

**NC Capital Area Metropolitan  
Planning Organization  
Meeting Minutes - Draft  
Technical Coordinating Committee**

1 Fenton Main St.  
Suite 201  
Cary NC 27511

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Thursday, March 5, 2026

10:00 AM

Conference Room

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## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

*Chair Tracy Stephenson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were then made.*

**(Clerk's Note: Alan Shapiro was present in a non-voting ex-officio capacity.)**

**\*\*\* THIRTY-FIVE voting members were present. \*\*\***

**Present:** 36 - Dallas Baker, Kenneth Ritchie, Bynum Walter, Margaret Tartala, Thanh Schado, Carlton Thorton, Jay Sikes, Tim Gardiner, Akul Nishawala, Brandon Watson, Het Patel, Paul Black, Alan Shapiro, James Salmons, Robert Stone, Bryan Kluchar, Kim Nguyen, Neil Perry, Anne Calef, Jenna Shouse, Jason Kress, Juliet Andes, Sandi Bailey, Conrad Olmedo, Chris George, Tracy Stephenson, Julian Griffee, Chris Garcia, Tucker Fulle, Jillian Brookshire, Bret Martin, Emma Linn, Kevin C. McCarthy, Lucy Garcia, Matt Lower, and Matt Day

**Absent:** 18 - Britt Davis, Bradley Kimbrell, Matt Klem, Jason Rogers, Braston Newton, Joe Geigle, Anita Davis-Haywood, Than Austin, Becca Gallas, Phil Geary, Riley Stout, Michael Landguth, Jeff Jones, Michelle Bryant, Jennifer Ganser, Barbara Hollerand, Tanner Hayslette, and Bo Carson

## **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

*No adjustments were made to the Agenda.*

## **3. Public Comments**

*There were no public comments.*

## **4. Minutes**

### **4.1 Minutes - February 5, 2026**

Susan Owens, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Approve the TCC Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2026

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

[Minutes - February 5, 2026](#)

Emma Linn made a motion to approve the TCC Minutes of February 5, 2026. Het Patel seconded the motion. The motion carried 35-0.

## 5. Regular Business

### 5.1 FAST Study 2.0 Recommendations

Greg Saur, WSP

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.

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

[FAST 2.0 Highlights](#)

[FAST 2.0 Summary](#)

*Rachel Gaylord-Miles, WSP, provided an overview of FAST Transit and the development of the regional network and six priority corridors, and how those corridors relate to employment and commuter rail.*

*Greg Saur, WSP, provided an overview of the four freeway concepts evaluated: Bus on Shoulder System (BOSS), Dedicated Transit Lanes, Dynamic Median Shoulder System (DMSS), and Direct Access Ramps. He identified where each was planned for and provided illustrations for each concept. He provided an overview of the West Raleigh Arterial Concept and the Blue Ridge Road RED Transit Priority Lanes Concept. He noted that the dedicated lanes could also be BAT lanes for general purpose traffic to make right turns only on. This also offers an opportunity for queue jumps and transit signal prioritization. He commented that a rigorous traffic analysis was not part of this Study, but that CAMPO will be doing that analysis. The focus of this Study was to see if these options can fit and are reasonable, and to develop the concepts so that cost estimates can be calculated. He spoke regarding next steps for the Corridor and stated that plans for direct access to the airport will be included as part of the next study.*

*Responding to Neil Perry's question, Mr. Saur stated that return on investment and cost per rider calculations for the various alternatives were not conducted as a part of this process, but that the BOSS concept typically wins out. He noted that costs for the DMSS concept are generally higher.*

*Responding to Conrad Olmedo's inquiry regarding consideration of I-540 being used for transit, Mr. Saur stated that some BOSS is being considered on I-540 North, but that I-540 was identified as a longer-term transit network opportunity. He noted that there were opportunities in the Towns of Wendell and Zebulon too.*

*Chris Lukasina added that CAMPO conducted a regional BOSS Study in 2020-2021 and that the results of that Study are available on the CAMPO website for those interested.*

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

**5.2 Regional Transit Technology Plan**

Austin Stanion, GoTriangle Staff & Steven Mott, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Approve the Regional Transit Technology Plan as guiding document for future technology investment

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Regional Technology Plan](#)  
[Regional Technology Plan-Budget Summary](#)  
[Regional Technology Plan-Engagement Summary Report](#)

*Austin Stanion, GoTriangle, provided an update on the Plan, noting that TPAC approved it last month. He spoke regarding the Plan's intent and timeframe and credited it as a regional effort. He listed the six transit focus areas identified: Passenger Real Time & Trip Planning, Transit Service Planning Tools, Transit Signal Priority, Regionally Integrated Payments, GTFS Standards, and Open Data Portal. He provided details on each area, highlighting the Plan recommendations and cost estimates. He then summarized the total cost estimates, broken down by chapter, approach, and partner, noting that the cost savings over the next five years is estimated to be between \$11.8-\$15.6 million.*

*Mr. Mott acknowledged all of the partners brought together and noted that the Plan was a good synthesis of interests. He spoke regarding the public engagement efforts and the decision to initiate an additional 30-day public comment period to adhere to CAMPO policy. He stated that no comments had been received as of 10:00 a.m., March 4, 2026, and noted that comments can be submitted at [www.waketransit.org](http://www.waketransit.org).*

*Mr. Stanion clarified that the actual verbiage of the motion approved by TPAC was, "to endorse and recommend governing board approval of the updated Regional Transit Technology Plan as a guiding document for future technology investment." He noted that this language reflects the Committee's intention that the plan should guide transit technology investments rather than serve as a stand-alone implementation element.*

*Responding to Bret Martin's question regarding the differences between the requested action on the Agenda and in the presentation, Mr. Mott clarified that TPAC had a lengthy discussion on the recommendation and that the verbiage on the presentation slide is what they settled on.*

**Bret Martin made a motion to recommend Executive Board approval of the updated Regional Transit Technology Plan as a guiding document for future technology investment. Paul Black seconded the motion. The motion carried 35-0.**

**5.3 Draft FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan**  
 Steven Mott, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Receive as information

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Draft FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan Flyer](#)

*Mr. Mott provided an overview of the Draft FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan, noting the key dates, total investments, implementation of the Wake Transit Plan 2035, vehicle rental tax (VRT) revenue allocation, modeled expenditures and revenues, the additional allocation from fund balance needed to replace the lost VRT revenues, new operating projects, updates on continuing operating projects, the Community Funding Area Program, capital projects, public engagement efforts and tools, and next steps.*

*Responding to Bret Martin’s question, Paul Black stated that the reinstatement of GoTriangle Route 311 is set to go through the service plan process and that there may be some tweaks.*

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

**5.4 Wake Transit Bus Rapid Transit Update**  
 Melanie Rausch, City of Raleigh

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.

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

*Het Patel, on behalf of Melanie Rausch, City of Raleigh, provided the Wake Transit Bus Rapid Transit Update and an overview of the Wake BRT Program. He noted that the New Bern Avenue Project is in the construction phase and spoke regarding the City’s difficulties in getting bids. He stated that they came to the decision to do a phased approach and provided activity details and next steps on the three packages. He provided an overview of the Southern, Western, and Northern Corridor projects and their statuses.*

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

**6. Informational Item: Budget**

**6.1 Operating Budget, FY2026**  
 Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Received as information.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[2026 Projection Operating Budget Q2](#)

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

**6.2 Member's Shares, FY2026**

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

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

This item was received as information only.

**7. Informational Item: Project Updates****7.1 Project Updates****Requested Action:** Receive as information**Requested Action:** Receive as information**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[CAMPO Project Updates - March 2026](#)  
[Division 6 Project Report - March 2026](#)

This item was received as information only.

**7.2 Public Engagement Updates**

Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Public Engagement Updates - March 2026](#)

This item was received as information only.

**8. Informational Item: Staff Reports**

*MPO Report:*

*Chris Lukasina reported the following:*

- *If you attended MPO 101, please complete the online survey.*
- *Check with your Executive Board Members to make sure they have filed their annual ethics reports; fines cannot be waived.*
- *We are scheduling 1:1 meetings with new Executive Board Members. If you are not new, but also want a 1:1 meeting, please let us know.*
- *The Annual NCAMPO Conference is May 6-8, 2026, and registration is available at [www.ncampo.org](http://www.ncampo.org). Three CAMPO staff members will be giving presentations.*
- *NCDOT is accepting applications for the 2026 Multimodal Planning Grant Program, which provides grants for identifying bike and walking paths and transit connections. Applications are due by April 13, 2026, and they require an MPO resolution of support. Since there is only one Executive Board meeting before then, you need to let us know by March 10, 2026, if you need to request one. If your agency is on the fence about applying, let us know by March 20, 2026. There may be a possibility for late resolutions.*

*NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:*

*No report provided.*

*NCDOT Division 4:*

*No report provided.*

*NCDOT Division 5:*

*No report provided.*

*NCDOT Division 6:*

*No report provided.*

*NCDOT Division 8:*

*No report provided.*

*NCDOT Rail Division:*

*No report provided.*

*NC Turnpike Authority:*

*Alan Shapiro reported that the planned I-87 nightly shutdowns were delayed until the first*

*week of April 2026.*

*NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division:*

*Kim Nguyen commented that anyone with questions on the 2026 Multimodal Planning Grant Program that Mr. Lukasina mentioned can contact her.*

*TCC Members:*

*No reports provided.*

**9. Adjournment**

*Chair Tracy Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.*

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

*CAMPO Executive Board Meeting      March 18, 2026  
 CAMPO Board Room                      3:00 - 5:00 pm  
 1 Fenton Main St, Ste 201  
 Cary, NC 27511*

*CAMPO TCC Meeting                      April 2, 2026  
 CAMPO Board Room                      10:00 am - Noon  
 1 Fenton Main St, Ste 201  
 Cary, NC 27511*

*CAMPO Executive Board Meeting      April 15, 2026  
 CAMPO Board Room                      3:00 - 5:00 pm  
 1 Fenton Main St, Ste 201  
 Cary, NC 27511*

*CAMPO TCC Meeting                      May 7, 2026  
 CAMPO Board Room                      10:00 am - Noon  
 1 Fenton Main St, Ste 201  
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