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## **Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC)**

### **Meeting Agenda**

**February 7, 2024 • 10:30 AM**

**Meeting via Zoom**

[Join meeting](#)

**Join by phone:** (929) 205 6099

**Meeting ID:** 899 1532 5956

**Meeting passcode:** 825216

#### **I. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** November 1, 2023 (*attached*)
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Vacancies and Appointments** (roster *attached*)

#### **II. PRESENTATIONS**

- 7. The Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan** – *Nazia Sarder*
- 8. Cape Fear RPO's Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan Update** – *RPO Staff*

#### **III. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- 9. Brunswick County CTP Endorsement** – NCDOT has requested a Resolution of Support from the Cape Fear RPO endorsing the Brunswick County CTP. *Staff requests a motion to recommend approval of the CTP endorsement to the RTAC.*

**10. Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan Adoption** – As a subrecipient of federal funds, the Cape Fear RPO is required to maintain a Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan. *Staff requests a motion to recommend approval of the updated Title VI Plan to the RTAC.*

**11. Reports/Updates**

- Cape Fear RPO
  - STIP Updates
  - Draft FY25 Planning Work Program
  - Draft P7.0 Local Input Point (LIP) Methodology
- NC Ports (Port of Wilmington)
- NC Ferry (Fort Fisher to Southport)
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender)
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus)
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD)
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD)
- Wilmington Area MPO (WMPO)
- Grand Strand MPO (GSATS)

**IV. OTHER**

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

**13. Adjourn**

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**Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC)**  
**\*\*DRAFT\*\* Meeting Minutes**  
**November 1, 2023 • 10:00 AM**  
**Held virtually via Zoom**

**Voting Members Present**

Helen Bunch, Brunswick County  
Mo Meehan, Southport  
Jeff Repp, St. James  
Robert Lewis, Whiteville  
Pat Garrell, Chadbourn  
Adam Moran, Pender County  
Amy Kimes, Surf City  
Doug Shipley, Topsail Beach  
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3

Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6  
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD  
Jim Rupkalvis, MOTSU  
Vanessa Lacer, WMPO  
Yvonne Hatcher, Brunswick County Transit  
Joy Jacobs, Columbus County Transit  
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports  
Sam Boswell, Cape Fear RPO

**Others Present**

Matt Kirkland, Oak Island  
Kirsten Spirakis, NCDOT Div. 3, District 1  
Ken Clark, NCDOT Div. 6, District 3

Bill Hammond, NCDOT Division 6  
Kim Nguyen, NCDOT IMD

**I. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was held via video conference on Zoom. Having reached a quorum, Sam Boswell called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. **Roll Call** – A roll call was taken of attendees.
3. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda** – There were no changes to the agenda. *Vanessa Lacer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Nazia Sarder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes  
Mo Meehan, Yes  
Jeff Repp, Yes  
Robert Lewis, Yes  
Pat Garrell, Yes  
Adam Moran, Yes*

*Amy Kimes, Yes  
Adrienne Cox, Yes  
Darius Sturdivant, Yes  
Nazia Sarder, Yes  
Jim Rupkalvis, Yes  
Vanessa Lacer, Yes*

*Yvonne Hatcher, Yes  
Joy Jacobs, Yes  
Stephanie Ayers, Yes  
Sam Boswell, Yes*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

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4. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the September 6, 2023, RTCC meeting were presented. *Stephanie Ayers made a motion to approve the minutes. Helen Bunch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes  
Mo Meehan, Yes  
Jeff Repp, Yes  
Robert Lewis, Yes  
Pat Garrell, Yes  
Adam Moran, Yes*

*Amy Kimes, Yes  
Adrienne Cox, Yes  
Darius Sturdivant, Yes  
Nazia Sarder, Yes  
Jim Rupkalvis, Yes  
Vanessa Lacer, Yes*

*Yvonne Hatcher, Yes  
Joy Jacobs, Yes  
Stephanie Ayers, Yes  
Sam Boswell, Yes*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

5. **Public Comment** – There were no comments from the public.
6. **Vacancies and Appointments** – RPO Staff reviewed committee appointments and upcoming vacancies. Municipal seats that require new appointments or renewals will be addressed in the first meeting of 2024. *There was no action taken at this time.*

## II. PRESENTATIONS

7. **The Importance of Long-Range Planning: Burgaw Bypass Case Study** – RPO Staff provided a presentation on the history of the Burgaw Bypass and its relevance to the long-range planning efforts conducted by the RPO and its members. The Burgaw Bypass was studied extensively from the mid-90s and into the 2000s, and was even funded for right-of-way and construction in the STIP. However, the project was ultimately removed from the STIP in 2011 and from updates to the Pender County CTP in 2015. Many of the issues the Bypass was intended to address still linger, however, and conversations about this project and other alternatives will continue as the Pender County CTP update is set to begin in the coming months.

## III. REGULAR BUSINESS

8. **2024 Cape Fear RPO Meeting Schedule** – RPO Staff presented a draft version of the 2024 meeting schedule. The committee decided that RTCC meeting dates in April and July need to be revisited and discussed again in February (the first meeting of 2024). The committee also discussed altering the meeting start time from 10:00am to 10:30am to reduce existing conflicts for some committee members. RPO Staff recommended that the schedule be approved with the following notes: April and July meeting dates will be discussed further, and the meeting

time will be moved to 10:30am. *Adam Moran made a motion to approve that recommendation, and Vanessa Lacer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes  
Mo Meehan, Yes  
Jeff Repp, Yes  
Robert Lewis, Yes  
Pat Garrell, Yes  
Adam Moran, Yes*

*Amy Kimes, Yes  
Doug Shipley, Yes  
Adrienne Cox, Yes  
Darius Sturdivant, Yes  
Nazia Sarder, Yes  
Jim Rupkalvis, Yes*

*Vanessa Lacer, Yes  
Yvonne Hatcher, Yes  
Joy Jacobs, Yes  
Stephanie Ayers, Yes  
Sam Boswell, Yes*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **IV. REPORTS/UPDATES**

##### **9. Reports/Updates**

- Cape Fear RPO: Staff provided updates on additions and modifications to the STIP.
- NC Ports: There were no updates from the Ports.
- Ferry Division: There were no updates from the Ferry Division. The Ferry Division will be providing a more extensive presentation to the RTAC on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender): Adrienne Cox gave Division 3 updates.
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus): Darius Sturdivant gave Division 6 updates.
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD): Nazia Sarder gave updates on the Brunswick, Columbus, and Pender County CTPs.
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD): Kim Nguyen provided IMD updates. IMD Staff will provide a more extensive presentation to the RPO committees in early 2024.
- Wilmington Area MPO (WMPO): Vanessa Lacer provided WMPO updates.
- Grand Strand MPO (GSATS): There were no updates from GSATS.

#### **IV. OTHER**

**10. Open discussion:** There was no additional discussion.

**11. Adjourn** – *The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.*

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<b>Cape Fear RPO: RTCC County &amp; Municipal Voting Members [<i>Proposed</i>]</b>			
<b>SEAT</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Brunswick County		Helen Bunch	Planner III
Brunswick County Alt.		Marc Pagès	Land Planner
Brunswick Municipal 1	2024-2025	Mo Meehan	Southport
Brunswick Municipal 2	2023-2024	Jeff Repp	St. James
Brunswick Municipal Alt. 1	2024-2025	Nicole Morgan	Boiling Spring Lakes
Brunswick Municipal Alt. 2	2023-2024	Matt Kirkland	Oak Island
Columbus County		Gary Lanier	Economic Development Director
Columbus County Alt.		Dylan Bowen	Economic Development Specialist
Columbus Municipal 1	2023-2024	Robert Lewis	Whiteville
Columbus Municipal 2	2023-2024	Pat Garrell	Chadbourn
Columbus Municipal Alt. 1	2023-2024	Damon Kempinski	Lake Waccamaw
Columbus Municipal Alt. 2	2024-2025	Madison Ward	Whiteville EDC
Pender County		Adam Moran	Long Range Planner
Pender County Alt.		Justin Brantley	Deputy Planning Director
Pender Municipal 1	2023-2024	Amy Kimes	Surf City
Pender Municipal 2	2024-2025	Gilbert Combs	Burgaw
Pender Municipal Alt. 1	2023-2024	Doug Shipley	Topsail Beach
Pender Municipal Alt. 2	2024-2025	Rob Taylor	Wallace

<b>Procedure for Municipal Alternates' participation in RTCC Meetings:</b>
Alternate 1 will serve as a voting member if Voting 1 is absent OR if both Voting 2 and Alternate 2 are absent.
Alternate 2 will serve as a voting member if Voting 2 is absent OR if both Voting 1 and Alternate 1 are absent.

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## **Cape Fear RPO 2024 Meeting Schedule**

<b>RTCC</b>	<b>RTAC</b>	<b>Deadlines/Important Dates</b>
Wed 2/7/24	Fri 2/16/24	Draft FY 24-25 PWP <b>2/28</b> . New Appointments/Elections. Title VI Policy Update
Wed 3/27/24	Fri 4/12/24	RTAC Ethics Paperwork due <b>4/15</b> . Local Input Point Methodology due <b>5/1</b> . Final FY 24-25 PWP <b>5/31</b> .
Wed 6/5/24	Fri 6/14/24	<b>P7.0 Regional Impact Local Input Point Assignment (1 of 2)</b> . Final FY 23-24 PWP amendment <b>6/30</b> .
Wed 8/7/24	Fri 8/16/24	<b>P7.0 Regional Impact Local Input Point Assignment (2 of 2)</b> .
Wed 10/2/24	Fri 10/11/24	<b>P7.0 Division Needs Local Input Point Assignment (1 of 2)</b> .
Wed 12/4/24	Fri 12/13/24	<b>P7.0 Division Needs Local Input Point Assignment (2 of 2)</b> . Draft FY 25-26 PWP <b>2/28</b> . Expiring Positions/New Appointments.

**RTCC** (staff) to meet at **10:30 AM** via Zoom. *\*\* New meeting time for 2024 \*\**

**RTAC** (elected officials) typically meets at **9:00 AM** at the Cape Fear Council of Governments and via Zoom.

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## **Resolution Endorsing a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Brunswick County, North Carolina**

**WHEREAS**, Brunswick County, its municipalities, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation have actively worked to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Brunswick County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Department of Transportation are directed by North Carolina General Statutes 136-66.2 to reach agreement for a transportation system that will serve present and anticipated volumes of traffic in the County and region; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that the proper movement of traffic within and through Brunswick County is a highly desirable element of the comprehensive plan for the orderly growth and development of the County and region; and

**WHEREAS**, after full study of the plan, and following multiple opportunities for public input, the Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan has been adopted by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners and all participating municipalities in the Cape Fear RPO planning boundary, pursuant to General Statutes 136-66.2;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan be endorsed by the Cape Fear RPO Transportation Advisory Committee as a guide in the development of the transportation system in Brunswick County and the same is hereby recommended to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for its subsequent adoption.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

BY:

ATTEST:

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Frank Williams, Chair

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Sam Boswell, Secretary



## **APPENDIX 1 - USDOT STANDARD NONDISCRIMINATION ASSURANCES**

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### **United States Department of Transportation**

#### **STANDARD TITLE VI/NONDISCRIMINATION ASSURANCES**

DOT Order No. 1050.2A

The Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization (herein referred to as the "Recipient"), **HEREBY AGREES THAT**, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), through **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**, is subject to and will comply with the following:

#### **Statutory/Regulatory Authorities**

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 C.F.R. Part 21 (entitled Nondiscrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs Of The Department Of Transportation-Effectuation Of Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964);
- 28 C.F.R. section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964).

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the "Acts" and "Regulations," respectively.

#### **General Assurances**

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

*"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including the Federal Highway Administration."*

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Nondiscrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these nondiscrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

#### **Specific Assurances**

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurance, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federally assisted **Federal-Aid Highway Program**:

1. The Recipient agrees that each "activity," "facility," or "program," as defined in §§ 21.23(b) and 21.23(e) of 49 C.F.R. § 21 will be (with regard to an "activity") facilitated, or will be (with regard to a "facility") operated, or will be (with regard to a "program") conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.

2. The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all Federal-Aid Highway Program and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

"The Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."
3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.
4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient.
5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
6. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:
  - a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
  - b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
8. That this Assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:
  - a. the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
  - b. the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.
9. The Recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

10. The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing this ASSURANCE, the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization, also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing the **FHWA** access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that you must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by the **FHWA**. You must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to **FHWA**, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

The Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal-aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the **Federal-Aid Highway Program**. This ASSURANCE is binding on the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the **Federal-Aid Highway Program**. The person(s) signing below is authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Recipient.

**Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization**

BY: Sam Boswell  
Sam Boswell, Director

DATE: 2.2.2024

Attachments:

Appendices A, B, C, D, E

## TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization (CFRPO), as a federal-aid recipient, to ensure that no person shall, on the ground of **race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age** or **disability**, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any of our programs and activities, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and all other related nondiscrimination laws and requirements.



Sam Boswell, Director  
Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization

2.2.2024

Date

### Title VI and Related Authorities

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d) provides that, "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." The 1987 Civil Rights Restoration Act (P.L. 100-259) clarified and restored the original intent of Title VI by expanding the definition of "programs and activities" to include all programs and activities of federal-aid recipients, subrecipient, and contractors, whether such programs and activities are federally-assisted or not.

Related nondiscrimination authorities include, but are not limited to: U.S. DOT regulation, 49 CFR part 21, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation--Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act"; 49 U.S.C. 5332, "Nondiscrimination (Public Transportation)"; FTA Circular 4702.1B – Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients; DOT Order 5610.2a, "Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations"; FTA C 4703.1 – Environmental Justice Policy Guidance For Federal Transit Administration Recipients; Policy Guidance Concerning (DOT) Recipient's Responsibilities to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Persons, 74 FR 74087; The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, P.L. 101-336; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 790; Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended 42 U.S.C. 6101; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. 1681; Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 U.S.C. 4601; Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794d; etc.

REVISIONS TO THE 2024-2033 STIP  
HIGHWAY PROGRAM

CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP ADDITIONS

* R-5783	- GRAND STRAND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	VARIOUS, DIVISION 3 PROGRAM TO UPGRADE INTERSECTIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) USING TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) FUNDS.	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2024 -	\$20,000	(S)
BRUNSWICK				FY 2024 -	\$80,000	(TA)
DUPLIN	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION				\$100,000	
NEW HANOVER	- JACKSONVILLE URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	<b><u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 24 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED. THIS ACTION ADDS THE PROJECT TO THE FEDERALLY APPROVED STIP.</u></b>				
ONslow	- MID-CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION					
PENDER	- EASTERN CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION					
SAMPSON	- CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION					
<b>PROJ.CATEGORY</b>						
<b>DIVISION</b>						
* R-5786	- FAYETTEVILLE URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	VARIOUS, DIVISION 6 PROGRAM TO UPGRADE INTERSECTIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) USING TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) FUNDS.	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2024 -	\$20,000	(S)
BLADEN				FY 2024 -	\$80,000	(TA)
COLUMBUS	- LUMBER RIVER RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION				\$100,000	
CUMBERLAND	- CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	<b><u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 24 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED. THIS ACTION ADDS THE PROJECT TO THE FEDERALLY APPROVED STIP.</u></b>				
HARNETT	- MID-CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION					
ROBESON						
<b>PROJ.CATEGORY</b>						
<b>DIVISION</b>						

\* INDICATES FEDERAL AMENDMENT

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STIP MODIFICATIONS

AV-5815 PENDER PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	HENDERSON FIELD (ACZ), APRON EXPANSION. <u>TO BLANCE FUNDS, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 24 TO FY 25</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025 - <u>\$6,100,000</u> (T) \$6,100,000
HS-2003F PENDER PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 17, US 17 AND NC 210 WEST OF SNEADS FERRY. REVISE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND INSTALL BE PREPARED TO STOP SIGNS. <u>ACCELERATE CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 26 TO FY 24</u> <u>AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION</u> <u>MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2024 - <u>\$194,000</u> (HSIP) \$194,000

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## STIP MODIFICATIONS

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CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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* BO-2406 BLADEN COLUMBUS CUMBERLAND HARNETT ROBESON <b>PROJ.CATEGORY</b> DIVISION	- FAYETTEVILLE URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - LUMBER RIVER RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - MID-CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	VARIOUS, DIVISION 6 PROGRAM TO UPGRADE INTERSECTIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) USING TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) FUNDS. <b><u>ADD PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED.</u></b>	ENGINEERING	FY 2024 - \$80,000 (TA) FY 2024 - \$20,000 (HF(M)) FY 2025 - \$80,000 (TA) FY 2025 - \$20,000 (HF(M)) FY 2026 - \$80,000 (TA) FY 2026 - \$20,000 (HF(M)) FY 2027 - \$80,000 (TA) FY 2027 - \$20,000 (HF(M)) FY 2028 - \$80,000 (TA) FY 2028 - \$20,000 (HF(M)) CONSTRUCTION FY 2024 - \$800,000 (TA) FY 2024 - \$200,000 (HF(M)) FY 2025 - \$800,000 (TA) FY 2025 - \$200,000 (HF(M)) FY 2026 - \$800,000 (TA) FY 2026 - \$200,000 (HF(M)) FY 2027 - \$800,000 (TA) FY 2027 - \$200,000 (HF(M)) FY 2028 - \$800,000 (TA) FY 2028 - \$200,000 (HF(M)) \$5,500,000
HI-0019 COLUMBUS <b>PROJ.CATEGORY</b> STATEWIDE	- CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 74 (FUTURE I-74), US 74 (FUTURE I-74) FROM WEST OF SR 1585 (UNION VALLEY ROAD) TO WEST OF US 701 BUSINESS. PAVEMENT REHABILITATION. <b><u>TO BALANCE INTERSTATE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 29 TO FY 31.</u></b>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2031 - \$2,119,000 (NHPIM) FY 2032 - \$3,281,000 (NHPIM) \$5,400,000
HI-0020 COLUMBUS <b>PROJ.CATEGORY</b> STATEWIDE	- CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 74 (FUTURE I-74), US 74 (FUTURE I-74) FROM THE ROBESON COUNTY LINE TO WEST OF SR 1585 (UNION VALLEY ROAD). PAVEMENT REHABILITATION. <b><u>TO BALANCE INTERSTATE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 29 TO FY 31.</u></b>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2031 - \$4,453,000 (NHPIM) FY 2032 - \$7,464,000 (NHPIM) FY 2033 - \$3,083,000 (NHPIM) \$15,000,000

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CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP ADDITIONS

HE-0016 BRUNSWICK PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	NEW ROUTE, ALONG NORTH SIDE OF US 74 FROM 0.5 MILES EAST OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY LINE TO 1.5 MILES EAST OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY LINE. CONSTRUCT ROAD ON NEW LOCATION AND CONSTRUCT INTERSECTIONS WITH US 74 ON EAST AND WEST TERMINI. <u>ADD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIVISION.</u>	ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION	FY 2024 -	\$600,000	(T)
				FY 2024 -	\$4,700,000	(T)
				FY 2025 -	\$4,700,000	(T)
					\$10,000,000	

\* INDICATES FEDERAL AMENDMENT

Thursday, February 1, 2024



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER  
GOVERNOR

J.R. "JOEY" HOPKINS  
SECRETARY

November 21, 2023

Mr. Sam Boswell, Regional Planner  
Cape Fear Council of Governments  
1480 Harbour Drive  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Subject: Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization, FY 2025 allocation

Dear Mr. Boswell:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has allocated Federal SPR (State Planning and Research) funds as detailed in the table below:

FY 2025 Cape Fear RPO Allocation				
5% local match	15% State funds (Local Match Assistance per NCGS 136-214)	80% Federal SPR funds	Total maximum reimbursable amount from NCDOT (State and Federal)	Total not-to-exceed work plan Federal + State+ local match
<b>\$7,650</b>	<b>\$22,950</b>	<b>\$122,400</b>	<b>\$145,350</b>	<b>\$153,000</b>

The funds are available on a reimbursable basis according to an 80/5/15 cost share and are expected to be matched by a minimum of 5% local funds.

Reimbursement for planning expenses should be made through the invoice submittal procedure as outlined by the RPO Administrative Procedures. Reimbursements will only be made for transportation planning expenses incurred in executing the work tasks described in your approved FY 2025 PWP, which is due by May 16, 2024.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [jsalavi@ncdot.gov](mailto:jsalavi@ncdot.gov), (919)-707-0901.

Sincerely,

*Jamal Alavi*

Jamal Alavi, PE  
Director  
Transportation Planning Division

Cc: Nazia Sarder, NCDOT  
Behshad Norowzi, NCDOT

FY 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025)  
 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM  
 ANNUAL FUNDING SOURCES TABLE  
 Cape Fear RPO

TASK CODE	WORK CATEGORY	RPO PROGRAM FUNDS			
		LOCAL	State	FEDERAL	TOTAL
		5%	15%	80%	100%
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT					
I-1	DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT	\$ 675	\$ 2,025	\$ 10,800	\$ 13,500
I-1.1	Highway				
I-1.2	Other Modes				
I-1.3	Socioeconomic				
I-1.4	Title VI				
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING					
II-1	COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT	\$ 400	\$ 1,200	\$ 6,400	\$ 8,000
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				
II-2	PRIORITIZATION	\$ 700	\$ 2,100	\$ 11,200	\$ 14,000
II-2.1	Project Prioritization				
II-3	PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 3,200	\$ 4,000
II-3.1	STIP Participation				
II-3.2	Merger / Project Development				
II-4	GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 1,600	\$ 4,800	\$ 25,600	\$ 32,000
II-4.1	Regional and Statewide Planning				
II-4.2	Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings				
	Special Study #1 - Insert name of consultant-led study here				
II-4.2.1		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Special Study #2 - Insert name of consultant-led study here	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
II-4.2.2					
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES					
III-1	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES	\$ 1,750	\$ 5,250	\$ 28,000	\$ 35,000
III-1.1	Administrative Documents				
III-1.2	TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance				
III-1.3	Program Administration				
IV. DIRECT COSTS					
IV-1	PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000
IV-1.1	Program-wide Direct Costs				
IV-2	ADVERTISING				
IV-2.1	News Media Ads				
IV-3	LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS	\$ 75	\$ 225	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500
IV-3.1	Hotel Costs				
IV-3.2	Meal Costs				
IV-3.3	Incidentals				
IV-4	POSTAGE	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 80	\$ 100
IV-4.1	Mailings				
IV-5	REGISTRATION / TRAINING	\$ 25	\$ 75	\$ 400	\$ 500
IV-5.1	Conference Registration				
IV-5.2	Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees				
IV-6	TRAVEL	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000
IV-6.1	Mileage Reimbursement				
IV-6.2	Car Rental Costs				
IV-6.3	Other Travel Expenses				
V. INDIRECT COSTS					
V-1	INDIRECT COSTS	\$ 1,465	\$ 4,395	\$ 23,440	\$ 29,300
V-1.1	Incurred Indirect Costs				
RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL		\$ 7,650	\$ 22,950	\$ 122,400	\$ 153,000

Q1 Amendment		
Date: Day/Month/20xx		
Original Budgeted Amount	Net Change	New 1st Quarter Budgeted Amount
<b>I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT</b>		
\$ 13,500		\$ 13,500
<b>II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING</b>		
\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000
<b>III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANS PLANNING &amp; POLICES</b>		
\$ 35,000		\$ 35,000
<b>IV. DIRECT COSTS</b>		
\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
<b>V. INDIRECT COSTS</b>		
\$ 29,300	\$ -	\$ 29,300
\$ 153,000	\$ -	\$ 153,000

Approved by the TAC on: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

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 Signature, TAC Chairman

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 Signature, RPO Secretary

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**PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

**Narrative**

**Cape Fear RPO**

**I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT**

**I-1 DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT** \$ 13,500.00

**I-1.1 Highway**

Collection, analysis, and mapping of highway- and vehicle-related data, including the CFRPO traffic counting program, signalized intersections, etc.

**I-1.2 Other Modes**

Collection, analysis, and mapping of non-highway-related data, etc.

**I-1.3 Socioeconomic**

Collection, analysis, and mapping of demographic, socioeconomic, land use, and environmental data, including existing and future land use, zoning, employment, commuting, travel preference data; etc.

**I-1.4 Title VI**

Collection, analysis, and mapping of socioeconomic and sociodemographic data related to Title VI compliance, including minority, poverty, age 65+, English proficiency, vehicle access; etc.

**II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

**II-1 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT** \$ 8,000.00

**II-1.1 Develop CTP Vision**

Pender County CTP: Community Understanding Report, core group & steering meeting coordination, developing CTP vision/goals/objectives, public engagement prior to final adoption, etc.

**II-1.2 Conduct CTP Needs Assessment**

Pender County CTP: Review and analyze data; develop project and program alternatives and recommendations based on identified transportation deficiencies; ensure recommendations are developed to achieve all components of CTP vision/goals/objectives; etc.

**II-1.3 Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening**

Pender County CTP: Review and analyze project and program alternatives against community vision/goals/objectives, natural and human environmental constraints, fiscal reality, funding and maintenance concerns, etc.

**II-1.4 Develop Final Plan**

Columbus County CTP / Pender County CTP: Develop and review final written, graphic, and mapping products.

**II-1.5 Adopt Plan**

Columbus County CTP: Coordinate meetings, develop presentations, attend public hearings and other meetings, etc. related to final adoption/endorsement.

**II-2 PRIORITIZATION** \$ 14,000.00

**II-2.1 Project Prioritization**

Duties and responsibilities related to implementing STI and other local project prioritization activities (e.g., Local Input Point Assignment).

**II-3 PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT** \$ 4,000.00

**II-3.1 STIP Participation**

Duties and responsibilities related to reviewing and commenting on STIP additions, modifications, deletions, and drafts; other correspondence with STIP unit; etc.

**II-3.2 Merger / Project Development**

Review and comment on Merger and other project development documents and attend Merger and other project development meetings.

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II-4 GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		\$	32,000.00
II-4.1	Regional and Statewide Planning		
	Participiate in a regional and statewide planning activities, including Wilmington MPO TCC and MTP, GSATS TCC and MTP, Brunswick Transit System TAB, Columbus County Transportation TAB, PAS-TRAN TAB, East Coast Greenway Alliance, Mountains-to-Sea Trail, NCARPO, APA-NC, NCDOT committees, SPOT Workgroup, etc.; conduct TRC reviews; review local/reginal/statewide news related to transportation, land use, demographics, socioeconomics, and economic activity.		
II-4.2	Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings		
	Assist member jurisdictions with transportation, land use, environment, sociodemographic/socioeconomic, and mapping components of land use plans and ordinances; develop local bicycle and pedestrian plans; develop corridor studies; develop parking inventories and plans; update transit LCPs (as needed); participate in other special studies or plans as requested or approved by the RTAC; transportation- and GIS- related training, including NCAMPO conference, NCARPO quarterly meetings, APA-NC conference, NCAUG fall conference, NCPTA conference, NCDOT PTD training conference, NC Transportation Summit, NADO's National Regional Transportation Conference, etc.		
II-4.2.1	Special Study #1 - insert name of consultant-led study here	\$	-
	A consultant will be used to.....		
II-4.2.2	Special Study #2 - insert name of consultant-led study here	\$	-
	A consultant will be used to....		
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES			
III-1 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES		\$	35,000.00
III-1.1	Administrative Documents		
	Preparation of Planning Work Plan, PWP amendments, indirect cost allocation plan, quarterly invoices and reimbursement documentation; update of RTCC/RTAC bylaws, RPO MOU, or LPA funding agreement, as necessary.		
III-1.2	TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance		
	Conduct/attend RTCC/RTAC meetings, including preparation of meeting announcements, agendas, packets, minutes, etc.; coordinate RTCC/RTAC appointments/elections; develop RTCC/RTAC rosters and meeting schedules; ensure RTAC ethics compliance; etc.		
III-1.3	Program Administration		
	Update and implement Public Involvement Plan, Title VI Plan, etc.; maintain and update website and public notice distribution lists; collect and review public comments; ensure program complaince; respond to inquiries from the general public and correspond with other transportation stakeholders on items not otherwise adressed above; staff meetings; general program administration.		
IV. DIRECT COSTS			
IV-1 PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES		\$	10,000.00
IV-1.1	Program-wide Direct Costs		
	Direct costs including audit, phone and internet, copies and printing, dues and subscriptions, equipment and supplies, insurance, building rent and maintenance, professional services, computer and information technology, etc.		
IV-2 ADVERTISING		\$	100.00

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<b>IV-2.1</b>	<b>News Media Ads</b>	
	Public notice and Public Involvement advertisements.	
<b>IV-3 LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS</b>		<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>IV-3.1</b>	<b>Hotel Costs</b>	
	Lodging costs for overnight program and training activities, including NCAMPO conference, APA-NC conference, NCAUG fall conference, NCPTA conference NCDOT PTD training conference, NC Transportation Summit, NCARPO quarterly meetings, NADO's National Regional Transportation Conference, SPOT Workgroup, etc.	
<b>IV-3.2</b>	<b>Meal Costs</b>	
	Overnight travel-related meal per diems.	
<b>IV-3.3</b>	<b>Incidentals</b>	
	Overnight travel-related incidentals, including tips.	
<b>IV-4 POSTAGE</b>		<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>IV-4.1</b>	<b>Mailings</b>	
	Postage for RTAC packets for voting members and other mailings.	
<b>IV-5 REGISTRATION / TRAINING</b>		<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>IV-5.1</b>	<b>Conference Registration</b>	
	Registration fees for NCAMPO conference, APA-NC conference, NCAUG fall conference, NCPTA conference, NCDOT PTD training conference, NC Transportation Summit, NADO's National Regional Transportation Conference, and other approved conferences and trainings.	
<b>IV-5.2</b>	<b>Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees</b>	
	Meeting, workshop, and training fees, etc.	
<b>IV-6 TRAVEL</b>		<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>IV-6.1</b>	<b>Mileage Reimbursement</b>	
	Mileage reimbursement.	
<b>IV-6.2</b>	<b>Car Rental Costs</b>	
	Car rental costs.	
<b>IV-6.3</b>	<b>Other Travel Expenses</b>	
	Parking costs and other transportation expenses.	
<b>V. INDIRECT COSTS</b>		
<b>V-1 INDIRECT COSTS APPROVED BY COGNIZANT AGENCY</b>		<b>\$ 29,300.00</b>
<b>V-1.1</b>	<b>Incurred Indirect Costs</b>	
	Indirect costs per NCDOT-approved indirect cost allocation plan.	
<b>RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 153,000.00</b>

# Cape Fear RPO

P7.0 Local Input Prioritization Methodology

NCDOT approval XX/XX/XXXX

CFRPO RTAC approval XX/XX/XXXX

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Cape Fear RPO (CFRPO) is required by state law to develop a local input methodology for prioritizing all transportation projects (aviation, bicycle and pedestrian, ferry, highway, public transportation, and rail) within the RPO boundary that compete for state and federal funding, and to submit the methodology to the NC Dept. of Transportation for approval. This Local Input Prioritization Methodology applies within the Cape Fear RPO planning boundary, which includes the counties of Brunswick (partial), Columbus, and Pender (partial).

The RPO has developed this prioritization methodology in an effort to satisfy the quantitative, data-driven requirements of the STI (Strategic Transportation Investments) law while protecting the discretion of local officials by incorporating subjective, qualitative local input where possible. STI establishes a funding formula which allocates available revenues based on data-driven scoring and local input. It is used to develop NCDOT's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which identifies the transportation projects that will receive funding during a specified 10-year period.

Transportation projects competing for funding through STI are divided into three tiers based on project characteristics as follows:

Statewide Mobility: Projects in this tier compete statewide. Eligible projects include:

- Interstate highways and designated future interstates, including I-40 and Future I-74;
- National Highway System highways and STRAHNET highways, including US 17, US 74 and US 76; and
- Freight capacity and safety improvements to Class I freight rail corridors, including the CSX rail line in Brunswick and Columbus counties and the abandoned Wallace-Castle Hayne line in Pender County.

Regional Impact: In the Cape Fear RPO region, projects in Brunswick and Pender counties compete in Region B with eligible projects throughout the 14 counties in NCDOT Divisions 2 and 3, including the cities of Wilmington, Jacksonville, Greenville, New Bern, Kinston, and Morehead City. Projects in Columbus County compete in Region C with eligible projects throughout the 12 counties in NCDOT Divisions 5 and 6, including the cities of Raleigh, Durham, Fayetteville, Cary, and Lumberton. Eligible projects include:

- Statewide Mobility projects not funded at the Statewide Mobility tier;

- US and NC highways not eligible at the Statewide Mobility tier, including US 117, US 421, US 701, US 17 Business, US 117 Business, US 701 Business, NC 11, NC 50, NC 53, NC 87, NC 130, NC 210, NC 211, NC 214, NC 410, NC 904, and NC 906; and
- The State-maintained ferry system, excluding passenger vessel replacement, including improvements and expansions to the Southport-Ft. Fisher ferry.

Division Needs: In the Cape Fear Region, projects in Brunswick and Pender counties compete with eligible projects throughout NCDOT Division 3, including the cities of Wilmington and Jacksonville. Projects in Columbus County compete with eligible projects throughout NCDOT Division 6, including the cities of Fayetteville and Lumberton. Eligible projects include:

- Statewide Mobility projects not funded at the Statewide Mobility or Regional Impact tiers and Regional Impact projects not funded at the Regional Impact tier;
- State-maintained secondary routes and federally funded municipal road projects, including E Boiling Spring Rd, Gilbert Rd, Old Lake Rd, Hallsboro Rd, Shaw Hwy, Penderlea Hwy, and Malpass Corner Rd;
- General aviation airports, including Cape Fear Jetport (SUT) near Southport, Columbus County Airport (CPC) near Whiteville, and Henderson Field (ACZ) in northern Pender County;
- Community public transportation systems, including Brunswick Transit, Columbus Transportation, and PAS-TRAN;
- Standalone bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects, including sidewalks, bike lanes, and multi-use paths; and
- Replacement of ferry vessels, including those on the Southport-Ft. Fisher route.

This methodology describes the process by which the Cape Fear RPO evaluates transportation projects and assigns local input points to qualifying transportation projects according to local priorities. The Cape Fear RPO has 1300 local input points available for assignment to eligible projects at both the Regional Impact and Division Needs tiers. Projects may receive no more than 100 total points from local transportation planning organizations (MPOs and RPOs); therefore, the Cape Fear RPO will assign points to a minimum of 13 transportation projects at both tiers.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CRITERIA**

The following scoring criteria will be used to generate a total project score for each CFRPO transportation project, regardless of mode. Each project will receive a total project score at the Regional Impact tier and/or Division Needs tier according to its eligibility.



1. **PRIORITIZATION 7.0 QUANTITATIVE SCORE (QUANTITATIVE):** The Cape Fear Area RPO believes that the Prioritization 7.0 Quantitative Score (“P7.0 Score”) is the best criterion to maximize the funding potential of the transportation projects in the RPO area. Projects that do not score well by the P7.0 Score will have difficulty competing for funding. The criterion is defined as the project’s P7.0 Score for the corresponding tier.
2. **DIVISION PRIORITY (QUALITATIVE):** Projects will not be competitive at the Regional Impact or Division Needs tier unless they have the support of the Division Engineer and rank well by the Division Engineer’s scoring criteria. The Cape Fear RPO will request that Division Engineers or their designees assign each project a HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW, or NONE priority classification for each tier at which the project competes. Division Engineers should assign priority classifications such that projects are distributed with an approximately equal number of projects in each classification. Projects will be given 100, 50, 25, or 0 points according to their classification. Where projects are located in both Divisions 3 and 6, Division Priority points will be allocated based on the share of the project in each division.
3. **COUNTY PRIORITY (QUALITATIVE):** Projects should have local support. County RTCC representatives are expected to collaborate with other county staff, county elected officials, staff, and elected officials of municipalities within their boundaries, and other stakeholders representing county transportation modes or systems, as deemed appropriate by each county’s RTCC representative, to develop county priorities. Each county RTCC representative will assign every project within the county a HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW, or NONE priority classification for each tier at which the project competes. County RTCC representatives should assign priority classifications such that projects are distributed with an approximately equal number of projects in each classification. Projects will be given 100, 75, 50, and 0 points according to their classification. If a project is prioritized by more than one CFRPO county, it will be assigned the average of the points received.
4. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT (QUALITATIVE):** Projects that have had significant planning or development activities completed are eligible for additional points to distinguish them from projects that are simply conceptual. Points will be given cumulatively to projects for each of the following criteria as indicated for a maximum of 100 points: a feasibility study has been completed or a corridor plan or other project-specific plan has been adopted [10 pts.]; preliminary design or engineering has begun [10 pts.]; project was programmed in a prior STIP or otherwise was in the development/merger process [10 pts.]; right-of-way attainment has begun, was previously completed, or is otherwise not expected to be required [10 pts.]; project sibling is funded in the current STIP or has been completed [20 pts.]; project is programmed in the current STIP [40 pts.].

### **TOTAL PROJECT SCORE AND RANKING APPROACH**

Project rankings will be developed at each tier using the total project scores of eligible projects. Project scores will be calculated as follows:

*Regional Impact tier score*

$$\begin{aligned} &= (0.50 \times P7.0 \text{ Score for tier}) + (0.20 \times \text{Division Priority points for tier}) \\ &+ (0.20 \times \text{County Priority points for tier}) + (0.10 \times \text{Project Development points}) \end{aligned}$$

*Division Needs tier score*

$$\begin{aligned} &= (0.30 \times P7.0 \text{ Score for tier}) + (0.30 \times \text{Division Priority points for tier}) \\ &+ (0.30 \times \text{County Priority points for tier}) + (0.10 \times \text{Project Development points}) \end{aligned}$$

**POINT ASSIGNMENT PROCESS**

**Preliminary Point Assignments:** Preliminary points will be assigned at both the Regional Impact and Division Needs tiers based on the project ranking. Preliminary points may be assigned to any project eligible to receive points at the respective tier if it has not been fully funded at a higher tier. Preliminary point assignments will take into consideration the share of the project within the RPO and point sharing opportunities.

Any project that crosses the RPO boundary will be eligible for local input points in excess of the percentage of the project within the RPO boundary, up to 100 points, if the adjacent MPO/RPO provides less than their full share of points. Any project entirely beyond the RPO boundary will be eligible for up to 100 local input points to be shared with the adjacent MPO/RPO if the project has benefits to a primary route between the RPO area and major destinations outside of the RPO area. The Cape Fear RPO will endeavor to accept points shared by adjacent MPO/RPOs for projects crossing the RPO boundary that would otherwise not receive Cape Fear RPO points according to the point assignment process unless doing so is determined to jeopardize the funding potential of a higher priority Cape Fear RPO project. If points sharing is approved, both the Cape Fear RPO and the adjacent MPO/RPO must agree to the number of points donated and provide this arrangement in writing to NCDOT's Office of Prioritization.

Preliminary points will be assigned until all 1300 available points are assigned at each tier as follows:

1. The top two scoring highway projects in each RPO county will be eligible for 100 points each (600 points max).
2. The top three scoring non-highway projects will be eligible for 100 points each, regardless of non-highway mode or location (300 points max).
3. Remaining points cascade to the next highest scoring projects, regardless of mode or location, up to 100 points each.

Preliminary point assignments will be posted to the Cape Fear RPO website. If time permits, the RTCC will recommend and the RTAC will approve preliminary point assignments. Otherwise, the RPO staff will approve preliminary point assignments.

**Local Input Point Flexing Policy:** The Cape Fear RPO has the option to apply the Local Input Point Flexing Policy. This means that up to 500 Local Input Points can be transferred from one category (Regional Impact or Division Needs) to the other. If the organization chooses to flex Local Input Points, Cape Fear RPO will provide written documentation to the SPOT Office prior to assigning Regional Impact Local Input Points.

**Final Point Assignments:** Preliminary point assignments may be modified by the RTAC to provide local oversight to the data-driven process, to compensate for situations where the methodology does not accurately reflect the RTAC's priorities, and to ensure appropriate projects at the relevant tier. Justifications for modifying preliminary point assignments include project cost, point sharing arrangements, estimated points required for funding, geographic equity, modal distribution, new information, methodology failures, potential reconsideration of the limits of a programmed project, and public comment. The justifications for any final point assignments that deviate from published preliminary point assignments will, at minimum, be noted in the final point assignment worksheet and documented in the meeting minutes. In the event that projects receiving final point assignments become unexpectedly uncompetitive due to any last-minute deviations in actual or expected point assignments by NCDOT Division Engineers or other transportation planning organizations (MPOs or RPOs), the RTAC delegates to its chair the power to modify final point assignments to maximize project competitiveness. Any such modification and accompanying justification will be noted in an amended final point assignment worksheet, which will be posted to the RPO website.

## **SCHEDULE**

The following schedule is subject to change for a variety of reasons, many of which are beyond the control of the RPO. Any change to the schedule will be updated on the RPO website and in this document, which will be also available on the RPO website; however, modification to the timeline will not require public notice or comment, nor adoption by the RTAC, nor approval by NCDOT.

1. Draft prioritization methodology will be developed by RPO staff. [Winter/Spring 2024]
2. Draft prioritization methodology will be submitted to the RTCC for recommendation and to the RTAC for preliminary approval. [February 2024]
3. Draft prioritization methodology will be revised as necessary to conform with NCDOT guidelines, posted to RPO website, and submitted to NCDOT for conditional approval. [March 2024]

4. Conditionally approved methodology will be recommended for final approval by the RTCC and approved by the RTAC. Approved methodology will be posted to the RPO website once approved by NCDOT and the RTAC. [April 2024]
5. RPO staff will determine **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT** points for all projects eligible to compete at the Regional Impact tier. [May – August 2024]
6. The RTCC representative from each RPO county will assign a **COUNTY PRIORITY** to each project within the county competing at the Regional Impact tier according to the Description of Criteria. [June/July 2024]
7. NCDOT Division Engineers will assign a **DIVISION PRIORITY** to each project competing at the Regional Impact tier according to the Description of Criteria. [June/July 2024]
8. RPO staff will discuss point sharing with staff of other MPO/RPOs. [June/July 2024]
9. Regional Impact project scores, rankings, and preliminary point assignments will be generated according to the Point Assignment Process. [July 2024]
10. RTCC will recommend and RTAC will make final Regional Impact point assignments at their August meetings. RTCC and RTAC meetings are public meetings where public comment on point assignments will specifically be sought. [August 2024]
11. Final Regional Impact tier point assignments will be entered into SPOT On!line and posted to the CFRPO website. [August 2024]
12. RPO staff will determine **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT** points for all Division Needs tier projects. [September – December 2024]
13. The RTCC representative from each RPO county will assign a **COUNTY PRIORITY** to each project within the county competing at the Division Needs tier according to the Description of Criteria. [October/November 2024]
14. NCDOT Division Engineers will assign a **DIVISION PRIORITY** to each project competing at the Division Needs tier according to the Description of Criteria. [October/November 2024]
15. RPO staff will discuss point sharing with staff of other MPO/RPOs. [October/November 2024]
16. Division Needs project scores, rankings, and preliminary point assignments will be generated according to the Point Assignment Process. [November 2024]
17. RTCC will recommend and RTAC will make final Division Needs point assignments at their December meetings. RTCC and RTAC meetings are public meetings where public comment on point assignments will specifically be sought. [December 2024]
18. Final Division Needs point assignments will be entered into SPOT On!line and posted to the CFRPO website. [December 2024]

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This process is intended to be open and transparent. As such, all meetings of the RTCC and RTAC are open to the public and public comment is a recurring item on all meeting agendas. In addition, RTCC and RTAC meeting dates and, as available, agendas and minutes are available on the RPO website at <http://www.capefearrpo.org>. Relevant documents, including this methodology and preliminary and final point assignments, will also be posted for public review at the RPO's website. Public comment is specifically sought on preliminary point assignments during the 30 days prior to final point assignment by the RTAC and during the public comment period for the RTAC meeting where final points are assigned, currently scheduled for August 16, 2024 for the Regional Impact tier and December 13, 2024 for the Division Needs tier. Meeting date changes and accompanying changes in public comment periods will be posted to the RPO website. Additionally, instructions for submitting public comments outside of official meetings will be provided on the RPO website. At minimum, comments may be submitted in person, by telephone, or via email. Comments will be collected by RPO staff and distributed to the RTCC and RTAC as part of their normal meeting materials.

## **MATERIAL SHARING**

The following information, at minimum, will be made available on the Cape Fear RPO website:

- A link to the NCDOT STI Prioritization Resources website;
- The adopted Cape Fear RPO P7.0 Local Input Prioritization Methodology;
- Highlights of schedule milestones, including public comment periods and public meeting schedules; and
- Preliminary and final local input point assignment sheets, including justifications of methodology deviations.

APPROVED BY THE CAPE FEAR RPO TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON XX/XX/XXXX

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Frank Williams, Chair

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Sam Boswell, Secretary

CFRPO FEBRUARY PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT						
Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	PO	Description	County	*SAP LET Date
Derek Pielech	Raleigh	B-5156	CFRPO	REPLACE BRIDGE 28 OVER LONG CREEK ON NC 210.	Pender	2024.04.16
Derek Pielech	DDRL	BR-0139	CFRPO	REPLACE CULVERT 3 OVER SAND HILL CREEK AND TWO OTHER CULVERTS ON NC 133 (RIVER ROAD).	Brunswick	2024.09.17
Derek Pielech	Raleigh	15BPR.138	CFRPO	BRIDGE PRESERVATION. BRIDGE 700016 OVER ICWW ON NC 50/NC 210.	Pender	2024.09.17
Derek Pielech	DPOC	BR-0174	CFRPO	REPLACE BRIDGE 700037 ON NC 53 OVER ANGOLA CREEK.	Pender	2025.09.16
Derek Pielech	LET	BP3-R011	CFRPO	REPLACE BRIDGE 68 ON SR 1306 (OLD MILL ROAD) over SILL'S CREEK.	Pender	2026.07.16
Zach Howard	DPOC	R-5899	CFRPO	NC 210 PENDER COUNTY AT SR 1560 (WATTS LANDING ROAD). CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT.	Pender	2027.03.18
Brian Harding	DPOC	R-5701	CFRPO	NC 53 AT US 117 BUSINESS (WALKER/WILMINGTON STREET), CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT.	Pender	2027.06.03
Derek Pielech	DPOC	B-5627	CFRPO	BRIDGE 11 ON NC 87 OVER ORTON POND CREEK.	Brunswick	2027.07.15
Derek Pielech	DPOC	17BP.3.R.62	CFRPO	REPLACE BRIDGE 23 ON NC 906/MIDWAY ROAD OVER BRUNSWICK RIVER SWAMP.	Pender	2027.07.15
Zach Howard	DDRL	R-5900	CFRPO	NC 50/NC 210 PENDER COUNTY AT SR 1534 (BELT ROAD). INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.	Pender	2027.10.19
Trace Howell	DDRL	U-5732	WMPO/ CFRPO	HAMPSTEAD MEDIAN: US 17 FROM SR 1582 (WASHINGTON ACRES ROAD) TO VISTA LANE. CONVERT TO SUPERSTREET.	Pender	2031.01.21
Brian Harding	DDRL	U-5932	CFRPO/GSATS	US 17 AT NC 211 CONVERT TO INTERCHANGE.	Brunswick	2032.06.15
Zach Howard	DPOC	R-5877	CFRPO	US 17 PENDER COUNTY AT NC 210 (SURF CITY). CONSTRUCT CONTINUOUS GREEN T-INTERSECTION (CGT). AT US 17 AND NC 210 NEAR SURF CITY.	Pender	FY
Krista Kimmel	DDRL	R-5947	CFRPO	NC 211 FROM SR 1112 (SUNSET HARBOR ROAD) TO NC 906 (MIDWAY ROAD). WIDEN ROADWAY.	Brunswick	FY

Derek Pielech	LET	BP3-R015	CFRPO	REPLACE BRIDGE 22 ON SR 1112 (SUNSET HARBOR ROAD SE) OVER MERCERS MILL POND	Brunswick	2030.06.20
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**Update provided: 01/26/2023**

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CFRPO FEBRUARY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION						
Contract Number	Resident	TIP/WBS/Program	County	Description	*Estimated Completion	Percent Complete
C204435	Kevin Fischer	B-5644	Pender	BRIDGE 15 OVER CROOKED RUN ON NC-11.	2024.09.08	44.35%
C204629	Joshua Pratt	B-5624	Brunswick	BRIDGE 57 OVER DRIVING CREEK ON NC-211.	2024.01.25	71.16%
DC00423	Joshua Pratt	B-5629	Brunswick	REPLACE BRIDGE 40 OVER MILL CREEK ON SR 1515 (OLD MILL CREEK ROAD SE).	2024.05.24	88.24%
C204123	Joshua Pratt	R-5021	Brunswick	NC 211 FROM SR 1500 (MIDWAY ROAD) TO NC 87 GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, SIGNALS & STRUCTURES.	2027.03.27	40.84%
DC00337	Joshua Pratt	W-5703Q	Brunswick	NC 130 AT SR 1321 (LONGWOOD ROAD) & SR 1330 (WACCAMAW SCHOOL ROAD).	2024.02.29	0.00%

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CFRPO FEBRUARY RESURFACING and MAINTENANCE PROJECTS					
Contract Number	TIP Number	County	Routes	*Estimated Completion Date	Percent Complete
C204802	n/a	Brunswick	2 SECTIONS OF US-17, 1 SECTION OF NC-904, AND 4 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS.	2024.09.17	88.84%
C204720	I-6040	Pender	I-40 FROM WEST OF US-117 (MM-388) TO NC-210 (MM-408).	2024.06.01	66.12%
C204556	HO-0002C	Brunswick	BROADBAND FIBER US-70 FROM I-40 TO MOREHEAD CITY PORT, I-95 FROM SC STATE LINE TO VA STATE LINE, US-74 FROM ASHEVILLE TO WILMINGTON.	2027.01.23	56.20%
DC00425	R-5783G, R-5783H	Brunswick	ADA RAMPS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - DIVISION 3 WIDE.	2024.06.30	48.18%
DC00428	n/a	Pender	NC 50, NC 53, & VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES.	2024.04.12	5.67%
DC00431	n/a	Brunswick	NC 130 & VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES.	2024.05.31	0.00%
DC00445	n/a	Brunswick	VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES	2025.05.16	0.00%

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Public Info Map for Resurfacing Projects: [NCDOT GO!NC Portal](https://ncdot.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=ceae1d0cf870473fb7d35294acb6b71c)  
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Active Projects

Contract	STIP or WBS #	Project	R/W Date	Let Date	Work Began	Est. Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Construction Progress	Contractor	NCDOT Contact	Contract Amount	Comments
C204570	R-2561CA	NC 87 at NC 11 convert at-grade intersection to interchange	10/28/19	05/16/23	9/6/2023	11/11/26	N/A	14.24%	Balfour Beatty Infrastructure INC	Jason A. Johnson	\$35,978,896	Utility relocation underway; Clearing is complete. NC 11 traffic is being detoured through Sandyfield while bridge is constructed over Weyman Creek.
C204649	R-5020B	US 701 Bypass widening to multilanes from SR 1437 (Virgil Avenue) to US 74/US 76 interchange in Whiteville.	02/28/18	08/17/21	09/27/21	12/12/25	N/A	64.47%	Highland Paving Co LLC	Jason A. Johnson	\$28,249,248	The section between the interchange to south of Washington Street is complete except for final paving and striping - scheduled for March . Storm drainage work underway from south of Washington Street; Southbound storm drainage complete to near Columbus Street and southbound road widening / concrete work complete down to Williamson Street.
C204713	HB-0011, HB-0012, HB-0013, HB-0014	Replace (4) structures - 3 bridges and 1 culvert on SR 1928 (Dock Road).	03/15/22	03/15/22	05/05/22	12/01/24	03/31/25	60.57%	S & C Construction LLC	Jason A. Johnson	\$5,068,921	Contract awarded 03/24/2022
C204722	R-5819 R-5820	R-5819 - US 74/US 76 at SR 1740 (R-5819 Old Lake Road) construct grade separation. R-5820 - US 74/ US 76 at SR 1735 (Chaunceytown Road) convert at-grade intersection to interchange and convert Chaunceytown Road/NC 214 intersection to roundabout.	03/31/21	06/21/22	08/01/22	01/11/26	N/A	52.25%	BMCO Construction, INC	Jason A. Johnson	\$44,098,712	There has been significant paving along the new service road; At Chaunceytown, the Interchange ramps have been shaped and setting the bridge girders is scheduled to begin 2/20; At Old Lake Road - Earthwork; soil fill has been placed and is settling.
C204795	BR-0073	Replace Bridge #230005 on US 76 over Gapway Swamp	05/31/22	04/18/23	05/30/23	01/11/25	N/A	68.27%	ES Wagner Company LLC	Jason A. Johnson	\$3,878,443	Bridge deck is poured; Expect project to be complete and open to traffic by the end of March.
DF00400	W-5706Q SS-6006C HS-2006E	Install Thermoplastic Pavement markings on NC 87, NC 210 and various SR routes.	N/A	10/05/22	02/27/23	10/31/23	N/A	100%	Performance Sealing & Striping INC	Donavon Hunt	\$3,682,631	Project Complete
DF00404	W-5706S	US 74/US 76 construct reduced conflict intersections from SR 1836 (Byrdville Freeman Road) to East of SR 1845 (Money Hole Road).	03/20/20	06/15/22	10/14/2022	09/30/24	N/A	100%	Highland Paving Co LLC	Jason A. Johnson	\$3,560,030	Project Complete
DF00409	W-5706AA	Intersection improvements to include grading, paving,drainage and pavement markings NC 410 at SR 1317 (Clarendon Chadbourn Road). Realign eastern leg of Clarendon/Chadbourn Rd to improve sight distance.	02/18/20	09/22/22	N/A	10/27/23	N/A	42.22%	Highland Paving Co LLC	Jason A. Johnson	\$528,168	Grading and drainage work is complete; Too wet to pave - paving is scheduled (Spring - March timeframe) at the start of paving season.
DF00414	2023CPT.06.04.10 241.1, 2023CPT.06.04.20 241.1 & 36248.224	Resurfacing, Milling, Signal Loops & Pavement Markings on NC 904, SR 1300, SR 1304, US 701.	N/A	11/16/22	5/15/2023	06/30/24	N/A	100%	Barnhill Contracting Co.	Jason A. Johnson	\$2,433,508	Project Complete
DF00430	2023CPT.06.11.20 092.1	Permanent raised pavement marker installations in Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett and Robeson Counties.	N/A	02/15/23	03/15/23	09/30/23	N/A	100%	McCain Striping Service, Inc.	Joseph M. Parker, Jr., PLS	\$498,813	Project Complete
DF00440	2023CPT.06.14.10 241.1& 2023CPT.06.14.20 241.1	Resurfacing, Milling & Pavement markings on various routes: US 76, US 74 BUS, NC 904, SR 1002-Old Lumberton Rd, SR 1300-Stake Rd, SR 1443-Grist Rd, SR 1574-Old 74	N/A	05/17/23	08/07/23	11/15/24	N/A	100%	Barnhill Contracting Co.	Jason A. Johnson	\$3,529,434	Project Complete

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Upcoming Projects

STIP or Project #	Project	R/W Date	Funding Status	Schedule	Project Cost	Comments
AV-5748	Columbus County Airport (CPC) Apron Expansion.	N/A	FY 2024-33 STIP STATUS: Delivery STIP	Let Date: FY 2024	\$1,808,000	NON DOT LET PROJECT FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON FY 2024
HI-0015	US 74 (Future I-74) from East of NC 214 to West of SR 1824 (Water Tank Road). Pavement Rehabilitation.	N/A	Programmed STIP Project FY 2024-33	Let Date: 2/20/2024	\$10,300,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON FY 2024
BP6-R004	Replace Bridge 201 on SR 1002 (Old Lumberton Road) over Western Prong Swamp in Columbus County	FY 2025	Non STIP Bridge Project (BP)	Let Date: 2/21/2024	\$1,160,000	CONSTRUCTION FY 2025
HI-0018	US 74 (Future I-74) From West of US 701 Business to West of NC 214. Pavement Rehabilitation.	N/A	Programmed STIP Project FY 2024-33 STATUS: Delivery STIP	Let Date: 2/18/2025	\$18,200,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON FY 2025
W-5806A	NC 11 at SR 1740 (Old Lake Road) construct roundabout	FY 2024	FY 2024-33 STIP STATUS: Delivery STIP	Let Date: 5/21/2025	\$1,427,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON FY 2025
BP6-R008	Replace Bridge 271 on SR 1818 (Neils Eddy Road) over Mill Creek in Columbus County	FY 2023	Non STIP Bridge Project (BP)	Let Date: 9/17/2025	\$1,180,000	CONSTRUCTION FY 2026
BP6-R013	Replace Bridge 324 on SR 1158 (Chair Factory Road) over Beaver Dam Swamp in Columbus County	FY 2025	Non STIP Bridge Project (BP)	Let Date: 8/4/2027	\$2,145,000	CONSTRUCTION FY 2028
HI-0019	US 74 (Future I-74) from West of SR 1585 (Union Valley Road) to West of US 701 Business. Pavement Rehabilitation.	N/A	Programmed STIP Project FY 2024-33 STATUS: Developmental STIP	Let Date: FY 2029	\$5,400,000	LET DATE HAS CHANGED FROM FY 2029 TO FY 2031
HI-0020	US 74 (Future I-74) from the Robeson County Line to West of SR 1585 (Union Valley Road). Pavement Rehabilitation.	N/A	Programmed STIP Project FY 2024-33 STATUS: Developmental STIP	Let Date: FY 2029	\$15,000,000	LET DATE HAS CHANGED FROM FY 2029 TO FY 2031
HN-0023	US 701 Business (Madison Street), SR 1916 (Lee Street) and SR 1953 (Franklin Street). Construct roundabout to replace existing traffic signal.	2/8/2025	FY 2024-33 STIP STATUS: Delivery STIP	Let Date: FY 2026	\$3,100,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON FY 2026 CRP Funded Project
R-5020A	Widen US 701 Bypass to multilanes from South of SR 1166 (Pleasant Plains Road) to SR 1437 (Virgil Avenue) in Whiteville	FY 2018	FY 2024-33 STIP STATUS: Developmental STIP	Let Date: FY 2029	\$52,550,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON FY 2029
I-6011	I-74, US 74 from NC 41 near Lumberton to US 76 near Chadbourn. Upgrade US 74 to interstate standards	01/01/40	FY 2024-33 STIP STATUS: Not Funded	Let Date: 01/01/40	\$171,680,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: NOT FUNDED
R-2561B	Widen NC 87 to multi-lanes from SR 1730 (Elwell Ferry Road) in Bladen County to NC 11 in Columbus County	01/01/40	FY 2024-33 STIP STATUS: Not Funded	Let Date: 01/01/40	\$126,500,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: NOT FUNDED
R-2561C	Widen NC 87 to multi-lanes from NC 11 to US 74/ US 76	FY 2033	FY 2024-33 STIP STATUS: Developmental STIP	Let Date: 01/01/40	\$116,801,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: FUNDED FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ONLY



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FEBRUARY TPD UPDATES CAPE FEAR RPO

FEBRUARY 2024

**Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP):** The CTP is going through adoption presentations during the month of February. The adopting agencies have two options, to adopt in February right after we present, or take a month for review and adopt in March.

**Columbus County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP):** The engineer is updating the V/C maps, crash maps, and highway network from a base year of 2015 to 2021 and reprojecting to the same future year of 2045. Capacities are being updated from 2000 HCM to 2010 HCM. TPD management is requesting a vast amount of updates to the CTP. Adoptions are anticipated to start in spring of 2024.

**Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP):** The Pender County CTP start of study letter went out on October 19, 2023. The first CTP steering committee meeting is on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

**Wilmington Travel Demand Model (TDM):** Base and future year socio-economic data was sent to the MPO for review and verification in January. Once the data is confirmed, it will be incorporated into the model and presented to the Wilmington TCC and Board.

**Additional information:** The Census is available on the United States Census Bureau site. Refer to the [website](#) for census information.

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

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- Interactive Bicycle Routes Map—<https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/ncbikeways/default.aspx>
- Links to all traffic count data information—[Traffic Survey Group \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
- NCDOT Interactive Traffic Volume Map—[Interactive Traffic Volume map \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
- Traffic Safety Data & Engineering—[NCDOT: Traffic Safety Data & Engineering](#)

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- [NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](#) and search: Strategic Transportation Corridors)
- [NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan \(25-Year Vision\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](#) and search: rail plan)
- [NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan \(2015-2040\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](#) and search: public transportation plan)
- [NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report \(2021\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov](#) and search: resilience strategy report)
- [Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan \(2013\)](#) (or go to [ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc](#))