

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

March 15, 2024 • 9:00 AM

IN PERSON

Cape Fear Council of Governments • Wilmington, NC

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Meeting ID: 823 2147 5906

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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 20, 2023 [[attached](#)] (**pages 4-6 in the PDF**)
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Vacancies and Appointments** [roster [attached](#)] (**pages 7-8 in the PDF**)
- 9. Election of Officers**

II. PUBLIC HEARING

10. **Presentation: The Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)**

– Sam Boswell, Cape Fear RPO and Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD

- [Link for the CTP Report and Appendix.](#)

11. **Public Comment** – Brunswick County CTP

III. NEW BUSINESS

12. **Brunswick County CTP Endorsement** – NCDOT has requested a Resolution of Support from the Cape Fear RPO endorsing the Brunswick County CTP. *The RTCC recommends approval of the attached resolution endorsing the Brunswick County CTP.* (page 9 in the PDF)

13. **Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan Adoption** – As a subrecipient of federal funds, the Cape Fear RPO is required to maintain a Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan. This 2024 revision includes updated demographic data for the tables and maps in the Plan. *The RTCC recommends approval of the updated Title VI Plan.* (pages 10-12 in the PDF)

14. **2024 Cape Fear RPO Meeting Schedule** (page 13 in the PDF)

IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

15. **Reports/Updates**

- Cape Fear RPO – [attached] (pages 14-40 in the PDF)
- NC Ports (Port of Wilmington)
- NC Ferry (Fort Fisher to Southport)
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender) – [attached] (pages 41-43 in the PDF)
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus) – [attached] (pages 44-45 in the PDF)
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD) – [attached] (pages 46-47 in the PDF)
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD)
- NC Board of Transportation

VI. OTHER

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

17. **Adjourn**

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March 15, 2024

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: _____

Item _____

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Item _____

Reason for Abstention: _____

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 Sam Boswell, Secretary to the RTAC, prior to the meeting.

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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2023 • 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
Fred McCoy, Pender County
Jerry Groves, Pender County
Vernon Harrell, Burgaw

Others Present

Mark Martin, Oak Island
Joseph Hatem, Southport
Rich Alt, Southport
Steve Smith, Topsail Beach
Gilbert Combs, Burgaw
Catherine Peele, Ferry Division
Brian Doliber, Ferry Division
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports

Michelle Howes, NCDOT Div. 3
Caitlin Melvin, NCDOT Div. 3
Kirsten Spirakis, NCDOT Div. 3
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Div. 6
Bill Hammond, NCDOT Div. 6
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear COG
Sam Boswell, Cape Fear RPO

I. START-UP

- 1. Call to Order** – RTAC Chair, Mr. Frank Williams, called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.
- 2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Fred McCoy led the group in an invocation and Mr. Mike Forte led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Roll Call** – RPO Staff took a roll call of all attendees.
- 4. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement** – Mr. 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 adopt the agenda. Mr. Fred McCoy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

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

*Terry Mann, Yes
Fred McCoy, Yes
Jerry Groves, Yes
Vernon Harrell, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Approval of Minutes** – The September 15, 2023 meeting minutes were considered. *Mr. Terry Mann made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Mike Forte seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

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

*Terry Mann, Yes
Fred McCoy, Yes
Jerry Groves, Yes
Don Helms, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Public Comment** – There were no comments from the public at this meeting.
8. **Vacancies and Appointments** – RPO Staff reviewed RTAC appointments and upcoming vacancies. Committee seats that require new appointments or reappointments will be addressed in the first meeting of 2024. *There was no action taken on this topic.*

II. PRESENTATIONS

9. **Ferry Division** – Catherine Peele with the NCDOT Ferry Division provided a presentation on the Ferry Division's core functions, budget overview, role in the STI process (Prioritization), and discussed the Southport to Fort Fisher route, including a close look at ridership and the fund balance from collected tolls. The group then discussed the ability to use the Ferry Capital Fund Balance for the route as the local match for STI/Prioritization projects (only for replacement vessels, not expansion).
10. **The Importance of Long-Range Planning: Burgaw Bypass Case Study** – RPO Staff provided a presentation to the group using the Burgaw Bypass project as a case study to illustrate the importance of long-range planning. A project that was once thoroughly planned and studied, and was included in the STIP, the Burgaw Bypass is currently not in the STIP or in the Pender County CTP even though many problems still exist around

the corridor (heavy truck traffic through town, safety issues, congestion concerns, etc.). Opportunities for further discussion of this project will be available as the Pender County CTP Update kicks off in early 2024. RPO staff encouraged the group to remember the long-term perspective needed when planning and prioritizing transportation improvements throughout the region.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 11. 2024 Cape Fear RPO Meeting Schedule** –RPO Staff presented the 2024 RPO meeting schedule and requested RTAC approval. *Mr. Fred McCoy made a motion to approve the schedule. 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
Fred McCoy, Yes
Jerry Groves, Yes
Vernon Harrell, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

12. Reports/Updates

- **Cape Fear RPO** – RPO Staff provided updates on the 2024-2033 STIP and P7.0.
- **NC Ports (Port of Wilmington)** – There was no update by the Port.
- **NCDOT Ferry Division** – There was no additional update by the Ferry Division.
- **NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD)** – There was no update by IMD.
- **NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender)** – Michelle Howes gave an update Division 3 projects.
- **NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus)** – Darius Sturdivant gave an update on Division 6 projects.
- **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD)** – Nazia Sarder gave an update on the status of CTPs across the RPO area.
- **NC Board of Transportation** – There was no update by the Board member.

VI. OTHER

- 13. Open discussion** – There was no additional discussion.

- 14. Adjourn** – *The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2024
TO: Cape Fear RPO Members & Others
FROM: Sam Boswell, RPO Director
RE: RTAC Appointments and Procedure for Alternates' Participation

The attached table shows the Cape Fear RPO's Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) roster for the calendar year 2024, including voting members and alternates.

As the MOU and RTAC Bylaws do not dictate the procedure for alternates' participation in RTAC meetings, that decision was made during a meeting of the mayors in each county when voting members and alternates were appointed to fill vacancies on the RTAC. Each county decided on a procedure that most appropriately addressed the needs and desires of its municipal RPO members. Those procedures are outlined below.

Brunswick County Municipal Seats

There is to be one alternate appointed for each voting member.

- 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.

Columbus County Municipal Seats

There was no change made to the number of alternates. The Alternate may serve as a voting member if either Voting 1 or Voting 2 is absent.

Pender County Municipal Seats

There are to be two alternates appointed for each voting member. This is to promote participation from both the eastern and western sides of the County.

- Alternate 1A will serve as a voting member if Voting 1 is absent; Alternate 1B will serve as a voting member if *both* Voting 1 and Alternate 1A are absent.
- Alternate 2A will serve as a voting member if Voting 2 is absent; Alternate 2B will serve as a voting member if *both* Voting 2 and Alternate 2A are absent.

**CAPE FEAR RPO
RURAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)
MEMBERSHIP ROSTER 2024**

| SEAT | NAME | POSITION | ALTERNATE | POSITION | TERM |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---|--|----------------|
| Brunswick County 1 | Frank Williams | Commissioner | | | 2024-25 |
| Brunswick County 2 | Mike Forte | Commissioner | Randy Thompson | Commissioner | 2023-24 |
| Brunswick Municipal 1 | Mark Martin | Oak Island Councilman | Rich Alt | Southport Mayor | 2024-25 |
| Brunswick Municipal 2 | Dave DeLong | St. James Mayor Pro-Tem | Jeff Winecoff | Boiling Spring Lakes Mayor | 2023-24 |
| Columbus County 1 | Lavern Coleman | Commissioner | | | 2023-24 |
| Columbus County 2 | Scott Floyd | Commissioner | | | 2023-24 |
| Columbus Municipal 1 | Terry Mann | Whiteville Mayor | | | 2024-25 |
| Columbus Municipal 2 | Garry Keaton | Sandyfield Mayor | Clarice Vareen Faison | Fair Bluff Commissioner | 2023-24 |
| Pender County 1 | Jerry Groves | Commissioner | | | 2023-24 |
| Pender County 2 | Fred McCoy | Commissioner | | | 2023-24 |
| Pender Municipal 1 | Hugh Cannady | Surf City Councilman | 1a: Steve Smith 1b: Morton Blanchard | Topsail Beach Mayor Topsail Beach Mayor Pro-Tem | 2023-24 |
| Pender Municipal 2 | William Rivenbark | Burgaw Commissioner | 2a: Jason Wells 2b: Olivia Dawson | Wallace Mayor Burgaw Mayor | 2024-25 |
| NC Board of Transportation | Grady Hunt | Board Member (Div. 6) | Landon Zimmer | Board Member (Div. 3) | N/A |

Updated: 2/9/2024

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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 15th day of March 2024.

BY:

ATTEST:

Frank Williams, Chair

Sam Boswell, Secretary

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

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.

**TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
THE CAPE FEAR RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

In accordance with DOT Order 1050.2A, the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization (CFRPO) assures the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) that no person shall, on the ground of **race, color, national origin, sex, creed, age, or disability**, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and related nondiscrimination authorities, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation under any program or activity undertaken by the CFRPO.

Further, the CFRPO hereby agrees to:

1. Designate a Title VI Coordinator that has a responsible position within the organization and easy access to the Chief Administrative Officer/Executive Director of the organization.
2. Issue a policy statement, signed by the Chief Administrative Officer/Executive of the organization, which expresses a commitment to the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI and related applicable statutes. The signed policy statement shall be posted and circulated throughout the organization and to the general public, and published where appropriate in languages other than English. The policy statement will be re-signed when there is a change of Chief Administrative Officer/Executive Director.
3. Insert the clauses of the contract language from USDOT Standard Assurances (Appendix 1 of the CFRPO's adopted Nondiscrimination Plan) in every contract awarded by the organization. Ensure that every contract awarded by the organization's contractors or consultants also includes the contract language.
4. Process all and, when required, investigate complaints of discrimination consistent with the procedures contained within the CFRPO's adopted Nondiscrimination Plan. Log all complaints for the administrative record.
5. Collect statistical data (race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability) on participants in, and beneficiaries of, programs and activities carried out by the organization.
6. Participate in training offered on Title VI and other nondiscrimination requirements. Conduct or request training for employees or the organization's subrecipients.
7. Take affirmative action, if reviewed or investigated by NCDOT, to correct any deficiencies found within a reasonable time period, not to exceed 90 calendar days, unless reasonable provisions are granted by NCDOT.
8. Document all Title VI nondiscrimination-related activities as evidence of compliance. Submit information and reports to NCDOT on a schedule outlined by NCDOT.

THIS AGREEMENT is given in consideration of, and for the purpose of obtaining, any and all federal funds, grants, loans, contracts, properties, discounts or other federal financial assistance under all programs and activities and is binding.

Sam Boswell, Director

Date

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Receipt and Approval of Cape Fear RPO's Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan

On behalf of the Governing Board for the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO), I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan. We, the Governing Board, have reviewed and hereby approve this Plan. We are committed to ensuring that all decisions are made in accordance with the nondiscrimination guidelines of this Plan, to the end that no person is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any RPO transportation related services or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the nondiscrimination provisions of the Federal Highway Administration and the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Frank Williams, Chair

Sam Boswell, Secretary

Date

Date

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Cape Fear RPO 2024 Meeting Schedule

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



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2024
TO: RTAC Members & Alternates
FROM: Sam Boswell, RPO Director
RE: Important Notes for Ethics Filing 2024

The attached document contains instructions from the State Ethics Commission regarding the initial and annual filing of financial and real estate disclosures called the **Statement of Economic Interest (SEI)** form and **Real Estate Disclosure (RED)** form.

New RTAC Members/Alternates must file **immediately**.

RTAC Members/Alternates who were on the RPO's TAC before 2024 have until **COB Monday, April 15th** to complete their filing.

Listed below are a few important reminders:

- **REASON FOR FILING** – this is where you should select **Cape Fear RPO (TAC)**. You are filing disclosures with the State Ethics Commission because of your role on this TAC, not because of your local elected office.
- **CANDIDATE FILING** – unless you are running for the State Legislature or Council of State position, **you should answer NO to the Candidate question** – local government officials do not file an SEI as candidates. Your reason for filing is because you're on this TAC.

If you have any difficulties, please let me know and I'll be happy to assist you. Thank you for your willingness to participate in and support the planning work of the Cape Fear RPO.

TAC Boards and the State Ethics Commission

Local officials serving on a transportation planning organization's executive/advisory committee are referred to as **TAC Members**. The transportation legislation which created the 37 North Carolina Metropolitan or Rural Planning Organizations (MPOs or RPOs) can be found at N.C.G.S. § 136-200.2(g) (MPO) and N.C.G.S. § 136-211(f) (RPO).

TAC members and alternates of all MPOs and RPOs are required to file **initial** and **annual** financial and real estate disclosures called the **Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) form** and **Real Estate Disclosure (RED) form**. These two forms are filed with the Ethics Commission at the time of initial appointment. Thereafter both forms are filed during the annual filing season which runs concurrent to tax season--**Jan to April 15th**. Be advised that failure to file these forms may result in fines of up to \$500 annually.

Because TAC members are not covered persons under the Ethics Act, they are not required to receive the education portion of the State Ethics Act requirements. Some local officials receive ethics courses through the UNC School of Government, which is separate and distinct from the Ethics Education of the State Ethics Commission.

Additional information can be found on our website: [Home Page | Ethics Commission \(nc.gov\)](#)

FILING OF FINANCIAL AND REAL ESTATE DISCLOSURES

Electronic Filing

The quickest, most secure way to file your required SEI and RED is in our [electronic filing system](#).

Creating a New Online Account Find the portal to create an online account here: <https://ethicssei.nc.gov/Efile/>
Your filing account will be personal to you, so use an email address that is convenient and monitored.

The password rules for creating your filing account are: 8 character minimum, and at least one of:

- Special character such as:)(*%&#@+
- A digit (0-9)
- An uppercase letter

Keep a record of your email and password for future filings. We can reset your password and tell you which email you used if you forget. *Do not make a new account if you have forgotten your previous account information!*

For creating new accounts, the system uses **email verification**—it will send a link to the email address you used to make an account. By clicking on the verification link, you activate a live account and can begin filing. The verification email from SEI@ethics.nc.gov should arrive quickly: if you do not receive the verification link, check your Junk and Spam folders. If you do not receive the verification email, contact the State Ethics Commission using the contact info below – we can manually verify your email. NOTE: the generated verification email is a bot and many government spam filters block it. Ask your IT System Administrator to accept all email originating from @ethics.nc.gov.

Completing the Electronic Forms The online filing is a smart form. If you are interrupted, the system will remember where you leave off—you can pick right up the next time you log in. The initial 8 questions are system questions to interpret whether you will file a **Long form** or a **No Change form**. New members are required to file a Long Form SEI.

Common obstacles:

CANDIDACY QUESTION: (if activated) answer **NO** (otherwise click through by hitting NEXT in bottom right corner). NOTE: the candidacy question does not pertain to local officials or local elections.

REASON FOR FILING: found under the option "serving on a BOARD OR COMMISSION" -> click **+** -> then in drop down board list, choose your TAC board's name from the list. NOTE: You must choose a TAC board in order to generate your Real Estate Disclosure form.

If you serve on more than one covered board (e.g., as a community college trustee), you can and should have multiple answers under Reason for Filing.

!! IMPORTANT !!

You are filing disclosures with the State Ethics Commission because you sit on a TAC board, **not** because you are an elected local official. **Do not select** “*Local Government Commission*”, “*Board of Transportation*” or any other non-TAC boards under Reason for Filing **or you will be required to re-file**.

When you correctly select your MPO or RPO TAC as your Reason for Filing, the electronic system will generate a **Real Estate Disclosure form** for you to complete your filings. The RED is required filing. **If you do not know your TAC’s official name, call your TPO Planner or call us.**

FILER INFORMATION: You can import your information (box at top of page), then fill in the rest of the information. Each box marked with (*) are required fields.

DISCLOSURE SECTIONS: Please read the questions carefully and answer each question correctly, fully and responsively. You will be asked to list real estate ownership, associations, private companies, etc.

SOURCE OF INCOME QUESTION: the last tab under Financial Interests. Do not click “NO” unless no one in your household made reportable income the previous year. If overlooked on the filing, it will cause you to be asked to refile. Be sure to disclose responsively.

CONFIRMATION: To finish filing, you must have completed the entire form and electronically signed it by checking the **two** affirmation boxes, which is signing both forms. You can be assured that you have successfully filed if 3 things happen: 1. A pop-up with a Confirmation number will appear 2. Your In-Progress SEI will now show as a Completed SEI on Home screen 3. An email with a copy of your filed SEI will be sent to you. **CONFIRMATION WILL BE VERY CLEAR.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR TAC FILERS

Paper filings

SEI and RED forms may be downloaded and completed manually. Annual forms are available in the second week of the new year. [MPO/RPO TAC Filers | Ethics Commission \(nc.gov\)](#) is the MPO/RPO page. Paper forms must be mailed (or hand delivered), and postmarked by the deadline. Use the P.O. Box address on the form.

Evaluations

The State Ethics Commission has the responsibility of reviewing and evaluating all financial and real estate disclosures for potential conflicts of interest. We provide an evaluation letter to you at the time of your initial filing and annually thereafter. The evaluation letter is intended to help you begin thinking in terms of potential conflicts of interest, as well as advise you on how to handle any potential conflict that may arise in the course of your public duties. Commonly noted potentialities include real estate ownership or employment and construction-associated business.

Assistance

The State Ethics Commission staff is here to help you fulfill your statutory obligations. If you have any questions regarding the SEI or RED, general questions on how to complete the form, or timing of filings, we will be happy to help. Contact the staff member at the bottom of this document if you need help. If you have questions regarding your ethical standards, contact Crista Cuccaro at the UNC School of Government.

Finally, the Ethics Commission thanks you for your service to your local North Carolina communities.

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March 2024

It's that time Again...
Annual Statement of Economic Interest (SEI)
Due April 15th



Don't forget, not only is Monday, **April 15, 2024**, Tax Day, but it is also the SEI filing deadline for regular SEI filers and Transportation Advisory Committee ("TAC") members (who also file an RED).

If you are seeking reelection to a covered elected office and filed a 2024 Candidate SEI listing that office and other covered positions held, you are not required to file an additional SEI in 2024.

We encourage you to file your SEI electronically. Ninety percent of filers choose to e-file because e-filing is convenient, fast, and efficient. E-filing provides an immediate confirmation of your filing and ensures that your information is saved for future filings.

In addition, the SEI e-filing system asks a series of questions to automatically determine what type of filing is necessary based on the answers you provide and generates the appropriate completed form at the end of the process (either a No-Change Form SEI or a Long Form SEI). The system even emails a copy of your completed form to you!

If you don't receive a confirmation number as soon as you e-file, you have not successfully submitted your SEI. Please log back into your e-filing account, make sure you completed all sections, and hit the "submit" button.

Let's get started on your e-filing! Here is the link: [NC Ethics Efile - Home Page](#)

We still offer manual filing for those who cannot file electronically but we hope you will give electronic filing a try. Trust us, we're the Ethics Commission. You will be surprised at how easy it really is and who wants the hassle of printing out a manual form and mailing or delivering the original to us!

REMEMBER...



Many SEI questions require that you respond by checking "yes" or "no." It is common for manual filers to miss those questions, requiring resubmission of SEIs and missed deadlines. Not fun. So please make sure you check those boxes and provide the requested details if you check "yes." In addition, remember to sign your SEIs.

OTHER COMMON SEI ERRORS:



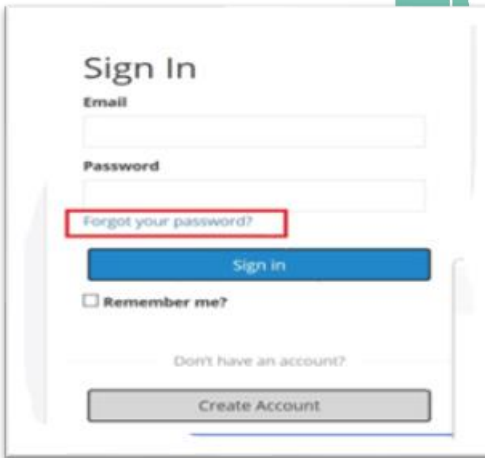

- **Income Question:** You should list income sources (not amounts) of over \$5,000. Many select “*I had no reportable income over \$5,000*”, which in some cases is an error. For instance, if you or immediate family members are employed, you most likely have income of \$5,000 or more and need to disclose the source and other details of that income.
- **“Reason for Filing”:** Please respond to this question by listing the covered entities with which you serve, and which require that you file an SEI. Our electronic SEI filing system lists all covered agencies, boards, commissions, community colleges, universities, and TACs, so make the correct selection(s). If you serve on more than one entity, you should list them all on one SEI, to avoid the need for multiple filings.
- **Missing Real Estate Disclosure Form (RED) for RPO/MPO filers:** If you are filing because you serve on a TAC, you must select your TAC as your “Reason for Filing.” Otherwise, the e-filing system will not prompt you to complete a RED.
- **Procrastinators Beware!** Remember that filing your SEI is the law. And it’s important to governmental transparency. So please do not file late, or you could be fined by the Ethics Commission. And we really would rather not fine you friendly folks.



If You Forgot Your Password, Don’t Sweat It!

We get it—you file yearly and it’s a challenge keeping up with passwords, especially those used infrequently. But as long as you know the email address you used to file last year, **YOU** can reset your password by following this [step by step guide](#).

EASY PEASEY!



If you forgot the email address you used to create your account or can no longer access that account, give us a call and we’ll update your email address. Please do not create another account. Also, if you don’t receive the reset email, please check your spam folder.

FREQUENTLY ASKED SEI QUESTIONS

Q: Who must file an SEI?

A: Members of State boards and the Council of State, legislators, judicial officers (justices, judges, district attorneys, clerks of court), and certain State employees making over \$60,000 must file an SEI. If you filed a 2024 Candidate SEI for reelection to the same office you currently hold and any other covered position you hold, you are not required to file an additional SEI for this year.

Q: Do I have to file if my term on a Board or Commission has expired or will expire before April 15?

A: Maybe. Even if your term has expired or will expire on or before April 15, 2024, you must file an SEI until your replacement is appointed **and** sworn in.

Q: Where Can I Check My Agency or Board's SEI Compliance?

A: You can check compliance, including your SEI filing date and education received date for your board or agency, here: [SEI Compliance Tool](#).

TEST YOUR SEI KNOWLEDGE



Income Disclosure:

If Mr. Smith and his spouse earned a State salary last year, is this considered reportable income?

- Yes, Mr. Smith should report any income over \$5,000 received by him, or his spouse, in response to the income question on the SEI. Although the identity of the employer may have already been listed in response to the employer question at the beginning of the SEI, the income question should also include this information.

Stock Questions:

As of December 31, 2023, Mr. Smith owned stock valued at \$9,600 in GM and \$11,500 in Google. He also owned \$22,700 in a technology-focused mutual fund which holds stock in Apple as well as other technology companies. What should Mr. Smith list in response to the stock question on the SEI?

- Mr. Smith **is not** required to report the GM stock because as of December 31st, it did not meet the \$10,000 reporting threshold for individual stocks.
- Mr. Smith **is** required to report the Google stock because it was over \$10,000 in value as of December 31st.
- Question 3 excludes stocks owned in mutual funds from the reporting requirement. Although the value of Mr. Smith's interest in the technology mutual fund exceeded \$10,000, that interest is not reportable.

Ms. Jones has extensive stock ownership. Can she just list the name of her brokerage company and ask Ethics Commission staff to contact the company for more information?

- No. Each filer is obligated to disclose those interests on their SEI. This enables members of the public and the filer's colleagues to understand the filer's interests in the event there is a potential conflict of interest. Stocks may be listed on the SEI or on an attachment to the SEI. But please don't specify the value or number of shares owned.

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 | <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 24 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED. THIS ACTION ADDS THE PROJECT TO THE FEDERALLY APPROVED STIP.</u> | | | | |
| ONslow | - MID-CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION | | | | | |
| PENDER | - EASTERN CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION | | | | | |
| SAMPSON | - CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION | | | | | |
| PROJ.CATEGORY | | | | | | |
| DIVISION | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| * 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 | <u>ADD FUNDING IN FY 24 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED. THIS ACTION ADDS THE PROJECT TO THE FEDERALLY APPROVED STIP.</u> | | | | |
| HARNETT | - MID-CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION | | | | | |
| ROBESON | | | | | | |
| PROJ.CATEGORY | | | | | | |
| DIVISION | | | | | | |

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CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP MODIFICATIONS

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|--|--|---|--------------|---|
| 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 AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION 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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HIGHWAY PROGRAM

CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP MODIFICATIONS

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|---|---|--|--------------|--|--|
| * BO-2406 BLADEN COLUMBUS CUMBERLAND HARNETT ROBESON PROJ.CATEGORY 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. <u>ADD PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED.</u> | 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 PROJ.CATEGORY 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. <u>TO BALANCE INTERSTATE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 29 TO FY 31.</u> | CONSTRUCTION | FY 2031 - \$2,119,000 (NHPIM) FY 2032 - \$3,281,000 (NHPIM) \$5,400,000 | |
| HI-0020 COLUMBUS PROJ.CATEGORY 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. <u>TO BALANCE INTERSTATE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 29 TO FY 31.</u> | 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

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

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REVISIONS TO THE 2024-2033 STIP
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CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP MODIFICATIONS

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| * BO-2403 | - GRAND STRAND METROPOLITAN | VARIOUS, DIVISION 3 PROGRAM TO UPGRADE | ENGINEERING | FY 2024 - | \$100,000 | (TALT5) |
| BRUNSWICK | PLANNING ORGANIZATION | INTERSECTIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS | | FY 2025 - | \$100,000 | (TA) |
| DUPLIN | - WILMINGTON URBAN AREA | WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) USING | | FY 2026 - | \$100,000 | (TA) |
| NEW HANOVER | METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION | TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) FUNDS. | | FY 2027 - | \$100,000 | (TA) |
| ONSLOW | - JACKSONVILLE URBAN AREA | <u>ADD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITIES IN FY 24 - FY 28</u> | | FY 2028 - | \$100,000 | (TA) |
| PENDER | METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION | <u>NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED.</u> | RIGHT-OF-WAY | FY 2024 - | \$50,000 | (TALT5) |
| SAMPSON | - MID-CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING | | | FY 2025 - | \$50,000 | (TA) |
| PROJ.CATEGORY | ORGANIZATION | | | FY 2026 - | \$50,000 | (TA) |
| DIVISION | - EASTERN CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING | | | FY 2027 - | \$50,000 | (TA) |
| | ORGANIZATION | | | FY 2028 - | \$50,000 | (TA) |
| | - CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING | | UTILITIES | FY 2024 - | \$50,000 | (TALT5) |
| | ORGANIZATION | | | FY 2025 - | \$50,000 | (TA) |
| | | | | FY 2026 - | \$50,000 | (TA) |
| | | | | FY 2027 - | \$50,000 | (TA) |
| | | | | FY 2028 - | \$50,000 | (TA) |
| | | | CONSTRUCTION | FY 2024 - | \$1,000,000 | (TALT5) |
| | | | | FY 2025 - | \$1,000,000 | (TA) |
| | | | | FY 2026 - | \$1,000,000 | (TA) |
| | | | | FY 2027 - | \$1,000,000 | (TA) |
| | | | | FY 2028 - | \$1,000,000 | (TA) |
| | | | | | \$6,000,000 | |

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Thursday, March 7, 2024

REVISIONS TO THE 2024-2033 STIP HIGHWAY PROGRAM

CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP MODIFICATIONS

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|---|---|---|--------------|--|
| * BO-2406 BLADEN COLUMBUS CUMBERLAND HARNETT ROBESON PROJ.CATEGORY 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. <u>ADD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITIES IN FY 24 - FY 28</u> <u>NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED.</u> | ENGINEERING | FY 2024 - \$100,000 (TALT5) FY 2025 - \$100,000 (TA) FY 2026 - \$100,000 (TA) FY 2027 - \$100,000 (TA) FY 2028 - \$100,000 (TA) |
| | | | RIGHT-OF-WAY | FY 2024 - \$50,000 (TALT5) FY 2025 - \$50,000 (TA) FY 2026 - \$50,000 (TA) FY 2027 - \$50,000 (TA) FY 2028 - \$50,000 (TA) |
| | | | UTILITIES | FY 2024 - \$50,000 (TALT5) FY 2025 - \$50,000 (TA) FY 2026 - \$50,000 (TA) FY 2027 - \$50,000 (TA) FY 2028 - \$50,000 (TA) |
| | | | CONSTRUCTION | FY 2024 - \$1,000,000 (TALT5) FY 2025 - \$1,000,000 (TA) FY 2026 - \$1,000,000 (TA) FY 2027 - \$1,000,000 (TA) FY 2028 - \$1,000,000 (TA) \$6,000,000 |
| * RX-2406A COLUMBUS PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION | - CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION | SR 1305 (SANDY BLUFF ROAD), RJCS CROSSING 629312A IN TABOR CITY. IMPROVE HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING SAFETY. <u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE RAIL</u> <u>DIVISION.</u> | CONSTRUCTION | FY 2026 - \$425,000 (RR) \$425,000 |

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Thursday, March 7, 2024



Rail Division

Corridor Identification and Development (CID)

Jan. 2024

Types of Passenger Rail

- NC By Train and all future proposed passenger rail services supported by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) operate intercity passenger rail service.
- Intercity passenger rail services travel longer distances with shorter or less frequent stops to connect centers of cities and towns and is typically funded by the Federal Rail Administration (FRA).
- Commuter rail aims to connect outlying areas to urban centers usually at peak service times and is typically funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- Light rail systems provide connective transportation in urban areas and operate on a dedicated rail system that is not part of the national rail network. It is also typically funded by the FTA.

NCDOT Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Grant Awards

- In 2023, the Rail Division submitted 12 applications to the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development (CID) program.
- NCDOT was awarded seven grants totaling \$3.5 million as part of the CID program.
- The selected corridors were:
 - Atlanta to Charlotte
 - Charlotte to Kings Mountain
 - Charlotte to Washington D.C.
 - Asheville to Salisbury
 - Wilmington to Raleigh
 - Fayetteville to Raleigh
 - Winston-Salem to Raleigh
- The CID program is specifically for developing new or improved intercity passenger rail service on those corridors.
- NCDOT will receive up to \$500,000 in funding for each route selected to scope a more detailed service development plan which will include more detailed coordination with the freight and passenger railroad partners.
- These grants do not require matching funds.
- Corridors not selected in this round of funding can be resubmitted when the CID program grant applications reopen in the future.

[Project website](#) at [ncdot.gov](#).

CID Program Overview

- CID is a three-phase program including 1) scoping, 2) service development planning, and 3) project preliminary engineering and environmental planning.
- The \$500,000 grants are for the first phase. Completion of each phase allows the corridor to proceed to the next phase without reapplying.
- Phase 2 requires a 10% state and local match.
- Phase 3 requires a 20% state and local match.
- The FRA program is intended to create a "project pipeline" that can be funded for final design and construction through discretionary grant programs like the Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail.
- While each of the seven corridors will proceed through the steps simultaneously and independently, completion of service development plans is expected to take at least two years to complete.

[USDOT program website](#) at [railroads.dot.gov](#).

Western N.C. Passenger Rail Feasibility Study

- The Rail Division finalized and released the Western North Carolina (WNC) Passenger Rail Feasibility Study in Dec. 2023.
- The feasibility study provides conceptual level capital costs, operating costs, and a range of ridership and revenue projections associated with a new intercity passenger rail service connecting Asheville with services in Salisbury.
- The Asheville to Salisbury service would operate along the Norfolk Southern (NS) AS-Line for approximately 139 miles.
- Passenger rail service has not served western N.C. since 1975.
- This corridor is one of the seven funded by the CID program.

Southeastern N.C. Passenger Rail Feasibility Study

- The Rail Division is finalizing the Southeastern North Carolina (SENC) Passenger Rail Feasibility Study.
- The feasibility study will provide conceptual level capital costs, operating costs, and a range of ridership and revenue projections associated with a new intercity passenger rail service connecting Wilmington with services in Raleigh.
- This corridor is one of the seven funded by the CID program.

Raleigh to Richmond: S-Line Projects

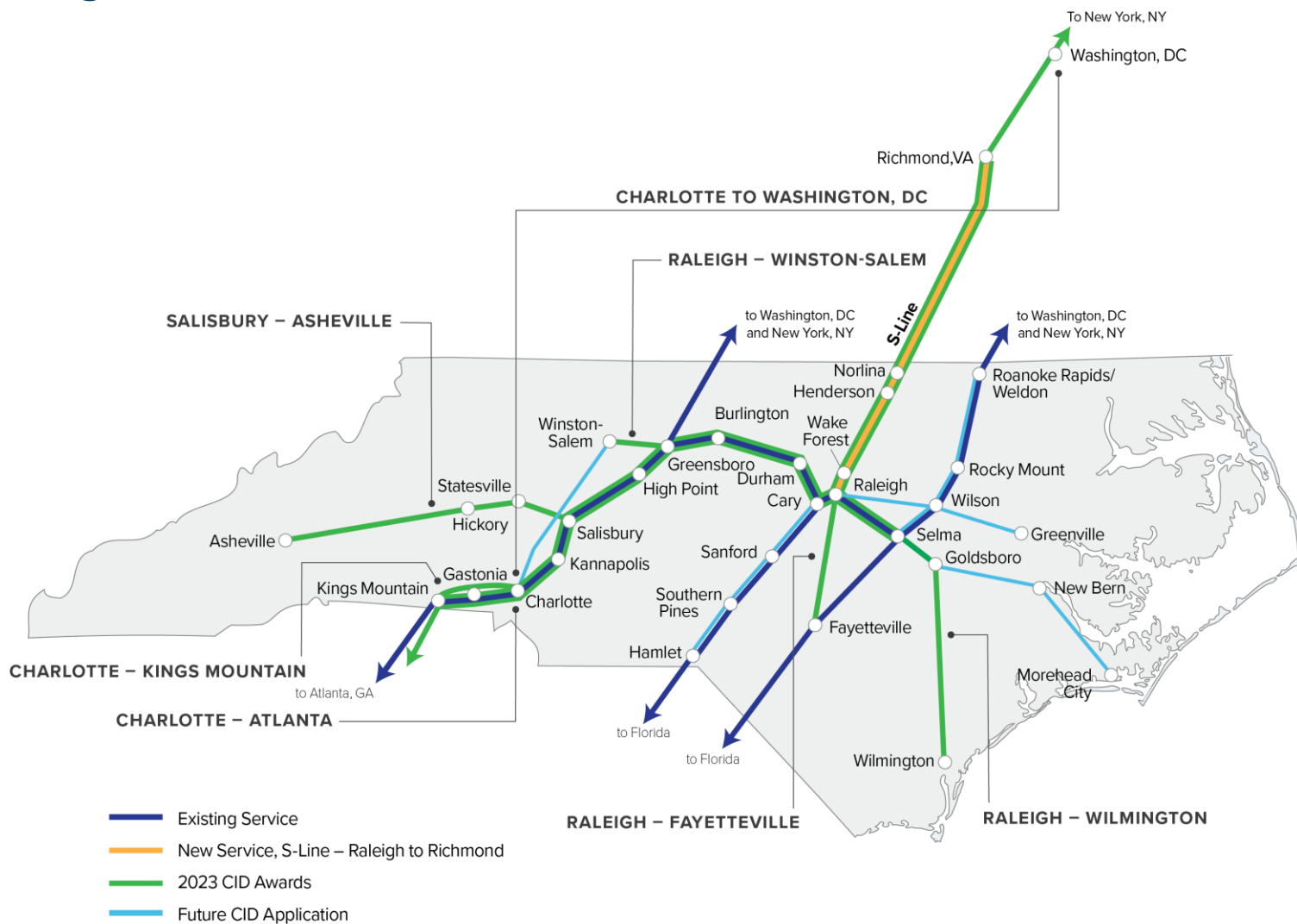
- The S-Line is part of the Charlotte to Washington D.C. corridor which is one of the seven corridors funded by the CID program.

[Project website](#) at ncdot.gov.

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N.C. Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Program





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 |
| \$7,650 | \$22,950 | \$122,400 | \$145,350 | \$153,000 |

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, (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 |
| I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT | | |
| \$ 13,500 | | \$ 13,500 |
| II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING | | |
| \$ 8,000 | | \$ 8,000 |
| III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANS PLANNING & POLICES | | |
| \$ 35,000 | | \$ 35,000 |
| IV. DIRECT COSTS | | |
| \$ 10,000 | \$ - | \$ 10,000 |
| \$ 100 | \$ - | \$ 100 |
| \$ 1,500 | | \$ 1,500 |
| \$ 100 | \$ - | \$ 100 |
| \$ 500 | \$ - | \$ 500 |
| \$ 5,000 | \$ - | \$ 5,000 |
| V. INDIRECT COSTS | | |
| \$ 29,300 | \$ - | \$ 29,300 |
| \$ 153,000 | \$ - | \$ 153,000 |

Approved by the TAC on: _____ 20__

 Signature, TAC Chairman

 Signature, RPO Secretary

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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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| IV-2.1 | News Media Ads | |
| | Public notice and Public Involvement advertisements. | |
| IV-3 LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS | | \$ 1,500.00 |
| IV-3.1 | Hotel Costs | |
| | 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. | |
| IV-3.2 | Meal Costs | |
| | Overnight travel-related meal per diems. | |
| IV-3.3 | Incidentals | |
| | Overnight travel-related incidentals, including tips. | |
| IV-4 POSTAGE | | \$ 100.00 |
| IV-4.1 | Mailings | |
| | Postage for RTAC packets for voting members and other mailings. | |
| IV-5 REGISTRATION / TRAINING | | \$ 500.00 |
| IV-5.1 | Conference Registration | |
| | 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. | |
| IV-5.2 | Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees | |
| | Meeting, workshop, and training fees, etc. | |
| IV-6 TRAVEL | | \$ 5,000.00 |
| IV-6.1 | Mileage Reimbursement | |
| | Mileage reimbursement. | |
| IV-6.2 | Car Rental Costs | |
| | Car rental costs. | |
| IV-6.3 | Other Travel Expenses | |
| | Parking costs and other transportation expenses. | |
| V. INDIRECT COSTS | | |
| V-1 INDIRECT COSTS APPROVED BY COGNIZANT AGENCY | | \$ 29,300.00 |
| V-1.1 | Incurred Indirect Costs | |
| | Indirect costs per NCDOT-approved indirect cost allocation plan. | |
| RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL | | \$ 153,000.00 |

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

Frank Williams, Chair

Sam Boswell, Secretary

| CFRPO MARCH 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 |

Update provided: 03.07.24

PO: CFRPO

Contact: Michelle Howes, mnhowes@ncdot.gov, 910.341.2001 OR
Adrienne Cox, amcox1@ncdot.gov, 910.341.2001

*dates are subject to change

| CFRPO MARCH 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 | 49.66% |
| C204629 | Joshua Pratt | B-5624 | Brunswick | BRIDGE 57 OVER DRIVING CREEK ON NC-211. | 2024.01.25 | 81.75% |
| 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 | 41.91% |
| DC00337 | Joshua Pratt | W-5703Q | Brunswick | NC 130 AT SR 1321 (LONGWOOD ROAD) & SR 1330 (WACCAMAW SCHOOL ROAD). | 2024.02.29 | 15.25% |

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| CFRPO MARCH 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 | 89.20% |
| 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 | 57.37% |
| 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 | 12.04% |

*dates are subject to change

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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 | 16.88% | 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 | 67.93% | 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 | 61.63% | 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 | 54.84% | 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 | 76.64% | 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 |
| DF00441 | R-5786IA, R-5786IB, R-5786IC | Concrete installations; curb cuts installed at various locations in Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett and Robeson Counties. | 04/28/23 | 09/20/23 | 11/27/23 | 10/31/25 | N/A | 18.93% | Morgan Trucking & General Construction Inc | Donavon Hunt | \$2,530,730 | Contract awarded 09/28/2023 |

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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 | \$3,000,000 | NON DOT LET PROJECT FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON FY 2024 |
| DF00466 | Asphalt Surface Treatment on Various SR Routes. | N/A | Columbus County Maintenance Asphalt Surface Treatment | Let Date: 2/7/2024 | \$1,385,522 | CONSTRUCTION FY 2024 Contract awarded to Riley Paving, Inc. (2/13/2024) |
| 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 | \$8,742,876 | FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON FY 2024 Contract awarded to S T Wooten Corporation (2/28/2024) |
| DF00464 | 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 | \$627,909 | CONSTRUCTION FY 2024 Contract awarded to The TARA Group of Lumberton, Inc. (2/28/2024) |
| DF00467 | Resurfacing, Milling & Pavement Markings on Various Routes: SR 1006 (Ervin T Richardson Rd), SR 1936 (S P Long Rd), SR 1403 (June Baldwin Rd), SR 1409 (Pine St/Railroad St), SR 1552 (Smyrna Rd), SR 1706 (Spivey Rd), SR 1706 (Warrior Trail), SR 1423 (W Smith St). | N/A | Columbus County Maintenance Resurfacing 2024 | Let Date: 2/21/2024 | \$3,238,619 | CONSTRUCTION FY 2024 Contract awarded to Barnhill (2/28/2024) |
| DF00468 | Resurfacing, Milling & Pavement Markings on Various Routes: SR 1843 (Livingston Chapel Rd), SR 1842 (Carolina Ave), NC 211 from Brunswick Co Line to NC 214. | N/A | Columbus County Maintenance Resurfacing 2024 | Let Date: 2/21/2024 | \$2,675,068 | CONSTRUCTION FY 2024 Contract awarded to Highland Paving, LLC (2/28/2024) |
| 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 | \$32,900,000 | 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 |
| 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 |
| 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: FY 2028 | \$2,145,000 | CONSTRUCTION FY 2028 |
| 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: RIGHT OF WAY - IN PROGRESS; 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 Project will be rescored in P7 |
| 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 Project will be rescored in P7 |
| 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 Project will be rescored in P7 |



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MARCH TPD UPDATES CAPE FEAR RPO

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Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP): The CTP went through adoption presentations during the month of February. About half of the adopting agencies adopted the CTP right after the presentations and half decided to wait a month to review the CTP to adopt. The CTP committee is hopeful to complete local adoptions by the end of March and move onto NCDOT BOT adoptions in the spring.

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 steering committee had their second presentation on March 12th, the third presentation is on March 26th. One noteworthy deliverable the committee will be reviewing this month is the draft survey that will be released to the public in early summer of this year.

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 \(ncdot.gov\)](http://Traffic Survey Group (ncdot.gov))
- NCDOT Interactive Traffic Volume Map—[Interactive Traffic Volume map \(ncdot.gov\)](http://Interactive Traffic Volume map (ncdot.gov))
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NCDOT Statewide Plans:

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- NC Moves 2050 Plan (or go to ncdot.gov/ncmoves)
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- [NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan \(2015-2040\)](http://NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan (2015-2040)) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: public transportation plan)
- [NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report \(2021\)](http://NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report (2021)) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: resilience strategy report)
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