

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Fred Haith	NCDOT Division 9
Teresa Barringer	Town of China Grove
Jared Mathis	City of Salisbury
Emily Stupka	NCDOT – TPD
Beth Hassenfritz	City of Kannapolis
Theo Ghitea	NCDOT Division 10
Jason Hord	Town of Granite Quarry
Steve Blount	Town of Spencer
Michael Ambrose	Town of Landis
Craig Thomas	Town of Midland
Devin Huston	Town of Harrisburg

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Mezak Tucker	NCDOT -Div. 9
Wendy Miller	MPO Staff
Phil Collins	Cabarrus County
Sean Epperson	NCDOT-Div. 10
Tony Tagliaferri	City of Concord
Matthew Geelan	Town of Landis
Victoria Trexler	City of Salisbury
Neda Fahim	NCDOT
Matt Albee	NCDOT
Brian Murphy	NCDOT
Martin Kinnamon	CDOT
Scott Miller	NCDOT-Div. 10

TCC Chair Mrs. Susie Morris called the October 15, 2025 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order at approximately 10:02 am. TCC Chair Morris called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum had been met. TCC Chair Morris 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, TCC Chair Ambrose moved to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chair Morris noted the minutes of the August 20, 2025 TCC meeting included in their packets. Chair Morris asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions heard, Mr. Tony Tagliaferri made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Steve Blount seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2024-2033 and FY 2026-2035 MTIP Modification #12

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: 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 (BL-0178). 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). Phil Conrad noted that the amendments are to the former STIP and the existing STIP as it has not been formally submitted to FHWA for concurrence yet. He also noted all of the recently approved STBG projects in the list of approvals, which can now proceed to the municipal agreement phase. She noted a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects and stated that the new STIP was effective October 1, 2023.

With little discussion, Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #12 to the FY 2024-2033 and FY 2026-2035 MTIP. Mr. Ed Muire seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Rider Transit Program of Projects (POP)

Phil Conrad, CRMPO Director reported that Andy Christy from Rider Transit was unavailable today. He noted that the Program of Projects is a list of proposed FTA grant requests to support the operations of Rider Transit in Fiscal Year 2026. He stated that Rider has elected to use the MPO Public Involvement procedures to process this annual requirement. He referenced a meeting to coordinate the STIP schedules for the 3 transit systems in the MPO area that was held in August. He mentioned that the CK Rider POP is a subset of the STIP. He stated that the POP would come back before the TCC in January after the public comment period.

With no further discussion or questions, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that CRMPO TAC consider releasing the CK Rider Program of Projects (POP) for public comment. Mr. Steve Blount seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Functional Classification System Review

Mrs. Emily Stupka from PTD noted some slides and information in the TCC packet regarding the Functional Classification Update. She noted that 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 stated 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. She referenced a change to the Bringle Ferry Road designation to major collector from the August meeting. She indicated that TPD was seeking an approval of the Functional Classification changes at this time. Phil Conrad noted the importance of the Functional Class for determining federal aid eligibility for future local projects with federal funding. Ms. Victoria Trexler made a motion to recommend the Federal Functional Classification changes to the TAC for approval and Mr. Phillip Graham provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Performance-Based Planning: Safety Targets

TCC Chair called on Brian Murphy from NCDOT to provide an update on the most recent performance safety targets. Mr. Murphy provided a powerpoint presentation that he said would be shared with TCC members. He stated the goal is to reduce all fatalities and serious injuries by half in 2035 and to zero by 2050. He noted 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 highlighted the most recent release of the next round of safety targets for North Carolina and stated that it was up to each MPO to either adopt these targets or devise their own targets. His presentation highlighted statewide safety trends that would not meet the targets as well as localized data for the MPO area with similar trends. The statewide population continues to grow to about 11 million people. He stated that vehicle miles travel or exposure has rebounded for the MPO area from the pandemic and noted that crashes have followed this trend. He provided a table of crashes, fatal crashes and serious injuries for jurisdictions in the MPO area from 2015 to 2024. He noted the upcoming deadline of February 27th for MPO's adopted performance measures. He concluded that North Carolina has not met or made significant progress towards achieving its performance safety targets. He references a number of resources for safety data collected by the state of North Carolina.

After some discussion, Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to recommend that the TAC release the Safety Targets for public comment and Mr. Phillip Graham seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote.

2055 MTP and Transportation Conformity Update

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that Cabarrus-Rowan MPO and the Metrolina Regional Partners will be working on the Transportation Conformity Analysis and Determination Report. This report demonstrates that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. The Report 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. When the Report is available, it will be published on the MPO website. Phil stated that MPO staff will be coordinating the Report for the Charlotte Region with assistance from NCDOT, NCDEQ, and FHWA. He said this work is ongoing.

Without any further questions or suggestions, Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider releasing the 2055 MTP and Transportation Conformity Report for public comment. Mr. Jason Hord seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously.

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. He highlighted project Y-5500IA project, which was the connection to Henderson Grove Church Road in lieu of the railroad grade separation. He also noted updates to the roundabout on Cannon Farm Road (W-5709E).

Mr. Theo Ghitea from NCDOT Division 10 noted the updated Division 10 project spreadsheet from the packets.

2. George Liles/Kannapolis Pkwy Lighting Project – Mr. Sean Epperson provided a powerpoint lighting project at the interchange. He stated that it was funded thru the STBG-DA program with the local match split between Concord, Kannapolis and NCDOT. He stated that bids were opened in September and came in high and the project was awarded with a completion date of October 30, 2026. NCDOT will be making up the difference for the shortfall.

3. Metrolina Regional Model Update – Director Conrad introduced Martin Kinnamon with CDOT for an update on modeling activities. Mr. Kinnamon noted the recent model runs for the STIP conformity and the upcoming runs for the 2055 MTP conformity. He said that everything is on schedule. Phil thanks Mr. Kinnamon for the recent independent model runs for MTP development and for his participation in the TCC meeting.

4. CMAQ Priority Submittal and Funding Update – Director Conrad provided an update on the last CMAQ award in 2024 to the Town of Mount Pleasant or East Franklin Street sidewalk. He noted NCDOT Division 10 staff's participation in cost estimations and will be administering the project for the Town. He stated that a project schedule has been presented to NCDOT for the STIP.

5. FY 26 Special Studies – Director Conrad reported that there are funds in the FY 26 budget for a special studies as has occurred in prior fiscal years. He noted the recently completed China Grove corridor studies.

6. Update on FY 26 Bike and Ped Demonstration Planning Studies – Director Conrad noted that there are funds in the FY 26 budget for a couple of demonstration planning studies as has occurred in prior fiscal years.

Informational Items

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

RIDER Transit, Salisbury Transit and MTC Ridership – Mr. Ed Muire requested updated ridership data from Salisbury Transit.

Federally Funding Swap Memo – provided as information from NCDOT.

Next scheduled meeting: VIRTUAL November 19, 2025

With no further business to discuss, TCC Chair Morris asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Steve Blount made a motion that was seconded by Phillip Graham. The meeting was adjourned.