

The Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization serves as the intergovernmental organization for local elected officials, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and residents of Brunswick, Columbus and Pender Counties to work cooperatively to address transportation issues.

## **Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)**

### **Meeting Agenda**

**February 18, 2022 • 9:00 AM**

***IN PERSON***

**Cape Fear Council of Governments • Wilmington, NC**

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**Meeting ID: 829 6983 8214**

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### **I. START-UP**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Ethics awareness & conflict of interest statement** – The following is to be read aloud at the beginning of each meeting:

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

If any members have a conflict of interest, an ABSTENTION FROM VOTING form [*attached*] is required to be submitted *prior to the meeting*.

- 5. Additions or corrections to the agenda**
- 6. Approval of Minutes:** November 12, 2021 [*attached*] (**page 4 in the PDF**)
- 7. Public comment**
- 8. Election of Officers**

### **II. PRESENTATIONS**

- 9. Brunswick County CTP** – Patrick Flanagan

- 10. Eastern North Carolina Clean Fuels Coalition** – Alrik Lunsford, North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center

### III. OLD BUSINESS

- 11. Remote Participation Policy** – Continued discussion on a remote participation policy for use during regular meetings. *This item pertains only to the RTAC; therefore, no action has been taken by the RTCC on this attached item.* (page 7 in the PDF)

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 12. NC Ports Grant Resolution** – The NC Ports Authority has requested a resolution of support for their various grant applications to the USDOT for a new Port of Wilmington intermodal facility. *The RTCC recommends approval of the attached Resolution of Support.* (page 14 in the PDF)
- 13. Eastern North Carolina Clean Fuels Coalition Letter of Support** – NCCETC is asking the Cape Fear RPO to join the Eastern and Central North Carolina Clean Fuels Coalition as a stakeholder. Stakeholders will be able to take part in educational activities about clean transportation in our region, network with other interested organizations on ways to improve your fleet and get advice from experts at North Carolina State University on the topic of sustainable fleet management. *The RTCC recommend approval of the attached Letter of Support and to become a “Sign On” stakeholder.* (page 18 in the PDF)

### V. REPORTS/UPDATES

- Cape Fear RPO
  - NC 210 East Coast Greenway Feasibility Study
  - STIP amendments and revisions
- NC Ports (Port of Wilmington)
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender) - [attached] (page 20 in the PDF)
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus) - [attached] (page 23 in the PDF)
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD) - [attached] (page 25 in the PDF)
- NC Board of Transportation

### VI. OTHER

- 14. Open discussion:** General questions, comments, and other discussions

- 15. Adjourn**

**Cape Fear RPO**  
**Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Meeting**  
February 18, 2022

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

The undersigned RTAC Member abstains from voting on the following Agenda items and requests that the official record of the Meeting shows that he or she did not vote on the motion:

Item \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The RTAC Member should review the agenda prior to the meeting, list the agenda items or other matters for which he or she desires to abstain from voting, sign name, and give request to Patrick Flanagan, Secretary to the RTAC, prior to the meeting.

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## **Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)**

### **\*\* DRAFT\*\* Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 2021 • 9:00 AM**

**Cape Fear Council of Governments • Wilmington, NC**

#### **Voting Members Present**

Frank Williams, Brunswick County  
Mike Forte, Brunswick County  
Dave DeLong, St. James  
Glenn Marshall, Sandy Creek

Terry Mann, Whiteville  
Jackie Williams-Rowland, Brunswick  
George Brown, Pender County

#### **Others Present**

Chad Kimes, NCDOT Division 3  
Caitlin Marks, NCDOT Division 3  
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6  
Bill Hammond, NCDOT Division 6  
Behshad Norowzi, NCDOT TPD  
Billy Christ, Congressman Rouzer

Chance Lambeth, Congressman Rouzer  
Carla Citarelli, Surf City  
Vanessa Lacer, Pender County  
Patrick Flanagan, Cape Fear RPO  
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear COG

### **I. START-UP**

- 1. Call to Order** – RTAC Chair, Frank Williams, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
- 2. Roll Call** – Patrick Flanagan took a roll call of all attendees.
- 3. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance** – Mike Forte led the group in an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Ethics awareness & conflict of interest statement** – Frank Williams read the ethics awareness statement.
- 5. Additions or corrections to the agenda** – There were no changes to the agenda. *Mr. Mike Forte made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Terry Mann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken*

*Frank Williams, Yes  
Mike Forte, Yes  
Dave DeLong, Yes  
Glenn Marshall, Yes*

*Terry Mann, Yes  
Jackie Williams-Rowland, Yes  
George Brown, Yes*

*The motion passed.*

- 6. Approval of Minutes** – The August 19, 2021 minutes were considered. *Mr. Terry Mann made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Jackie Williams-Rowland seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Frank Williams, Yes  
Mike Forte, Yes  
Dave DeLong, Yes  
Glenn Marshall, Yes*

*Terry Mann, Yes  
Jackie Williams-Rowland, Yes  
George Brown, Yes*

*The motion passed.*

- 7. Public comment** – There were no comments from the public.
- 8. Vacancies and appointments** – The group discussed expiring terms and reappointments. Mayors of the various municipalities will be caucused for a vote on municipal seats. County Commissioner seats will be assigned with the County Board Appointments.

## **II. PRESENTATIONS**

There was no presentation at this meeting.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9. 2022 CFRPO Meeting Schedule** – The proposed dates for the 2022 CFRPO RTAC meetings were reviewed. A new date for the February meeting was discussed. *Mr. George Brown made a motion to approve the schedule with the change to the 18<sup>th</sup> of February and Mr. Terry Mann seconded the motion.*

*Frank Williams, Yes  
Mike Forte, Yes  
Dave DeLong, Yes  
Glenn Marshall, Yes*

*Terry Mann, Yes  
Jackie Williams-Rowland, Yes  
George Brown, Yes*

*The motion passed.*

- 10. DRAFT FY 2022-2023 PWP** – The draft Planning Work Program (PWP) was reviewed. Changes from the previous budget were highlighted. *Mrs. Jackie Williams-Rowland made a motion to submit the draft PWP to TPD for review. Mr. Mike Forte seconded the motion.*

*Frank Williams, Yes  
Mike Forte, Yes  
Dave DeLong, Yes  
Glenn Marshall, Yes*

*Terry Mann, Yes  
Jackie Williams-Rowland, Yes  
George Brown, Yes*

*The motion passed.*

- 11. Remote Participation Policy** – A sample remote participation policy and the current RTAC bylaws were presented. The group asked for a legal review of our current bylaws to ensure they adequately allow remote participation at an in-person meeting. *There was no action taken on this item.*

#### IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

- Cape Fear RPO
  - Brunswick County CTP: Staff gave an update on the core content of the plan that TPD is putting together.
  - NC 210 East Coast Greenway Feasibility Study: The selection committee has chosen a firm to do the study and contract review is underway.
  - Ferry Update: The dock at Southport has been repaired after storm damage.
  - STIP amendments and revisions: Changes to the STIP were highlighted for the group
- NC Ports (Port of Wilmington) – There was no update from the port.
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender) – Caitlin Marks gave an update. The NC 211 construction project has been advertised and the let date is December with construction starting in February. A bridge replacement on NC 133 was discussed.
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus) – Darius Sturdivant told the group about projects wrapping up and an interchange project on US 74 that is underway. The Whiteville US 701 bypass widening project will begin construction in January. There was a discussion about pedestrian crossings on this project.
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD) – Behshad Norowzi gave an update on the ongoing CTPs.
- NC Board of Transportation - There was no update from the Board.

#### V. OTHER

- 12. Open discussion** – We will be electing RTAC officers at the next meeting, so anyone interested in serving as Chair or Vice-Chair is encouraged to volunteer.  
The Lake Waccamaw Bike and Ped plan application that the Cape Fear RPO supported back in June was funded by NCDOT.

- 13. Adjourn** – *The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM*

**Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization  
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee  
Bylaws**

**ARTICLE I-NAME**

The name of this committee shall be the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as the RTAC, as part of the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization, hereinafter referred to as the CFRPO.

**ARTICLE II-PURPOSE**

The purpose and goals of this committee as outlined in the memorandum of understanding (MOU) shall be to:

1. Develop long-range local and regional multi-modal transportation plans in cooperation with area Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT);
2. Provide a forum for public participation in the rural transportation planning process;
3. Develop and prioritize suggestions for transportation projects that the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) believes should be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program;
4. Provide transportation-related information to local governments and other interested organizations and persons;
5. Conduct transportation related studies and surveys for local governments and other interested entities/organizations; and
6. Undertake mutually agreed upon transportation related tasks to enhance transportation system development, coordination and efficiency.

**ARTICLE III-MEMBERS**

**Section 1-Membership:**

Membership on the RTAC is defined in the MOU as follows:

- Two Brunswick County Commissioners;
- Two Columbus County Commissioners;
- Two Pender County Commissioners;
- Two municipal elected officials from each of the three counties; and
- A member of the Board of Transportation as determined by the Board members from Divisions 3 and 6.

**Section 2-Alternates:**

Alternates may be appointed in the same manner as regular members and serve as full voting members during any meeting where the 'primary representative is not in attendance.



### **Section 3-Term of Membership:**

Term of office for all seats on the RTAC is two years. Reappointment is permitted.

## **ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS**

### **Section 1-Officers Defined:**

The officers of the RTAC will consist of a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman serving annual terms. They will be elected by majority vote of the eligible members at the first regular meeting of the calendar year. The Director of the Cape Fear Council of Governments, the Lead Planning Agency, shall designate a staff member to serve as Secretary to the RTAC.

### **Section 2-Duties of Officers:**

The Chairman shall call meetings of the RTAC to order and shall act as Chairman of such meetings. The Chairman shall see that all orders and action items, including amendments, are carried into effect. The Chairman will:

- Sign all official documents of the RTAC;
- Preside at all meetings of the RTAC; and
- Decide all points of order or procedure.

The Vice-Chairman shall conduct the duties of the Chairman in the event of the Chairman's absence.

The designated Secretary to the RTAC shall perform the administrative coordination for the RTAC and report to the Chairman of the RTAC. The Secretary shall:

- Keep minutes of the RTAC meetings in proper form for the approval of the RTAC at its next regular meeting;
- Mail notices of regular meetings of the RTAC, with a copy of the agenda, in accordance with Article V of these rules;
- Give notice of regular and special meetings called in accordance with North Carolina Open Meeting Law;
- Maintain all files, records, and correspondence of the RTAC; and
- Transmit all recommendations of the RTAC to NCDOT.

Should neither the Chairman nor Vice-chairman be able to preside at a meeting, the Chairman shall appoint an acting Chairman for that meeting only or until such time the Chairman or Vice chairman can resume their responsibilities. Should the Secretary be unable to attend a meeting, the Chairman of the RTAC shall appoint an acting secretary to record and prepare the minutes.

## **ARTICLE V-MEETINGS**



### **Section 1-Regular Meetings:**

Meeting will be held on a schedule agreed to by the RTAC at their last regular meeting of the year. The time and location of the meeting may be changed from time to time to meet particular situations and needs. Meeting notices and agendas are to be mailed in sufficient time for them to be received by each committee member. The Chairman may cancel regular meetings should there be insufficient items on the RTAC's tentative agenda. Electronic meetings are permitted, provided that a physical location is provided where members, alternates, or the general public can participate.

### **Section 2-Special Meetings:**

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or at the request of a majority of eligible voting members petitioning the Chairman. Whenever possible, at least five (5) days notice shall be given.

### **Section 3-Workshops:**

The RTAC may choose to hold workshops from time to time. Notice for all workshops shall be provided in the same manner as regular meetings of the RTAC.

### **Section 4-Attendance:**

Each member or their designated alternate shall be expected to attend each regular meeting and each special meeting provided that at least five (5) days notice is given. Pursuant to the MOU, any seat for which a regular or alternate member fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings will be designated as vacant and will not count for the purpose of determining quorum. Attendance by a regular or alternate member at future meetings will reinstate the member. Electronic attendance and voting is permitted where a qualified alternate cannot attend in person.

### **Section 5-Quorum:**

Quorum is defined by the MOU.

### **Section 6-Agenda:**

The agenda is a list of considerations for discussion at a meeting. Any member of the RTAC can place items on the agenda prior to its distribution. Additional items may be placed on the regular agenda if majority concurrence of the present members is received.

### **Section 7-Voting Procedures:**

The Chairman may call for a vote on any issue, provided that it is seconded and within the purposes set forth in Article II and provided the issue is on the agenda as outlined in Section 5 of this article. A simple majority vote of the members (or their authorized alternates) present and eligible to vote per the MOU shall be sufficient for approval of matters coming before the

RTAC. The Chairman is permitted to vote. Ad-hoc, proxy, and absentee voting are not permitted. Abstentions shall be considered affirmative votes. By approval of the RTAC, a member may withdraw from voting on an issue. Each RTAC member shall have one vote.

#### **ARTICLE VI - ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

In the absence of any direction from these Bylaws or other duly adopted voting procedures pursuant to certain approval actions, Robert's Rules of Order will designate procedures governing voting.

#### **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

Amendments to these Bylaws of the RTAC shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the RTAC's eligible voting members, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been received by each member at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered and provided that such amendment does not conflict with the letter or fundamental intent of the MOU governing this document. In the event of any conflict, the MOU shall carry precedence over these Bylaws.

The Cape Fear Area Rural Transportation Advisory Committee approved these bylaws on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016.



Frank Williams, Chairman



Allen Serkin, Secretary

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### **CFRPO RTAC Member Remote Participation Policy and Procedure**

WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) of the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization (CFRPO) acknowledges that RTAC member attendance at RTAC meetings is essential for RTAC members to perform their official duties and to add to the diversity of thought and opinion in the RTAC's deliberations;

WHEREAS, the RTAC strongly encourages its members to be physically present for all RTAC meetings. The RTAC recognizes, however, that extenuating circumstances may prevent a member from being physically present at a meeting;

WHEREAS, the RTAC further recognizes that advances in online, audio and video conferencing technology make it possible for members in remote locations to communicate and deliberate effectively with each other during meetings via electronic methods which provide for simultaneous communication;

WHEREAS, the RTAC also recognizes that allowing RTAC members to participate remotely in meetings will help ensure full participation of the RTAC at its meetings.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to promote full participation of RTAC members at meetings while also ensuring access and transparency for the public as required by the Open Meetings Law, the RTAC authorizes its members to participate remotely in RTAC meetings subject to the following rules and requirements:

**A. AUTHORIZED CIRCUMSTANCES FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION.** The RTAC authorizes remote participation by its members in any meeting of the RTAC consistent with the following conditions and requirements.

1. A RTAC member may attend a meeting and participate in RTAC deliberations and decisions by remote participation if the member is prevented from physically attending the meeting due to any of the following reasons:

- a. personal illness, quarantine requirement, or disability
- b. out-of-town travel
- c. unexpected lack of child-care
- d. family member illness, death, or emergency
- e. weather conditions
- f. military service
- g. employment/business obligations

- h. an unexpected scheduling conflict

Remote participation is not intended to be used solely for a RTAC member's convenience.

2. Acceptable means of remote participation include telephone-, Internet-, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing, or any other technology that provides for simultaneous communication during the meeting and enables the remote member(s) and all persons present at the Meeting location to be clearly audible to one another. "Simultaneous communication" shall mean any communication by conference telephone, conference video, or other electronic means. Text messaging, instant messaging, email, and web chat without audio are not acceptable means of remote participation.

3. No RTAC member may participate remotely more than three times during a calendar year; provided however, that in justifiable circumstances, the RTAC may, by majority vote, agree to waive this limitation.

#### **B. CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION.**

1. A RTAC member may participate remotely only when the acceptable means of simultaneous communication allows for the member who is participating remotely to do all the following:

- a. Hear what is said by other members of the RTAC.
- b. Hear what is said by any individual addressing the RTAC.
- c. To be heard by all members of the RTAC when speaking to the RTAC.
- d. To be heard by all other persons present at the meeting location.

2. A RTAC member participating remotely will be considered present at the meeting for purposes of establishing a meeting quorum only during the period where simultaneous communication is maintained for that member.

3. A RTAC member considered present through remote participation will be permitted to vote on any action item at the meeting except:

- a. any item for which the member was not participating remotely during the entire discussion and deliberation of the matter preceding the vote; and
- b. any item that was being discussed when an interruption to the electronic communication occurred, if the RTAC's discussion was not suspended during the interruption. A brief loss of simultaneous communication will not disqualify the member from voting on the matter under discussion.

4. A RTAC member may participate remotely in a closed session of the RTAC provided the member provides assurance to the RTAC that no other person is able to hear, see, or otherwise participate in the closed session from the remote location.

### **C. PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION.**

1. A RTAC member who desires to participate in a meeting remotely shall use his or her best efforts to notify the Chair or Executive Director at least one business day prior to the Meeting so that necessary arrangements for remote participation can be made.

2. The Chair or the Chair's designee at the meeting location shall initiate contact with the RTAC member prior to the start of the Meeting to secure remote participation.

3. The Chair shall announce the remote participant and the means of remote participation at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Any RTAC member participating remotely must identify himself or herself in each of the following situations:

a. When the roll is taken, or the meeting is commenced.

b. Prior to participating in the deliberations, including making motions, proposing amendments, and raising points of order.

c. Prior to voting.

5. The Chair may decide how to address technical difficulties that arise when utilizing remote participation.

6. When possible, the Chair should temporarily suspend discussion while reasonable efforts are made to correct any problem that interferes with the ability of a member who is participating remotely to hear or be heard clearly by all persons present at the meeting location and by any other RTAC members who may also be participating remotely at that meeting. If, however, the technical difficulties distract from or impede the orderly progress of the meeting, a majority of the members physically present may vote to end the remote participation.

7. A RTAC member participating remotely shall notify the Chair if leaving the meeting before it is adjourned or rejoining the meeting after a period of absence.

8. All votes taken during any meeting where a RTAC member is participating remotely will be by roll call vote.

9. All remote participation will be noted in the official RTAC minutes. Any interruption to or discontinuation of the RTAC member's remote participation will also be noted in the minutes.

10. The Lead Planning Agency is directed to provide the technology sufficient to implement this policy in accordance with all applicable laws.

**D. NOT EXCLUSIVE.** This remote participation policy is intended to apply when there is no declaration of emergency under N.C.G.S. sec. 166A-19.20 in effect. Upon the issuance of a declaration of emergency under N.C.G.S. sec. 166A-19.20, the provisions of N.C.G.S. sec. 166A-19.24 and any other applicable statutes or regulations shall control.

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS  
AUTHORITY'S GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2022:**

- **REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE),**
- **INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REBUILDING AMERICAN (INFRA), AND**
- **PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (PID)**

**GRANT PROGRAMS TO FUND A NEW INTERMODAL FACILITY  
AT THE PORT OF WILMINGTON**

**WHEREAS,** the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee is the duly recognized transportation decision making body for the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization (CFRPO), as authorized under NCGS §136-211; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina State Ports Authority owns and operates an ocean port terminal in Wilmington, North Carolina in New Hanover County and the operation of such a terminal is a tremendous catalyst for economic growth and development throughout North Carolina and the region; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina State Ports Authority's contributed more than \$15.4 billion in annual economic contribution to the state's economy constituted by goods moving through the port facilities and supported 87,700 full-time jobs at North Carolina businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina State Ports Authority strategic plan forecasts container volumes to grow 50 percent at the Port of Wilmington over the next five years; and

**WHEREAS,** 50,000 containers are projected to arrive or depart the Port of Wilmington via intermodal rail over the next five years; and

**WHEREAS,** to service existing customers and accommodate growing rail volumes at the Port of Wilmington, a new intermodal facility is needed; and

**WHEREAS,** the project supports North Carolina's core industry segments including furniture, forest products, pork and poultry, apparel, and textiles; and

**WHEREAS,** this investment will increase capacity through this growing economic hub has a dual benefit to in-terminal efficiency and outside of terminal congestion reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, this investment will reduce future truck congestion and improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure ROI as well as deliver environmental benefits to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina State Ports Authority is preparing grant applications for the United States Department of Transportation's FY2022 RAISE, INFRA, and PID grant programs to fund the new intermodal facility at the Port of Wilmington.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee of the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization hereby supports the new intermodal facility at the Port of Wilmington.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

BY:

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Frank Williams, CFRPO RTAC Chair

ATTEST:

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Patrick Flanagan, CFRPO RTAC Secretary





# NC CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

**Advancing Clean Energy for a Sustainable Economy**

## **NC Clean Energy Technology Center is Exploring Creating a Clean Cities Coalition for Unrepresented Regions of North Carolina**



### **What are Clean Cities Coalitions?**

The Clean Cities Coalitions were originally created by the U.S. Department of Energy in order to reduce reliance on petroleum products and improve air quality. Clean Cities coalitions do this by convening partnerships of public and private stakeholders to share information and resources regarding alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies that reduce fuel use and related air pollution.

### **Why is there a need for a fourth Clean Cities Coalition in North Carolina?**

Large swaths of North Carolina are currently unrepresented by Clean Cities Coalitions. These areas have less access to the support services offered by Clean Cities Coalitions. North Carolina (NC) has three Clean Cities Coalitions, represented by three Regional Councils of Governments, representing 44% of NC's population, around the Asheville, Charlotte, and Raleigh-Durham metro areas. The North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center (NCCETC) is seeking partners to form an additional Clean Cities Coalition to provide alternative fuel initiatives to rural and underserved communities in the Eastern, Northeastern, and Central regions and will reach an additional 45% of North Carolina's population.

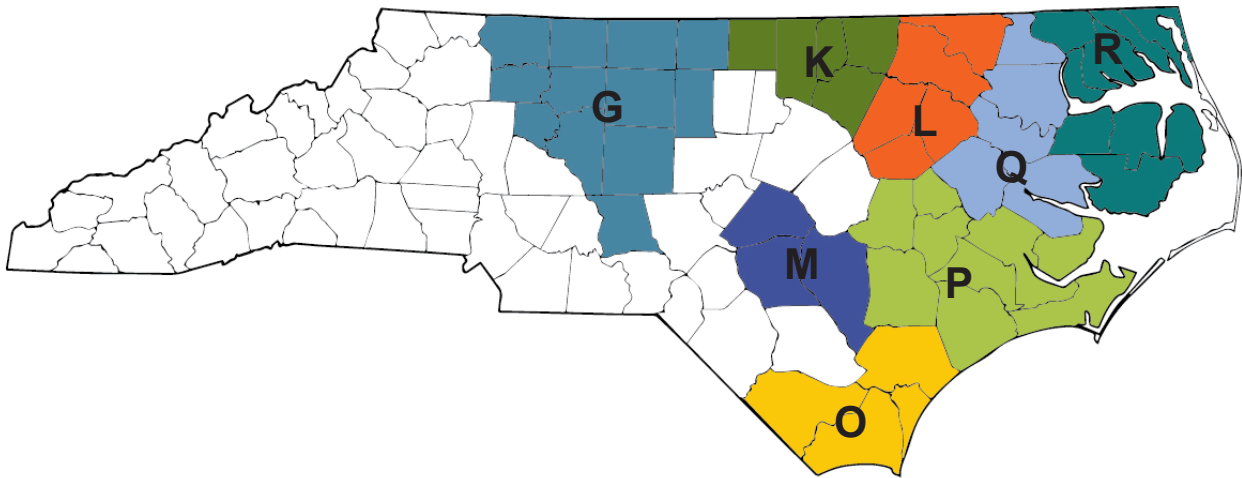
### **Background on the NC Clean Energy Technology Center**

The NC Clean Energy Technology Center is located on North Carolina State University's (NCSU) campus in the College of Engineering, and is one of two land-grant universities in North Carolina. NCSU's Cooperative Extension offices operate in all 100 counties in North Carolina, providing resources and training to the public on topics such as agriculture and natural resource management. NCCETC's mission is to advance a sustainable energy economy by educating, demonstrating, and providing support for clean energy technologies, practices, and policies. NCCETC has over 30 years of experience in forming partnerships and providing technical assistance with industries, academia, governments, profit, and nonprofit organizations. NCCETC already manages education and outreach activities related to clean transportation, such as the annual Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference & Expo, alternative fuel vehicle demonstrations and ride and drives, and online webinars on topics related to sustainable fleet management.

## How can my organization be involved?

By joining our coalition as a stakeholder, you will be supporting the clean fleets, alternative fuels, and sustainable transportation across North Carolina. As a fleet, you have access to resources that will provide guidance on ways that you can improve the efficiency and sustainability of your vehicles. As a manufacturer or trade organization, you will have access to a network of partners and organizations that are expanding their infrastructure and fleets. Our staff can also provide assistance by providing advice on available technologies and available grant funds that can be applied for to help offset the costs of installing new technologies. There will be quarterly stakeholder meetings that you can attend in person or virtually to learn more about these technologies and network with others in your region who are also working to improve the sustainability of their vehicle fleets.

## Eastern and Central Clean Fuels Coalition Coverage Areas



**REGION G**  
 Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin

**REGION K**  
 Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren

**REGION L**  
 Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, Northampton and Wilson

**REGION M**  
 Cumberland, Harnett and Sampson

**REGION O**  
 Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender

**REGION P**  
 Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico and Wayne

**REGION Q**  
 Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Martin and Pitt

**REGION R**  
 Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington

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North Carolina State University  
North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center  
Campus Box 7409  
Raleigh, NC 27695

**RE: Support for a new Eastern and Central NC Clean Fuels Coalition**

To whom it may concern:

We, the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization, are writing in support of the formation of an additional Clean Cities Coalition in North Carolina, serving currently unserved regions in eastern, northeastern and central North Carolina. Our organizations are joining as stakeholders of the Eastern and Central North Carolina Clean Fuels Coalition, led by the NC Clean Energy Technology Center (NCCETC), part of the College of Engineering at NC State University.

The NC Clean Energy Technology Center is uniquely situated to lead a new Clean Cities coalition. NCCETC is recognized as one of the premier providers of technical assistance and education on the topic of clean transportation technologies in the Southeast. The Sustainable Fleet Technology conference and webinar series has provided in-depth information on topics related to sustainable transportation and convened industry experts, fleet managers, and other decision-makers to share information on best practices in sustainable fleet management. As part of NC State University, NCCETC is also able to leverage the resources of the university, including the extension offices located in every North Carolina county.

The NC Clean Energy Technology Center has administered the Clean Fuels Advanced Technology (CFAT) grant since 2006. The purpose of the project is to reduce transportation related emissions in NC that cause air quality concerns. Using these funds, NCCETC has organized trainings and other educational efforts around alternative fuels, as well as providing grants for the purchase of clean transportation technologies. As of 2020, this project has awarded over \$11.9 M in federal funding to private and public fleets throughout the state and helped them purchase technologies to improve NC air quality. NCCETC has partnered with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council, Kerr Tar Council of Governments, and the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Governments to provide trainings in their regions on alternative fuels and clean transportation technologies.

North Carolina currently has three Clean Cities Coalitions, representing 44% of NC's population, around the Asheville, Charlotte, and Raleigh-Durham metropolitan areas. The creation of a fourth coalition, representing the eastern and northeastern counties of the state and the central Piedmont Triad region, would greatly increase the percentage of the population represented by a Clean Cities coalition and increase the number of rural and historically underrepresented counties served by a Clean Cities coalition. Currently 79 of North Carolina's 100 counties are not

represented. Representation through a Clean Cities coalition is imperative for applying for certain federal funds. Clean Cities coalitions also provide valuable educational opportunities to stakeholders in their regions through technical assistance, trainings, and workshops. Expanding the geographic areas represented by a Clean Cities coalition in North Carolina will help to reduce the state's dependence on foreign oil, reduce transportation related emissions, and improve public health.

Therefore, we believe the Eastern and Central North Carolina Clean Fuels Coalition will benefit rural and underserved communities within the central, eastern, and northeastern regions of North Carolina and we look forward to working together with the NC Clean Energy Technology Center a stakeholder in a new coalition to reduce transportation emissions, improve resilience in the face of climate change, and improve the sustainability of our transportation system.

Sincerely,

Frank Williams, RTAC Chair  
Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization

Projects in Development									
Project Manager	Contract Ty	Committed	TIP	PO	Description	County	Utilities Move Forward	ROW Move Forward	SAP Let Date
Derek Pielech	DPOC	N/A	B-4439	CFRPO	Replace Bridge 100 on Makatoka Rd over Muddy Branch	Brunswick			4/21/2022
Eric Murray	DPOC	N/A	W-5703Q	CFRPO	NC 130 at Longwood Rd and Waccamaw School Rd (Previously	Brunswick	Y	Y	4/21/2022
Derek Pielech	DPOC	N/A	17BP.3.R.80	CFRPO	Brunswick 104	Brunswick	Y	Y	5/19/2022
Lydia	DDRL	N/A	I-6040	CFRPO	I-40 East of US 117 to NC 210 Pavement Rehab	Pender			6/21/2022
Central	Raleigh	N/A	B-5156	CFRPO	Replace Bridge 28 Over Long Creek on NC 210	Pender			7/19/2022
Central	Raleigh	N/A	B-5644	CFRPO	Pender 15 on NC 11 over Crooked Creek	Pender	Y	Y	8/16/2022
David Leonard	DPOC		W-5803B	WMPO/CFRPO	Install Rumble Strips on US 17 Between New Hanover/Pender County Line and Mile Post 19.30 in Onslow County	Pender & Onslow			10/31/2022
Central	Raleigh	N/A	B-5629	CFRPO	Replace Bridge 40 Over Mill Creek (STIP)	Brunswick	Y	Y	1/19/2023
Derek Pielech	DPOC	N/A	BR-0139	CFRPO	Replace Culvert on NC 133 and Funston Rd with a bridge	Brunswick	Y	Y	4/16/2024
Eric Murray	DPOC	Yes	R-5850	CFRPO	Widen NC 53 to 3 lanes from US 117 Bypass to Stag Park Rd	Pender			5/2/2025
Derek Pielech	DPOC		B-5627	CFRPO	Brunswick 11 on NC 87 over Orton Pond Creek (let with B-5624)	Brunswick			7/24/2025
Derek Pielech	DPOC	N/A	17BP.3.R.62	CFRPO	Replace Bridge 23 on NC 906/Midway Rd over Brunswick River Swamp	Brunswick			7/1/2026
Derek Pielech	DPOC	Yes	BP3-R011	CFRPO	Replace Bridge 68 on SR 1306 (Old Mill Road) over Sill's Creek in Pender County	Pender			7/16/2026
Mike Bass	DPOC	Yes	R-5701	CFRPO	Burgaw Intersection Improvement	Pender			6/3/2027
Derek Pielech	DPOC	Yes	17BP.3.R.110	CFRPO	Replace Bridge 22 on SR 1112 over Mercers Mill Pond in Brunswick County	Brunswick			7/1/2027
Trace Howell	DDRL	Yes	U-5732	WMPO/CFRPO	Hampstead Median: US 17 from SR 1582 (Washington Acres Rd) to Vista Lane	Pender			9/19/2028
Mike Bass	DPOC	Yes	R-5877	CFRPO	US 17 at NC 210 (Surf City) Green-T	Pender			PY
Mike Bass	DPOC	No	R-5899	CFRPO	Roundabout at NC 210 and Watts Landing Road (Surf City)	Pender			PY
Mike Bass	DDRL	No	R-5900	CFRPO	NC 210/NC 50 and Belt Rd RAB (Surf City)	Pender			PY
Mike Bass	DDRL	No	R-5947	CFRPO	Widen NC 211 to 4 lanes from SR 1112 (Sunset Harbor Rd) to NC 906 (Midway Rd)	Brunswick			PY
Brian Harding	DDRL	Yes	U-5932	CFRPO/GSATS	US 17 at NC 211 Interchange	Brunswick			PY
PE Work Continuing						Date Completed:	1/28/2022		
						PO:	CFRPO		
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Projects Under Construction

Contract Number	Resident	TIP/WBS/Program	County	Description	Estimated Completion	Percent Complete
DC00324	Daniel Jones	B-4929(L)	Pender	Surf City Landscape Enhancement	TBD	0.00%
DC-00331	Lydia McKeel	R-5783E & R-5783F	Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Sampson	Division Wide ADA Curb Ramp Upgrades	Dec-22	0.00%
C-204123	Alex Stewart	R-5021	Brunswick	NC 211 from SR 1500 (Midway Rd.) to NC 87 Grading, Drainage, Paving, Signals & Structures	Mar-27	0.00%
C-204553	Daniel Waugh	R-3300B	Pender	NC 417 (Hampstead Bypass) from South of NC 210 to North of SR 1563 (Sloop Point Road)	Mar-27	0.00%

Resurfacing						
Contract Number	Contract Year	County	Map	Routes	Estimated Completion	Percent Complete
C204337	2020	Duplin/Pender	0	I-40 from Duplin County Line (MM-360) to West of US-117 (MM-389.5)	Jul-22	66.08%
DC00318	2021	Pender	0	Pender County Resurfacing	TBD	0.00%
C204409	2021	Brunswick	0	1 SECTION OF US-17, US-74/76, AND NC-130; AND 11 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS	Oct-22	0.00%
DC00304	2021	Brunswick	0	US 17, NC 904 & VARIOUS SECONDARY RDS.	Jun-22	0.00%
DC00307	2021	Onslow, Pender	0	US 17 - Onslow and Pender Resurfacing	Jun-22	80.88%
DC00325	2022	Brunswick	0	Brunswick Resurfacing B (3/16/2022 Availability Date)	Apr-23	0.00%

Interactive Resurfacing Map can be found here: <https://ncdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d967e1f18d1c41aca2f260fb630a4c64>



Active Projects

Contract	STIP or WBS #	Project	R/W Date	Let Date	Work Began	Est. Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Construction Progress	Contractor	Resident Engineer	Contract Amount	Comments
C204133	W-5601EV	US 74 Improvements - Construct directional crossovers on US 74 from SR 1824 Water Tank Road to just east of the Brunswick County Line in Columbus County. Project includes intersection improvements and installing a traffic signal at US 74/US 76 at NC 87.	6/30/2017	8/21/2018	1/9/2019	11/28/2020	12/28/2021	82.42%	Highland Paving Co LLC	Blythe L. Jordan, PLS	\$9,024,132	Project Complete - open to traffic. Some signage to be installed.
C204272	B-6604 B-6006 B-6007 B-6008	Replace 2 Bridges in Bladen County, 1 Bridge in Columbus County and 1 Bridge in Robeson County. B-6006: Columbus County replace Bridge #313 on SR 1159 (Old Tram Road) over Boogy Branch	1/15/2019	1/15/2019	11/20/2019	8/1/2021	N/A	89.72%	The Tara Group of Lumberton INC	Blythe L. Jordan, PLS	\$2,745,918	Columbus County project is complete.
C204571	R-5797	US 74 at SR 1506 (Old Boardman/Macedonia Church Road) Upgrade at-grade intersection to interchange	10/31/2018	4/20/2021	5/25/2021	2/28/2025	3/2/2025	28.88%	BMCO Construction, INC	Blythe L. Jordan, PLS	\$16,191,279	Expect lane closures/traffic shifts during construction.
C204649	R-5020B	US 701 Bypass widening to multilanes from SR 1437 (Virgil Avenue) to US 74/US 76 interchange in Whiteville	2/28/2018	8/17/2021	9/27/2021	12/12/2025	N/A	2.54%	Highland Paving Co LLC	Blythe L. Jordan, PLS	\$28,249,248	Construction contract awarded 8/30/2021
DF00272	R-5819A	Construct directional crossovers at SR 1735 (Chaunceytown Road) and SR 1740 (Old Lake Road)	N/A	4/21/2021	7/6/2021	4/30/2022	N/A	100.00%	Barnhill Contracting Co.	Blythe L. Jordan, PLS	\$1,838,763	Project Complete
DF00275	2021CPT.06.08.1 0241.1, 2021CPT.06.08.2 0241.1 & 2021CPT.06.08.1 0242.1	Resurfacing, milling & pavement markings on NC 904, NC 410 & Various SR Routes in Columbus County - SR 1103 (Dothan Rd) and SR 1117 (Walter Todd Rd).	N/A	2/17/2021	7/27/2021	6/30/2022	7/7/2022	52.98%	Barnhill Contracting Co.	Blythe L. Jordan, PLS	\$2,399,583	Construction contract awarded 2/24/2021
DF00284	R-5786HA R-5786HB R-5786HC	Concrete installations Curb & gutter/ADA curb ramps at various locations in Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett and Robeson Counties.	N/A	11/3/2021	N/A	6/30/2023	N/A	0%	Carolina Group Properties LLC DBA Carolina Group Contracting	Spencer G. Shoffner, PE	\$901,351	Construction contract awarded 11/8/2021
DF00289	2022CPT.06.08.1 0241.1 & 2022CPT.06.03.2 0241.1	Resurfacing, milling & pavement markings on NC 904, NC 905 & SR 1005 (Peacock Rd).	N/A	9/15/2021	N/A	10/18/2022	N/A	0%	Barnhill Contracting Co.	Blythe L. Jordan, PLS	\$1,731,576	Construction contract awarded 9/20/2021
DF00290	2022CPT.06.04.2 0242.1 & 2022CPT.06.04.2 0242.2	Asphalt Surface Treatment on various SR Routes in Columbus County.	N/A	10/6/2021	N/A	10/15/2022	N/A	0%	Riley Paving, Inc.	Blythe L. Jordan, PLS	\$762,783	Construction contract awarded 10/7/2021

STIP Projects

STIP#	Project	R/W Date	Funding Status	Schedule	Project Cost	Comments
I-6011	I-74, US 74 from NC 41 near Lumberton to US 76 near Chadbourn. Upgrade US 74 to interstate standards	10/31/2026	Programmed STIP Project Status: Developmental STIP	Let Date: 10/16/2029	\$171,680,000	Construction - Unfunded Project is not currently on PE, ROW or Utilities Move Forward Lists
R-2561B	Widen NC 87 to multi-lanes from SR 1730 (Elwell Ferry Road) in Bladen County to NC 11 in Columbus County	1/1/2040	Status: Unfunded Project	Let Date: 1/1/2040	\$75,574,000	Project not on Move Forward List
R-2561C	Widen NC 87 to multi-lanes from NC 11 to US 74/ US 76	7/21/2028	Programmed STIP Project Status: Developmental STIP	Let Date: 1/1/2040	\$116,801,000	Construction - Unfunded Project not on Move Forward List
R-2561CA	NC 87 at NC 11 convert at-grade intersection to interchange	10/28/2019	Programmed STIP Project Status: Delivery STIP	Let Date: 6/21/2022	\$33,292,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 5/5/2020 Added to ROW Move Forward List 1/12/2021 Added to Utilities Move Forward List 1/19/2021
R-5020A	Widen US 701 Bypass to multilanes from South of SR 1166 (Pleasant Plains Road) to SR 1437 (Virgil Avenue) in Whiteville	2/28/2018	Programmed STIP Project Status: Developmental STIP	Let Date: 7/18/2028	\$44,450,000	Project is not currently on PE, ROW or Utilities Move Forward Lists

**STIP/Safety and Bridge Projects**

STIP#	Project	R/W Date	Funding Status	Schedule	Project Cost	Comments
R-5819	US 74/US 76 at SR 1740 (R-5819 Old Lake Road) construct grade separation. Combine w/R-5820.	R/W Date: 3/31/2021	Programmed STIP Project Status: Delivery STIP	Let Date: 6/21/2022	\$12,415,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 11/24/2020 Added to ROW Move Forward List 2/10/2021 Added to Utilities Move Forward List 2/12/2021
R-5820	US 74/ US 76 at SR 1735 (R-5820 Chaunceytown Road) convert at-grade intersection to interchange and convert Chaunceytown Road/NC 214 intersection to roundabout. Combine w/R-5819.	R/W Date: 3/31/2021	Programmed STIP Project Status: Delivery STIP	Let Date: 6/21/2022	\$29,440,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 11/24/2020 Added to ROW Move Forward List 2/10/2021 Added to Utilities Move Forward List 2/12/2021
R-5952	US 701 Bypass at SR 1305 (Complex Street) - Upgrade intersection.	10/31/2024	Programmed STIP Project Status: Developmental STIP	Let Date: 10/20/2026	\$20,900,000	Added to PE Move Forward List 3/3/2021 Added to ROW Move Forward List 8/23/2021 Added to Utilities Move Forward List 8/23/2021 Design Alternatives Completed (3/22/2021)
W-5706J	NC 410 (Joe Brown Highway) at SR 1002 (Old Lumberton Road) and at SR 1003 (Silver Spoon Road); and, SR 1002 at SR 1003 - Intersection improvements.	3/31/2020	Programmed STIP Project Highway Safety (W) Project Status: Delivery STIP	Let Date: 3/2/2022	\$1,360,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 1/21/2021 Added to ROW Move Forward List 4/7/2021 Added to Utilities Move Forward List 6/25/2021
W-5706S	US 74/US 76 construct reduced conflict intersections from SR 1836 (Byrdville Freeman Road) to East of SR 1845 (Money Hole Road).	3/20/2020	Programmed STIP Project Highway Safety (W) Project Status: Delivery STIP	Let Date: 3/2/2022	\$3,064,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 1/21/2021 Added to ROW Move Forward List 4/7/2021 Added to Utilities Move Forward List 6/25/2021
W-5706AA	NC 410 (Joe Brown Highway south) at SR 1317 (Clarendon Chadbourn Rd) south of Chadbourn - Intersection improvements modify road geometry/skewed angle.	2/18/2020	Programmed STIP Project Highway Safety (W) Project Status: Delivery STIP	Let Date: 2/16/2022	\$425,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 1/21/2021 Added to ROW Move Forward List 4/7/2021 Added to Utilities Move Forward List 6/25/2021
W-5806A	NC 11 at SR 1740 (Old Lake Road) construct roundabout	5/6/2022	Programmed STIP Project Highway Safety (W) Project Status: Delivery STIP	Let Date: 4/5/2023	\$1,427,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 1/21/2021 Added to ROW Move Forward List 3/25/2021 Added to Utilities Move Forward List 6/25/2021
BP6-R001	Replace Bridge 303 on SR 1428 (Thompson Town Road) over Fivemile Branch	3/4/2022	Non STIP Bridge Project (BP)	Let Date: 6/1/2022	\$1,030,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 11/24/2020 Added to ROW Move Forward List 8/23/2021 Added to Utilities Move Forward List 8/23/2021
BP6-R004	Replace Bridge 201 on SR 1002 (Old Lumberton Road) over Western Prong Swamp in Columbus County	N/A	Non STIP Bridge Project (BP)	Let Date: 6/7/2023	\$905,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 11/24/2020
BP6-R008	Replace Bridge 271 on SR 1818 (Neils Eddy Road) over Mill Creek in Columbus County	N/A	Non STIP Bridge Project (BP)	Let Date: 6/5/2024	\$830,000	Added to PE Move Forward List 7/22/2021
BR-0073	Replace Bridge #230005 on US 76 over Gapway Swamp	5/30/2022	Non STIP Bridge Replacement (BR) Project	Let Date: 4/18/2023	\$3,520,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 11/24/2020 Added to ROW Move Forward List 4/19/2021 Added to Utilities Move Forward List 6/25/2021
BP6-R013	Replace Bridge 324 on SR 1158 (Chair Factory Road) over Beaver Dam Swamp in Columbus County	N/A	Non STIP Bridge Project (BP)	Let Date: 12/3/2025	\$830,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 11/15/2021
BP6-R014	Replace Bridge 325 on SR 1158 (Chair Factory Road) over Beaver Dam Swamp in Columbus County	N/A	Non STIP Bridge Project (BP)	Let Date: 12/3/2025	\$1,130,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 11/15/2021
BP6-R015	Replace Bridge 26 on SR 1926 (Pierce Road) over Gum Swamp Run in Columbus County	N/A	Non STIP Bridge Project (BP)	Let Date: 6/3/2026	\$1,530,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 11/15/2021
BP6-R016	Replace Bridge 32 on SR 1928 (Dock Road) over Waccamaw River Overflow in Columbus County	N/A	Non STIP Bridge Project (BP)	Let Date: 6/3/2026	\$830,000	Project is moving forward Added to PE Move Forward List 11/15/2021



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FEBRUARY TPD UPDATES CAPE FEAR RPO

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**Brunswick County Model:** The Brunswick County Model was completed in February of last year.

**Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP):** The Brunswick County CTP just went through Peer Review, Management Review and Steering Committee Review. The comments have been submitted and will be reviewed and incorporated in the following weeks. The TPD engineers will start setting up public involvement sessions in the following months – both in person and virtual.

**Columbus County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP):** The engineer and planner will start setting up and organizing presentations for updates to local councils, boards and the public soon.

**N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant Applications:** The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program (NCGHSP) will soon be accepting grant applications for communities planning traffic safety programs. The grants will be for federal fiscal 2023, which is from Oct. 1, 2022 - Sept. 30, 2023.

**Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Requires Lane Reduction:** NCDOT closed the right eastbound lane on the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge on 1/26. Crews made repairs for bridge grating that has become worn.

**NCDOT Seeking New Partners for 2022 Watch for Me NC Program:** North Carolina communities interested in participating in the 2022 ["Watch for Me NC"](#) safety program may now submit applications to the Governor's Highway Safety Program. "Watch for Me NC," focuses on reducing bicycle and pedestrian injuries and fatalities through public education and

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community engagement partnerships with local law enforcement. Communities selected to participate will receive free training, technical assistance and safety tools provided by NCDOT and the UNC Highway Safety Research Center. Communities are encouraged to form coalitions with diverse stakeholders, such as law enforcement agencies, schools and community groups, all of whom will be eligible to attend training sessions.

To learn how to apply, click [here](#). Applications are due Feb. 18, 2022.

**Updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) in North Carolina:** <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/>

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Click on links below to learn more:

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- Report a pothole—[NCDOT Contact Us Form](#)
- NCDOT: State Transportation Improvement Program—[ncdot.gov/sti](https://www.ncdot.gov/sti)
- Interactive Bicycle Routes Map—<https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/ncbikeways/default.aspx>
- Links to all traffic count data information—[Traffic Survey Group \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
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- Traffic Safety Data & Engineering—[NCDOT: Traffic Safety Data & Engineering](#)

### **NCDOT Statewide Plans:**

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- [NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan \(25-Year Vision\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](https://www.ncdot.gov) and search: rail plan)
- [NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan \(2015-2040\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](https://www.ncdot.gov) and search: public transportation plan)
- [Great Trails State Plan](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](https://www.ncdot.gov) and search: Great Trails)
- [Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities \(Public Transportation strategic Plan—2018\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](https://www.ncdot.gov) and search: public transportation plan)
- [NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report \(2021\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](https://www.ncdot.gov) and search: resilience strategy report)
- [Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan \(2013\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc](https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc))



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