

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

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

Members

J.C. McKenzie	City of Concord
Steve Miller	Town of Spencer
Larry Pittman	Cabarrus County
Dillon Brewer	Town of Rockwell
Jim Greene	Rowan County
Brittany Barnhardt	Town of Granite Quarry
Deloris High	Town of East Spencer
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Meredith Bare Smith	Town of Landis
Justin Simpson	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Wayne Starnes	Town of China Grove

Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Sean Epperson	NCDOT Division 10
John Rhyne	NCDOT Division 9
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Albert Smith	Town of East Spencer
Karla Leonard	Rowan Chamber
Emily Stupka	NCDOT-TPD
Terry Crawford	City of Concord
Barbara Mallet	Town of East Spencer
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Hasam Obias	NCDOT-TPD
Alpesh Patel	NCDOT-TPD
Mezak Tucker	NCDOT-Division 9

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Meredith Bare Smith called the meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (CRMPO) TAC to order after a meal provided by the Town of Landis. CRMPO Director Phil Conrad acknowledged and thanked the Town of Landis officials for the meal.

CRMPO TAC Vice Chairman Smith 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 Chairman Smith went on to call the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met. She then asked everyone around the room to introduce themselves.

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.

Director Conrad then reported to the TAC members that Mr. Graham Bennett has been appointed to the North Carolina Transportation Board. He also reported that Mr. Daniel Johnson has been appointed as the upcoming NC Department of Transportation Secretary.

CRMPO TAC Vice Chairman Smith 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 government shutdown has been problematic in working with the federal officials.

TAC Vice Chairman Smith then asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard she moved onto the consent agenda.

TAC Vice Chairman Smith then requested any adjustments to Consent Agenda for the night's meeting. The only item under the Consent Agenda was the RIDER Transit Program of Projects. Director Conrad briefly reviewed the item for the members. With no adjustments being heard, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Justin Simpson seconded the motion and after no questions or discussion, the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Approval of August 27, 2025 Minutes

TAC Vice Chairman Smith called members' attention to the minutes from the August 27, 2025 TAC meeting included in their meeting packets. Vice Chairman Smith asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions heard, Mr. Dillon Brewer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Brittney Barnhardt seconded the motion, and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

FY 2024-2033 MTIP Modification #12

Director Conrad reminded the TAC members that CRMPO MPO staff typically brings amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to TCC/TAC for consideration. The first project modifications were statewide project additions: BN-0031, M-0392ADIV, M-0392AREG, HV-0001, and M-0392ASW. The second project modification is to add the 8th Street Greenway Hawk Signal (BL-0177). The third project modification is to add the Midlake Avenue Sidewalk project (BL0178). The fourth project modification is to add engineering for the McCanless Road interchange project in FY 26 (BL-0176). The fifth project modification is to add the NC 3 and Windy Road roundabout (HL-0177). The sixth project modification is to add the Weddington Road and Rock Hill Church Road roundabout (HL-0178). The seventh project modification is to increase the cost greater than \$2 million or 25 percent for the Main Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements (HL-0064). The eighth project modification is to delay right-of-way to FY 26 for the Bethpage Road sidewalk (C-5603F). The ninth project modification is to delay right-of-way to FY 26 for the US 601/Flowes Store Road intersection improvements (C-5603I). The tenth project is to delay construction to FY 26 for the Concord Citywide Signal System project (HL-0123). The eleventh project is to add utilities in FY 26 for the US 29/Cannon Blvd intersection improvements (U-5761).

After review Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 3 which was a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. With no questions or comments being heard, Mr. Ryan

Dayvault made a motion to endorse modification #12 to the FY 2024-2033 MTIP. Mr. Justin Simpson seconded that motion and the CRMPO TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Functional Classification System Review

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad introduced Ms. Emily Stupka to the members who provided a Power Point presentation on the Functional Classification system. Ms. Stupka explained that e Functional Classification is the process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes, or systems according to the character of service they are intended to provide. She reported that highways fall into one of four broad categories: principal arterials, minor arterials, collector roads, and local roads and are based on whether the area is urban or rural.

Following the 2020 US Census and designation of urban area boundaries, the NCDOT conducted a review of the functional classification system. NCDOT staff has provided maps and AADT point shapefiles to conduct this review.

After her presentation, Director Conrad highlighted Attachment 4A which was a list of the proposed functional classification system changes. Director Conrad reviewed the changes and explained that some changes were necessary to keep the list current. With no comments or questions being heard, Mr. Dillon Brewer made a motion to endorse the proposed Functional Classification System with the changes presented. Mr. Justin Simpson seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Performance Based Planning Safety Targets

Director Conrad explained to the TAC members that the federal transportation legislation requires that State DOTs and MPOs adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. He went on to state that NCDOT has released the next round of safety targets for North Carolina and it is up to each MPO to either adopt these targets or devise their own targets. He reported that the proposed safety targets will be published on the CRMPO's website.

Director Conrad noted Attachment 6 in their meeting packets which was a draft resolution in support of the new safety targets for 2026. He reviewed the information with a presentation that was also provided the CRMPO TCC earlier in the month. After review and no comments or questions being heard, Mr. Dillon Brewer made a motion to release the Safety Targets for public comment. Mrs. Brittany Barnhardt seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

2055 MTP and Transportation Conformity Update

Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that Cabarrus-Rowan MPO and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on the Transportation Conformity Analysis and Determination Report. He explained that this report demonstrates that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. It also certifies that

the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a subset of the 2055 MTP, and that the Conformity Report is consistent with the approved State Implementation Plan (SIP) by EPA.

Director Conrad explained that this update requires a lot of detailed data collection. He reviewed an excerpt of the prior Report with the members. After the review and with no questions or comments heard, Mr. Justin Simpson made a motion to release the 2055 MTP and Metrolina Conformity Determination Report for public comment when it became available. Mr. Steve Miller seconded the motion and the CRMPO 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.

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.

Mr. Alpesh Patel, NCDOT TPD Director, provided the members with a power point presentation outlining goals and objectives for updating the Transportation Planning Department. He reviewed the planning, prioritization and programing aspects of the Department as well as future initiatives.

2. Mr. Sean Epperson addressed the TAC members and provided a power point presentation update on the George Liles/Kannapolis Parkway Lighting project. After the presentation Mr. Epperson reported that the project should be completed by October 30, 2026.
3. CMAQ Priority Submittal and Funding Update – Director Conrad reported updates on the Town of Mt. Pleasant's CMAQ project and stated that project planning is underway.
4. FY 26 Special Studies – Director Conrad reported that there are funds available.
5. FY 26 Bike and Ped Demonstration Planning Studies – Director Conrad reported that there are funds available.
6. Federal Funding Swap Memo – Director Conrad noted a memo in their packets concerning the recent Federal Funding Swap.

Informational Items

- New NCDOT Secretary Daniel Johnson
- RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil highlighted the ridership information included in the TAC packets.

Next Meeting : November 19, 2025

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mr. Dillon Brewer made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Brittney Barnhardt seconded the motion, and the TAC meeting was adjourned.