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1 Central Pines Rural Planning Organization (CPRPO)  
2 Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)  
3 **August 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

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5 **\*\*The meeting was conducted as a virtual meeting only, as the Lee County offices were closed due to a storm. A notice**  
6 **was provided on the website with the Zoom link.\*\***

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8 **RTAC Members Present:**

9 Mike Dasher, Chatham County (RTAC Vice-Chair)  
10 Donald Andrews, Broadway  
11 Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation  
12 Frank Quis, Moore County  
13 Curtis Brown, Siler City  
14 Amy Fowler, Orange County (RTAC Alternate)  
15 Rebecca Salmon, Sanford (RTAC Alternate)  
16 Kyle Shipp, Pittsboro

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18 **RTAC Members Absent:**

19 Kirk Smith, Lee County (RTAC Chair)

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21 **RTCC Members Present:**

22 Tim Mack, Siler City  
23 Debra Ensminger, Moore County  
24 Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division  
25 Bryan Kluchar, Division 8  
26 Thanh Schado, Chatham County  
27 Chad Reimakoski, Division 7  
28 David Montgomery, Lee County/Sanford/Broadway  
29 Karyl Fuller, CPRC  
30 Clint Mack, Robbins

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32 **Others Present:**

33 Matt Day, Central Pines Regional Council (RTCC Alternate)  
34 Michael Dillon  
35 Lenore Yarger  
36 Doug Plachcinski, DCHC

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38 Note: The RTCC remained in session from its meeting earlier in the morning. These minutes begin at the joint  
39 RTCC/RTAC portion of the agenda. The RTCC minutes from their earlier meeting are recorded separately.

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41 Item 1 – Welcome, Introductions and Ethics Reminder

42 At approximately 12:00 pm, Commissioner Dasher, Vice-Chair called the RTAC meeting to order. He read the  
43 ethics reminder, and no RTAC members noted any conflicts of interest with today’s agenda items. Ms. Fuller  
44 conducted a roll call of all participants in the room and on the webinar/phone call. Quorum was established.

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46 Item 2 – Purpose & Agenda for Today’s Meeting

47 Ms. Fuller reviewed the day’s agenda, including the 5 discussion/information items and 4 decision items: Approve  
48 April 11, 2024 Minutes, approve Public Involvement Plan Changes, approve the Existing Priorities of Projects in  
49 2026-2035 STIP and approve Final Regional Local Input Point Assignments.

50 Item 3 – Public Comment/ Public Hearing on Amended Public Involvement Plan & Final Regional Local Input  
51 Assignments

52 Vice-Chair Dasher opened the public hearings. No one provided comments. Vice-Chair Dasher closed the public  
53 hearings.

54 Item 4 – NC Board of Transportation Update  
55 Ms. Mathis provided a brief update from the Board of Transportation.  
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57 Item 5 – NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update  
58 Ms. Bogle reviewed TPD’s newsletter. She briefly reviewed the CTPs’ status.  
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60 Item 6– NCDOT Division 7 Update  
61 Mr. Reimakoski provided information about projects in Orange County. A handout was provided in the agenda  
62 materials.  
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64 Item 7 – NCDOT Division 8 Update  
65 Mr. Kluchar provided information about projects in Chatham, Lee, and Moore Counties. A handout was provided in  
66 the agenda materials.  
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68 Item 8 – CPRPO Staff Update  
69 Ms. Fuller noted that she planned to send a newsletter out sometime after the meeting. She briefly discussed  
70 some items-see board packet for more information.  
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72 Item 9 – RTCC Adjournment and Report to RTAC  
73 Mr. Trivedi adjourned the RTCC meeting at 12:21 PM. He reported out on the RTCC meeting.  
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75 Item 10a – Election of Officers  
76 Ms. Fuller stated that each June, the RTAC must elect a chair and vice chair for the upcoming fiscal year; however,  
77 RTAC did not have a meeting in June. So, we need to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at the meeting today for FY  
78 2025.  
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80 Ms. Fuller also noted that Chair Smith is currently the Chair and can be re-elected. The vice-chair is Commissioner  
81 Dasher and he can be re-elected as well. Other nominations would be welcome.  
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83 Vice-Chair Dasher spoke up and stated he was not running for re-election and asked for a nomination. After a brief  
84 discussion, Commissioner Portie-Ascott was nominated (though she was not in attendance). The vote was  
85 included in the Consent Agenda.  
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87 Item 10b – : Financial Memo for FY 2024, 3rd Quarter  
88 Ms. Fuller briefly reviewed the financial memo that was included in the board packet.  
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90 Item 10c – CPRPO’s Public Involvement Plan  
91 Ms. Fuller has begun updating CPRPO’s policies to include the name change and make minor adjustments, when  
92 necessary. She has started with the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) She did post the PIP to CPRPO’s website for  
93 public review and comment, starting on May 10, 2024. No comments have been received. The vote is included as  
94 part of the Consent Agenda.  
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96 Item 10d- STIP Update  
97 A. Review Priorities of Existing Projects in 2026-2035 STIP –  
98 The STIP Unit is asking all MPOs/RPOs with projects in the current STIP to review those projects and determine if  
99 there are any projects that would like to re-prioritize. All the projects that are attached are in Division 8 because  
100 CPRPO does not have any projects in Division 7 in the current STIP.  
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102 Ms. Fuller has reviewed the draft listing and does not see any reason to change the current ranking (see attached)  
103 but is open to discussion. It should be noted that Division 8 would have to agree to any changes and the STIP Unit  
104 also reminded us that our priorities are just one item that they consider. Ms. Fuller said that TCC asked that an  
105 additional meeting be called so that the members had more time to review the material. TAC also wanted the  
106 additional meeting. Ms. Fuller agreed to call that meeting. It was held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. See separate

107 minutes.

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109 Item 10e – Prioritization 7.0 Update

110 Ms. Fuller stated the SPOT scores were released on Friday, May 24th. Staff sent them to the TCC and TAC the  
111 following Monday, starting the 45-day clock (July 12, 2024) for each county to develop their prioritized lists.

112 All of the counties held public meetings in June and July to develop their prioritized lists. Ms. Fuller compiled  
113 those lists and the SPOT scores and then ranked the projects, according to the methodology. She next published  
114 those scores for all projects and the draft lists of projects that will receive Regional Local Input points and Division  
115 Local Input points for a 14-day public comment period. No comments have been received. A public hearing was  
116 held at the beginning of the TAC meeting, and the final regional Local Input points will be determined at the  
117 meeting today. The TAC did not make any changes to the draft list. The vote is included in the Consent Agenda.

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119 Item 12 – Consent Agenda

120 Ms. Fowler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Andrews seconded. The motion passed  
121 unanimously.

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123 Item 14 – Adjournment

124 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:50 pm.