

MEETING MINUTES

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
425 S. LEXINGTON AVENUE
BURLINGTON, NC 27215**

PRESENT

Ricky Hall, Graham
Bryan Crisp, Gibsonville
Montrena Hadley, Mebane
Monti Allison, Elon
Jim Butler, Burlington
Jamezetta Bedford, Orange County
Steve Carter, Alamance County
Lisa Mathis, NCDOT Board of Transportation

BGMPO STAFF

Eliud De Jesus
Wannetta Mallette

NCDOT STAFF

Andy Bailey, TPD

OTHERS/GUESTS

Scott Rhine, PART
Bobby Chin, Graham
Peter Murphy, ACTA
Jaime Lawson, Burlington
Nishith Trivedi, Orange County
John Andoh, Link Transit

Call to Order

Vice Chair Ricky Hall welcomed all members and guests and called the March 18, 2025, TAC meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Mr. Eliud De Jesus conducted the membership roll call and established a quorum. Vice Chair Hall requested any changes to the agenda and public comments. Mr. De Jesus recommended to table item 6 regarding the Section 5307 as the TCC voted to table the item. Mr. Ricky Hall made the motion to table item 6 regarding the Section 5307, seconded by Mr. Steve Carter. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No other changes to the agenda were made and there were no public comments. Chair Williams then requested a motion to approve the January 21, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Monti Allison made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Jim Butler. 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 TAC and public throughout the planning process and assisting the MPO to distribute information. No other action was taken.

BGMPO TIP Amendments

Mr. De Jesus requested TAC 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</i>	<i>FY 2025</i>	<i>\$5,100,000 (T)</i>
			<i>FY 2025</i>	<i>\$2,500,000 (T)</i>
		<i>UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION</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>

Mr. De Jesus concluded his remarks by recommending TAC approval of the March TIP amendments by resolution. There being no further questions, Mr. Butler made the motion to approve the March TIP amendments by resolution, seconded by Ms. Montrena Hadley. The motion carried by unanimous 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. Ricky Hall made the motion to approve the FY25 Amendment Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) by resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Carter 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. Mr. Ricky Hall made the motion to certify the UPWP adheres to the 3-C transportation planning process and to approve the final FY26 UPWP by resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Carter 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. Jim Butler made the motion to approve the release of the Title VI Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ricky Hall 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

Mr. 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. Mr. Ricky Hall made the motion to approve the Transportation Multimodal Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Montrena Hadley 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 TAC to TPD's January newsletter in the agenda packets and provided updates about ongoing initiatives.

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

MPO Updates: Mr. De Jesus reminded the members of the Ethics compliance deadline on April 15. 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.

TAC Meeting Time Change

Eliud De Jesus shared the results of the second survey. Mr. Allison asked what prompted the search for alternative dates. Mr. De Jesus explained that the TAC meeting conflicts with the members from Burlington's City Council meeting at 7 pm. Mr. Allison stated that he does not have any issues with changing the meeting to 5:00 pm. Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt the TAC meeting time change to 5 pm, seconded by Mr. Steve Carter. The motion was carried unanimously by roll vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Hall thanked the TAC for its participation. Mr. Hall made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Carter. The Vice Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm. The next TAC meeting was scheduled for **May 20, 2025**.