

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

**NC Research Campus
Kannapolis City Hall
2nd Floor Executive Conference Room
Kannapolis, NC 28081**

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Jason Hord	Town of Granite Quarry
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Matthew Geelan	Town of Landis
Teresa Barringer	Town of China Grove
Victoria Trexler	City of Salisbury
Marty Sung	NCDOT – TPD
Phil Collins	Cabarrus County
Sean Epperson	NCDOT Division 10
Mezak Tucker	NCDOT Division 9

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Elizabeth McCarty	Kannapolis
Wendy Miller	MPO Staff
Brielle Hartney	City of Concord
Lee Ainsworth	NCDOT-Div. 10
Anthony Tagliaferri	City of Concord
George Eckart	NCDOT-Div. 9

Mr. Phillip Graham called the June 17, 2026 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order at approximately 10:02 am. Mr. Graham called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum had been met. Mr. Graham then asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. With none heard, he asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, Mr. Graham moved to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Graham noted the minutes of the March 18, 2026 TCC meeting included in their packets. Mr. Graham asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions heard, Mr. Jason Hord made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Nomination and Election of TCC Vice-Chair

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad addressed the TCC members and noted the vacancy of the vice chair position as the Harrisburg delegate had resigned from the Town. He explained that the vacancy should be filled by a Cabarrus jurisdiction, that he or she would rotate to the Chair position automatically beginning in 2027.

With little discussion, Mr. Phillip Graham nominated Mr. Phil Collins from Cabarrus County as the Vice Chair for the remainder of 2026. With no other nominations being heard, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to close the nominations and elect Mr. Phil Collins as CRMPO TCC Vice Chair. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve. Mr. Muire noted the unusual nature of conducting a TCC meeting when both officers were absent and inquired about an amendment to the TCC bylaws. TCC members agreed and instructed MPO staff to bring back some recommended language at the next TCC meeting by consensus.

FY 2026-2035 MTIP Modification #5

Vice Chair Collins asked for an update on MTIP Modification #5. Mrs. Wendy Miller, CRMPO staff planner, addressed the TCC members and reported that CRMPO staff regularly brings amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC/TAC for consideration. Mrs. Miller reported that the first project modifications were statewide projects: The first project modifications are statewide project additions: TC-0003, TC-0005, TC-0006, TC-0007, TC-0008, TC-0010, TC-0011, TC-0012, TC-0013, TM-0033, and TU-0003. The second project modification is to delay construction to FY 32 for the Midlake Avenue sidewalk (BL-0178). The third project modification is to delay construction to FY 28 and increase the cost more than 25 percent or \$2 million for the Dale Earnhardt Blvd/US 29 intersection project (U-5761). The fourth project modification is to delay construction to FY 29 for the 8th Street Greenway HAWK signal (BL-0177). The fifth project modification is to modify the scope for the Main Street project (HL-0064). The sixth project modification is to increase the cost more than 25 percent or \$2 million for the second platform and pedestrian underpass at the Kannapolis Amtrak station (P-5725). Wendy concluded with a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects and stated that the new STIP was effective October 1, 2023.

With a little discussion, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #5 to the FY 2026-2035 MTIP. Mr. Jason Hord seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Town of Midland Express Design Request

The Town of Midland has been working towards the concept of a bypass or connector around their main congested intersection of NC 24-27 and US 601. Their Town Board has adopted a Town Goal for FY 2025-26 in support of the analysis of a parkway/connector project to prevent congestion along the NC 24-27 and US 601 corridor. NCDOT staff has indicated that there are 3 open slots for the MPO. (The Divisions get 6 slots each across the state). Prior slots submitted by the MPO were occupied by P8 projects, approved in the fall of 2025. Phil Conrad noted a scenario in the packet of 2 projects from P7 that would be eligible for Express Design, in tandem with the Midland Bypass. Mrs. Teresa Barringer asked about the NC 152 Bypass project in the list. Phil noted that an Express Design had been completed previously, but the project did not make the list for P8 because of scoring the reduction in project submittals in the fall of 2025. Mr. Marty Sung gave an update on the CTP analysis for a bypass in Midland and the upcoming meeting on June 30th. He noted 5 options using the Metrolina Regional Travel (MRM) model. Phil asked if the Town's new socioeconomic data had been included

and Marty confirmed that it had. He also noted the size of the MRM and potential limited impacts on the traffic in 2055 by incorporating this data. Sean reiterated the need for the CTP amendment, which would fulfill many of the steps of the Express Design process. He noted the size and scope of a bypass in terms of cost versus intersection improvements that could be done at a smaller cost to NCDOT. Mr. Jason Hord stated that he had concerns of modifying the process for a project that has never been submitted formally thru the TCC/TAC and the prospect that it could create unequal consequences for future project submissions. Mr. Ed Muire stated that he had no problem with providing the Town with a vacant slot if available, but concerned about some of the preparatory materials and the specifics provided by the Town so far. TCC members inquired and expressed concern about the Town's participation in TCC meetings on this topic, and also the timeframe and necessity for making a decision, with the TPD analysis only days away. Following the discussion, Mr. Jason Hord made a motion to table this item until the TPD analysis is complete on a bypass (June 30th), and only bring back this item for TCC consideration if the results are favorable to pursue. Ms. Victoria Trexler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with Mr. Marty Sung from TPD abstaining.

TIP Priority Project STI Results

Director Conrad noted that NCDOT has applied their methodology to rank transportation projects across the state and given an indication of available funds for the next STIP. The quantitative scores were recently released for all P8.0 projects on May 28th and June 10th. He stated that NCDOT will incorporate the quantitative scores with the local input (MPO) points and Division Engineer rankings/points to initiate the development of the FY 2028-2037 TIP. He reviewed the excel spreadsheet of the results for the top highway, aviation, rail, and sidewalk/greenway projects in the MPO area and explained the relationship between the worksheets. He referred to attachment 6, which was a scenario for allocating points to all projects in the regional and division tiers and noted the significance of the congestion and safety quantitative scores in the excel spreadsheet from NCDOT. A maximum of 100 points per project is assumed. He noted the 1600 points applied to regional tier projects and 1200 points applied to division tier projects, as well as the flexing of 600 points between regional and division tier. Phil asked the Division staff about a schedule for their assignment of points. Mr. Mezak Tucker said that Division 9 would be prioritizing projects based on safety and congestion. He felt that the Division process would be wrapped up by late July. Mr. Sean Epperson said that Division 10 would take a strategic approach and hoped to have their draft points by the end of the month, and would look to apply point to projects that are more likely to get funded in the STIP. It might mean higher cost projects with better scores do not receive Division points, especially if they are bigger than the funds available in that particular tier. Phil reviewed the schedule and need to begin the public process and work back from the August deadline. After review and no other comments or questions being heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend TAC consider releasing the regional and division tier portion of the TIP Priority Project List for public comment. Mr. Jason Hord seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports – CRMPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/TPD - Mr. Mezak Tucker, NCDOT Division 9 representative noted the updated Division 9 project spreadsheet which was included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Sean Eppersson from NCDOT Division 10 highlighted the updated Division 10 project spreadsheet from the TCC packets.

Mr. Marty Sung mentioned Travis Marshall's recent retirement from TPD.

2. Next MTP Horizon Year - \$284 m – Director Conrad summarized that the next MTP Update could have a horizon year of 2055 or 2060. Regional partners have selected to retain 2055. He noted that 5 years of revenue equates to about \$284 million, and would likely limit project selection for the next MTP cycle under fiscal constraint. He noted the growing cost of projects, and slow delivery of expensive projects. He highlighted a couple of projects in each division that may not make the next MTP.

3. CTP Analysis for Midland Bypass – Mr. Sung indicated that he covered this item earlier in the meeting, but noted the June 30th meeting with the Town and NCDOT.

4. FY 27 Special Studies – Director Conrad reported that there are funds in the FY 27 budget for special studies as has occurred in prior fiscal years.

5. Update on FY 27 Bike and Ped Demonstration Planning Studies – Director Conrad reported that there are 100 percent funds in the FY 27 budget for a couple of demonstration planning studies as has occurred in prior fiscal years.

6. Build America 250 Act – Phil Conrad highlighted some slides in the TCC packet from a recent webinar that MPO staff attended from national AMPO. He noted the expiration of IIJA on Sept. 30, 2026, and likelihood of a continuing resolution. He also explained the emphasis on federal formula funds and local government project administration in the newly proposed bill.

Informational Items

Director Conrad highlighted the following informational items included in the TCC packets:

RIDER Transit, Salisbury Transit and MTC Ridership – Director Conrad noted the updated ridership data from Salisbury Transit.

CRAFT Meeting Minutes – provided as information in the packets.

Western NC Rail Corridor Stakeholder Steering Committee

Statewide Freight Plan Factsheet

Next scheduled meeting: August 15, 2026

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Collins asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Matthew Geelan made the motion and Mr. Jason Hord seconded it. The TCC was adjourned.