

CPRPO RTAC Meeting

February 12, 2026

The RTAC meeting will begin at 12:00 PM. The RTCC meeting will also resume at that time as part of a joint meeting. Please mute your line if you have not already done so.



1. Welcome, Introductions, Ethics

- Roll Call

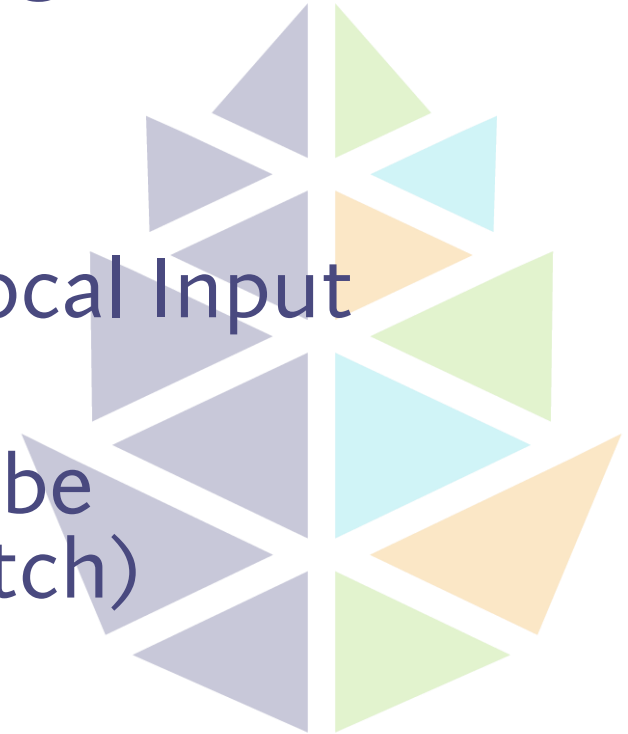
Ethics Reminder: In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every CPRPO board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.



2. Purpose & Agenda for Meeting

Discussion/Information Items:

- Preparation for FY 2027 Planning Work Program
- Pittsboro CMAQ Application
- STIP Update - 2026-2035 STIP
- Prioritization 8.0 Update – Discuss Draft Local Input Point Methodology
- Prioritization 9.0 Start- Review Projects to be submitted for Express Designs (Second Batch)



2. Purpose & Agenda for Meeting

Decision Items Today—see Consent Agenda

- Approve October 9, 2025 Minutes
- Recommend that the TAC Approve Pittsboro's CMAQ Request
- Recommend that the TAC Approve the TCC's Recommended Projects to be submitted for Express Designs (Second Batch)

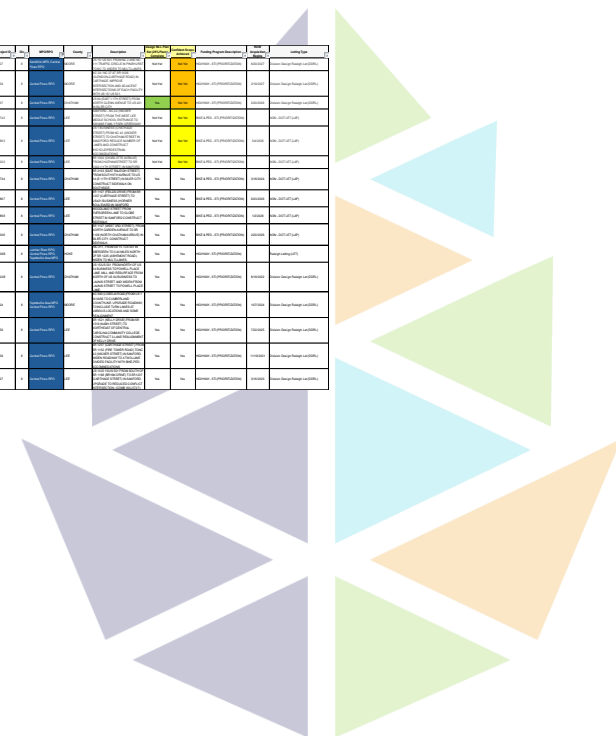


3. Public Comment

- The comment time is an opportunity for comment by any members of the public

4. Presentation on Confident Scope and Cost Estimates

Brian Wert, the Central STIP manager will be giving a presentation on a new milestone in Project Delivery – CSCE. The goal of this milestone is to have agreement on the project scope and confidence in the resulting cost estimate. NCDOT is hoping to have all of the projects in the first half of the 2026-2035 STIP to have reached this milestone by September 30, 2027, or they may be subject to re-evaluation in P9.0.



Project ID	Project Name	Location	Phase	Start Date	End Date	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Start	Actual End	Actual Status
1	Project 1	Location 1	Phase 1	2026	2035	\$100M	\$100M	2026	2035	Completed
2	Project 2	Location 2	Phase 2	2026	2035	\$200M	\$200M	2026	2035	Completed
3	Project 3	Location 3	Phase 3	2026	2035	\$300M	\$300M	2026	2035	Completed
4	Project 4	Location 4	Phase 4	2026	2035	\$400M	\$400M	2026	2035	Completed
5	Project 5	Location 5	Phase 5	2026	2035	\$500M	\$500M	2026	2035	Completed
6	Project 6	Location 6	Phase 6	2026	2035	\$600M	\$600M	2026	2035	Completed
7	Project 7	Location 7	Phase 7	2026	2035	\$700M	\$700M	2026	2035	Completed
8	Project 8	Location 8	Phase 8	2026	2035	\$800M	\$800M	2026	2035	Completed
9	Project 9	Location 9	Phase 9	2026	2035	\$900M	\$900M	2026	2035	Completed
10	Project 10	Location 10	Phase 10	2026	2035	\$1000M	\$1000M	2026	2035	Completed

5-8. Updates

- Board of Transportation Update
- Transportation Planning Division Update
- Division 7 Update
- Division 8 Update



9. CPRPO Staff Update

A newsletter will be sent out soon by email/posted online
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Loves Creek Greenway - Siler City
Complete.

Safe Streets for All – Lee County
The project is complete.

Functional Classification Review
FHWA has accepted the proposed changes.

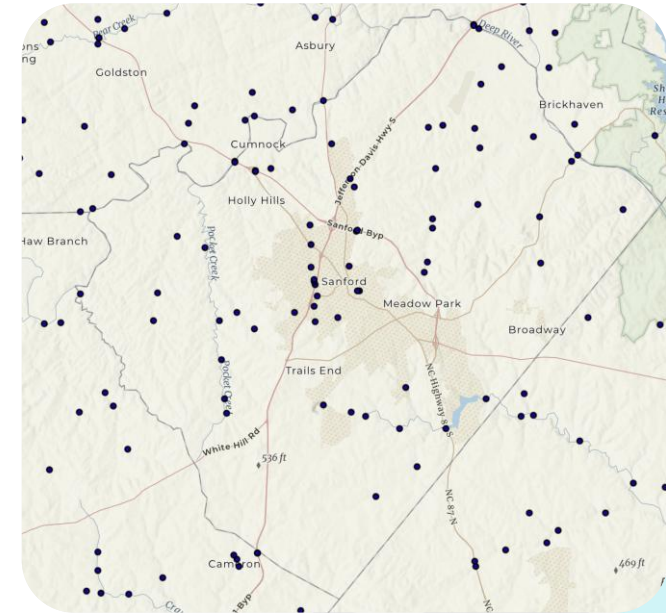
Bike/Ped Safety Call for Projects

Robbins had 4 possible projects that were suggested by NCDOT. I submitted them all with Robbins' permission. One was selected and is moving to the next step.

Lee County gauge

Previously, Mayor Salmon asked why there was no river gauges in Lee County. I just wanted to show that NCDOT actually monitors several bridges in Lee County, and more than 15,000 statewide. Every dot is a bridge or culvert that NCDOT monitors with its BridgeWatch program. See more [here](#).

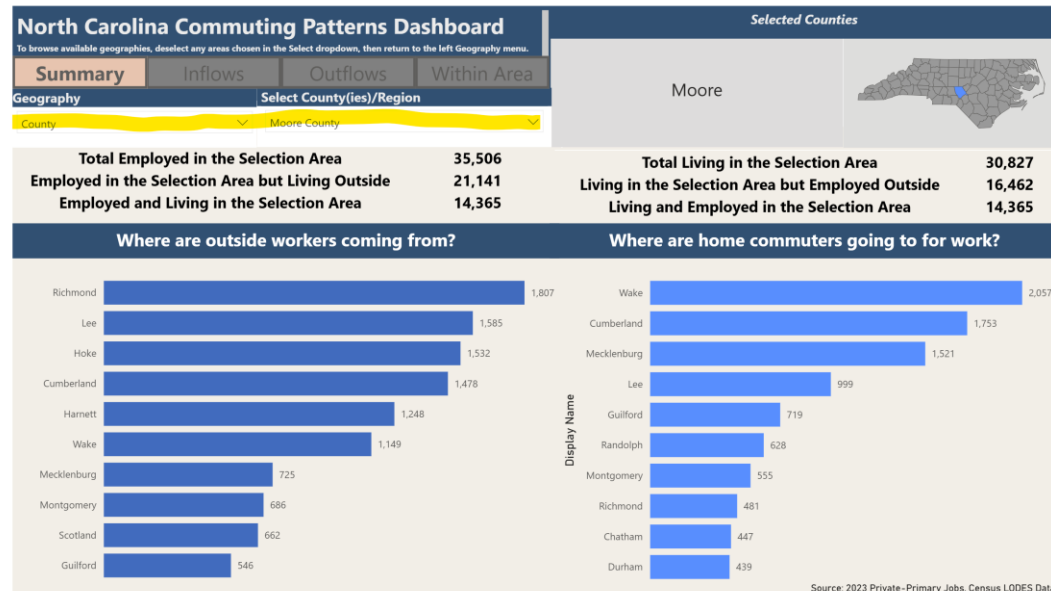
**Note: S-Line Letter of Support



9. CPRPO Staff Update



12. CPRPO Staff Update



- [Commuting Patterns Dashboard](#)
- NC Commerce has a new [Commuting Patterns Dashboard](#). You can check out the number of people coming in to work in your county, and where your residents go to work.

Instructions: In the yellow highlighted area, make sure the first box says <County> and then pick the County name you want. There are 4 pages: Summary, Inflows, Outflows and Within Area.



9. RTCC Adjournment & Report

- The RTCC meeting will be adjourned and the RTCC chair will report to the RTAC on the RTCC's decisions from its meeting.
- The RTAC will remain in session.



Item 11a: Preparation for FY 2027 Planning Work Program

- Each February, CPRPO staff must develop a draft Planning Work Program (PWP) for the upcoming fiscal year and submit it to NCDOT for review. The PWP is the foundational guidance for which tasks staff should be working on in the upcoming year and is essentially the RPO's budget document. Staff typically ask for input from RTCC and RTAC members on items they wish to see included in the draft PWP.
- Staff has prepared a draft PWP; see board packet. After this meeting, staff will also post this draft PWP on the CPRPO website for public review and comment. A final draft will be presented for approval at the April RTCC and RTAC meetings.
- Staff has also prepared a Supplemental Funding memo listing the anticipated uses for the CPRPO's supplemental funding from its membership.

FY 2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)
PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
ANNUAL FUNDING SOURCES TABLE
Central Pines RPO

TASK CODE	WORK CATEGORY	RPO PROGRAM FUNDS			
		LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL	TOTAL
		10%	10%	80%	100%
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT					
I-1	DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 4,600	\$ 6,000
I-1.1	Highway				
I-1.2	Other Modes				
I-1.3	Programs				
I-1.4	Title VI				
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING					
II-1	COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 7,200	\$ 8,800
II-1.1	Develop CTP Vision				
II-1.2	Conduct CTP Needs Assessment				
II-1.3	Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening				
II-1.4	Develop Plan Plan				
II-1.5	Adopt Plan				
II-2	PRIORITIZATION	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 14,400	\$ 18,000
II-2.1	Project Prioritization				
II-3	PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	\$ 480	\$ 480	\$ 3,880	\$ 4,800
II-3.1	STP Participation				
II-3.2	Other Project Development				
II-4	GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 3,710	\$ 3,710	\$ 28,680	\$ 37,100
II-4.1	Regional and Statewide Planning				
II-4.2	Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings				
II-4.2.1	Special Study #1 - Insert name of completed study here	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
II-4.2.2	Special Study #2 - Insert name of completed study here	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES					
III-1	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES	\$ 2,860	\$ 2,860	\$ 23,600	\$ 29,600
III-1.1	Administrative Documents				
III-1.2	TRC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance				
III-1.3	Program Administration				
IV. DIRECT COSTS					
IV-1	PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES	\$ 388	\$ 388	\$ 2,960	\$ 3,888
IV-1.1	Program-wide Direct Costs				
IV-2	ADVERTISING	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 80	\$ 100
IV-2.1	News Media Ads				
IV-3	FOODING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,000
IV-3.1	Hotel Costs				
IV-3.2	Meal Costs				
IV-3.3	Incidentals				
IV-4	POSTAGE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IV-4.1	Mailing				
IV-5	REGISTRATION / TRAINING	\$ 187	\$ 187	\$ 1,538	\$ 1,872
IV-5.1	Conference Registration				
IV-5.2	Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees				
IV-6	TRAVEL	\$ 630	\$ 630	\$ 4,240	\$ 5,000
IV-6.1	Travel Subsidishment				
IV-6.2	Car Rental Costs				
IV-6.3	Other Travel Expenses				
V-1	INDIRECT COSTS	\$ 4,084	\$ 4,084	\$ 32,762	\$ 40,840
V-1.1	Incurred Indirect Costs				
RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL		\$ 16,890	\$ 16,890	\$ 127,120	\$ 158,800

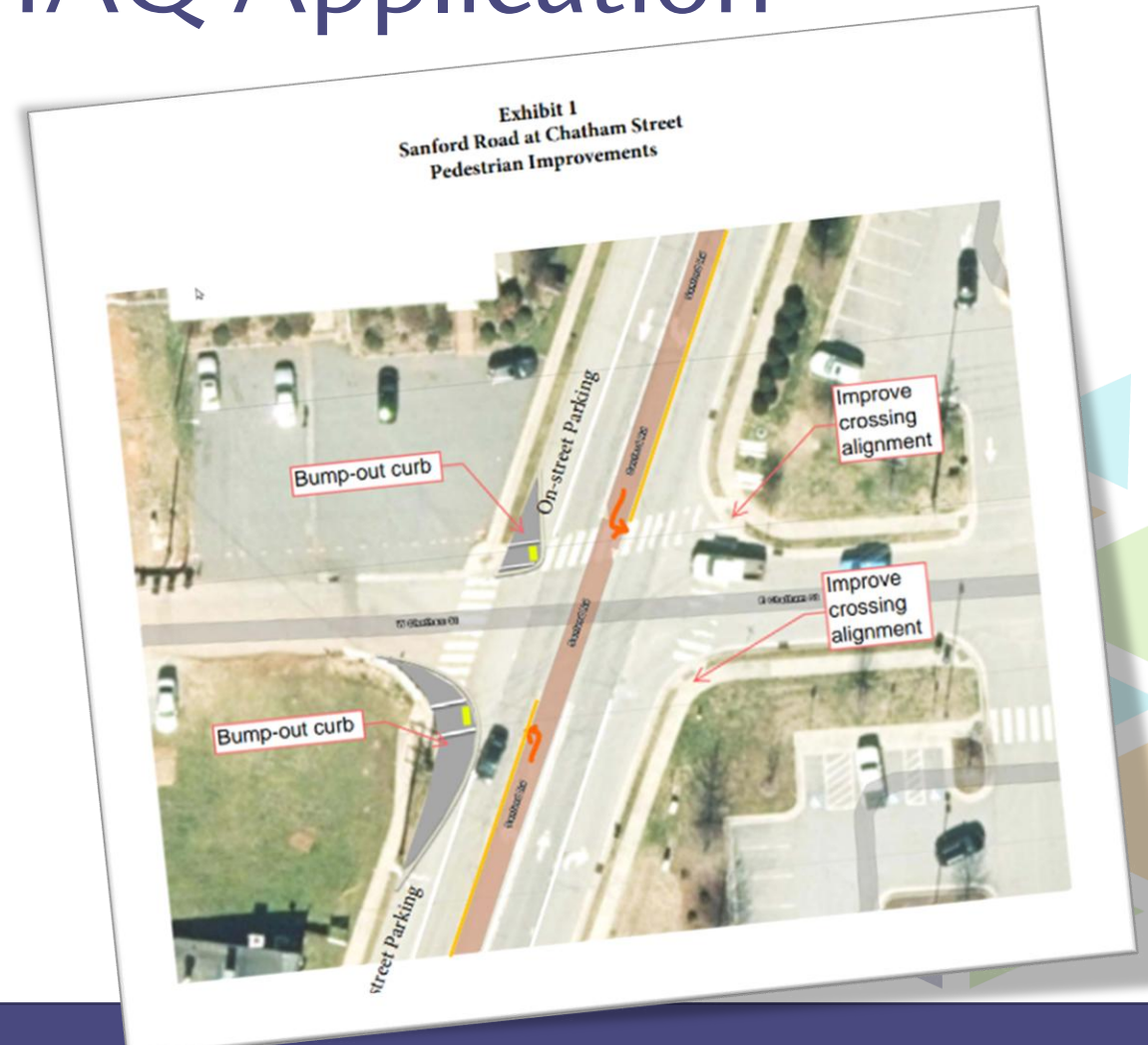
Approved by the TAC on: February 12, 2026

Signature, TAC Chairman

Signature, RPO Secretary

Item 11b: Pittsboro CMAQ Application

- Every year, CPRPO receives an allocation of CMAQ funding (\$158,845) to be used in Orange County, Pittsboro or in the northeastern corner of Chatham County.
- Pittsboro has submitted a request to use these funds (see attached letter) to extend sidewalk along Chatham Street, create bump-outs and add a crosswalk on the south side of the intersection with Sanford Road.



Item 11c: STIP Update



- In the packet, there are pages from the Item N for November, December, January and February.
- Staff has updated the Current STIP webpage on www.centralpinesrpo.org



Item 11d: Prioritization 8.0 – Discuss Draft Local Input Point Methodology

- Staff have attached a **draft** Prioritization 8.0 Local Input Point Methodology (LIP). In Prioritization 7.0, we had to develop a methodology to account for the “then” new MPO, Sandhills. Now, we need to remove that language from our methodology and make other necessary updates and corrections.
- Based on this, staff has updated the methodology and has sent the draft off to NCDOT for their initial approval. Those proposed changes include:
 - Removed all the references to Sandhills MPO
 - Updated the number of local input points, 1400, and changed the guaranteed projects to **three** per county and also changed the number of other projects selected after the guaranteed number to sum to that total
 - Updated the schedule for this round

Prioritization **8.0 DRAFT** Local Point Methodology for Central Pines RPO

February 12, 2026

Introduction

The following methodology has been developed by the Central Pines Rural Planning Organization (CPRPO) for the purpose of determining regional priorities for transportation funding, as carried out through the State of North Carolina's Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law and the associated Prioritization 8.0 process. This methodology is intended to incorporate both measurable data and information about priorities from local jurisdictions, to ensure a process that is both data-driven and responsive to local needs. The Central Pines Rural Planning Organization serves Lee County, as well as the portions of Chatham, Moore and Orange Counties that are not within the planning area of a Metropolitan Planning Organization. This methodology has been developed to meet the requirements of Session Law 2012-84, which requires that MPOs and RPOs have a process for determining project prioritization.

STI divides available state and federal transportation funding into three categories: Statewide Mobility, Regional Impact, and Division Needs. For each category, NCDOT calculates quantitative scores based on a variety of criteria. In the Statewide Mobility category, projects are selected for funding based entirely on the NCDOT quantitative score. However, in the Regional Impact and Division Needs categories part of the final score is based on local points assigned by the MPO or RPO and/or the NCDOT Division Engineer in that area. The local input points assigned by CPRPO (and other MPOs and RPOs) represent 15% of the final score for Regional Impact projects and 25% of the final score for Division Needs projects. Points assigned by NCDOT Division Engineers are also worth 15% of the Regional Impact score and 25% of the Division Needs score.

In the CPRPO area, the following types of projects are eligible for each category of project:

Statewide Mobility	Highway: Improvements to US 1, US 64, US 15-501 (only the portion north of US 64), US 421 (only the portion north of or overlapping NC 87), NC 87 (only the portion south of or overlapping US 421), NC 24-27* Rail: Improvements to NS or CSX freight lines All Other Modes: None
Regional Impact	Highway: Improvements to any NC or US Routes Rail: Improvements to NS or CSX freight lines, non-station passenger rail projects Transit: Multi-county transit routes All Other Modes: None

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Item 11e: Prioritization 9.0 Start- Review Projects to be submitted for Express Designs (Second Batch)

SPOT ID	County (ies)	Route / Facility / Project Name	From Street	To / Cross Street	Description
H170750	Lee	New Route	SR 1133 (Lee Avenue)	Existing Commerce Drive	modernize the existing road to a 2J or 2K cross section (see attached) and potentially extend the road to Commerce Drive in a similar design
H231150	Chatham	SR 1006 (North Second Avenue)	Fayetteville Street	Greensboro Avenue	Implement a Road Diet including median and bike/pedestrian improvements to improve traffic flow and improve transportation access for non-highway users
H250590	Orange	SR-1177 (Dairyland Road)	Orange Grove Road (SR 1006)	Old NC-86 (SR-1009)	Modernize Dairyland Road (SR-1177) from Orange Grove Road (SR-1006) to Old NC-86 (SR-1009) with NCDOT cross-section 2b, add turn lanes and safety improvements at Orange Grove Road (SR-1106), Borland Road (SR-1126), Arthur Minnis Road (SR-1115) and Dairyland Roads (SR-1177)

NCDOT is providing each PO and Division with an allocation of express designs. CPRPO has 8, and we need to submit two or three more requests before the end of May.



Item 12. Consent Agenda



Approve October 9, 2025 Minutes



Approve Pittsboro's CMAQ Request



Concur with the TCC's Recommended Projects to be submitted for Express Designs (Second Batch)



13. Member Updates



Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 9, 2026 in Sanford

