

# CPRPO RTAC Meeting

April 9, 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
- STIP Update - 2026-2035 STIP
- Prioritization 8.0 Update – Discuss Draft Local Input Point Methodology



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### Decision Items Today—see Consent Agenda

- Approve February 12, 2026 Minutes
- Approve the FY 2027 PWP
- Approve CPRPO's Draft Methodology



# 3. Public Comment

- The comment time is an opportunity for comment by any members of the public
- Public Hearing on FY 2027 PWP
- Public Hearing on Draft Local Input Point Methodology

# 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*

- Prioritization 8.0: Besides the LIP Methodology discussed above, staff has been working on reviewing the data for each project in March and submitted comments and questions.
- Freight Plan: NCDOT is hosting 4 Freight Forums to gather input from industries in NC. NCDOT would like our help to advertise these forums. There is also a survey. Please pass these along to your contacts. I have attached 2 flyers.
- Other: On March 19, 2026, I presented to the House Select Committee on NC's Transportation Future about RPOs and our views on the Prioritization process. Here is a [news article](#) that discusses the meeting.

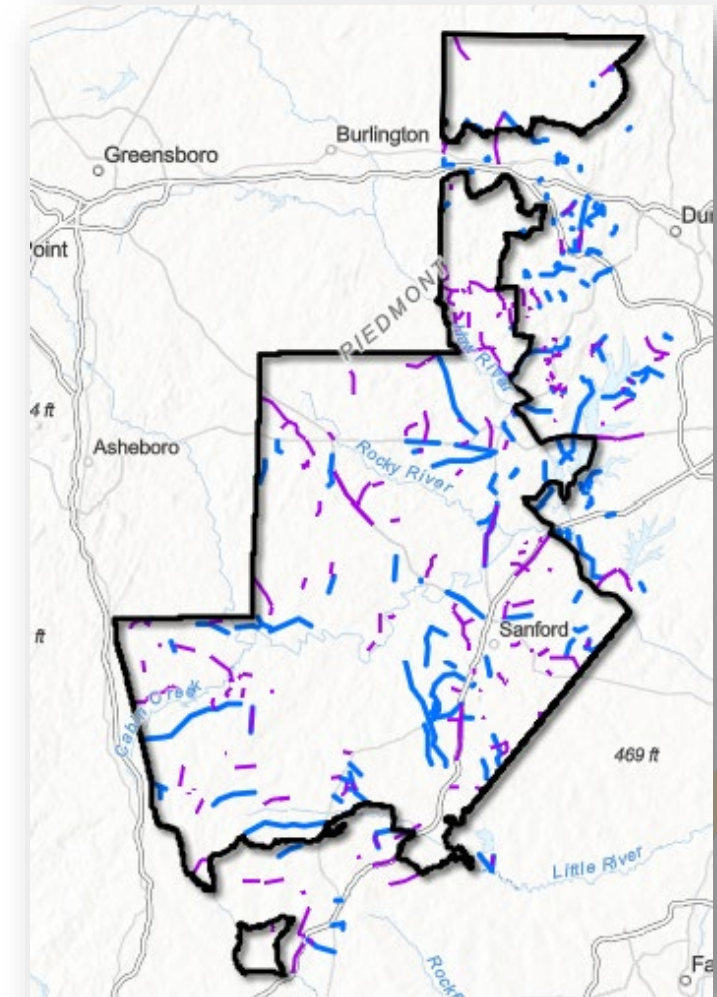


# 9. CPRPO Staff Update

## NCDOT HMIP 2026-2030

[G.S. 143B-350\(f\)\(4a\)](#) requires that the NCDOT publish a schedule of State highway maintenance projects and their anticipated costs. This schedule is designated the Highway Maintenance Improvement Program (HMIP) and is established in [G.S. 136-44.3A](#). The published schedule shall include the anticipated funding sources for the improvement projects included in the HMIP.

While the law requires NCDOT plan for 5 years of maintenance, the later years are ***subject to change***. So, I have included all 5 years but I have the later 3 years turned off. Also, I have focused the [map](#) on the re-surfacing projects, as I believe that the towns could use this information to help them prioritize utility and other maintenance.



## 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 10a: 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 presented a draft at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- After that meeting, staff posted the draft PWP on the CPRPO website for public review and comment. None were received. NCDOT has a few minor edits, which were completed. A final draft is being presented for approval today.
- Staff 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%
<b>I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT</b>					
<b>I-1</b>	<b>DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT</b>	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 4,600	\$ 6,800
I-1.1	Highway				
I-1.2	Other Modes				
I-1.3	Commuting				
I-1.4	Trav. VI				
<b>II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING</b>					
<b>II-1</b>	<b>COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT</b>	\$ 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 Final Plan				
II-1.5	Adopt Plan				
<b>II-2</b>	<b>PRIORITIZATION</b>	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 14,400	\$ 18,000
II-2.1	Project Prioritization				
<b>II-3</b>	<b>PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT</b>	\$ 480	\$ 480	\$ 3,680	\$ 4,600
II-3.1	STP Participation				
II-3.2	Identify / Project Development				
<b>II-4</b>	<b>GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING</b>	\$ 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES</b>					
<b>III-1</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES</b>	\$ 2,860	\$ 2,860	\$ 23,600	\$ 29,600
III-1.1	Administrative Documents				
III-1.2	TPO / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance				
III-1.3	Program Administration				
<b>IV. DIRECT COSTS</b>					
<b>IV-1</b>	<b>PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES</b>	\$ 388	\$ 388	\$ 2,960	\$ 3,888
IV-1.1	Program-wide Direct Costs				
<b>IV-2</b>	<b>ADVERTISING</b>	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 80	\$ 100
IV-2.1	New Media Ads				
<b>IV-3</b>	<b>LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS</b>	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,000
IV-3.1	Hotel Costs				
IV-3.2	Meal Costs				
IV-3.3	Incidentals				
<b>IV-4</b>	<b>POSTAGE</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IV-4.1	Mailings				
<b>IV-5</b>	<b>REGISTRATION / TRAINING</b>	\$ 167	\$ 167	\$ 1,338	\$ 1,672
IV-5.1	Conference Registration				
IV-5.2	Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees				
<b>IV-6</b>	<b>TRAVEL</b>	\$ 630	\$ 630	\$ 4,240	\$ 5,000
IV-6.1	Travel Reimbursement				
IV-6.2	Car Rental Costs				
IV-6.3	Other Travel Expenses				
<b>V. INDIRECT COSTS</b>					
<b>V-1</b>	<b>INDIRECT COSTS</b>	\$ 4,084	\$ 4,084	\$ 32,762	\$ 40,840
V-1.1	Incurred Indirect Costs				
<b>RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 16,880</b>	<b>\$ 16,880</b>	<b>\$ 127,120</b>	<b>\$ 158,800</b>

Approved by the TAC on: February 12, 2026

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Signature, TAC Chairman

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Signature, RPO Secretary

# Item 10b: STIP Update

- See attached for CPRPO's STIP changes. I have also updated the Current STIP Viewer on the website.

REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP HIGHWAY PROGRAM						ITEM N (HANDOUT)
CENTRAL PINES RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION						
STIP MODIFICATIONS						
U-5709	- CENTRAL PINES RURAL PLANNING	SR 1237 (CARTHAGE STREET), SR 1152 (FIRE TOWER	BUILD NC CON	FY 2028 -	\$1,386,000	(T)
LEE	ORGANIZATION	ROAD) TO NC 42 (WICKER STREET) IN SANFORD.		FY 2029 -	\$693,000	(T)
PROJ.CATEGORY		WIDEN ROADWAY TO A TWO LANE DIVIDED FACILITY		FY 2030 -	\$693,000	(T)
DIVISION		WITH BIKE-PED ACCOMMODATIONS.		FY 2031 -	\$693,000	(T)
		<u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR UTILITY</u>		FY 2032 -	\$693,000	(T)
		<u>RELOCATION, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 27 TO</u>		FY 2033 -	\$693,000	(T)
		<u>FY 28.</u>		FY 2034 -	\$693,000	(T)
				FY 2035 -	\$693,000	(T)
				AFTER FY 2035 -	\$4,158,000	(T)
			CONSTRUCTION	FY 2028 -	\$210,000	(T)
				FY 2029 -	\$1,240,000	(T)
				FY 2030 -	\$6,930,000	(T)
				FY 2031 -	\$4,620,000	(T)
					\$23,395,000	

\* INDICATES FEDERAL AMENDMENT

Thursday, March 5, 2026

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# Item 10c: Prioritization 8.0 Update – Discuss Draft Local Input Point Methodology

Staff have attached the ***draft*** Prioritization 8.0 Local Input Point Methodology (LIP), which has been approved by NCDOT. Staff also posted the draft methodology to the Central Pines RPO website for public comment and none were received.

As a review, those proposed changes included:

- Removing all the references to Sandhills MPO
- Updating 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
- Updating 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:

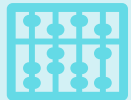
<b>Statewide Mobility</b>	<b>Highway:</b> Improvements to US 1, US 64, US 15-501 (only the portion north of US 64), US 421 (only the portion north of or overlapping NC 87), NC 87 (only the portion south of or overlapping US 421), NC 24-27* <b>Rail:</b> Improvements to NS or CSX freight lines <b>All Other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

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# Item 11. Consent Agenda



Approve February 12, 2026 Minutes



Approve the FY 2027 PWP



Approve CPRPO's Draft LIP Methodology



# 12. Member Updates



# Adjournment

**Next Meeting: June 11, 2026 in Pittsboro**

