

Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County ❖ Pender County

RURAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MARCH 15, 2024

Call to Order

Roll Call

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

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Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest

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.

Item 5: Agenda Review

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
4. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement
5. Agenda Review
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Public Comment
8. Vacancies and Appointments
9. Election of Officers
10. Presentation: Brunswick County CTP
11. Public Comment: Brunswick County CTP
12. Brunswick County CTP Endorsement
13. Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan Update
14. 2024 Cape Fear RPO Meeting Schedule
15. Reports/Updates
16. Open Discussion
17. Adjourn

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Item 6: RTAC Meeting Minutes

Review and approval of the November 20, 2023 minutes.

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Item 7: Public Comment Period

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Item 8: Renewed Appointments

Brunswick County 1: **Frank Williams**, Commissioner

Brunswick Municipal 2: **Dave DeLong**, St. James Mayor Pro-Tem

Columbus Municipal 1: **Terry Mann**, Whiteville Mayor

Item 8: New Appointments

Brunswick Municipal 1: **Mark Martin**, Oak Island Councilman

Columbus Municipal 2: **Garry Keaton**, Sandyfield Mayor

Pender Municipal 1: **Hugh Cannady**, Surf City Councilman

Pender Municipal 2: **William Rivenbark**, Burgaw Commissioner

Item 8: New Alternates

Brunswick Municipal Alternates: **Rich Alt** (Southport Mayor)
Jeff Winecoff (Boiling Spring Lakes Mayor)

Pender Municipal Alternates: **Steve Smith** (Topsail Beach Mayor)
Morton Blanchard (Topsail Beach Mayor Pro-Tem)
Jason Wells (Wallace Mayor)
Olivia Dawson (Burgaw Mayor)

Item 9: Election of Officers

2023 RTAC Chair: **Frank Williams**, Brunswick County Commissioner

2023 RTAC Vice-chair: **Terry Mann**, Whiteville Mayor

Item 10: Public Hearing

The Cape Fear RPO's **Public Participation Plan** requires a public hearing before the endorsement of a Comprehensive Transportation Plan. This can happen as a standalone meeting or as part of an RTAC meeting.

“Public hearings will consist of a period for formal public comments and questions and may be accompanied by a presentation. All comments and questions that are received will become public record and will be considered by the RTAC.”

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NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation



Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Endorsement Presentation

Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization




March 2024

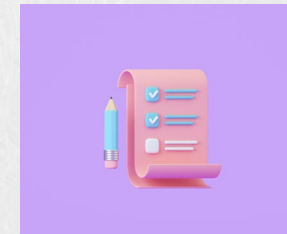
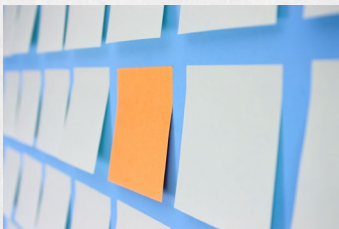
Purpose of Presentation

- Endorse the Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)
- Multi-modal maps and recommendations
- Seeking Brunswick County Resolution for Endorsement













To Do List

-  Resolution from Local Adoptions
-  Cape Fear RPO Endorsement
-  NCDOT Board of Transportation Adoptions



What is a CTP? Benefits?

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

-  Long-Range Planning
-  Multimodal Maps
-  Time-Frame
-  Deficiencies and Improvements
-  Recommendations are CONCEPTS
-  Local Needs
-  Not Fiscally Constrained
-  Participation
-  Facilitates Local Governments with Transportation Planning
-  Assist with submittals into prioritization for eventual funding

CTP Steering Committee

- ❖ NCDOT Division 3
- ❖ Wilmington MPO
- ❖ NCDOT Freight
- ❖ Cape Fear RPO
- ❖ Brunswick County Social Services
- ❖ Brunswick County Public Utilities
- ❖ Village of Bald Head Island
- ❖ NCDOT Ferry Division
- ❖ Town of Caswell Beach
- ❖ Brunswick County Chief Deputy Sheriff
- ❖ Brunswick County Schools
- ❖ Brunswick County Health and Human Services
- ❖ GSATS MPO (*includes municipalities within the MPO*)
- ❖ Brunswick County Environmental Health
- ❖ Brunswick County Emergency Management
- ❖ Town of Bolivia
- ❖ Brunswick Community College
- ❖ Brunswick County Planning Department
- ❖ Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Cape Fear Regional Jet Port
- ❖ City of Northwest
- ❖ City of Boiling Spring Lakes
- ❖ Town of St. James
- ❖ Brunswick Senior Resources (BSRI)
- ❖ Brunswick County Sheriff
- ❖ Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC)
- ❖ Ocean Isle Beach Airport
- ❖ Duke Energy Brunswick Plant Corporate Communications
- ❖ ATMC (now FOCUS Broadband)
- ❖ Brunswick County Planning Department
- ❖ Cape Fear Cyclists
- ❖ Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU)
- ❖ Town of Sandy Creek
- ❖ Town of Oak Island
- ❖ Doshier Memorial Hospital
- ❖ NC State Highway Patrol
- ❖ NCDOT Intermodal Mobility Division
- ❖ Southeastern Economic Development Commission
- ❖ Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center
- ❖ Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ State Port Authority
- ❖ Brunswick Cyclists
- ❖ City of Southport
- ❖ Brunswick Cooperative Extension
- ❖ Brunswick Business & Industry Development
- ❖ Brunswick Transit System
- ❖ NCDOT BOT
- ❖ NCDOT TPD

CTP Meetings + Outreach

- Start to end of CTP
- CTP Steering Committee Meetings
- Internal Division Steering Committee
- State and Federal Agencies (subject matter experts)
- Survey
- Public Involvement Sessions
- Updates to each adopting agency throughout CTP process



Who is adopting and when?

Brunswick County

Cape Fear Council of Governments

GSATS MPO

Village of Bald Head Island

City of Boiling Spring Lakes

Town of Bolivia

Town of Caswell Beach

City of Northwest

Town of Oak Island

Town of Sandy Creek

City of Southport

Town of St. James

NCDOT BOT

Link to CTP Report

<http://tinyurl.com/BruCoCTP>


Report and Appendix (413 total pages)



Facility Types Map



FACILITY TYPES
Facility classifications for mobility and control of access planning through 2045

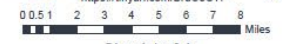


BRUNSWICK COUNTY
Comprehensive Transportation Plan
Facility Types and Control of Access
(Listed in Order of Mobility Function)

	Planned on Existing	Planned on New Location
Freeway		
Expressway (Multilane Divided)		
Boulevard (Multilane Divided)		
Major Thoroughfare (Multilane Undivided)		
Major Thoroughfare (2 Lane)		
Minor Thoroughfare		

Other Features

- Studied Roads
- GSATS MPO
- Cape Fear RPO



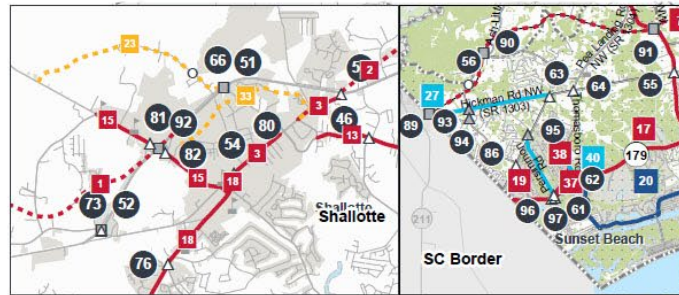
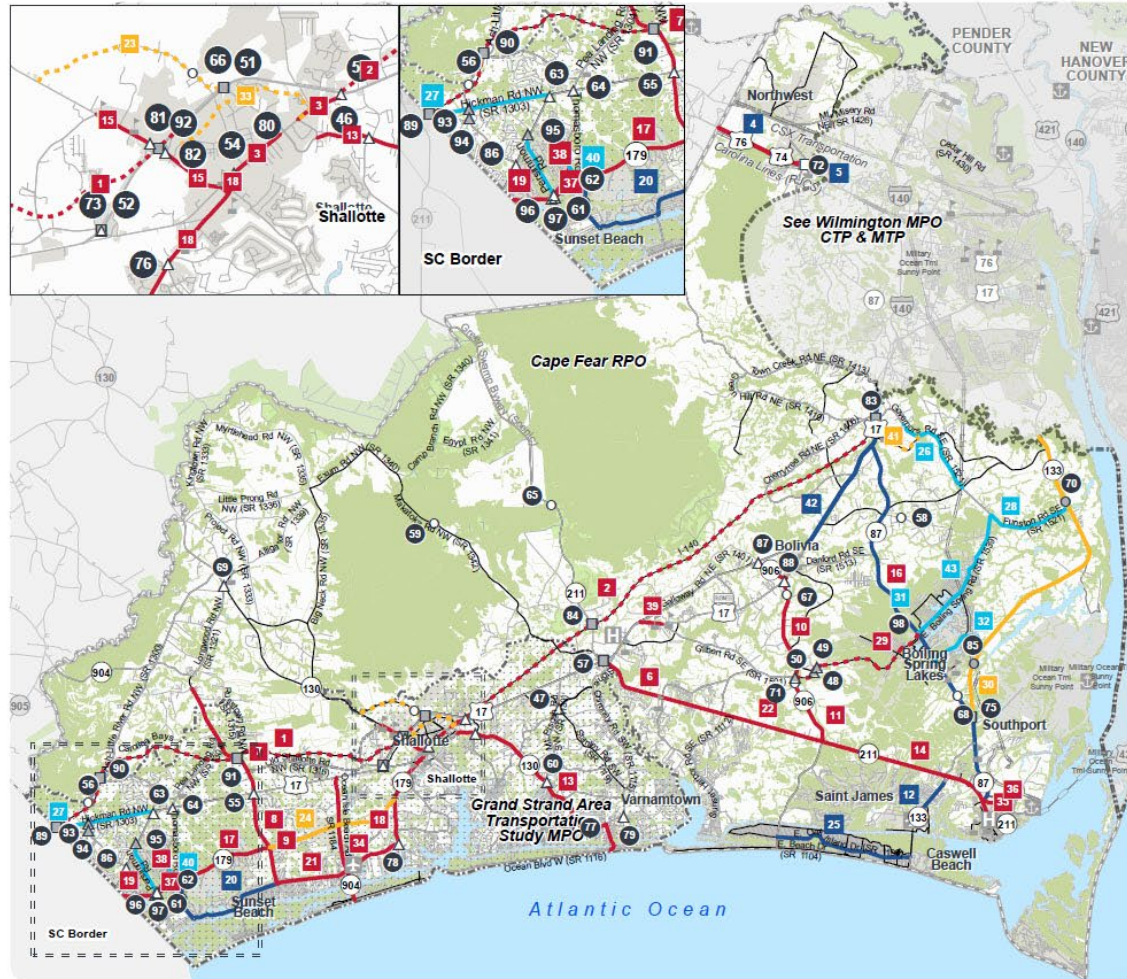
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Base map date: September 16, 2019

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These concepts will need additional analysis to meet state and federal environmental regulations, to determine final locations and designs, and to be funded for implementation. Local zoning or subdivision ordinances may require the dedication of right of way based on the concepts shown on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and local collector street plans, based on N.C.G.S. § 136-66.2 and § 136-66.10.

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Highway Recommendations Map



HIGHWAY RECOMMENDATIONS
Proposals that address identified needs through 2045

BRUNSWICK COUNTY
Comprehensive Transportation Plan
Highway Features

	Proposal ID#	Recommended On Existing	Recommended New Location
Congestion / Mobility (e.g., add lanes)	[Red square]	[Red line]	[Red dashed line]
Access Management / Operations (e.g., add median)	[Blue square]	[Blue line]	[Blue dashed line]
Modernization (e.g., widen lanes, add turn lanes)	[Cyan square]	[Cyan line]	[Cyan dashed line]
Other (e.g., safety, economic development)	[Yellow square]	[Yellow line]	[Yellow dashed line]
Interchange	[Circle]	[Square]	[Square]
Bridge / Overpass	[Circle]	[Circle]	[Circle]
Intersection	[Circle]	[Triangle]	[Triangle]

Other Features
Studied Roads
GSATS MPO
Cape Fear RPO

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Public Transportation and Rail Map



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND RAIL RECOMMENDATIONS
Proposals that address identified needs through 2045

BRUNSWICK COUNTY
Comprehensive Transportation Plan
Public Transportation and Rail Features

	Proposal ID #	Existing	Recommended New Location
Urban Fixed Bus Corridors			
Regional Bus Corridors			
Rural Fixed Bus Corridors			
Fixed Guideway			
Amtrak / Freight Route			
Current Railroad			
Transit Facility			
Park and Ride Lot			
Amtrak Station			
Intermodal Terminal			

GSATS MPO
 Cape Fear RPO
 Studied Roads

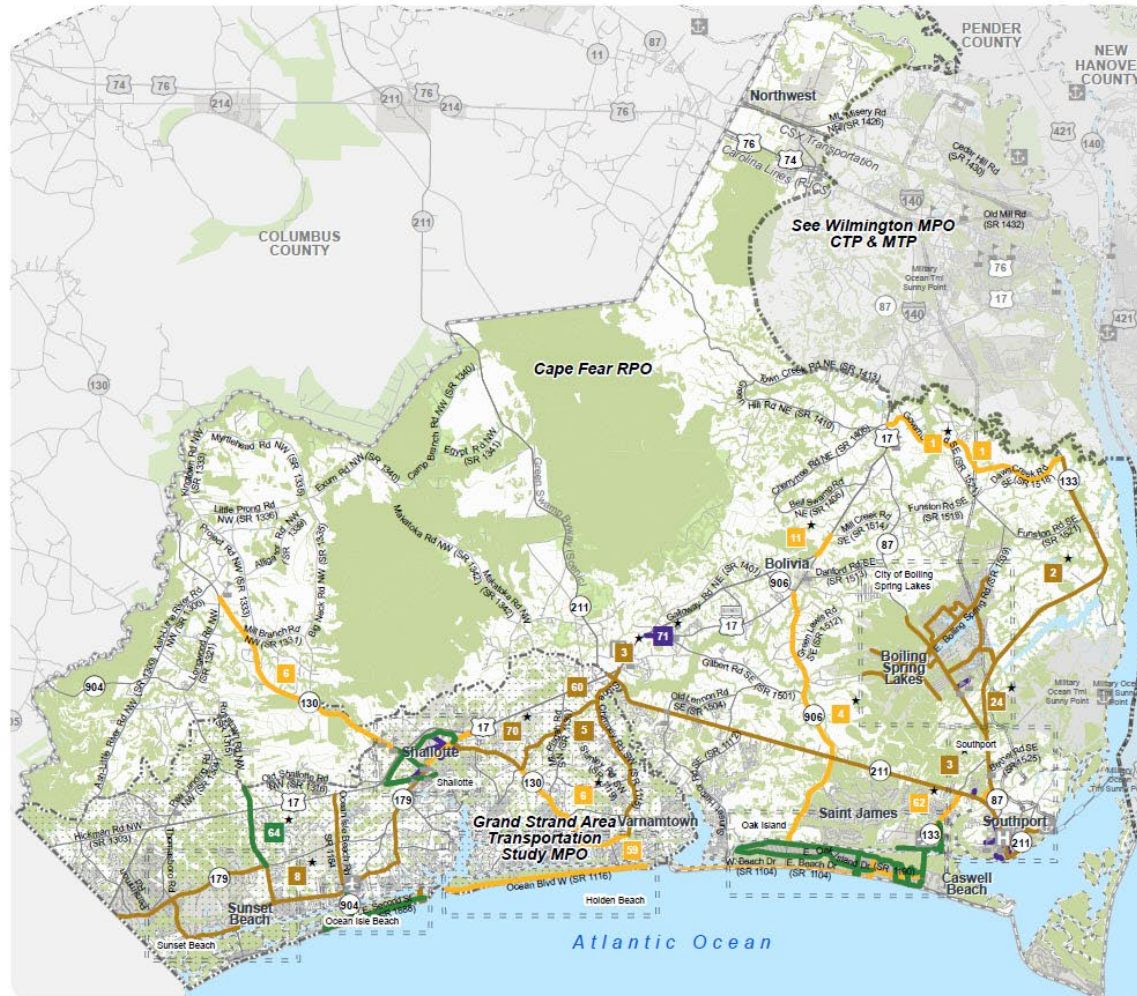
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Bicycle and Pedestrian Map



BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposals that address identified needs through 2045





BRUNSWICK COUNTY
Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Bicycle and Pedestrian Features


	Proposal ID #	Existing	Recommended New Location
Bicycle			
Pedestrian			
Bicycle and Pedestrian			
Multise Path			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge			
Denotes Highway Incidental			

Other Features

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	GSATS MPO
	Cape Fear RPO

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Reminders!

-  Resolution from Local Adoptions
-  Cape Fear RPO Endorsement
-  NCDOT Board of Transportation Adoptions

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THANK
YOU!

Item 11: Public Comment (CTP)

Comments or questions about the Brunswick County CTP.

Item 12: Brunswick CTP Endorsement

NCDOT has requested a Resolution of Support from the Cape Fear RPO **endorsing** the Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).

The RTCC recommends approval of the resolution endorsing the Brunswick County CTP.

Item 13: Title VI Plan Update

As a subrecipient of federal funds, the Cape Fear RPO is required to maintain a Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan.

TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

“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.”

Item 13: Title VI Plan Update

(1 of 3)

Environmental Justice

EO 12898: Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice (EJ) in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations

Environmental Justice (EJ) is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

The Cape Fear RPO “will make achieving EJ part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations.”

- *This applies to our policies, such as where public meetings will be held, and our projects, such as when we plan to construct or expand a facility.*

Item 13: Title VI Plan Update

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Title VI Data Collection

Recipients of FHWA funds are required to identify the characteristics and locations of populations they serve, particularly by race/ethnicity, poverty, and limited English proficiency (LEP).

CFRPO's Title VI Plan includes tables and maps of demographic data, as well as an analysis to determine the LEP language groups present in our planning area and the specific language services that are needed.

Item 13: Title VI Plan Update

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Title VI Plan Procedures

Dissemination of Title VI Information: Reasonable steps will be taken to make the public aware of their right and our obligations under Title VI through, including, but not limited to:

- Visibly posting our Title VI Policy Statement in public areas at our facilities, on our website, at our meetings, and prominently in any significant documents and reports we distribute;
- Translating information into languages other than English that meet the LEP safe harbor threshold;
- Incorporating Title VI language into our contracts and agreements.

External Discrimination Complaint Procedures The Title VI Plan outlines a process whereby the Cape Fear RPO will process complaints of alleged discrimination filed under nondiscrimination laws that are applicable to CFRPO programs, services, and activities.

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- *RPO Staff has updated the Title VI Data in the Plan, but there have been no changes to the procedures or policies within the Plan.*

The RTCC recommends approval of the updated Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan.

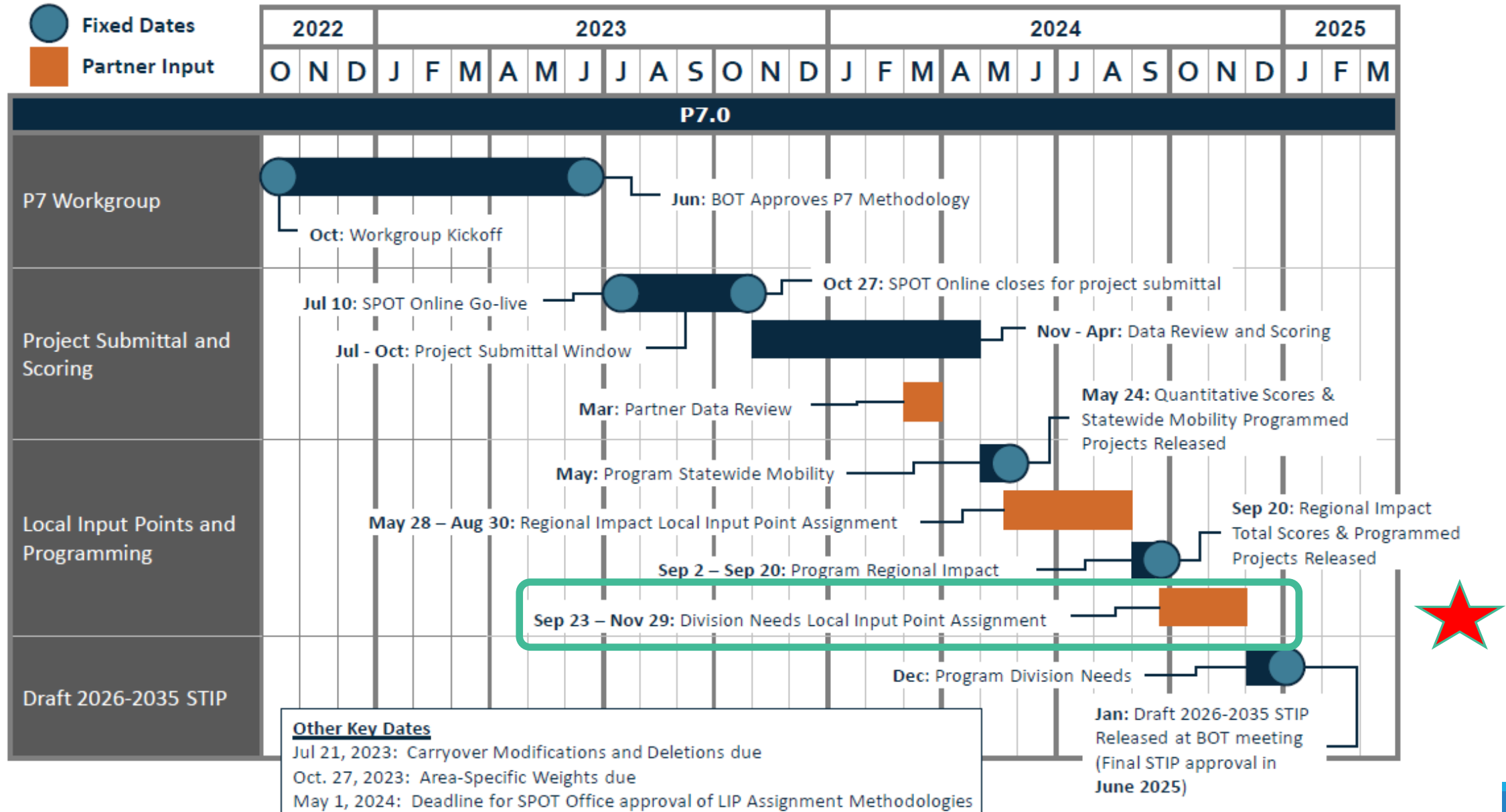
Item 14: RPO 2024 Meeting Schedule

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. Final FY 24-25 PWP 5/31. Local Input Point Methodology due 5/1
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). Expiring Positions/New Appointments. Draft FY 25-26 PWP 2/28.

P7 Schedule

Revised – March 2024

Dates set per P7 Workgroup in October 2022



Item 15: CFRPO Staff Report

1. State Ethics Filings for all RTAC Voting Members & Alternates
2. STIP Updates (*see agenda packet*)
3. Rail Division – Corridor Identification and Development (CID) program
4. Draft FY25 Planning Work Program (PWP)
5. Draft P7.0 Local Input Point (LIP) Methodology

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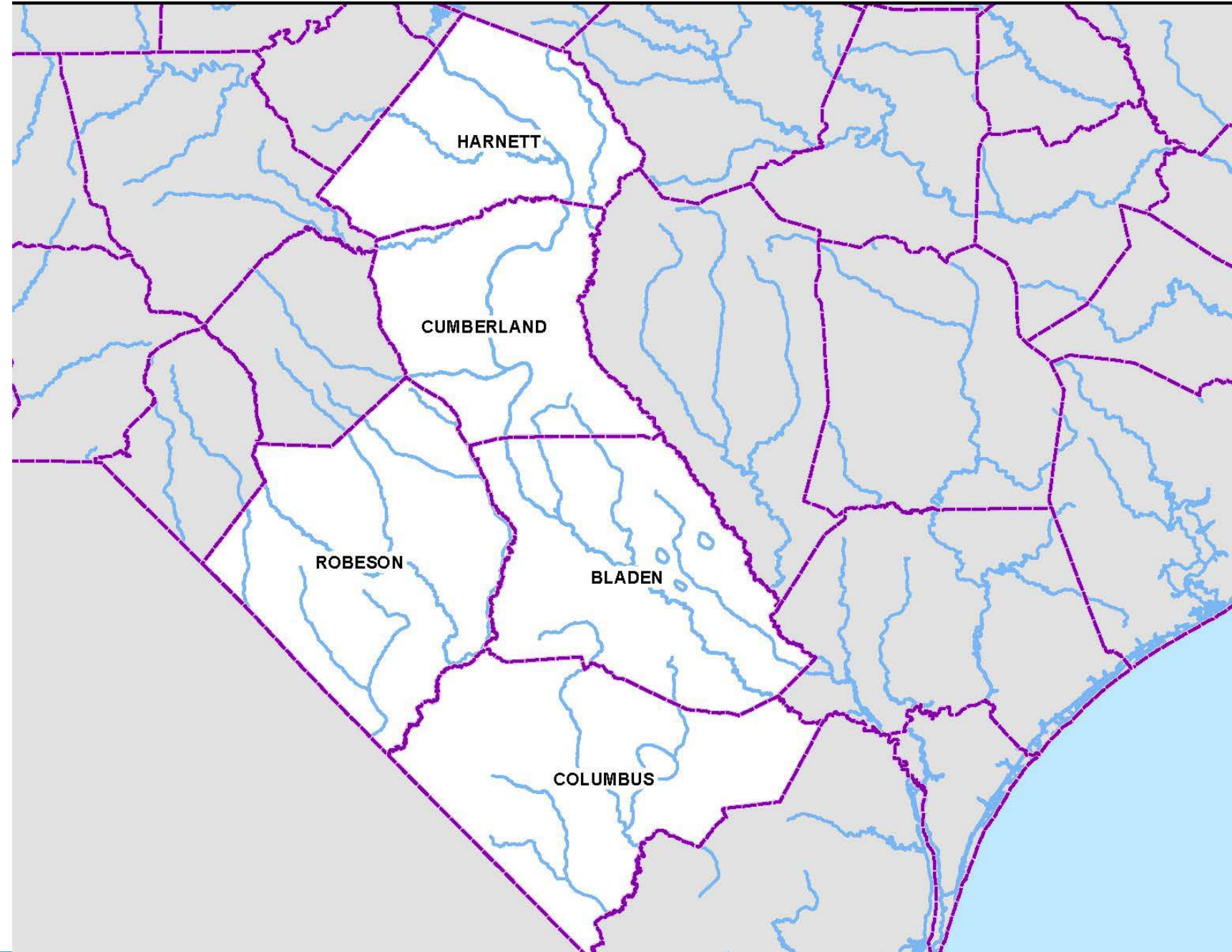


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Open Discussion

General questions, comments, and other discussions

Adjourn

Next meeting will be in April.