



# Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 1:00 PM

WPCOG Offices—1880 2nd Ave NW

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Agenda Item	Presenter	Attachment	Action
Call to Order /Introductions	Randy Williams		
Consent Agenda Items:			
A. Minutes of February 26, 2025 Meeting	Randy Williams	<a href="#">Attachment I</a>	Approve Consent Agenda Items
B. Transportation Improvement Program Revisions for Release			
Board Officer Elections	Averi Ritchie	<a href="#">Attachment II</a>	Adopt by Resolution
Open LAPP Call for Projects & Release Methodology Revisions	Daniel Odom	<a href="#">Attachment III</a>	Open Call & Release for Public Comment
Draft Western Piedmont Transportation Safety Plan	Jordan Powell, VHB	<a href="#">Attachment IV</a>	Release for Public Comment
2025 MPO Meeting Schedule Modification	Averi Ritchie	<a href="#">Attachment V</a>	Recommend for Approval
NCDOT Updates			
Division 11	Sean Sizemore		
Division 12	Anil Panicker		
Division 13	Hannah Smith		
Transportation Planning Division	Reuben Crummy		
Integrated Mobility Division	Bryan Lopez		
Reminders	Averi Ritchie		
Public Comment / Announcements	Randy Williams		
Adjournment			
Next Meeting: April 30, 2025	Randy Williams		



# GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

1880 2nd Avenue NW, PO Box 9026

Hickory, NC 28603



## MINUTES

### GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GHMPO)

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TCC)

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 1:00 PM In-person meeting and  
via Zoom

Present			Absent		
First Name	Last Name	Representing	First Name	Last Name	Representing
Randy	Williams	City of Newton	Bonnie	Caudie	Town of Gamewell
Jon	Hogan	City of Lenoir	Patrick	Reach	Alexander County
Wendy	Smith	Town of Morganton	Bill	Carroll	Town of Drexel
Rick	Justice	Town of Rhodhiss	Brian	Burgess	Alexander/Taylorsville
Karen	Dickerson	City of Hickory	Bradley	Kirkley	Burke County
Erik	Schlichting	City of Conover	Randy	Feirabend	Town of Cajah's Mtn
John	Marshall	City of Hickory	Chris	Timberlake	Catawba County
Jon	Greer	Town of Hudson	Dustin	Milsap	Town of Sawmills
Amy	Bucknam	Alexander County	Michael	Berley	City of Morganton
Wilson	Elliott	City of Hickory	Hannah	Williams	City of Lenior
Caroline	Kone	City of Hickory	Bryce	Carter	City of Claremont
Laurie	LoCicero	Catawba County	Nathan	Hester	Town of Taylorsville
Greg	Wilson	Town of Granite Falls	Shelly	Stevens	Caldwell County
Alan	Glines	Burke County	Steve	Miller	City of Hickory
Blake	Wright	Town of Maiden	Chris	Timberlake	Catawba County
Patrick	Creech	Alexander County	Logan	Shook	Town of Hildebran

Mary	Furtado	Catawba County	Daniel	Cobb	Town of Granite Falls
			Danny	Hipps	Town of Catawba
<b><u>WPCOG, FHWA &amp; GUEST</u></b>			<b><u>NC DOT STAFF</u></b>		
Averi Ritchie – WPCOG			Dean Ledbetter – Div 11 & 12		
Daniel Odom – WPCOG			Ruben Crummy – NC DOT TPD		
Casey Fullbright – WPCOG			Sean Sizemore – Div 11		
Kaylan Kelly – Greenway Public Transportation			Kenny Heavner – Div 11		
Jordan Powell - VHB			Michael Poe – Div 11		
			Travis Jordan – Div 12		
			Anil Panicker – Div 12		
			Mark Stafford – Div 12		
			Hannah Smith – Div 13		
			Stephen Sparks – Div 13		
			Mohammad Haidari – NCDOT		

**Call to Order/ Introductions:** Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM and welcomed all present. Introductions were conducted, followed by the Introduction of online viewers.

***Action Items:***  
***Action Items:***

- I. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Chair Williams called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Upon a motion from Mr. Wright and a second from Mrs. Smith, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda.
- II. Transportation Improvement Program Revisions for Approval:** Ms. Ritchie presented Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) revisions for approval. The revisions included Transit projects related to 5310 funding as well as a one-year delay related to the sidewalk project on Springs Rd in Catawba County. Upon a motion by Mr. Marshall and a second by Mrs. Smith, the revisions were approved.
- III. 2025 MPO Meeting Schedule Modification:** Ms. Ritchie presented a modification to the existing MPO Schedule. The modification was regarding a change of date for the MPO Meeting from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Smith and a second by Mr. Justice, the MPO Meeting Schedule Modifications were approved.
- IV. FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program & Revisions:** Ms. Ritchie presented the FY 2026 UPWP & Revisions, highlighting key transportation and planning initiatives. Some of the initiatives the GHMPO will focus on include assisting with STIP updates, exploring new projects for Prioritization 8.0, and continuing the evaluation of bicycle and pedestrian needs, which involves updating the GIS inventory and developing an interactive mapping tool. The GHMPO will manage the Western Piedmont Transportation Safety Plan, focusing on safety improvements while collaborating with local governments and NCDOT. Public involvement efforts will continue through outreach strategies, including public meetings and virtual options for impacted communities. Upon a motion made by Mrs. LoCicero and seconded by Mr. Justice, the FY 2026 UPWP & Revisions were approved.
- V. 5303 STIP Amendment:** Ms. Ritchie presented the updated 5303 STIP Amendment. This update is made annually to accurately reflect requested funds for planning assistance. Upon a motion made by Mr. Justice and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the 5303 STIP Amendment was approved.
- VI. Draft 2026-2035 STIP for Prioritized Projects:** Ms. Ritchie led the discussion regarding the 2026-2035 draft STIP, highlighting projects that have been decommitted and delayed. These changes were visually presented on a map, showing the differences from the previous STIP. Further discussion took place between members and DOT, with Mr. Stroud raising questions about the prioritization process and exploring alternatives for completing specific projects. The conversation provided valuable insights into how the adjustments would impact project timelines and resource allocation moving forward.
- VII. Western Piedmont Transportation Safety Plan:** Mr. Powell from VHB presented an overview of the Western Piedmont Transportation Safety Plan (WPTSP), outlining key processes and strategic goals. These include a data-driven

approach, utilizing the Safe Systems Approach, and engaging underserved populations in outreach efforts. The plan focuses on reducing fatalities and serious injuries on the region's transportation system, with options for setting safety targets aligned with the State or a more aggressive timeline. Additionally, the discussion emphasized the importance of integrating safety data into planning efforts, using tools like risk analysis and project scoping to prioritize safety improvements across urban and rural areas.

## **NCDOT Update –**

- **Division 11:** Mr. Sizemore provided project updates within the packet for Division 11. Mr. Poe presented updates on several ongoing projects, including Pinewood Road in Granite Falls, where remobilization for underground utility work is underway, and Brown Mountain Beach Road, which is improving curve areas with a contract let in January, though resurfacing won't begin until late summer due to delays from Hurricane Helene recovery efforts. Additionally, the Helene Recovery Effort is 60% complete with site-specific work and 70% of debris cleanup finished.
- **Division 12:** Mr. Panicker provided project updates within the agenda packet for Division 12 & Division 13.
- **Division 13:** Mrs. Smith provided updates regarding new formats for presenting project development as well as new comparisons reports for STIP data.
- **NCDOT-TPD:** Mr. Crummy addressed two bridge replacement projects as well as traffic forecast in Burke County.
- **NCDOT-IMD:** No updates
- **FHWA:** No updates

**Reminders:** Ms. Ritchie reminded members of several important items, including the need to file ethics forms, the upcoming elections for Chairman and Vice Chair, which will take place in March, and the New Member Orientation scheduled for March. She also noted that the virtual Bike/Ped and LCP surveys are now live and encouraged members to distribute them widely.

**Public Comment/Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Randy Williams, MPO/TCC Chair

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Averi Ritchie, TAC Secretary

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION  
GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**MEETING DATE:** March 26, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

**PRESENTER:** Averil Ritchie

**ATTACHMENTS:** Excerpt from TCC Bylaws & Resolution

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Per the attached Bylaws, a TCC Chair and Vice-Chair must be elected every two years. These officers may serve consecutive two-year terms.

The current Chair of TCC is Randy Williams, Planning Director at City of Newton.

The current Vice-Chair of TCC is Blake Wright, Planning and Zoning Director at Town of Maiden.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** TCC members must appoint or re-appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair.

**Suggested Motion:** *I move that the TCC appoint or re-appoint NAME as Chair / Vice-Chair.*

## **Section 2 – Terms of Office:**

There shall be no limitation on the length of time members may serve on the TCC subject to the authorization to do so by their respective agency or local government.

## **Section 3 – Alternates:**

Each member agency may appoint an alternate to its representative. That alternate member may serve as a full voting member during any meeting where that agency's representative is not in attendance.

# **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

## **Section 1 – Officers Defined:**

The officers of the TCC shall consist of a Chair, and a Vice-Chair, who shall be elected by and from amongst voting TCC members.

## **Section 2 – Elections:**

The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected and can remain in office until a successor has been duly elected. The newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair shall take office immediately following the election. The Chair must have served as a TCC member (delegate or alternate) for one full year immediately prior to election.

Additional elections may be held if either the Chair or Vice-Chair cannot carryout his/her duties and complete the remainder of the appointed term.

## **Section 3 – Terms of Office:**

The term of office for officers shall be two years. Elections shall be held every two years and officers may serve consecutive two-year terms.

## **Section 4 – Duties of Officers:**

The Chair shall call and preside at meetings and sub-committee meetings, and shall set the order of business (agenda) for each meeting. In the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair shall preside and complete all other duties of the Chair. In the event that the Chair is unable to carryout his/her duties for the remainder of his/her term, the Vice-Chair shall carry out the functions of the Chair for the remainder of the term and a new Vice-Chair shall be elected.



**GREATER HICKORY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**  
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**RESOLUTION FOR THE ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning and decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, the current terms of both the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Greater Hickory MPO Technical Coordinating Committee have ended, and new officers are needed to continue leading the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the election of a new chairperson and vice-chairperson is in accordance with the MPO's bylaws and procedures, and it is necessary to conduct elections to ensure the proper functioning of the organization; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Technical Coordinating Committee of the Greater Hickory MPO, that:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby elected as the new Chair of the Technical Coordinating Committee, effective March 26, 2025.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby elected as the new Vice-Chair of the Technical Coordinating Committee, effective March 26, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the newly elected chairperson and vice-chairperson are authorized to assume all responsibilities and duties of their respective positions as outlined in the MPO's bylaws.

**ADOPTED this 26th of March, 2025.**

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Greater Hickory MPO TCC Chair

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Averi Ritchie  
Greater Hickory MPO TCC Secretary

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION  
GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TCC/TAC**

**MEETING DATE:** March 26, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Locally Administered Project Program – Open LAPP Call & Methodology Revisions

**PRESENTER:** Daniel Odom, Transportation Projects Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS:** LAPP 2025 – Spring Call for New Projects

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) and Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) receive roughly \$3.5 million annually in federal transportation grant funding for multimodal projects (pedestrian, transit, small intersection). These funds are managed through the Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP). The GHMPO holds a yearly call for new projects and supplemental requests in early Spring of the Calendar Year. The Target investment amount for the Spring 2025 call for projects is \$4.6 million dollars in Federal STBG-DA funds.

The GHMPO is also releasing updates to the LAPP Program Selection Methodology for Public Comment. Updates include the removal of the Transportation Disadvantaged Index and select project type language. Requested removals are an effort to ensure compliance and consistency with updated federal funding initiatives.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** Release for Public Comment

**Suggested Motion:** None



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# Locally Administered Project Program: Spring 2025 Call for New Projects & Supplemental Requests

GHMPO TCC and TAC

March 26, 2024

# Funding Overview

- As a designated Transportation Management Area, the MPO receives directing authority for \$3.5M in federal transportation funding.
- Projects compete through the approved application and scoring methodology of the Locally Administered Project Program.
- Typical Projects include sidewalk extensions, small intersection improvements, multi-use path construction.
- Federal Funding Available: **\$4.6M** -- Surface Transportation Block Grant

# Eligibility Checklist

- Eligible Uses:

- o Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements
- o Small Roadway/Intersection Projects
- o Transit Improvements

- o Eligibility Requirements:

- o Project Area must be identified on the Federal Aid System
- o Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects must serve a transportation purpose
- o Safety projects may be eligible on any roadway if they meet federal safety project requirements.
- o Must be locally administered.

# Application Timeline

- March 26, 2025 – Call for Projects Opens
- May 2, 2025 – Project Applications and Local Support Resolutions Due
- May 28, 2025 – Project Applications and Tentative Funding Proposal Released for Public Comment
- June 25, 2025 – Project Applications and Final Funding Proposal Available for Approval by GHMPO Board.
- August/September, 2025 – BOT Approval of Project Funding
- *While not required, pre-submittal meetings are highly encouraged. Let's talk!*

# Methodology Update

- While the MPO holds selection authority at the regional level, LAPP funding is federally allocated and authorized.
- To ensure compliance with E.O. 14148 and E.O. 14151 MPO staff are requesting that TCC and TAC consider the **removal of the Transportation Disadvantage Index from the LAP methodology, and removal of "Cycle-Tracks" and other Bicycle-centric transportation language.**
- This proposed update is being released for public comment and will be available for action at the April TCC/TAC meeting.



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Questions?

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION  
GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TCC/TAC**

**MEETING DATE:** March 26, 2025

**SUBJECT:** TCC/TAC 2025 Meeting Schedule Modification

**PRESENTER:** Averi Ritchie, Transportation Planning Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:** TCC/TAC 2025 Meeting Schedule Modification

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

For the transportation boards in 2025, our meeting calendar will be structured to ensure consistent and efficient discussions on key transportation issues. Meetings will be held monthly with some potential cancelations. An asterisk indicates the potential cancelation of a meeting. Meetings will only be held on those dates if unanticipated action is requested of the MPO throughout the year. Meetings are generally the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, however, some meeting dates are modified to accommodate holidays and conferences.

For this agenda item, we request the April meeting date be moved to the following week, on April 30.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval of meeting schedule

**Suggested Motion:** *I motion to approve the 2025 TCC/TAC meeting schedule modification.*

<b>TCC Technical Coordinating Committee</b> <b>2025 Calendar</b> (Local Government Staff)	
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date at 1:00 PM</b>
<u>3rd</u> Wed	January 15
4th Wed	February 26
4th Wed	March 26
<u>5th</u> Wed	April 30
4th Wed	May 28
4th Wed	June 25*
4th Wed	July 23
4th Wed	August 27
4th Wed	September 24
4th Wed	October 22*
<u>2nd</u> Wed	November 12
<u>2nd</u> Wed	December 10

<b>TAC Transportation Advisory Committee</b> <b>2025 Calendar</b> (Elected Officials)	
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date at 2:30 PM</b>
<u>3rd</u> Wed	January 15
4th Wed	February 26
4th Wed	March 26
<u>5th</u> Wed	April 30
4th Wed	May 28
4th Wed	June 25*
4th Wed	July 23
4th Wed	August 27
4th Wed	September 24
4th Wed	October 22*
<u>2nd</u> Wed	November 12
<u>2nd</u> Wed	December 10

\*Indicates the likely cancelation of a meeting. Meetings will only be held on those dates if unanticipated action is requested of the MPO throughout the year.

Greater Hickory MPO  
Transportation Update  
March 2025

Division 11 Projects Under Development – Caldwell Co.								
<u>TIP</u>	<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ROW YEAR</u>	<u>CONST YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL PROJECT COST</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Assigned Manager</u>	<u>Funding: S/F</u>
BL-0002	US 321A (MAIN STREET)	US 321A (MAIN STREET), CONSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS FROM SR 1952 (CEDAR VALLEY ROAD) TO SR 1156 (LEGION ROAD).	2025	2025	\$464,000	Planning	Division	F
BL-0065	NS	Lenoir Greenway, Harper Avenue to Morganton Boulevard. Extend multi-use path.	2025	2026	\$2,449,000	Planning	LAP	F
BP11-R008	SR 1545 (COTTRELL HILL ROAD)	Replace Bridge 130011 on SR 1545 over Zachs Fork Creek in Caldwell County	2025	2026	\$900,000	Planning	Division	S
BP11-R025	SR 1927 (OLD MORGANTON ROAD)	Replace Bridge 130332 on SR 1927 over Abington Creek in Caldwell County	2025	2026	\$1,450,000	Planning	Division	S
BP11-R035	SR 1519 (HOLLYWOOD RIDGE ROAD)	Replace Bridge 130169 on SR 1519 over Warrior Creek in Caldwell County	2026	2027	\$950,000	Planning	Division	S
BP11-R040	SR 1719 (CEDAR VALLEY CHURCH ROAD)	Replace Bridge 130048 on SR 1719 over Upper Little River in Caldwell County	2025	2026	\$850,000	Planning	Division	S
BP11-R042	SR 1328 (BROWN MOUNTAIN BEACH ROAD)	Replace Bridge 130322 on SR 1328 over Este Mill Creek in Caldwell County	2026	2027	\$950,000	Planning	Division	S
BP11-R048	SR 1571	Replace Bridge 130342 on SR 1571 over Kings Creek in Caldwell County	2026	2027	\$1,300,000	Planning	Division	S
HB-0056	SR 1514	SR 1514, REPLACE BRIDGE 130 OVER YADKIN RIVER.	2026	2027	\$934,000	Planning	Division	F
HB-0057	SR 1356	SR 1356, REPLACE BRIDGE 185 OVER JOHNS RIVER.	2025	2026	\$934,000	Planning	Division	F
HB-0058	SR 1356	SR 1356, REPLACE BRIDGE 186 OVER JOHNS RIVER.	2025	2026	\$875,000	Planning	Division	F
HB-0059	SR 1356	SR 1356, REPLACE BRIDGE 275 OVER JOHNS RIVER.	2025	2026	\$934,000	Planning	Division	F

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HB-0060	SR 1356	SR 1356, REPLACE BRIDGE 317 OVER JOHNS RIVER.	2025	2025	\$1,214,000	Planning	Division	F
HB-0061	SR 1574	SR 1574, REPLACE BRIDGE 349 OVER JONES CREEK.	2026	2027	\$748,000	Planning	Division	F
HF-0003	SR 1328 (BROWN MOUNTAIN BEACH ROAD)	SR 1328 (BROWN MOUNTAIN BEACH ROAD) WIDEN ROADWAY TO 20 FEET IN FIVE LOCATIONS ALONG WILSON CREEK.	2024	2025	\$1,510,000	Planning	Division	F
R-3430B	SR 1001 (CONNELLY SPRINGS ROAD)	SR 1001 (CONNELLY SPRINGS ROAD), BURKE COUNTY CONSTRUCT NEWPARALLEL BRIDGE OVER CATAWBA RIVER.	2022	2025	\$24,150,000	July Let	Central	S
R-3430C	SR 1001 (CONNELLY SPRINGS ROAD)	SR 1001 (CONNELLY SPRINGS ROAD) FROM CATAWBA RIVER TO SR 1933 (SOUTH-WEST BOULEVARD). MODERNIZE ROADWAY TO INCLUDE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS.	2028	2031	\$78,508,000	Planning	Central	F
U-4700CA	US 321	SR 1160 (MOUNT HERMAN ROAD). UPGRADE INTERSECTION TO SUPERSTREET DESIGN. - WITHIN THE LIMITS OF U-4700 C.	2019	2025	\$7,620,000	August Let	Division	F
U-4700CB	US 321	AT SR 1809/1952 (PINE MOUNTAIN ROAD). UPGRADE INTERSECTION TO SUPERSTREET DESIGN.	2019	2025	\$12,500,000	August Let	Division	F
U-4700CC	US 321	AT SR 1108 (MISSION ROAD). UPGRADE INTERSECTION TO SUPERSTREET DESIGN	2019	2025	\$8,850,000	August Let	Division	F
U-6034	US 321 ALT	DUKE STREET TO PINEWOODS ROAD	2025	2027	\$25,600,000	R/W soon	Division	F
U-6157	SR 1130 (CAJAH MOUNTAIN ROAD)	SR 1130 (CAJAH MOUNTAIN ROAD) FROM SR 1001 (CONNELLY SPRINGS ROAD) TO US 321A	2024	2027	\$47,101,000	R/W soon	Division	F
U-6161	US 321	US 321 FROM SR 1002 (DUDLEY SHOALS ROAD) GRADE SEPARATION. CONSTRUCT RAMP ONTO US 321 SOUTHBOUND.	2025	2027	\$5,000,000	Planning	Division	F

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Division 11 Projects Under Construction								
<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>TIP#</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Location Description</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Construction Progress %</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
DK00259	CALDWELL	R-5775	US 321	IMPROVE INTERSECTION AT US 321 (HICKORY BLVD) AND SR 1109 (PINEWOOD ROAD EXT)	\$1,682,361.75	TRI-COUNTY PAVING INC	93 %	8/24
C204844	CALDWELL	U-6036	SR 1109 (PINEWOOD ROAD)	FROM US 321 TO SR-1252 (BERT HUFFMAN ROAD)	\$11,480,140.98	JAMES R VANNOY & SONS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC	6 %	3/27

## March 2025 Progress Report for Division 12 Projects in GHMPO

### Active Construction Projects for Alexander and Catawba Counties

Contract/ TIP #	County	Route	Project Description	Status	% Complete
DL00307	Alexander	NC 90, NC 16 and 7 Sections of Secondary Roads	Resurfacing for 14.5 miles.	Underway.	34%
C204348/ R- 2307B	Catawba, Iredell	NC 150 from SR 1840 (Greenwood Road) in Catawba County to US 21 in Iredell County.	Widen Roadway to 4/ 6 Lanes and reconfigure interchange at I- 77.	Underway.	3%
DL00332, B- 2412EC, BO- 2412F	Catawba, Lincoln	Various	Division 12 Program to Upgrade Intersections to Comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) using Transportation Alternatives (TA) Funds.	Underway.	82%
DL00321/ HA- 0007	Catawba	ARC Fairgrove Industrial Access	Construct 0.26 mile access road to cul-de-sac.	Underway.	95%
DL00325	Catawba, Lincoln	Various	Resurfacing for 32.52 miles.	Underway.	61%

### Active Construction Projects for Burke County in Division 13

Contract/ TIP #	County	Route	Project Description	Status	% Complete
C204406	Burke	B-6011, B-6013 & B-6014	Bridge replacement. One each in Buncombe, Burke, McDowell and Mitchell Counties.	Underway.	72%
C204716	Burke	B-5869/ Bridge #99 over Norfolk Southern Railroad on Us-64/ US 70 in Morganton.	Bridge Replacement.	Underway.	38%
DM00440	Burke	Various Primary and Secondary Routes.	Resurfacing for 13.62 miles	Underway.	7%
DM00441	Burke	Various Secondary Routes.	Resurfacing for 17.16 miles	Underway.	62%
DM00449/ R-5967	Burke	SR 1625 (9th Ave Dr NW)	9th Ave Dr NW widening at Goat Farm Rd 0.6 miles	Underway.	23%

## Active Projects Under Development in Alexander and Catawba Counties

Contract/ TIP #	County	Route	Project Description	Status	% Complete
U-4700 A	Catawba	US 321	Widen to six lanes from north of US 70 in Hickory to US 321A. Length 3.2 miles.	Right-of-Way acquisition underway. Work on multiple disciplines also underway. The projected schedule for Construction let is August of 2026.	NA
U-5777	Catawba	NC 127	Add turn lanes from 1st Ave SE to 2nd Ave SE.	Right of Way acquisition in progress. Redesign to shorten turn lane to reduce impacts to adjacent properties and reduced vertical profile to facilitate constructability. Let date scheduled for May of 2025.	NA
U-6041	Alexander	US 64 at SR 1124 (Church Rd)	Add left turn lanes on westbound US 64/ NC 90.	The projected schedule for Right of Way and Construction is in FY 2025. Engineering work is ongoing. Right of Way has started.	NA
R-3603A	Alexander	NC 127	Widen to multi-lanes from SR 1400 (Cloninger Mill Rd) in Catawba County to SR 1156 (Richey Rd) in Alexander County.	The projected schedule for Right of Way and Construction is in FY 2025 and FY 2028 respectively. Design work in progress.	NA
U-2530A	Catawba	NC 127	Widen to multi-lanes from SR 1132 (Huffman Road) to SR 1008 (Zion Church Road).	The projected schedule for Right of Way and Construction is in FY 2025 and FY 2028 respectively. Engineering work is ongoing. Public meeting held on March 21, 2024.	NA
U-2307B	Catawba	East Side Thoroughfare (McDonald Parkway)	Widen to Multi-lanes.	The projected schedule for Right of Way and Construction is in FY 2026 and FY 2029. respectively. Planning and Design is ongoing. Public Meeting held on 11/19/2024.	NA
I-5716	Catawba	I-40	Interchange Improvements at SR 1007 (Lenoir Ryne Blvd) and construct ramp in Northeast quadrant.	The projected schedule for Construction is in FY 2026. Planning and Design underway.	NA
B-5847	Catawba	SR 1709 (Rock Barn Road)	Replace Bridge 170173 over I-40.	The projected schedule for Right of Way, Utility relocation and Construction is in FY 2023, FY 2028 and FY 2030 respectively. Public Meeting held on July 12, 2022 in Conover. The project proposes roundabout at the ramp terminals and also considering a multiuse path and sidewalks over I-40. Right of Way in progress.	NA

# NCDOT TPD NEWS



NCDOT TPD GHMPO Newsletter

March 2025

## Traffic Forecasts (TF)

A Project Level Traffic Forecasting is an essential part of the planning process. There are no traffic forecasts currently underway in the MPO area. There is a map that provides information about past and current traffic forecasts: [NCDOT Traffic Forecasting Data Map](#)

## Draft GHMPO CTP

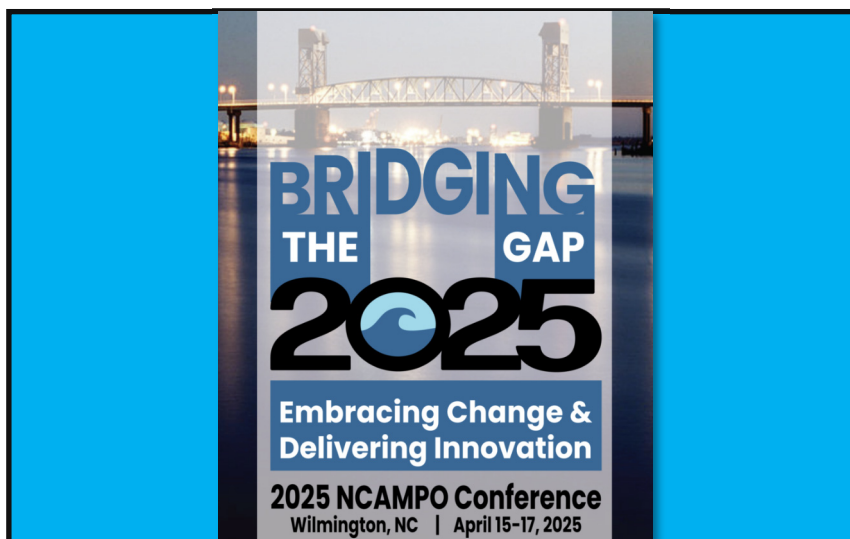
The Draft GHMPO CTP is currently going through it's internal review process. As it progresses, updates will follow. Thank you for your patience.

## IMD Multimodal Updates Webinar

IMD's March 13, 2025 webinar slides and a recording has been uploaded at the link provided: [Multimodal Updates Webinars](#).

## The 2025 NCAMPO Conference

The 2025 North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NCAMPO) Annual Conference will be held in Downtown Wilmington, NC, at the Hotel Ballast from April 15th-17th, 2025. The theme this year will be, "Bridging the Gap-Embracing Change and Delivering Innovation," The keynote speaker will be Wes Marshall, PhD, PE. He is a professor of civil engineering at the University of Colorado, in Denver. There will be inspiring thought-provoking discussions, strategies, and actionable insights that can shape the future of transportation.



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## USDOT Issues Final Rule Establishing Accessibility Standards for Transit Stops in the Public Right-of-Way

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) [issued a final rule](#) establishing clear, uniform standards for designing accessible pedestrian facilities at transit stops in the public right-of-way. Effective January 17, 2025, the rule adopts the U.S. Access Board [Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way \(PROWAG\)](#) as USDOT's regulatory standards for new construction and alterations. This rule simplifies compliance for State and local agencies by removing the need for independent evaluations of accessibility guidance. It also promotes consistency across projects, improving accessibility for all transit users and supporting USDOT broader efforts for multimodal transportation access.

### [Updated Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities Table](#) (FHWA)

Provides an updated overview of Federal funding programs for pedestrian, bicycle, and micromobility projects. Outlines eligible activities and projects, helping sponsors integrate safety into initiatives.

# Draft NCDOT 2026-2035 STIP Released

The Draft 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has been released and can be found on the STIP website: <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/stip/Pages/default.aspx>. , the Department will hold a public comment period on the STIP from January 31, 2025 to April 4, 2025. In addition, each Division will hold a week-long public drop-in session between February 17, 2025 and March 17, 2025 (the drop-in session week varies by Division). Please feel free to reach out to [Teresa Robinson](#) (STIP Western Region Manager) if you have any questions or would like to discuss any potential schedule adjustments or project segmenting. For questions regarding the P7.0 scores, please contact the [SPOT office](#).

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Upcoming	Date
Last day to submit adopted FY26 UPWP with resolution, 5-year planning calendar, and MPO self-certification of long-range planning.	March 28, 2025
Deadline for TAC members to file SEI and RED with NC Ethics Commission	April 15, 2025
Last day to submit revisions to TPD for FY25 UPWP with signatures	April 18, 2025

## NCDOT Statewide Plans:

To learn more, click on the following links or go to [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov) and search using names in [blue](#) unless otherwise noted:

- [NC Moves 2050 Plan](#)
- [NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors](#)
- [NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan \(25-Year Vision\)](#) Currently being updated
- [NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan \(2023\)](#)
- [NCDOT: Integrated Mobility Division - Great Trails State Plan](#)
- [NCDOT: Integrated Mobility Division - Statewide Strategic Plan](#)
- [NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report \(2021\)](#)
- [Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan \(2013\)](#)
- [Strategic Highway Safety Plan \(2024\)](#)

## Other Plans:

- [N.C. Climate Risk Assessment and Resilience Plan by Department of Environmental Quality](#) (or Google search: 2020-Climate-Risk-Assessment-and-Resilience-Plan.pdf)
- [NC FIRST Commission](#)

## Helpful Links:

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- NCDOT home page—[ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov)
- Real-Time Traffic—[drivenc.gov](http://drivenc.gov) | [North Carolina Traffic & Travel Information](#)
- Report a pothole—[NCDOT Contact Us Form](#) (ncdot.gov & search “Report a pothole”)
- NCDOT: State Transportation Improvement Program - [ncdot.gov/sti](http://ncdot.gov/sti)
- Interactive Bicycle Routes Map—<https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/ncbikeways/default.aspx>—
- Links to all traffic count data information - [Traffic Survey Group \(connect.ncdot.gov & then search\)](#)
- NCDOT Interactive Traffic Volume Map—[Traffic Volume Maps \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
- Traffic Safety Data & Engineering—[NCDOT: Traffic Safety Data & Engineering](#)
- Federal Functional Classification Map—[NCDOT Functional Class Map \(ncdot.maps.arcgis.com\)](#)
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