

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

**NC Research Campus
Kannapolis City Hall
401 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, NC 28081**

Members

Terry Crawford	City of Concord
Justin Simpson	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Larry Pittman	Cabarrus County
Dillon Brewer	Town of Rockwell
Jim Greene	Rowan County
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Deloris High	Town of East Spencer
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Isaac Davis, Jr.	Town of Midland

Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Sean Epperson	NCDOT Division 10
John Rhyne	NCDOT Division 9
Naomi Hatchell	City of Kannapolis
Albert Smith	Town of East Spencer
Karla Leonard	Rowan Chamber
Marty Sung	NCDOT-TPD
George Eckart	NCDOT-Division 9
Barbara Mallett	Town of East Spencer
Grant Campbell	NC House
Andy Bailey	NCDOT-TPD
Rashid Muhammad	Town of Spencer
Leah Weaver	WSP

Call to Order

TAC Vice-Chair Ryan Dayvault called the meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (CRMPO) TAC to order after a meal provided by the City of Salisbury at approximately 6:05 pm. TAC Vice-Chair Dayvault welcomed those in attendance and asked all present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed. After the pledge was recited, TAC Vice-Chair Dayvault on to call the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met.

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad read the NC State Ethics Commission Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest requirement and stated that if a conflict should arise during any part of the meeting, members should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

TAC Vice-Chair then recognized Representative Grant Campbell from the NC House, who reported that the NC General Assembly would be working to complete a budget in the upcoming

session. He noted some relevant legislation in the hopper on property tax reform and his activity with on committees related to Medicaid Waste, Fraud, and Abuse.

TAC Vice-Chair Dayvault continued with the meeting and asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates. Mrs. Karla Leonard representing the Rowan Chamber reported to the TAC members that the Chamber continues to support the recently submitted Build Grant application by the Town of East Spencer for \$25 million. She also noted a successful 100th Chamber Gala in January.

TAC Vice-Chair Dayvault then asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard he moved onto the consent agenda.

TAC Vice Chair Dayvault then requested any adjustments to Consent Agenda for the night's meeting. The items under the Consent Agenda were the FY 2026-2035 MTIP Modification #3 and Funding Swap Request. Director Conrad briefly reviewed the items for the members. With no adjustments being heard, Mr. Justin Simpson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Terry Crawford seconded the motion and after no questions or discussion, the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. If a TAC member requests discussion on an item, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. The following items were presented for TAC consideration on the Consent Agenda:

FY 2026-2035 MTIP Modification #3

The first project modifications are statewide project additions: TM-6111, TM-6112, TM-6113, M-O552ADIV, M-O552AREG, M-O552ASW, M-O552BDIV, M-O552BREG, M-O552BSW, M-O553ADIV, M-O553AREG, M-O553ASW, M-O553BDIV, M-O553BREG, M-O553BSW, and TQ-6954. The second project modification is to purchase replacement vehicles for Rider Transit (TA-5173). The third project is to modify funding in FY 26 thru FY 35 for Section 5310 operations program projects (TA-5128B). The fourth project modification is to delay construction to FY 27 commercial terminal expansion by Concord-Padgett Regional Airport (AV-5731). The fifth project modification is to add a project break for the traffic signal and pedestrian accommodations at Cox Mill High School (HS-2610R). The sixth project modification is to add a project break for the pedestrian hybrid beacon and sidewalk relocation on Cox Mill Road (HS-2610S). The seventh project modification is to add a project break for rumble stripes on Shiloh Church Road (HS-2610W). The eighth project modification is to add a project break for rumble stripes on Kannapolis Parkway (HS-2610X). The ninth project modification is to add a project break for rumble stripes on NC 49 (HS-2610Z). The tenth project modification is to accelerate construction to FY 29 for the Bruton Smith Blvd sidewalk (EB-5732). The eleventh project modification is to delay right-of-way and utilities to FY 27 for the Caldwell Road extension (HL-0063). The twelfth project modification is to delay construction to FY 29 for the Winecoff School Road pedestrian accommodations (HS-2410A). The thirteenth project modification is to

delay construction to FY 27 for the Kannapolis Amtrak station improvements (P-5725). The fourteenth project modification is to modify funding for routine capital for Rider Transit (TA-5130A). The fifteenth project modification is to modify funding for bus stop shelters for Rider Transit (TG-5103A). The sixteenth project modification is to modify funding for operations for ADA services for Rider Transit (TG-5103B). The seventeenth project modification is to modify funding for operations for preventative maintenance (TG-5103C). The eighteenth project modification is to modify the project scope for the Poplar Tent Road widening (U-3415A).

Funding Swap Request

The NCDOT is proposing the swapping of funding sources for several projects within the CRMPO, which could potentially help NCDOT secure additional federal funding for North Carolina. The funding swap involves switching \$3.8 million of CRMPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant-Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) federal funds for \$3.8 million in other flexible federal funds in the years the STBG-DA funds were programmed. There is no impact to schedules, local matches, or project management requirements resulting from the swap.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of January 28, 2026 Minutes

TAC Vice-Chair Dayvault highlighted the minutes from the January 28, 2026 TAC meeting included in their meeting packets. Vice-Chair Dayvault asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions heard, Mr. Terry Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Justin Simpson seconded the motion, and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

2055 MTP and Transportation Conformity Update

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad introduced Leah Weaver from WSP to provide a presentation on their work for the 2055 MTP. She explained some of the technical work to update maps and forecasted traffic for the 2055 MTP Update. She also referenced the update to the CTP and the coding of projects for the next phase of the CTP. After her presentation, Phil provided an update on the Transportation Conformity Analysis and Determination Report, and noted the completion of the public comment period. He indicated that no comments were received. He said that the 2055 MTP and Conformity was on schedule to meet the April deadline. (The deadline was subsequently met by the regional partners in the form of a letter from USDOT.) He recapped some of the components of the 2055 MTP. He further noted that requirement to meet national ambient air quality standards due to the 2004 designation by USEPA of the area as nonattainment for ozone. He referenced the tests of the project networks for ozone and motor vehicle emission budgets. He noted the reports available on the MPO website including

appendices. He stated that the federal review of the draft Conformity Report concluded in November with no comments.

After the review and with no questions or comments heard, Mr. Terry Crawford made a motion to adopt the 2055 MTP which was seconded by Mr. Justin Simpson. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Dillon Brewer made a motion to approve the Metrolina Conformity Determination Report, which was seconded by Mr. Jim Greene. This vote was unanimous.

FY 2026-27 DRAFT UPWP

Director Conrad provided a review of the FY 2026-27 Draft UPWP for the TAC members. He stated that each year the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO develops and adopts a unified planning work program (UPWP). The UPWP is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2026-2027. He highlighted some of the tasks in the planning source table. He also referenced a letter from NCDOT indicating that the allocation in FY 27 to the CR MPO was \$532,375. He pointed to a new template that the Federal government is requiring all MPO's to use, to certify their respective transportation planning process. He summarized the checklist table to certify the MPO transportation planning process. He also noted the local match table in the packet for municipal and county budgets. Without any further discussion, Mr. Dillon Brewer made a motion to adopt FY 27 UPWP with the appropriate resolution and Mr. Justin Simpson seconded it. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Justin Simpson made a motion to certify the CR MPO transportation planning process and Ms. Deloris High seconded the motion. The vote was also unanimous.

2026 Draft Local Priority Methodology

Director Conrad noted NCDOT staff has indicated that Session Law 2012-84 requires the Department to develop a process for standardizing or approving MPO local input methodology. The last time the MPO approved changes to the Local Priority Methodology was in 2021, which included changes in the way that points can be flexed between the tiers. He stated that the MPO had submitted a draft of the Cabarrus-Rowan local input methodology to NCDOT for content review. NCDOT staff has granted conditional approval to the MPO's methodology subject to public input and the MPO Board approval tonight. He concluded that this methodology would be applied in calendar 2026.

After review and no comments or questions being heard, Mr. Dillon Brewer made a motion to adopt the Draft Final Local Priority Methodology. Mr. Justin Simpson seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. John Rhyne, NCDOT Division 9 reported to the TAC members that Division 9 updates were included in their meeting packet and highlighted some bridge projects. He also introduced Mr. George Eckart as the new Division Planning Engineer.

Mr. Sean Epperson, NCDOT Division 10 noted the Division 10's report included in their packet. He then went on to highlight a spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates.

2. FY 26 Special Studies – Director Conrad reported that there are funds in FY 26 available.
3. FY 26 Bike and Ped Demonstration Planning Studies – Director Conrad reported that there are funds in FY 26 available.
4. Town of Midland Express Design Request – Director Conrad reported that the MPO has received a request from the Town of Midland to use of 3 remaining express design slots and the item is under review by the TCC.
5. Federal BASICS Act – Director Conrad noted the progress on the BASICS Act to replace IIJA, which expires on Sept. 30, 2026. He also explained the emphasis on formula funds and local project administration.
6. MPO Staffing RFOI – Director Conrad noted the open bid for the MPO staffing for the CR MPO with interviews held recently by the selection committee.

Informational Items

- RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil highlighted the ridership information included in the TAC packets.
- SEI Filing Deadline April 15th
- April Meetings pending NCDOT availability
- NCAMPO Conference May 6-8

Next Meeting : April 22, 2026

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Vice-Chair Dayvault adjourned the March TAC meeting.