

MEETING MINUTES

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025
MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
425 S. LEXINGTON AVENUE
BURLINGTON, NC 27215**

PRESENT

Nishith Trivedi, Orange County (Chair)
Scott Rhine, PART
Mark Kirstner, PART
Jamie Lawson, Burlington
Brandon Parker, Gibsonville
Matthew Hoagland, Alamance County
Paul Black, GoTriangle
Lori Oakley, Elon
Peter Murphy, ACTA
Darlene Weaver, Orange County
Aaron Carter, Alamance County
Ashley Ownbey, Mebane
Richard White, Mebane
Preston Mitchell, Mebane
Karen Horne, Whitsett
John Andoh, Link Transit

NCDOT STAFF

Nishant Shah, Division 7
Chad Reimakoski, Division 7
Andy Bailey, TPD
Rupal Desai, TPD

BGMPO STAFF

Eliud De Jesus

Call to Order

Chair Nishith Trivedi welcomed all members and guests and called the August 19, 2025, TCC meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Mr. Eliud De Jesus conducted the membership roll call and established a quorum. Chair Trivedi requested any changes to the agenda and public comments. Mr. De Jesus requested to table item five regarding transit 5307. Mr. Mark Kirstner made the motion to approve the modified agenda, seconded by John Andoh. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. Chair Trivedi then requested a motion to approve May 20 and June 12, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Matthew Hoagland made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Ashley Ownbey. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

BGMPO Functional Classification Decennial Review

Mr. De Jesus introduced Ms. Rupal Desai, from NCDOT TPD, provided a presentation on the Functional Classification Decennial Review, the proposed changes for the MPO, including the list of changes and associated maps. Functional classification is a federally required process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes, according to the character of service they are intended to provide. BGMPO must approve the proposed functional classification changes within its planning area prior to being submitted to FHWA for its review. More information can be found through the following link: [Highway Functional Classification](#).

SPOT 8.0 Project Candidate List Approval

Mr. De Jesus provided an overview of the SPOT 8.0 funding cycle. He reported that the Burlington-Graham MPO is located within Region D, which includes Divisions 7 and 9, with a current regional allocation of approximately \$319 million and \$77 million for Division 7. This represents a decrease from the previous cycle.

Mr. De Jesus reviewed the draft list of top thirteen candidate highway projects, along with bicycle, pedestrian, and rail project lists. Staff requested authority to accept additional aviation, rail, or transit projects on a first-come basis through September 30, 2025, substitute projects if higher priority items are advanced by another jurisdiction and adjust project details with jurisdictional concurrence.

Members discussed clarifying the second provision to ensure substitutions follow the established project ranking rather than jurisdictional discretion. Chair Trivedi and Ms. Ownbey agreed with the clarification.

BGMPO requested the review and approval of projects listed for submittal with the following caveats: Staff requests the ability to accept additional aviation, rail, and transit projects on a first-come, first-served basis until the end of the submission window, which is currently set for September. They also seek flexibility to submit highway, bike, and pedestrian projects beyond the top priority list if one or more of the current projects are submitted by Division 7 or another Planning Organization. Additionally, staff requests the ability to modify project details as long as the changes are supported by the member jurisdiction and remain within the corridor or area listed. A motion to approve the Draft SPOT 8.0 Project Candidate List with the stated caveats and priority clarification was made by Ashley Ownbey and seconded by Karen Horne. The motion carried unanimously.

Triangle Region Air Quality Conformity

Mr. De Jesus presented the Triangle Region Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQ CDR). The purpose of the AQ CDR is to document that the 2026-2035 TIP meets federal transportation conformity requirements in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93. Although the Triangle area meets current emission requirements, the area is in a maintenance program for ozone and therefore must demonstrate conformity for nitrous oxides, which are precursors to ground level ozone. This is a requirement for the Triangle Region area which includes the Orange County area of the BGMPO only. At the last meeting, Ms. Ashley Ownbey made the motion for approval, a motion seconded by Mr. Peter Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendment (MTIP)

Mr. De Jesus reviewed proposed amendments to the 2024–2033 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the BGMPO TIP. Amendments included the addition of project M-0570 for multimodal planning and adjustments to local operating and capital projects as requested by North Carolina Division of Transportation. Chair Trivedi requested a motion to approve. A motion to approve the amendments and recommend MTIP adoption by resolution was made by Matthew Hoagland and seconded by Mark Kirstner. The motion carried unanimously.

<i>STIP-ID</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Category</i>	<i>Funding Year</i>	<i>Cost</i>
STATEWIDE PROJECTS				
STIP ADDITIONS				
* M-0570	VARIOUS, FUNDING FOR MULTI-MODAL PLANNING. ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND PROGRAM SUPPORTS.			
STIP MODIFICATIONS				
* C-5702E	NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CENTER, SYSTEMWIDE, CONDUCT EMISSIONS-REDUCING SUB-AWARDS IN ALL CMAQ-ELIGIBLE COUNTIES. ADD FUNDING IN FY 26 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED AT THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT.	IMPLEMENTATION	FY 2026 FY 2026 Total	\$2,000,000 (CMAQ) <u>\$500,000 (L(M))</u> \$2,500,000
HO-0024	STATEWIDE. IMPROVE 1000 ISOLATED CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEM SIGNALS. DELAY IMPLEMENTATION FROM FY 25 TO FY 26 AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION. DP REPRESENTS FEDERAL ATTAIN GRANT.	IMPLEMENTATION	FY 2026 FY 2026 FY 2026 FY 2027 FY 2027 FY 2027 FY 2027 FY 2028 FY 2028 FY 2028 FY 2029 FY 2029 FY 2029 Total	\$2,965,000 (DP) \$250,000 (O(M)) \$741,000 (HF(M)) \$3,021,000 (DP) \$250,000 (O(M)) \$755,000 (HF(M)) \$3,060,000 (DP) \$250,000 (O(M)) \$765,000 (HF(M)) \$2,900,000 (DP) \$250,000 (O(M)) <u>\$725,000 (HF(M))</u> \$15,932,000
* R-5753	FEDERAL LANDS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (FLTP) AND EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR FEDERALLY OWNED ROADS (ERFO). ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES THAT ARE OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT PROVIDE ACCESS TO FEDERAL LANDS. COST INCREASE EXCEEDING \$2 MILLION AND 25% THRESHOLDS.	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025 FY 2025 FY 2026 FY 2027 FY 2027 FY 2027 FY 2028 FY 2028 FY 2028 FY 2029 Total	\$43,876,00 (ERFO) \$10,882,000 (FLTP) \$12,340,000. (FLTP) \$9,408,000 (ERFO) \$20,580,000 (FLTP) \$59,584,00 (O) \$53,267,000 (ERFO) \$13,844,000 (FLTP) \$40,000,000 (O) <u>\$6,000,000. (FLTP)</u> \$269,781,000
BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA MPO PROJECTS				
STIP ADDITIONS				
TM-0069	BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA GOTRIANGLE. SYSTEMWIDE. OPERATING ASSISTANCE. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.	OPERATIONS	FY 2026 FY 2026 Total	\$295,450 (5307) <u>\$73,862 (L)</u> \$369,312

STIP MODIFICATIONS

TO-5220	ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM- WIDE OPERATING ASSISTANCE AND PURCHASE OF EV CHARGING STATIONS..	CAPITAL	FY 2026	\$408, 055	(5307)
	MODIFY FUNDING YEAR, ACTIVITY AND DESCRIPTION AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.		FY 2026	<u>\$408,055</u>	<u>(L(M))</u>
			Total	\$816,110	

BGMPO 2026 - 2035 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adoption

Mr. De Jesus presented the final 2026–2035 Transportation Improvement Program for adoption. He stated that the document reflects projects previously reviewed by the TCC and contains no substantive changes. The TIP is a living document that may be amended as needed. A motion to recommend TCC adoption was made by Ashley Ownbey and seconded by Matthew Hoagland. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY UPDATES

NCDOT Division 7 Engineer Report: Mr. Chad Reimakoski provided an update on active projects. Updates were included in the packet on pages 134-138. Public input for the 2026–2035 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update: In 2025, the program received an award for Long-Range Transportation. TPD received the 2025 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). This was a joint award recognizing the strong partnership and delivery of Regional Comprehensive Transportation Plans for the Foothills Rural Planning Organization (RPO) and Northwest Piedmont RPO.

Transit Agency Updates: ACTA shared updates about their Micro Transit Grant. They use ECOLane Software. ACTA shared that services to Graham and Haw River will start on *October 1*.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Trivedi thanked the TCC for its participation and adjourned the meeting. The next TCC meeting was scheduled for **October 21, 2025**.