:

- 7.2 NCDOT Confident Scope & Cost Estimate (CSCE)

There were no questions and/or concerns.

It was the consensus of the Executive Board to add the above item to the Agenda.

3. Ethics Statement:

Vice Chair Butch Lawter read the required Ethics Statement.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Consent Agenda

Board Member Neil McPhail motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Jacques Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion carried 15-0.

5.1 Minutes - November 19, 2025

Susan Owens, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Approve the Minutes of November 19, 2025**Requested Action:** Approve the Minutes of November 19, 2025**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[Minutes - November 19, 2025](#)

This item was approved unanimously as part of the Consent Agenda.

5.2 Wake Bus Plan 2035 Contract

Steven Mott, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Approve the Wake Bus Plan 2035 Contract with Nelson\Nygaard and authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[Draft CAMPO Wake Bus Plan 2035 Contract](#)[Wake Bus Plan 2035 Scope of Work](#)

This item was approved unanimously as part of the Consent Agenda.

5.3 FY 2025 Congestion Management Process - Resolution Correction

Evan Koff/MPO Staff

Requested Action: Approve the corrected resolution for the Congestion Management Process (CMP) FY 2025 Update**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[Congestion Management Process FY 2025 Update](#)[Corrected Resolution](#)

This item was approved unanimously as part of the Consent Agenda.

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

6.1 **2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
Chris Lukasina, MPO Executive Director

Requested Action: Receive as information

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

Mr. Lukasina summarized the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update and adoption process and noted where we are at, and the actions taken since the Executive Board approved the draft MTP in November 2025. He noted that all documents and analysis regarding the Plan are available on the 2055 MTP webpage.

Vice Chair Butch Lawter opened the public hearing.

Kuanyu Chen commented that the MTP is a good document and requested that safety be kept in mind when it is implemented. He expressed appreciation for bike lanes and sidewalks that do not have gaps, CAMPO's Blueprint for Safety plans, and the prioritization of safety in CAMPO's transportation investments.

After all public comments had been received, Vice Chair Lawter closed the public hearing.

There were no further questions and/or comments.

After the public hearing was held, this item was received as information.

End of Public Hearing

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 Election of Chair & Vice Chair for 2026

Chris Lukasina, MPO Executive Director

Requested Action: Conduct elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Board for 2026.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Chris Lukasina opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Board Member Susan Evans nominated Vice Chair Butch Lawter for Chair.

There were no further nominations for Chair.

Chair Butch Lawter opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Board Member Harold Weinbrecht nominated TJ Cawley for Vice Chair.

There were no further nominations for Vice Chair.

Chair Lawter expressed his gratitude for Past Chair Vivian Jones' mentorship over the years and stated that he is looking forward to serving the Executive Board as Chair.

There were no further questions and/or comments.

Board Member Susan Evans made a motion to elect Vice Chair Butch Lawter as Chair of the Executive Board for 2026. Board Member Harold Weinbrecht seconded the motion. The motion carried 15-0.

Board Member Harold Weinbrecht made a motion to elect Board Member TJ Cawley as Vice Chair of the Executive Board for 2026. Board Member Susan Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried 15-0.

7.2 NCDOT Confident Scope & Cost Estimate (CSCE)

Brian Wert, PE /NCDOT STIP Central Region Manager

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[CAMPO CSCE Status](#)

Mr. Wert provided an overview of the cost estimate challenges and improvements over the last five years and commented that the Confident Scope & Cost Estimate (CSCE) is a new milestone in project delivery for projects selected through prioritization that will help create confidence in cost estimates and result in fewer/smaller cost increases and project delays. He summarized the goals and expected outcomes of the new requirement, noted that CSCEs will not be required for locally selected projects, and spoke regarding the appropriate times for CSCE documentation based on project size and other factors.

Responding to Board Member Janet Cowell's inquiry, Mr. Wert clarified that "single alternative" refers to simpler projects that may only have one alternative option, versus more complex projects, like 540, where multiple alternatives and options are available.

Mr. Wert continued with his presentation by noting that this requirement will be tailored to individual projects and their levels of complexity. He provided an overview of the required Project Definition Document (PDD) and Cost Verification Memo (CVM). He stated that, once approved, project scopes should not change much and that only tweaks might be needed along the way. There is room to revisit the new requirement if conditions change. He noted that the work required in these documents is already a part of the process and that the CSCE requirement just adds a little more documentation work in order to get to cost certainty earlier in the process. He stated that NCDOT is focusing on those projects currently scheduled for delivery in the 2026-2035 STIP. Of those 475 projects identified for delivery, 275 projects have achieved this new milestone. The expectation is that, by September 30, 2027, all projects scheduled for delivery will have met the CSCE milestone or they may be subject to re-evaluation in P9. NCDOT will be monitoring the progress of the CSCE roll-out with quarterly updates.

Chris Lukasina added that, out of the 237 CAMPO projects, only 20 roadway and seven transit and rail projects have not met the new requirement yet. We have requested that NCDOT come back in March/April 2026 with an update and for assistance in creating a plan for CAMPO to get those projects to the finish line.

Responding to Board Member Stephen Morgan's question, Mr. Wert stated that project commitments for economic development, etc. are documented in the PDD, but might be developed in separate parallel paths.

There were no further questions and/or comments.

This item was received as information only.

7.3 **Wake Transit Funding Contribution to NCDOT National Railroad Partnership Program Grant Application**

Ben Howell, CAMPO Staff/Jason Orthner, NCDOT Rail Division

Requested Action: Adopt the Resolution of Support and Dedication of Wake Transit Funds as Local Match Towards the NCDOT Raleigh to Richmond Program Application to the National Railroad Partnership Program Grant.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[NCDOT Rail Division Memo](#)
[Resolution](#)

Mr. Howell provided an overview of the 2035 Wake Transit Plan as it relates to regional rail investments and spoke regarding other considerations, including the completion of the Strategic Regional Rail Infrastructure Investment Study and CAMPO, Triangle West TPO, and NCDOT discussions regarding the funding of a feasibility study to determine necessary infrastructure improvements to increase the number of intercity passenger trains serving the Triangle on the S-Line and NCRR corridors. He summarized the TPAC, TCC, and GoTriangle actions to date, noting the Towns of Apex's, Garner's and Wendell's objections and provided an overview of the next steps in the adoption process and the actions to be taken if the item is approved.

Responding to Board Member Susan Evans' question, Mr. Howell stated that those dissenting did so because they felt that it was too early to consider such a request and that they wanted more time to study and prioritize these types of requests. He noted that this was a time sensitive opportunity that most agreed was a good opportunity. Responding to Board Member Evans' follow up question, Mr. Howell stated that the ask is for about \$125 million over seven years.

Mr. Howell introduced Jason Orthner, NCDOT Rail Division. Mr. Orthner noted that this grant opportunity is part of an unprecedented \$5 billion dollars in federal funds being made available for rail projects, and that is the reason why NCDOT is making this request now. He presented an overview of the National Railroad Partnership Program. He illustrated intercity passenger rail ridership increases since 2018 and provided an overview of their Three Congruent Plans, including plans to connect the Southeast to D.C. and the Northeast Corridor. He summarized several North Carolina Intercity Rail expansion opportunities and tie ins to the results of the Triangle Regional Rail Investment Study. He next provided overviews of the Rail Grant and NRPP 2024-2025 Strategies and the benefits to Wake County. He noted that grant applications are due by February 6, 2026.

Responding to Board Member Evans' inquiry regarding how the components will work and what we need in order to extend service, Mr. Orthner stated that the project will extend service immediately upon completion of the sections and noted that not all sections need to be complete before service can be extended. In response to Board Member Evans' follow up question, Mr. Orthner stated that NCDOT is working with partners to fund the entire route into Richmond, Virginia.

Board Member Evans commented that she originally cringed about allocating half of the ten year funding in the Wake Transit Plan to one project right off the bat, but she understands the timeline's requirements. It sounds like a win-win.

Board Member Evans requested that, going forward, any STIP funding that can be used

towards this project be used in order to lower the required Wake Transit match. She emphasized the verbiage in the resolution of support that states that NCDOT will actively search for other potential matching funds to minimize the necessary contribution of Wake Transit funds. Mr. Orthner confirmed NCDOT's commitment to identifying such potential funds. Board Member Evans emphasized that that is an important part of the conversation.

Responding to Board Member Jacques Gilbert, Mr. Orthner stated that 20% of the project, by land, is within Wake County.

Board Member Evans commented that, by scope however, the most complex work is within Wake County. Mr. Orthner confirmed that the more substantive work will be within the Town of Wake Forest.

Responding to Board Member Gilbert's inquiry regarding rail stations being a priority, Mr. Orthner stated that NCDOT is actively working with the Town of Apex on mobility hub development. He added that NCDOT is also working with other communities in the area and will remain in conversations with them on other areas of interest, including other service areas.

Responding to Board Member Stephen Morgan's question regarding the project causing any planning documents to be reopened, i.e., the US-1 Project, Mr. Orthner stated that this project is being well coordinated with roadway projects, including the US-1 Project. The Rail Division will continue to work with affected communities to ensure consistency with their current project plans.

Responding to Board Member Katie Kenlan's inquiry regarding how common it is for railroad stations to come online and then be added later, Mr. Orthner stated that NCDOT is planning for stations where they make sense now and that they will be working with the communities to identify necessary infill stations.

Chair Butch Lawter referenced the corridor development east and west of the City of Raleigh and the Town of Cary. He noted that Johnston County has a corridor already and that the longest section with no rail station is in the Town of Clayton. He requested that an infill railroad station in the Town of Clayton be considered as low hanging fruit and included in this project. Mr. Orthner responded that NCDOT is working with Johnston County and the Town of Clayton to make sure that they are on the same page and added that they will look for near-term opportunities for the inclusion of such an infill station. He added that there will also be future opportunities for such an addition in the corridor development program. Chair Lawter responded that it is a short 20 mile stretch that would not require much for a station to be included there.

There were no further questions and/or comments.

Board Member Russ May made a motion to adopt the resolution of support and dedication of Wake Transit funds as local match towards the NCDOT Raleigh to Richmond Program Application to the National Railroad Partnership Program Grant. Board Member Susan Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried 13-2, with Chair Butch Lawter and Board Member Jacques Gilbert dissenting.

7.4 Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027
Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FY 2027 UPWP-DRAFT](#)

Ms. Powell provided an overview of the Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2027, highlighting the FY 2026 continuing studies, new studies for FY 2027, technical projects proposed, other ongoing work, the budget and capita member share, and the indirect costs estimate.

There were no questions and/or comments.

This item was received as information only.

7.5 **FFY 2027 LAPP Program**
Alex Rickard, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

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

Mr. Rickard took a moment to remind all that the MPO 101 training will be held on February 20, 2026.

Mr. Rickard then provided an overview of the LAPP process and schedule and summarized the 19 projects submitted (12 roadway and seven bicycle/pedestrian). He noted that no transit projects were submitted and that a decision is needed regarding the \$2 million allocated for them in the Target Modal Mix. He compared the Target versus Recommended Modal Investment Mixes. He provided detailed information on the project selection process and noted that what is being presented is only a recommendation and that the Executive Board is free to select the projects and modal mix that they want. He spoke regarding the unofficial rule that all funded projects are expected to score at least 50% of the points awarded to the top-scoring project in each mode or the Selection Committee will determine if the project should be funded or if the funds from that mode should be reallocated to another mode to fund higher-scoring projects. He summarized the top roadway projects submitted and explained the Selection Committee's recommendation to fund the top four highest scoring projects. He next summarized the bicycle/pedestrian projects submitted, noting that the Atlantic Avenue Project was submitted as the first design-build project, so it gets scored as a construction project, which gets a higher score. He noted that prioritization of design-build projects came about as a compromise between full funding obligation assurance, which the LAPP cannot provide, and potential future funding rescission. Although the Smith Creek Project scored second and included a 75% match, there was not enough funding available for it and, so, the project that scored third, Vandora Springs, is being recommended for funding. He added that TCC requested Staff re-evaluate the projects to determine the feasibility that funds will actually be able to be obligated for them by September 2027. He noted that Staff will come back with its findings in February 2026. He concluded with an overview of the next steps in the adoption process.

There were no questions and/or comments.

This item was received as information only.

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

Alex Rickard, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[FY 2026-2035 TIP Amendment #2](#)

Mr. Rickard provided an overview of Amendment #2, noting that it includes all NCDOT adjustments from November-December 2025 and this FFY 2027 round of LAPP projects. He noted that the following three items are also being added to the Amendment:

1. City of Raleigh: Tarboro Road Improvements Grant
2. GoTriangle Project TG41A: Look at bringing back prior year unobligated LAPP funds
3. Town of Zebulon: Deprogramming Project U-5118FB and receipt of reimbursement from the Town

There were no questions and/or comments.

This item was received as information only.

8. Informational Item: Budget**8.1 Operating Budget, FY2026**

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[FY2026 Projected Operating Budget](#)

There were no questions and/or comments.

This item was received as information only.

8.2 Member's Shares, FY2026

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[FY2026 Member's Dues Projection](#)

There were no questions and/or comments.

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](#)
[Project Updates - CAMPO](#)
[Project Report - NCDOT Division 6](#)

There were no questions and/or comments.

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 Update - January 2026](#)

There were no questions and/or comments.

This item was received as information only.

10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Report:

Chris Lukasina reported the following:

- *MPO 101 training will be held on February 20, 2026, and signup is available online. All new Members, and those who want a refresher, are encouraged to attend.*
- *All continuing Members must file their annual Ethics reports by April 15, 2026. Any new Members must file immediately. To date, 34% of our Members have filed their annual reports. The State will fine any Members that miss the filing deadline. Staff will continue to send reminders before the deadline.*
- *One-on-one meetings will be scheduled with any new Members over the next few months. If anyone else would like one, they can let us know at any time.*
- *The Employment Analyst online tool helps collect data for forecasting future job numbers in the area. 2025 is going to be the new base year and all edits are due by the end of January 2026. It is very important that your staffs review the information that we have on file to ensure that it is accurate.*
- *On your way out are flyers for the Triangle Bikeway Project. There are several public engagement events coming up and more information is on those flyers.*
- *The Blueprint for Safety Policy & Culture and Projects Task Forces are meeting online on February 3 and February 10, 2026.*
- *Please remember to sign-in on your way out if you have not done so already.*

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:

- *NCBOT voted in January 2026 to approve the removal of the tolling language from the US-1 Project, and right-of-way acquisition is starting this month.*
- *The I-40, I-440, US-1, and US-64 Interchange Project is kicking off as a design-build delivery. The Project will be advertised in February 2026, with contracts planned for Fall 2026.*
- *We are preparing for the high snow and ice expected this weekend. Please reach out to us if we can help. We are anticipating a long response this weekend. We are in the process of updating contracts to ensure we have the appropriate equipment available, and many partners are coming together in preparation for this weekend.*
- *Tracy Parrott is retiring, but you can reach out to me in the interim and we will notify*

CAMPO when his replacement has been hired.

NCDOT Division 6:

No report provided.

NCDOT Division 8:

No report provided.

NCDOT Rail Division:

No report provided.

NC Turnpike Authority:

No report provided.

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division:

No report provided.

Executive Board Members:

Board Member Lisa Mathis provided a summation of NCDOT's activities over the last year, highlighting Hurricane Helene recovery efforts, the I-26, I-440, I-70, Rockingham Bypass, and I-295 projects, various ridership statistics and growth, relaunched and new bus services, Safety Awareness Week and the annual Safety Summit, the National Work Zone Safety initiative, the honoring of 23 State Highway Patrol Officers who lost their lives, DMV's efforts to reduce their backlogs, the Multimodal Committee's discussion on economic development, the economic output of the Ferry System, bicycle/pedestrian projects' return on investment, Aviation's growth, and the Rail System. She thanked TCC Member Becca Gallas for providing her storm preparation reminders and requested that Members contact their constituents a couple days in advance so that they can prepare. She asked people to stay off the roads unless absolutely necessary in order to assist work crews and first responders.

11. Closed Session

11.1

Closed Session

Executive Board Chair

Requested Action: Enter into closed session.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Board Member Jacques Gilbert 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). Vice Chair TJ Cawley seconded the motion. The motion carried 15-0.

(Clerk’s Note: Upon approval of the motion to enter Closed Session, all persons not authorized to be present for the Closed Session left the room and the Executive Board entered into Closed Session at approximately 4:36 p.m. The Closed Session concluded at approximately 5:29 p.m., at which time Chair Butch Lawter reconvened the regular meeting.)

12. Adjournment

Chair Butch Lawter adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

<i>Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting</i>	<i>February 5, 2026</i>
<i>CAMPO Board Room</i>	<i>10:00 am - Noon</i>
<i>1 Fenton Main St, Ste 201</i>	
<i>Cary, NC 27511</i>	

<i>Capital Area MPO Executive Board Meeting</i>	<i>February 18, 2026</i>
<i>CAMPO Board Room</i>	<i>3:00 - 5:00 pm</i>
<i>1 Fenton Main St, Ste 201</i>	
<i>Cary, NC 27511</i>	

<i>Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting</i>	<i>March 5, 2026</i>
<i>CAMPO Board Room</i>	<i>10:00 am - Noon</i>
<i>1 Fenton Main Street, Suite 201</i>	
<i>Cary, NC 27511</i>	

<i>Capital Area MPO Executive Board Meeting</i>	<i>March 18, 2026</i>
<i>CAMPO Board Room</i>	<i>3:00 - 5:00 pm</i>
<i>1 Fenton Main St, Ste 201</i>	
<i>Cary, NC 27511</i>	