

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

1 Fenton Main St.  
Suite 201  
Cary NC 27511

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024

4:00 PM

Conference Room

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Present:** 23 - Teresa Bruton, Blake Massengill, Lewis Weatherspoon, Harold Weinbrecht, TJ Cawley, Ronnie Currin, Chair Vivian Jones, Vice Chair RS "Butch" Lawter, Susan Evans, Scott Brame, Deans Eatman, Stephen Morgan, Bob Jusnes, Chris Deshazor, Patrick Hannah, Elmo Vance, James Salmons, Jacques Gilbert, Art Wright, Neil McPhail, Glenn York, Joe Geigle, and Bobby Wheeler
- Absent:** 9 - Porter Casey, Montell Irvin, Corey Branch, Chris Coats, Katie Kenlan, Russ May, Terry Turner, Melvin Mitchell, and Valerie Jordan

**2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

*There were no adjustments to the agenda.*

**3. Ethics Statement:**

*Vice Chair, Butch Lawter, read the required ethics statement.*

*There were no conflicts.*

**4. Public Comments**

*Joanie Bowden stated that she was in attendance for the US 401 Corridor Study.*

*Ms. Bowden informed the Board that she has a family farm in Wake County and would like to thank the CAMPO staff for being patient and helpful.*

*She informed the Board that the 5 Wake County Commissioners, Susan Evans, Matt Calabria, Don Mial along with Vickie Adamson, and Cheryl Stallings, all came out to her family's farm to meet with her family. She stated that they gave them each a vehicle tour of all available routes (W, X and Z) under consideration for the 401 Bypass Corridor Study. The dates of these visits ranged from December 2022 to March 2023.*

*Ms. Bowden also expressed thanks to the Wake County Soil and Water District Office, and the Wake County Board of Commissioners who spent time with her and her family on her farm.*

**5. Consent Agenda**

**This item was approved by unanimous vote.**

**5.1 Minutes - Feb 21, 2024 Executive Board Meeting**

**Requested Action:** Approve the February 21, 2024 minutes

**Attachments:** [February Minutes](#)

**5.2 Apex Rail Switching Operations Relocation Study Interlocal Agreement**  
Gaby Lawlor, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Approve the Apex Rail Switching Operations Relocation Study Interlocal Agreement and authorize the CAMPO Executive Director to execute the agreement.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[CAMPO Apex Rail SOR ILA 2024](#)

**End of Consent Agenda**

*Bob Wheeler motioned to approve the consent agenda.*

*Blake Massengill seconded that motion.*

**This item was approved by unanimous vote.**

**6. Public Hearing**

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

Chandler Hagen / MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Conduct public hearing. Approve Amendment #3 to FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[TIP Amendment 3 CAMPO](#)

*Chandler Hagen, CAMPO, presented this item.*

*Ms. Hagen stated that this item had been presented last month, and there was one change since then. She noted that project HL-0140; Jones Sausage Road in Garner, was added.*

*She stated that this project was included in the March NCDOT item, and was added into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) so that it could move forward with processing.*

*Chair Jones opened the public hearing.*

*There were no comments.*

*Chair Jones closed the public hearing.*

*Blake Massengill motioned to approve Amendment #3 to FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).*

*Lew Weatherspoon seconded that motion.*

**This item was approved by unanimous vote.**

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

## 7.1

**Requested Action:** Receive as information

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[FY23 Executive Summary](#)  
[FY23 TDM Annual Impact Report](#)

*Evan Koff, CAMPO, presented this item.*

*Mr. Koff provided background information on the Triangle Transportation Choices. He stated that the program promotes Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives across the Triangle region. The program supports marketing campaigns and outreach events that encourage the use of alternative transportation modes.*

*Mr. Koff introduced Jenna Kolling to provide an overview FY23 Funding and Grant Recipients. She noted that 19 grants were awarded, also stating that this was the first year of using the Equity Pilot Initiative. This is funding specifically reserved for community based organizations and non-profits.*

*Ms. Kolling briefed the Board on the TDM Outreach's priority areas, and the data collected for annual impacts, stating that at the end of each quarter, grant recipients submit participation data for their marketing and outreach efforts. The total number of people who may have started using or increased their use of alternative transportation modes is what is used to create the FY23 Program Participation Base.*

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

*There were none.*

**This item was received as information only.**

**7.2 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 an overview of the comments received during the public comment period. He provided a printed copy of those comments to board members.*

*He also provided the Board an overview of the study process and final recommendations which included:*

*In Wake County Sections:*

- Banks Rd. to NC: Widen from 4 to 6 lanes (MTP Project)*
- NC 55 to Judd Parkway NE: Add raised median and mixed use paths (MTP Project)*
- Judd Parkway NE to Ennis St.: Add raised median and mixed use paths (no PTP project)*
- Ennis St. to Judd Parkway SW: No roadway improvements.*
- Judd Parkway SW to Harnett Co.: Widen from 2 to 4 lanes with raised median and multi-use paths (MUP).*

*In Wake County - Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities:*

- MUP or sidewalk and bicycle lanes throughout the corridor*
- Wide sidewalks or MUP through Downtown, parallel bike improvements.*

*In Wake County - Transit*

- Strengthen connections to Garner and Raleigh*
- Connections to Holly Springs and Apex may be possible in the future*

*In Harnett County - Alignment*

- currently 2 lanes at 55mph*
- utilize existing US 401 alignment in Harnett Co.*
- widen to 4 lanes at 45mph*

*(Public was generally supportive of widening and speed resolution. The least support was from Harnett Co. residents inside of the study area. Comments suggest support for speed reduction but not widening due to property impacts. Majority support came from all other respondents to include residents of Harnett Co. who live outside of the study area with 32% not supportive.)*

*In Harnett County - Two Design Concepts based on Width*

- Narrow Cross Section (~120')*
- Wide Cross Section (~150')*

*(Public was generally supportive of both concepts. There were some concerns related to complete street or multimodal elements in narrow areas with property impacts. Public desire to reduce width or eliminate multi-use (side) paths, medians, buffers.)*

*Final Staff recommendation for the final report: Keep the two design concepts but acknowledge that further refinement on cross-section elements will occur during project development. All comments will be shared with NCDOT for consideration on future*

project in this section.

*In Harnett County - Bicycle and Pedestrian*

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities along US 401
- Bicycle facilities along collector/local streets between Rawls Church Rd. and Harnett Central Rd constructed as development occurs  
(Public generally supportive or neutral)

*In Harnett County - Railroad*

- Redesign the railroad crossings along US 401 and other roadways in the study area to accommodate future widening anticipated due to growth in the area
- Specific improvements recommended for crossings at/near Matthews Rd., Lafayette School Rd., and Chalybeate Rd.-northern and southern ends  
(Staff noted that Fayetteville to Raleigh Corridor submitted by NCDOT for the Federal Corridor Identification and Development Program)

*In Harnett County - Intersection Improvements*

- Signalize the intersection at Piney Grove Rawls Rd., Rawls Church Rd., Chalybeate Springs Rd., and also on northern end of Chalybeate Rd. while re-evaluating the traffic impacts if southern section is disconnected
- restrict turns at the intersection of Chalybeate Rd. on the southern end, and from operations and safety perspective. Consider removing this intersection with US 401 altogether
- Close the connection to US 401 from Lafayette School Rd. and look at possible alternative access routes to Lafayette Elementary School to/from US 401
- Re-evaluate the traffic impacts at the Lafayette Rd. intersection

*NC 55, Angier Bypass, and NC 210*

- A North-South travel alternative
  - widen US 401 from 4 lanes to 6 lanes (2050)
  - widen NC 55 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes
    - between Jicarilla Lane and Angier Bypass (2033)
    - between Five Points and Old Honeycutt Rd. (2040)
    - between Old Honeycutt Rd. to Jicarilla Lane (2050)
  - continuation of Angier Bypass (2033)
  - widen NC 210 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes (2050)

*Alternative X/Z*

recommended advance alternative hybrid route X/Z; provides a better alignment than the US 401 Bypass currently in the 2050 MTP

*Short and Mid-Term Projects*

- recommended projects for existing US 401 between Banks Rd. and NC 55, as well as NC 55 between US 401 and Angier Bypass should be elevated to a nearer build year
  - improvements to the existing US 401 occur in segments to best fit the topography and current conditions along the roadway

Mr. Withrow informed the Board that local endorsements were received from the Town of Angier Board (February 6, 2024), Harnett County Commissioners (February 5, 2024), Town of Fuquay-Varina Board (March 19, 2024) and Wake County submitted a letter of support on January 3, 2024.

He noted that there were 22 comments received during the public comment period for the final report/recommendations which ended on March 19th.

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

*There were none.*

*Lew Weatherspoon motioned to endorse and adopt the US 401 Corridor Study recommendations and instruct staff to include this in the next MTP.*

*Blake Massengill seconded that motion.*

**This item was approved by unanimous vote.**

### 7.3

#### **Draft FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan**

Ben Howell, CAMPO and Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Draft FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan](#)

*Ben Howell, CAMPO, and Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle presented this item.*

*Mr. Howell stated that the Draft FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan is currently in the public comment period through March 26, 2024.*

*He also noted that on April 17th the TPAC will review engagement and consider recommending the plan for adoption. If at that time TPAC recommends adoption, it would then go through a 14-day public review and comment period in May.*

*Mr. Howell stated that the main document of the work plan includes FY25 operating and capital Budget and the financial model assumptions. It also includes an appendix that includes the multi-year operating program and the capital improvement plan.*

*Mr. Schlossberg provided a presentation of the financials of the draft work plan. He noted that two scenarios of the budget and financial plan is included in the draft work plan. Since there is still discussion on the vehicle rental tax, one scenario was created that includes the tax, and another that excluded it.*

*He noted that the Commuter Rail funding had been moved to FY26.*

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

*There were none.*

**This item was received as information only.**

**7.4 NC 540 Bonus Allocation Update**

Alex Rickard / MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[CAMPO STI BA Methodology](#)

*Alex Rickard, CAMPO, presented this item.*

*Mr. Rickard provided background information and updates on the NC 540 bonus allocation item. He informed the Board that there would be a public comment period on selected projects in April and run through May.*

*He provided a breakdown of the Bonus Allocation funding. He reminded the Board that the Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) law provides Bonus Allocation funding for local funding participation, highway tolling, and programming limitations.*

*Mr. Rickard stated that due to programming limitations, all bonus allocation funds can be spent on regional and statewide tiers, but restricted on amount spent on the division tier.*

*He presented CAMPO's adopted bonus allocation policy, methodology and its guiding principles.*

*He noted that if bonus allocation is generated by a local jurisdiction, CAMPO would work with that municipality staff to identify suitable projects for bonus allocation. He stated that the final decision belongs to the Executive Board.*

*Mr. Rickard gave an overview of the four phases of analysis for candidate project prioritization.*

*He noted that if the Board decides to move forward with the recommendation, it would go on a 30-day public comment period.*

*Mr. Rickard noted that funding must be obligated by June 30, 2024.*

*Mr. Rickard stated that once the public comment, a public hearing would be held at the May Executive Board.*

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

*There were none.*

**This item was received as information only.**



**7.5 US 1 North (U-5307) - Update**

Chris Lukasina, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Approve the interlocal agreement for the US 1 North Toll Study and authorize the CAMPO Executive Director to execute the agreement.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Draft US 1 North Toll Study ILA](#)

*Chris Lukasina, CAMPO, presented this item.*

*Mr. Lukasina reminded the Board that they requested a tolling study on US 1 at the January meeting. He stated that in February, NCDOT requested that CAMPO do a cost share of \$150K for the study.*

*Mr. Lukasina noted that the total cost for the study would be \$600K.*

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

*There were none.*

*Blake Massengill motioned to approve the Interlocal agreement for the US 1 North Toll Study and authorize the CAMPO Executive Director to execute the agreement.*

*Scot Brame seconded that motion.*

**This item was approved by unanimous vote.**

**7.6 Executive Board Bylaws Amendments & Updates**

Chris Lukasina, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Executive Board Bylaws Amendments](#)

*Chris Lukasina, CAMPO, presented this item.*

*Mr. Lukasina informed the Board that the bylaws amendments and updates were included in the agenda packet. He stated that it is the correspondence update to the draft MOU updates that had been sent out.*

*Mr. Lukasina noted that the changes are primarily surrounding the changes to the MPO boundary, which adds Chatham County, the Town of Lillington and the Town of Coats. The changes also included updates to reflect changes in rules, regulations and practices.*

*He noted that adoption is anticipated for April.*

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

*There were none.*

**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 - March 2024**

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.

**Attachments:** [March Project Updates](#)

- 9.2 Public Engagement Updates**  
Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.

**Attachments:** [Ex Board Public Engagement Updates 2024\\_03\\_13](#)

**10. Informational Item: Staff Reports**

*MPO Executive Director:*

*Mr. Lukasina stated that MPO 101 was held last week, and was very successful. He recommended that members complete the online survey. He also noted that the Regional Safety Workshop was held last week as well.*

*Mr. Lukasina informed the Board that the NC AMPO conference is April 17-19th.*

*He informed the Board that as of this past Monday, the main parking lot is temporarily closed. He stated that in the meantime, visitors are to park in the Orange parking deck. Maps would be updated online as we receive them.*

*Mr. Lukasina gave a reminder to complete the ethics filing requirement to avoid fine.*

*Lastly, he reminded members to sign in on attendance roster.*

*TCC Chair:*

*No report.*

*NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:*

*No report.*

*NCDOT Division 4:*

*No report.*

*NCDOT Division 5:*

*Brandon Jones provided a few project updates.*

*I-40 East ramps to Airport Blvd closes tonight until morning to hang overhead sign structures.*

*Intersection of US 401 and new NC 540 construction will be closed for the weekend.*

*Mr. Jones announced that their Spring Litter Sweep will be held from April 13-27th.*

*NCDOT Division 6:*

*No report.*

*NCDOT Rail Division:*

*No report.*

*NC Turnpike Authority:*

*No report.*

*NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division:*

*No report.*

*Executive Board Members:*

*No report.*

**11. Adjournment**

Upcoming Meetings/Events

*Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting*  
*1 Fenton Main Street*  
*Suite 201*  
*Cary, NC 27511*  
*Raleigh, NC 27601*

*April 4, 2024*  
*10:00am - noon*

*Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting*  
*1 Fenton Main Street*  
*Suite 201*  
*Cary, NC 27511*

*April 17, 2024*  
*4:00pm - 6:00pm*