

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

April 12, 2024 • 9:00 AM

IN PERSON

Cape Fear Council of Governments • Wilmington, NC

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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:** March 15, 2024 [[attached](#)] (pages 5-8 in the PDF)
7. Public Comment

II. PRESENTATIONS

No scheduled presentations for this meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

8. **CFRPO P7.0 Local Input Point Methodology** – The Cape Fear RPO is required by state law to develop a local input methodology for prioritizing all transportation projects within the RPO boundary that compete for state and federal funding and submit that methodology to NCDOT for approval. *The RTCC recommends approval of the attached Local Input Point Methodology. (pages 9-15 in the PDF)*
9. **CFRPO FY24-25 Planning Work Program** – The adopted PWP for the upcoming fiscal year must be submitted to NCDOT by May 31. *The RTCC recommends approval of the attached FY24-25 PWP. (pages 16-20 in the PDF)*
10. **Resolution of Support: IMD Multimodal Planning Grant Applications** – The Cape Fear RPO has been asked by both the Town of Oak Island and the City of Southport to submit resolutions of support for their applications to NCDOT’s Multimodal Planning Grant Program. *The RTCC recommends approval of the attached resolutions of support. (pages 21-22 in the PDF)*
11. **Resolution of Support: EPA Clean Ports Program** – NC Ports has requested a resolution of support from the Cape Fear RPO for their application to the EPA’s Clean Ports Program to fund zero emissions equipment at the Port of Wilmington. *The RTCC recommends approval of the attached resolution of support. (page 23 in the PDF)*
12. **Resolution of Support: Defense Community Infrastructure Program** – The City of Boiling Spring Lakes has requested a resolution of support from the Cape Fear RPO for their application to the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP). *RPO staff recommends approval of the attached resolution of support. (page 24 in the PDF)*

IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

13. **Reports/Updates**

- Cape Fear RPO – [*attached*] (pages 25-31 in the PDF)
- NC Ports (Port of Wilmington)
- NC Ferry (Fort Fisher to Southport)
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender) – [*attached*] (pages 32-34 in the PDF)
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus) – [*attached*] (pages 35-36 in the PDF)
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD) – [*attached*] (pages 37-38 in the PDF)
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD)
- NC Board of Transportation

VI. OTHER

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

15. Adjourn

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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Meeting
April 12, 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 _____

Reason for Abstention: _____

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
March 15, 2024 • 9:00 AM
Cape Fear Council of Governments • Wilmington, NC**

Voting Members Present

Frank Williams, Brunswick County
Mike Forte, Brunswick County
Mark Martin, Oak Island
Dave DeLong, St. James

Lavern Coleman, Columbus County
Terry Mann, Whiteville
William Rivenbark, Burgaw

Others Present

Rich Alt, Southport
Garry Keaton, Sandyfield
Steve Smith, Topsail Beach
Chad Kimes, NCDOT Div. 3
Michelle Howes, NCDOT Div. 3

Kirsten Spirakis, NCDOT Div. 3
Darius Sturdivant, 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 Frank Williams called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
- 2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Lavern Coleman led the group in an invocation and 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. Lavern Coleman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Frank Williams, Yes
Mike Forte, Yes*

*Mark Martin, Yes
Dave DeLong, Yes*

*Lavern Coleman, Yes
Terry Mann, Yes*

William Rivenbark, Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Approval of Minutes** – The November 20, 2023 meeting minutes were considered. *Mr. Terry Mann made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lavern Coleman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Frank Williams, Yes
Mike Forte, Yes
Mark Martin, Yes
Dave DeLong, Yes*

*Lavern Coleman, Yes
Terry Mann, Yes
William Rivenbark, 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 in three categories: renewed appointments, new appointments, and new alternates. Appointments for voting members and alternates were decided in county meetings in January. RPO Staff also reviewed the procedure for alternates’ participation.
- 9. Election of Officers** – In the first meeting of each year, the RTAC must select a Chair and Vice Chair. *Mr. Mike Forte made a motion to appoint Mr. Frank Williams as Chair and Mr. Terry Mann as Vice Chair. Mr. Lavern Coleman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Frank Williams, Yes
Mike Forte, Yes
Mark Martin, Yes
Dave DeLong, Yes*

*Lavern Coleman, Yes
Terry Mann, Yes
William Rivenbark, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- 10. Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan** – RPO Staff (Sam Boswell) and NCDOT TPD (Nazia Sarder) presented the Brunswick County CTP, including multi-modal project maps and recommendations, a review of the planning process and relevant public involvement, and a timeline of the adoption process.

11. Public Comment: Brunswick County CTP – There were no comments from members of the public on the Brunswick County CTP. Mr. Frank Williams expressed a desire to attend the NCDOT Board of Transportation meeting in Raleigh when the Brunswick County CTP is presented for adoption, mostly likely in May.

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. *Mr. Mike Forte made a motion to approve the resolution, and Mr. William Rivenbark seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Frank Williams, Yes
Mike Forte, Yes
Mark Martin, Yes
Dave DeLong, Yes*

*Lavern Coleman, Yes
Terry Mann, Yes
William Rivenbark, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

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. RPO Staff presented the plan, containing updated demographic data for the RPO region. No policies or procedures were changed as part of this plan update. *Mr. Lavern Coleman made a motion to approve the updated plan, and Mr. Terry Mann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Frank Williams, Yes
Mike Forte, Yes
Mark Martin, Yes
Dave DeLong, Yes*

*Lavern Coleman, Yes
Terry Mann, Yes
William Rivenbark, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

14. 2024 Cape Fear RPO Meeting Schedule – To align with the updated P7.0 schedule, RPO Staff recommended moving the RTAC’s December 13 meeting to November 15. *Mr. Terry Mann made a motion to approve the meeting schedule change, and Mr. William Rivenbark seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Frank Williams, Yes
Mike Forte, Yes
Mark Martin, Yes
Dave DeLong, Yes*

*Lavern Coleman, Yes
Terry Mann, Yes
William Rivenbark, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

15. Reports/Updates

- **Cape Fear RPO** – RPO Staff provided updates on the following:
 - State Ethics Filings for all RTAC Voting Members and Alternates
 - 2024-2033 STIP Revisions
 - NCDOT Rail Division’s Corridor Identification and Development program
 - Draft FY25 Planning Work Program
 - Draft P7.0 Local Input Point Methodology
- **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)** – Sam Boswell provided TPD updates on behalf of Nazia Sarder regarding the status of CTPs across the RPO area.
- **NC Board of Transportation** – There was no update by the Board member.

VI. OTHER

16. **Open discussion** – Darius Sturdivant announced that he will be retiring from NCDOT at the end of this month.

17. **Adjourn** – *The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.*

Cape Fear RPO

P7.0 Local Input Prioritization Methodology

NCDOT approval _____

CFRPO RTAC approval _____

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

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

Division Needs tier score

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

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 – November 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. [November 2024]
18. Final Division Needs point assignments will be entered into SPOT On!line and posted to the CFRPO website. [November 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 November 15, 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 **04/12/2024**.

Frank Williams, Chair

Sam Boswell, Secretary



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				
II-4.2.1	Special Study #1 - insert name of consultant-led study here	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
II-4.2.2	Special Study #2 - insert name of consultant-led study here	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 80	\$ 100
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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PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Narrative

Cape Fear RPO

I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT

I-1 DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT

\$ 13,500.00

I-1.1 Highway

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

I-1.2 Other Modes

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

I-1.3 Socioeconomic

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

I-1.4 Title VI

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

II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

II-1 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT

\$ 8,000.00

II-1.1 Develop CTP Vision

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

II-1.2 Conduct CTP Needs Assessment

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

II-1.3 Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening

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

II-1.4 Develop Final Plan

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

II-1.5 Adopt Plan

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

II-2 PRIORITIZATION

\$ 14,000.00

II-2.1 Project Prioritization

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

II-3 PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

\$ 4,000.00

II-3.1 STIP Participation

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

II-3.2 Merger / Project Development

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

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II-4 GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING \$ 32,000.00

II-4.1 Regional and Statewide Planning

Participate 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/regional/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 compliance; respond to inquiries from the general public and correspond with other transportation stakeholders on items not otherwise addressed 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

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.

Resolution Supporting the Town of Oak Island’s Multimodal Planning Grant Program Application

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization (CFRPO) provides transportation planning services for the counties of Brunswick, Columbus, and Pender in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) strives to improve transportation safety, deliver and maintain infrastructure effectively and efficiently, and improve the reliability and connectivity of the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) and the Transportation Planning Division (TPD) facilitate an annual matching grant program – the Multimodal Planning Grant Program (MMPG) – to encourage municipalities to develop comprehensive bicycle plans and pedestrian plans; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oak Island has made a commitment to improve its active transportation environment; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear RPO believes an updated Bicycle Transportation Plan will improve bicyclist mobility by identifying projects that expand connectivity and enhance safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Cape Fear RPO endorses and fully support the Town of Oak Island’s Multimodal Planning Grant Program 2024 Application.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting this 12th day of April 2024.

BY:

ATTEST:

Frank Williams, Chair

Sam Boswell, Secretary

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.

Resolution Supporting the City of Southport's Multimodal Planning Grant Program Application

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization (CFRPO) provides transportation planning services for the counties of Brunswick, Columbus, and Pender in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) strives to improve transportation safety, deliver and maintain infrastructure effectively and efficiently, and improve the reliability and connectivity of the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) and the Transportation Planning Division (TPD) facilitate an annual matching grant program – the Multimodal Planning Grant Program (MMPG) – to encourage municipalities to develop comprehensive bicycle plans and pedestrian plans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Southport has made a commitment to improve its active transportation environment; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear RPO believes the Project Acceleration Plan will improve pedestrian mobility by identifying projects to expand sidewalk connectivity and enhance safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Cape Fear RPO endorses and fully support the City of Southport's Multimodal Planning Grant Program 2024 Application.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting this 12th day of April 2024.

BY:

ATTEST:

Frank Williams, Chair

Sam Boswell, Secretary

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.

Resolution Supporting the North Carolina State Ports Authority’s Grant Application for the United States FY2024 Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Ports Program to Fund Zero Emissions Equipment at the Port of Wilmington

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

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority contributed more than \$16.2 billion in annual economic contribution to the state’s economy constituted by goods moving through the port facilities and supported 88,200 full-time jobs at North Carolina businesses; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority’s strategic plan forecasts a significant increase in commercial activity at the Port of Wilmington over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 provides the United State Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) with \$3 billion to fund zero-emission port equipment and infrastructure as well as climate and air quality planning at U.S. ports, and

WHEREAS, zero emissions port equipment at the Port of Wilmington will build a foundation for the port to transition over time to reduced and fully zero-emissions operations, positioning ports to serve as a catalyst for transformational change across the freight sector, and

WHEREAS, zero emissions port equipment at the Port of Wilmington will reduce diesel pollution (criteria pollutants, GHGs, and air toxics) in near-port communities, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority is preparing a grant application entitled North Carolina Zero Emissions Clean Ports to fund zero emissions equipment and infrastructure investments at the Port of Wilmington, and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee supports the North Carolina Zero Emissions Clean Ports grant application at the Port of Wilmington.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting this 12th day of April 2024.

BY:

ATTEST:

Frank Williams, Chair

Sam Boswell, Secretary

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.

Resolution Supporting the City of Boiling Spring Lakes' Application for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization (RPO) provides transportation planning services for the counties of Brunswick, Columbus, and Pender in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boiling Spring Lakes is within the RPO planning boundary and is a partner for planning a transportation network that is safe and reliable for all those traveling to and through the region; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) is designed to address deficiencies in community infrastructure, supportive of a military installation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boiling Spring Lakes is pursuing this grant opportunity for funding to pave gravel roads within the City to decrease response time to the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point (MOTSU), which is located within 5 miles of the City, in emergency situations for military and civilian workers who live within the community; and

WHEREAS, paving West Dam Road would provide a much-needed alternative route to be utilized in the event that the Mitchell Prince Bridge on NC 87 fails; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear RPO is supportive of initiatives to improve local transportation infrastructure in ways that increase connectivity, resilience, and safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Cape Fear RPO endorses and fully supports the City of Boiling Spring Lakes Defense Community Infrastructure Program 2024 Application.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting this 12th day of April 2024.

BY:

ATTEST:

Frank Williams, Chair

Sam Boswell, Secretary



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 responsibly. 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 responsibly.

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.

The image shows a 'Sign In' form with fields for 'Email' and 'Password'. Below the password field is a link that says 'Forgot your password?' which is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below the link is a blue 'Sign in' button, a checkbox for 'Remember me?', and a link for 'Don't have an account?' with a grey 'Create Account' button below it.

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.

HERO CORNER –
Because Ethics Liaisons are our heroes!

Dear Ethics Liaisons,

We greatly value and appreciate your support in assisting the Ethics Commission in ensuring compliance with the State Government Ethics Act. With over 6,500 public officials subject to the SEI filing and ethics education requirements, we cannot achieve full compliance without you keeping us updated on changes to public officials and encouraging those officials to 100% compliance.


As we approach the busiest time of the SEI filing season, we ask that you please check your board, commission, or agency's roster of covered persons on the [compliance report](#). This is a great tool for tracking SEI and education compliance. If the information found on the compliance report is not current or the list of members or employees needs updating, please report any changes on our convenient [webform](#).


Sincerely,


Your Friends at the State Ethics Commission



AND THE NOMINEES FOR THE ROLE OF OUTSTANDING ETHICS LIAISON ARE!!

 **Nan Coulter** – nominated in the role of outstanding ethics liaison for a community college (**Southwestern**). Ms. Coulter's outstanding work includes having her board's 2024 annual SEI filings already completed! Her success can be attributed to her perseverance and dedication to the craft of electronic SEI filing (100% of filers).

 **Lisa Wallace** – nominated in the role of outstanding ethics liaison for a State agency (**Dept. of Public Safety**). Ms. Wallace presented an award-winning performance as an ethics liaison who strives to ensure that all DPS employees meet their ethics requirements. This rising star deserves accolades for always being on cue when the Ethics Commission requests information. Bravo!

 **William Upchurch** – nominated in the role of outstanding ethics liaison for a covered board (**Tobacco Trust Fund Commission**) Mr. Upchurch delivers an inspiring performance as an ethics liaison who cultivates an appreciation of ethics requirements to his agricultural community. Even with his newfound fame we suspect he will remain approachable when Ethics Commission staff seek information.



CFRPO APRIL 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
Derek Pielech	LET	BP3-R015	CFRPO	REPLACE BRIDGE 22 ON SR 1112 (SUNSET HARBOR ROAD SE) OVER MERCERS MILL POND	Brunswick	2030.06.20
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
Brian Harding	DDRL	R-5850	CFRPO	NC 53 PENDER COUNTY FROM US 117 BYPASS TO STAG PARK ROAD. WIDEN TO THREE LANES.	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

Update provided: 04.05.24

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CFRPO APRIL PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Contract Number	Resident	TIP/WBS/ Program	County	Description	*Estimated Completion	Percent Complete
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%
C204629	Joshua Pratt	B-5624	Brunswick	BRIDGE 57 OVER DRIVING CREEK ON NC-211.	2024.04.24	87.52%
C204435	Kevin Fischer	B-5644	Pender	BRIDGE 15 OVER CROOKED RUN ON NC-11.	2024.11.26	56.49%
C204123	Joshua Pratt	R-5021	Brunswick	NC 211 FROM SR 1500 (MIDWAY ROAD) TO NC 87 GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, SIGNALS & STRUCTURES.	2027.12.03	43.45%
DC00337	Joshua Pratt	W-5703Q	Brunswick	NC 130 AT SR 1321 (LONGWOOD ROAD) & SR 1330 (WACCAMAW SCHOOL ROAD).	2024.06.27	41.90%

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CFRPO APRIL 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%
DC00425	R-5783G, R-5783H	Brunswick	ADA RAMPS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - DIVISION 3 WIDE.	2024.07.15	68.97%
C204720	I-6040	Pender	I-40 FROM WEST OF US-117 (MM-388) TO NC-210 (MM-408).	2024.06.02	66.62%
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.	2027.07.31	58.22%
DC00445	n/a	Brunswick	VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES	2025.05.16	55.87%
DC00428	n/a	Pender	NC 50, NC 53, & VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES.	2024.04.12	9.11%
DC00431	n/a	Brunswick	NC 130 & VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES.	2024.05.31	0.00%

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Public Info Map for Resurfacing Projects: [NCDOT GO!NC Portal](https://ncdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=441c2ce81ebf42faa77f3e47f5e6a97e)

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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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APRIL TPD UPDATES CAPE FEAR RPO

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Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP): The CTP went through adoption presentations in January and February. In March and up until April 2nd, all 12 of the local adopting and endorsing agencies adopted the CTP. In May, we are hoping to take the CTP to NCDOT BOT for adoption.

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 third presentation on March 26th, where the committee went through several deliverables and made final decisions on those deliverables. The survey for the CTP is anticipated to release on June 1st and close on September 1st.

Wilmington Travel Demand Model (TDM): Socio-economic data (SE data) for base year and future year was verified by the MPO end of March. The engineer and modeler are working on updating the model with the verified SE data. Once the model is updated, the SE data will be presented to the Wilmington MPO TCC and Board.

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

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