Central Pines Rural Planning Organization (CPRPO)
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)
August 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting. Members were in-person at the Buggy Conference Room, 115 Chatham Street, Sanford, NC. The date, time and room location were made available to the public.

RTAC Members Present:
Kirk Smith, Lee County
Donald Andrews, Broadway
Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation
Rebecca Salmon, Sanford (RTAC Alternate)
Kyle Shipp, Pittsboro
Phyllis Portie-Ascott, Orange County
Amanda Robertson (RTAC Alternate)

RTAC Members Absent:
Jim Von Canon, Moore County
Jimmy Chalfinch, Carthage
Curtis Brown, Siler City (RTAC Alternate)
Tom Adams, Moore County (RTAC Alternate)
Earl McKee, Orange County (RTAC Alternate)

RTCC Members Present:
Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
David Montgomery, Lee County/Sanford/Broadway
Chad Reimakoski, Division 7
Karyl Fuller, CPRC
Ruth Pederson, Moore County
Emily Yopp, Carthage
Thanh Schado, Chatham County
Jessica Luther, Division 8
Toyia Smith, Division 7 CDE
Becca Eversole, Orange County
Johnna Burkett, NCDOT IMD
Abby Manning, Goldston
Ruth Pederson, Moore County
Tim Garner, Siler City
John Dean, Lee County/Sanford/Broadway Alternate
Elijah Geist, Carthage Alternate

Others Present:
Eliud De Jesus, BGMPO
Scott Walston, SMPO

Item 1 – Welcome, Introductions and Ethics Reminder
At approximately 12:00 PM, Chair Smith called the RTAC meeting to order. Chair Smith read the Ethics reminder. Ms. Fuller conducted a roll call of all participants in the room and on the webinar/phone call. Quorum was established.

Item 2 – Purpose & Agenda for Today's Meeting
Ms. Fuller reviewed the day's agenda, including 4 discussion/information items and 3 decision items: Approve June 11, 2026, Minutes, Approve the Letter of Support for iBRAGG and Approve a Final Slate of Projects to Receive

Regional Local Input Points and Allow Karyl Fuller to Collaborate with Other Planning Organizations on Point Donations and Make Technical Corrections.

Item 3 – Public Comment/Public Hearings

Chair Smith then called for any public comments. There were no members of the public who wished to speak. He opened the public hearing at 12:13 PM. No one wanted to speak. Chair Smith closed the public hearing at 12:15 PM.

Item 4 – US Open Presentation

Division 8 staff will present on how the Department works with Moore County around the US Open.

Item 5 – NC Board of Transportation Update

Ms. Mathis gave an update.

Item 6– NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update

Ms. Bogle reviewed TPD's newsletter. She briefly discussed the CTPs' statuses.

Item 7 – NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division Update

Ms. Burkett briefly gave an update on IMD's upcoming grant deadlines and activities.

Item 8– NCDOT Division 7 Update

Mr. Reimakoski provided information about projects in Orange County.

Item 9 – NCDOT Division 8 Update

Mr. Juarez Pozos from Division 8 provided information about projects in Chatham, Lee, and Moore Counties.

Item 10 – CPRPO Staff Update

Ms. Fuller provided some planning updates- see Board packet for more details and also, provided a brief introduction to NCDOT's *new* Projects Near Me website. See the board packet for more details.

Item 11 – RTCC Adjournment and Report to RTAC

Mr. Montgomery adjourned the RTCC meeting at 1:03 PM. He reported out on the RTCC meeting including the discussion items and the Consent Agenda.

Item 12a – Letter of Support for Improving Bragg Roads and Access for Greater Growth (iBRAGG) and an Update on Requested Letters of Support for 5310 Funds

NCDOT reached out and asked if the RPO would support a FY 2026 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program application to enhance safety and preserve critical transportation infrastructure along N.C. 690 (Lobelia Road) in Moore County, southeast of Vass, between McLaughlin Road / J. Burns Road (S.R. 2014) and Buffalo Creek. Staff sent the request by email to the memberships of the TCC and TAC. There was general support so staff sent a staff-signed letter. Now, staff would like to send a CPRPO-approved letter with the Chair's signature. It is included in the Consent Agenda.

Also, staff has sent out letters of support for 5310 Transit funding to Central Community CC, Monarch, Chatham Transit Network, and the Stevens Center over the last fiscal year. Currently, drafting a letter for COLTS.

Item 12b - STIP Update

Staff stated that there were a few changes. The specific pages were attached to the agenda.

Item 12c – Prioritization 8.0 – Recommend Projects to Receive Regional Local Input Points - Final

As a re-cap, SPOT scores were released on Thursday, May 28th. Staff sent them to the TCC and TAC the following Monday afternoon, June 1, starting the 45-day clock (July 16, 2026) for each county to develop their prioritized

lists. Staff used those lists to develop the draft slate of projects to receive local input points at the Region and Division tier. This was published on CPRPO's website and a public workshop was held in Pittsboro on August 3, 2026.

Staff then reviewed the draft scores and list of projects to receive Regional Local Input points. There was some discussion but no changes were made to the draft slate. Staff is also wanting to discuss donating points to other RPO/MPOs and asking for authority to accept any donated points given after today's meeting. Both the draft slate and additional authority request are included in the Consent Agenda.

Item 12d– Title VI Plan Update

Staff has started work on updating the Title VI plan, as NCDOT has updated the plan template to reflect the latest Federal guidance. Karyl gave an update at the meeting and stated that there are changes that will have to be made after NCDOT reviews it, so it will likely be October before it will come before the RTAC.

Item 13 –Consent Agenda

Mayor Andrews made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. and Ms. Robertson seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Item 13 – Member Updates from Around the Region

There was a brief discussion.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:25 PM.