

MEETING MINUTES

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025
MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
425 S. LEXINGTON AVENUE
BURLINGTON, NC 27215**

PRESENT

Nishith Trivedi, Orange County (Chair)
Mike Nunn, Burlington (Vice Chair)
Brandon Parker, Gibsonville
Ashley Ownbey, Mebane
Bonnie Guo, GoTriangle
Darlene Weaver, Orange County
Lori Oakley, Elon
Jamie Lawson, Burlington
Peter Murphy, ACTA
Joshua Johnson, Graham
Scott Rhine, PART

NCDOT STAFF
Andy Bailey, TPD

BGMPO STAFF
Eliud De Jesus
Wannetta Mallette

GUESTS
Jonathan Whitehurst

Call to Order

Chair Nishith Trivedi welcomed all members and guests and called the March 18, 2025, TCC meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Mr. Eliud De Jesus conducted the membership roll call and established a quorum. No changes to the agenda and no public comments were made. Chair Trivedi then requested a motion to approve the January 21, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Peter Murphy made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Jamie Lawson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. De Jesus introduced Mr. Jonathan Whitehurst, Kimley-Horn 2050 MTP Project Manager, to present an overview of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update and explained that the presentation was for information only and no action would be taken. The goals of the 2050 MTP are to help guide regional prioritization, future complete street studies, transit system expansions, and small area plan development. Mr. Whitehurst summarized the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) online survey responses. Kimley-Horn will accept public comments until March 23rd. He explained due to the mandatory plan adoption date of June 16, 2025, staff and consultants will work under a compressed schedule while adhering to the latest federal and state requirements. Mr. Whitehurst reviewed the project schedule and plan outline and the process for updating plan sections related to housing, land use, emerging technologies and transportation. A 30-day public review period will be scheduled in May followed by TCC and TAC adoption meetings on June 12th. The public workshop is scheduled for March 26 at Alamance Community College and the information will be also available online to further capture community priorities. The website is on the Social Point website platform. The consultant also plans to engage the Steering Committee members in the planning process and actively engage with the TCC and TAC. The next steps include finalizing the recommendations and fiscal financial plan. Mr. De Jesus added the importance of engaging the TCC and public throughout the planning process and assisting the MPO to distribute information. No other action was taken.

BGMPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Amendment

Mr. De Jesus requested TCC members refer to the TIP amendments included in the agenda packets. He presented the most recent TIP amendments for approval consideration:

<i>STIP-ID</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Category</i>	<i>Funding Year</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA MPO PROJECTS</i>				
<i>STIP MODIFICATIONS</i>				
<i>P-2918</i>	<i>PIEDMONT CORRIDOR, TRAIN 74 / 75 OPERATIONS BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND RALEIGH, EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL YARD MAINTENANCE FACILITY. ADD OPERATING FUNDS IN FY 25, FY 26, AND FY 27 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED.</i>	<i>OPERATIONS</i>	<i>FY 2025</i>	<i>\$7,231,000 (CMAQ)</i>
			<i>FY 2025</i>	<i>\$1,808,000 (HF(M))</i>
			<i>FY 2026</i>	<i>\$10,037,000 (CMAQ)</i>
			<i>FY 2026</i>	<i>\$2,509,000 (HF(M))</i>
			<i>FY 2027</i>	<i>\$10,552,000 (CMAQ)</i>
			<i>FY 2027</i>	<i><u>\$2,638,000 (HF(M))</u></i>
			<i>Total</i>	<i>\$34,775,000</i>
<i>I-6059</i>	<i>I-40 / I-85, SR 1981 (TROLLINGWOOD-HAWFIELDS ROAD) IN MEBANE. UPGRADE INTERCHANGE. COST INCREASE EXCEEDING \$2 MILLION AND 25% THRESHOLDS.</i>	<i>RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION</i>	<i>FY 2025</i>	<i>\$5,100,000 (T)</i>
			<i>FY 2025</i>	<i>\$2,500,000 (T)</i>
			<i>FY 2025</i>	<i>\$10,000,000 (HF)</i>
			<i>FY 2026</i>	<i>\$4,862,000 (T)</i>
			<i>FY 2027</i>	<i>\$8,041,000 (T)</i>
			<i>FY 2028</i>	<i><u>\$5,797,000 (T)</u></i>
			<i>Total</i>	<i>\$36,300,000</i>

Chair Trivedi requested a motion to approve. Mr. Scott Rhine made the motion to approve the January TIP amendments and to recommend TAC approval by resolution. Mr. Mike Nunn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

BGMPO FY25 Amendment Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. De Jesus presented the FY25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) amendment modifications. The first amendment proposes rearrangement of funds to be reflective of ongoing planning activities. Mr. Scott Rhine made the motion to approve the FY25 Amendment Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and to recommend TAC approval by resolution. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ashley Ownbey and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Section 5307 Formula Fund Suballocation

Mr. De Jesus explained that as the subrecipient of FTA Section 5307 formula funds for the Burlington – Graham Urbanized Area, the MPO has the responsibility to develop the methodology to suballocate FFY25 federal funds among its five regional transit operators in accordance with the adopted MPO Transit Allocation Plan and “Split Letter” schedule. Mr. De Jesus provided the rough estimate of the partial suballocation percentages, cautioning that is subject to change once all the transit data and allocation gets accounted. Mr. Scott Rhine made the motion to table apportionment until the full apportionment is released. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peter Murphy and approved by unanimous voice vote.

BGMPO FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) adoption

Mr. De Jesus an overview of the revisions made since the Draft FY26 UPWP release for public review and comments. The Draft UPWP was revised to include the current planning initiative changes and Section 5303 and 5307 Transit Planning Funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as a federally required document that outlines all major transportation planning and related activities within the BGMPO planning area for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). While it is the mission of the BGMPO to complete work tasks within a fiscal year, projects may span fiscal years and therefore carried forward until completed. The BGMPO will receive a PL104 planning grant in amount of \$332,875 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) administered by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). In addition to funding MPO operations, the use of FY26 PL104 grant funds will include two special studies, Saxapawhaw Transportation Area Plan and the BGMPO Resiliency Plan. Ms. Jamie Lawson made the motion to certify the UPWP adheres to the 3-C transportation planning process, to approve the final FY26 UPWP and to recommend the TAC approval by resolution. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ashley Ownbey and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Title VI Plan Review

Ms. Wannetta Mallette presented updates to the BGMPO Title VI Plan. The Office of Civil Rights requested MPOs update Title VI Plans to be in compliance with current federal and state guidelines. The plan was updated with latest census data. Mr. Scott Rhine made the motion to approve and to recommend the TAC approval of the Title VI Plan release. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lori Oakley and approved by unanimous voice vote.

BGMPO P7.0 Prioritization Update and Draft 2026 - 2035 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Review

Mr. De Jesus updated the members on the latest information regarding P7.0 Prioritization. NCDOT's STIP Unit released a memo with no new projects funded in the Division Needs category within our Division. They also released the 2026 – 2035 Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and are taking public comments through April 4, 2025, before final approval by the N.C. Board of Transportation on May. Mr. De Jesus shared the draft STIP portion within the BGMPO (TIP) and a table comparison between the current 2024-2033 STIP to the draft 2026-2035 STIP. Mr. De Jesus explained that the item will return for approval later in the year. No action was taken.

Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan Overview

Chair Trivedi, from Orange County Transit, presented an overview of the Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan's background, planning process and recommendations. The recommendations applied to projects specific to Orange County's Unincorporated areas and not in Town Limits. He acknowledged that the top 10 out of 220 Orange County specific projects includes Safe Routes to School and Short-Range Transit Plan. Ms. Ashley Ownbey made the motion to approve and to recommend the TAC approval of the Transportation Multimodal Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lori Oakley and approved by unanimous voice vote.

AGENCY UPDATES

FHWA: representative was not present nor provided updates.

NCDOT Division 7: representatives were not presented but provided the March 2025 Division 7 Engineer Report.

NCDOT TPD: Mr. Andy Bailey referred the TCC to TPD's January newsletter in the agenda packets and provided updates about ongoing initiatives.

NCDOT IMD: representative was not present nor provided updates.

Transit Agency Updates: Peter Murphy, from ACTA, and Scott Rhine, from PART, were present and provided updates.

MPO Updates: Mr. De Jesus encouraged members to advertise the 2050 MTP public workshop and plans website on their social media platforms. He presented the timeline for project submittal for P8.0 STI Cycle and remind the members to submit the projects by May 23rd in order to be screened by the BGMPO. Mr. De Jesus remind the members about the changes to the submittal procedure now requires an approval from the respective boards in order to be considered by the MPO. He also shared details about the upcoming NCAMPO Conference in April and encouraged members to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Trivedi thanked the TCC for its participation and adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m. The next TCC meeting was scheduled on **May 20, 2025**.