
1 Central Pines Rural Planning Organization (CPRPO)
2 Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)
3 **February 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
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5 The meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting. Members were in-person at the Chatham County Emergency
6 Operations Center, 112 Innovation Way, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or online. The date, time and room location were
7 made available to the public.
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9 **RTAC Members Present:**

10 Kirk Smith, Lee County (RTAC Chair)
11 Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation
12 Phyllis Portie-Ascott, Orange County
13 Rebecca Salmon, Sanford (RTAC Alternate)
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15 **RTAC Members Absent:**

16 Vacant, Chatham County
17 Vacant, Moore County
18 Donald Andrews, Broadway
19 Curtis Brown, Siler City

20 **RTCC Members Present:**

21 Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
22 Bryan Kluchar, Division 8
23 Reuben Blakely, Division 8
24 David Montgomery, Lee County/Sanford/Broadway
25 Thanh Schado, Chatham County
26 Theresa Thompson, Pittsboro
27 Chad Reimakoski, Division 7
28 Nish Trivedi, Orange County
29 Karyl Fuller, CPRC
30 Clint Mack, Robbins
31 Jennifer Hunt, Carthage
32 Chris Lawson, Vass

33 **Others Present:**

34 Darlene Weaver, Orange County
35 Mack Jackson, Division 8
36 William Purvis, Division 8
37 Matthew Kitchen, Division 8
38 Nishant Shah, Division 7 (RTCC Alternate)
39 Marshall Downey, Sanford
40 Ray Lacey, 436 Falling Lake Rd., Spring Lake, NC
41 Karyn Christopher, 503 Britton Drive, Sanford, NC
42 Mr. Cameron, 3459 Advents Ferry Road, Sanford, NC
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44 Note: The RTCC remained in session from its meeting earlier in the morning. These minutes begin at the joint
45 RTCC/RTAC portion of the agenda. The RTCC minutes from their earlier meeting are recorded separately.
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47 Item 1 – Welcome, Introductions and Ethics Reminder

48 At approximately 12:00 pm, Commissioner Smith, Chair called the RTAC meeting to order. He read the ethics
49 reminder, and no RTAC members noted any conflicts of interest with today's agenda items. Ms. Fuller conducted a
50 roll call of all participants in the room and on the webinar/phone call. Quorum was established.
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52 Item 2 – Purpose & Agenda for Today's Meeting

53 Ms. Fuller reviewed the day's agenda, including 5 discussion/information items and 3 decision items: approve

54 October 10, 2024 Minutes, Endorse the 2024 Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan, and adopt CPRPO's
55 New Submissions to NCDOT's Prioritization X.0 Policy.

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57 Item 3 – Public Comment

58 Mr. Smith called for any public comments. There were three members of the public who wished to speak (noted in
59 Others Present). They wanted to discuss a few different roads in Lee County, including Kelly Drive and Advents
60 Ferry Road. They had concerns about speeding. NCDOT staff offered to investigate their concerns further and
61 they were encouraged to stay and hear a presentation today on how NCDOT sets speed limits on state-maintained
62 highways.

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64 Item 4 – NC Board of Transportation Update

65 Ms. Mathis provided a brief update from the Board of Transportation.

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67 Item 5 – NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update

68 Ms. Bogle reviewed TPD's newsletter. She briefly reviewed the CTPs' status.

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70 Item 6– NCDOT Division 7 Update

71 Mr. Reimakoski provided information about projects in Orange County. A handout was provided in the agenda
72 materials.

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74 Item 7 – NCDOT Division 8 Update

75 Mr. Kluchar provided information about projects in Chatham, Lee, and Moore Counties. A handout was provided in
76 the agenda materials.

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78 Item 8 – CPRPO Staff Update

79 Ms. Fuller noted that she planned to send a newsletter out sometime after the meeting. She briefly discussed
80 some items-see board packet for more information.

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82 Item 9 – RTCC Adjournment and Report to RTAC

83 Mr. Trivedi adjourned the RTCC meeting at 1:02 PM. He reported out on the RTCC meeting.

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85 Item 10a – Preparation for FY 2026 Planning Work Program

86 Ms. Fuller stated that staff has prepared a draft PWP, CPRPO's budget for FY 2026. After this meeting, staff will
87 also post this draft PWP on the CPRPO website for public review and comment. A final draft will be presented for
88 approval at the April RTCC and RTAC meetings.

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90 Item 10b – Review the 2024 Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan

91 Ms. Fuller stated that WSP and Orange County have completed the County's TMP. It focuses on the
92 unincorporated portions of Orange County and consolidates all approved transportation related plans, projects and
93 programs into a single plan. Mr. Trivedi presented the plan to TAC. There was a little discussion and Mr. Trivedi
94 confirmed that Orange County Commissioners had already approved the plan. The motion to endorse this Plan is
95 in the Consent Agenda.

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97 Item 10c – STIP Update

98 Ms. Fuller stated the STIP changes for the last few months were included as attachments to the agenda. Staff also
99 updates an online spreadsheet on CPRPO's website.

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101 Item 10d – Prioritization 7.0 Update-Draft STIP Released

102 Ms. Fuller stated that Regional Local Input Points were submitted by the deadline. The STIP unit released the draft
103 2026-2035 STIP on January 31, 2025. CPRPO's section of the STIP is included as a link in the packet. Staff briefly
104 discussed highlights and changes from the 2024-2033 STIP at the meeting.

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107 Item 10e- Prioritization 8.0 – CPRPO’s New Submissions to NCDOT’s Prioritization X.0 Policy & Appoint
108 Prioritization 8.0 RTCC Subcommittee
109 Ms. Fuller stated that the RPO needs to begin preparations for Prioritization 8.0. The RPO will need to identify a
110 list of projects to submit for scoring in Summer 2025. Staff is making a recommendation that project slate process
111 used previously be made into a policy which is attached. Ms. Fuller also stated that the TCC has appointed the
112 Prioritization Sub-Committee: Mr. Triveldi (Orange County), Mr. Montgomery (Lee County), Ms. Schado
113 (Chatham County), Jennifer Hunt (Moore County), Bryan Kluchar (Division 8) and Nishant Shah (Division 7). The
114 motion to recommend the policy adoption to the TAC is included in the Consent Agenda.
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116 Item 12 – Consent Agenda
117 Ms. Portie-Ascott made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Mathis seconded. The motion passed
118 unanimously.
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120 Item 14 – Adjournment
121 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:24 PM.