

## MEETING MINUTES

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM  
425 S. LEXINGTON AVENUE  
BURLINGTON, NC 27215**

### PRESENT

Leonard Williams, Gibsonville  
Montrena Hadley, Mebane  
Monti Allison, Elon  
Ricky Hall, Graham  
Jim Butler, Burlington  
Jamezetta Bedford, Orange County  
Karen Horn, Whitsett

NCDOT STAFF  
Stephen Robinson, Division 7  
Pamela Cook, TPD

FHWA STAFF  
Nick Morrison

BGMPO STAFF  
Eliud De Jesus  
Wannetta Mallette

### OTHERS/GUESTS

Scott Rhine, PART  
Bobby Chin, Graham  
Peter Murphy, ACTA  
Jaime Lawson, Burlington

### Call to Order

Chair Leonard Williams welcomed all members and guests and called the January 21, 2025, TAC meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Mr. Eliud De Jesus Santana conducted the membership roll call and established a quorum. Chair Williams requested any changes to the agenda and public comments. No changes to the agenda were made and there were no public comments. Chair Williams then requested a motion to approve the October 15, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Jim Bulter. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### 2025 Election of TAC Officers

Mr. De Jesus Santana announced that per the BGMPO bylaws, TAC Chair and Vice Chair elections are held during the first meeting of each calendar year. All voting members of the TAC are eligible to hold the elected positions for a one-year term. Mr. De Jesus Santana said he received one nomination for TAC Chair, Mr. Bob Ward, during the nominating period and that nominations would also be accepted from the floor. Mr. Ward was absent from the meeting due to illness. Mr. Bulter reiterated Mr. Ward's willingness to serve and expressed his support for nominating Mr. Ward as he has served as TAC Vice Chair for several years. Mr. Bulter then nominated Mr. Ward for TAC Chair and Chair Williams seconded the motion and called for the vote. The TAC elected Mr. Bob Ward for 2025 TAC Chair by unanimous voice vote. Chair Williams then opened the floor to nominations for the position of TAC Vice Chair. He said as per TAC protocol, the newly elected Vice Chair would conduct the remainder of the meeting in the absence of the Chair. Mr. Monti Allison nominated Mr. Ricky Hall, seconded by Mr. Bulter. Chair Williams closed nominations, and the TAC elected Mr. Ricky Hall as the 2025 TAC Vice Chair by unanimous voice vote.

## **2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update**

Mr. De Jesus Santana 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.

Mr. Whitehurst introduced himself and said the purpose of the 2050 MTP update was to assess regional multimodal transportation needs, establish a project prioritization process and apply fiscal constraint. 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. He said that fortunately, the previous 2045 BGMPO MTP planning effort provided a substantial amount of quality data to build upon. Mr. Whitehurst reviewed the project schedule and plan outline and the process for updating plan sections related 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Public engagement will initiate in February with an online survey and interactive project website to capture community priorities. The consultant also plans to engage stakeholders and Steering Committee members in the planning process and actively engage with the TCC and TAC. The next steps include launching the online survey and creating public engagement content to flood the airways in March and April. Mr. Bulter asked for Mr. Whitehurst's contact information and if the term "multimodal" includes rail. Mr. Whitehurst responded that all modes of transportation will be analyzed including freight and passenger rail and that media packets would be distributed to all TAC members. Mr. De Jesus Santana added the importance of engaging the public throughout the planning process. There were no further questions or comments.

## **Adoption of 2025 TAC Meeting Calendar**

Vice Chair Hall said the next order of business was to adopt the 2025 TAC meeting calendar. Mr. De Jesus Santana presented the draft 2025 meeting calendar that was included in the TAC agenda packets. He explained all 2025 meetings will be in-person subject to change in accordance with the Public Involvement Plan. Meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. during the months of January, March, May, June, August, and October. A June meeting date was included for consideration adopting the 2050 MTP. Mr. De Jesus Santana also explained that he created a survey for TAC members to select alternative meetings dates and times and received six responses. Five members voted to keep the meeting dates and times as is. One voted to change the meeting time from 5:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Bulter requested resending the survey to clarify the timing options and also requested the 2050 MTP final draft document completion by the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow time for sufficient review and comments (if any) to be incorporated in the final document. Mr. Whitehurst responded that Kimley-Horn should be able to meet the May deadline as the TCC and TAC will be reviewing draft sections periodically. He expects to provide the TAC with a substantial progress update at the March meeting. Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt the TAC 2025 Meeting Calendar, seconded by Ms. Jamezetta Bedford. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

## **BGMPO TIP Amendments**

Mr. De Jesus requested TAC members refer to the TIP amendments included in the agenda packets. He explained that FHWA now requires NCDOT to better clarify how transportation project funding is reported. He presented the most recent TIP amendments for approval consideration:

### ***STATEWIDE PROJECTS***

STIP ADDITIONS

* BO-2424	VARIOUS, INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COORDINATION ACTIVITIES. <b>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES.</b>	ENGINEERING	FY 2025	\$367,000	(CMAQ)
			FY 2026	\$367,000	(CMAQ)
			FY 2027	\$366,000	(CMAQ)
			<b>Total</b>	\$1,100,000	
* HN-0037	STATEWIDE, DEVELOP CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY AND EMISSIONS TOOL. <b>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES.</b>	IMPLEMENTATION	FY 2025	\$250,000	(CRPANY)
			<b>Total</b>	\$250,000	
* HO-0024	STATEWIDE, IMPROVE 1000 ISOLATED CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEM SIGNALS. <b>ADD PROJECT DUE TO AWARD OF FEDERAL GRANT. DP FUNDS REPRESENT FEDERAL ATTAIN GRANT.</b>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025	\$2,965,000.	(DP)
			FY 2025	\$991,000.	(HF(M))
			FY 2026	\$3,021,000.	(DP)
			FY 2026	\$1,005,000	(HF(M))
			FY 2027	\$3,060,000	(DP)
			FY 2027	\$1,015,000	(HF(M))
			FY 2028	\$2,990,000	(DP)
			FY 2028	\$975,000.	(HF(M))
			<b>Total</b>	\$16,022,000	
* M-0531DIV	VARIOUS, TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS, TRAINING, AND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCU) AND MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS (MSI). <b>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING.</b>	IMPLEMENTATION	FY 2025	\$420,000	(BGANY)
			FY 2026	\$420,000	(BGANY)
			<b>Total</b>	\$840,000	
* M-0531REG	VARIOUS, TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS, TRAINING, AND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCU) AND MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS (MSI). <b>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING.</b>	IMPLEMENTATION	FY 2025	\$420,000	(BGANY)
			FY 2026	\$420,000	(BGANY)
			<b>Total</b>	\$840,000	
* M-0531SW	VARIOUS, TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS, TRAINING, AND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCU) AND MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS (MSI). <b>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING.</b>	IMPLEMENTATION	FY 2025	\$560,000	(BGANY)
			FY 2026	\$560,000	(BGANY)
			<b>Total</b>	\$1,120,000	
STIP MODIFICATIONS					
TO-0004	STATEWIDE, SYSTEM SAFETY OVERSIGHT GRANT FOR NCDOT RAIL DIVISION. <b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025	\$500,000	(S)
			FY 2025	\$1,810,000	(SSO)
			FY 2026	\$500,000	(S)
			FY 2026	\$1,000,000	(SSO)
			<b>Total</b>	\$3,810,000	
* 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. <b>COST INCREASE EXCEEDING \$2 MILLION AND 25% THRESHOLDS.</b>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025	\$677,00	(ERFO)
			FY 2025	\$11,500,000	(FLTP)
			FY 2026	\$12,791,000.	(FLTP)
			FY 2027	\$5,992,000	(ERFO)
			FY 2027	\$21,059,000	(FLTP)
			FY 2028	\$8,500,000.	(FLTP)
			<b>Total</b>	\$58,519,000	
TA-6665	STATEWIDE, 5311 CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR RURAL AREAS <b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>	CAPITAL	FY 2025	\$10,000,000	(S)
			FY 2025	\$10,000,000	(L)
			FY 2025	\$42,000,000	(5311)
			<b>Total</b>	\$62,000,000	
TC-0008	STATEWIDE, 5339(b) DISCRETIONARY GRANT FOR FACILITY CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025	\$100,000	(L)
			FY 2025	\$400,000.	(5339)
			<b>Total</b>	\$500,000	

	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>				
TC-0010	STATEWIDE, 5339(b) DISCRETIONARY GRANT FOR FACILITY CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025	\$1,400,000	(L)
			FY 2025	<u>\$4,200,000.</u>	<u>(5339)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	\$5,600,000	
TC-0018	NCDOT, 5310 CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR RURAL AND URBAN AREAS.	CAPITAL	FY 2025	\$5,000,000	(S)
			FY 2025	\$5,000,000	(L)
			FY 2025	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>(5310)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	\$20,000,000	
TC-0021	NCDOT, 5339 STATEWIDE RURAL	CAPITAL	FY 2025	\$7,000,000	(S)
	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>		FY 2025	\$7,000,000	(L)
			FY 2025	<u>\$13,000,000</u>	<u>(5339)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	\$27,000,000	
TM-0023	NCDOT, INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION STATE ADMINISTRATION FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE IMD WITH PROVIDING SUBRECIPIENT MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS AND PLANS FOR SMALL URBAN AND RURAL AREAS (5310 ADMIN/OPERATING/CAPITAL PURCHASE SERVICE)	ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 2025	<u>\$6,000,000.</u>	<u>(5310)</u>
	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>		<b>Total</b>	\$6,000,000	
TM-0027	NCDOT, 5311 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS FOR FTA GRANTS	ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 2025	\$7,000,000	(S)
	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>		FY 2025	\$7,000,000	(L)
			FY 2025	<u>\$28,000,000</u>	<u>(5311)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	\$42,000,000	
TM-0028	NCDOT, 5311 OPERATING FUNDS FOR FTA GRANTS	OPERATIONS	FY 2025	\$5,000,000	(L)
	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>		FY 2025	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>(5311)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	\$15,000,000	
TM-0029	NCDOT, 5311 STATE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS FOR FTA GRANTS	ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 2025	<u>\$7,000,000.</u>	<u>(5311)</u>
	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>		<b>Total</b>	\$7,000,000	
TM-0031	NCDOT, RTAP STATEWIDE FUNDS FOR FTA GRANTS	ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 2025	\$700,000	(S)
	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>		FY 2025	<u>\$1,400,000.</u>	<u>(RTAP)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	\$1,400,000	
TM-0032	NCDOT, 5311(F) INTERCITY BUS FUNDS FOR FTA GRANTS	OPERATIONS	FY 2025	\$10,000,000	(S)
	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>		FY 2025	\$30,000,000	(L)
			FY 2025	<u>\$30,000,000</u>	<u>(5339)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	\$70,000,000	
TO-0004	STATEWIDE, SYSTEM SAFETY OVERSIGHT GRANT FOR NCDOT RAIL DIVISION.	CAPITAL	FY 2025	\$800,000	(S)
	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>		FY 2025	\$2,200,000	(SSO)
			FY 2026	\$500,000	(S)
			FY 2026	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>(SSO)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	\$4,500,000	
TQ-6954	STATEWIDE, 5310 OPERATING PROJECTS FOR RURAL AREAS	OPERATIONS	FY 2025	\$7,000,000	(S)
	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>		FY 2025	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>(5310)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	\$17,000,000	
TU-0011	NCDOT, NCDOT-IMD SECTION 5304 PROGRAM FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION URBAN TRANSIT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.	PLANNING	FY 2025	\$3,000,000	(S)
	<b>MODIFY FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</b>		FY 2025	\$3,000,000	(L)
			FY 2025	<u>\$8,000,000</u>	<u>(5339)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	\$14,000,000	

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA MPO PROJECTS**

STIP MODIFICATIONS

TG-0012	PIEDMONT AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION, ROUTINE CAPITAL /	CAPITAL	FY 2025	\$94,000	(L)
			FY 2025	\$378,000	(5307)

	<i>PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, PASSENGER AMENITIES, MOBILITY MANAGEMENT.</i>		FY 2026	\$94,000	(L)
	<i>ADD FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.</i>		FY 2026	\$378,000	(5307)
			FY 2027	\$94,000	(L)
			FY 2027	\$378,000	(5307)
			FY 2028	\$94,000	(L)
			FY 2028	<u>\$378,000</u>	<u>(5307)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,888,000</b>	
TO-5134	<i>PIEDMONT AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION, OPERATING.</i>	<i>OPERATIONS</i>	FY 2025	\$200,000	(L)
	<i>ADD FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.</i>		FY 2025	\$200,000	(5307)
			FY 2026	\$200,000	(L)
			FY 2026	\$200,000	(5307)
			FY 2027	\$200,000	(L)
			FY 2027	\$200,000	(5307)
			FY 2028	\$200,000	(L)
			FY 2028	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>(5307)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>	
U-6014	<i>SR 1716 (GRAHAM-HOPEDALE ROAD), SR 1720 (WEST HANOVER ROAD) TO MORNINGSIDE DRIVE IN BURLINGTON. WIDEN TO A THREE LANE FACILITY WITH BIKE-PED ACCOMODATIONS.</i>	<i>RIGHT -OF-WAY</i>	FY 2025	\$686,000	(T)
	<i>TO REFLECT LATEST DELIVERY SCHEDULE, DELAY UTILITIES FROM FY 24 TO FY 25.</i>	<i>UTILITIES</i>	FY 2025	\$457,000	(T)
		<i>CONSTRUCTION</i>	FY 2026	\$150,000	(T)
			FY 2026	\$150,000	(T)
			FY 2027	\$600,000	(T)
			FY 2027	\$600,000	(T)
			FY 2028	\$191,000	(T)
			FY 2028	\$10,123,000	(T)
			FY 2029	\$5,921,000	(T)
			FY 2030	<u>\$2,865,000</u>	<u>(T)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>	
* EB-5879	<i>US 70 (NORTH CHURCH STREET), SR 1716 (GRAHAM-HOPEDALE ROAD) TO SR 1719 (SELLARS MILL ROAD) IN BURLINGTON, CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK.</i>	<i>RIGHT -OF-WAY</i>	FY 2025	\$2,640,000	(TA50200)
	<i>ADD UTILITIES IN FY 25 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED. COST INCREASE EXCEEDING \$2 MILLION AND 25% THRESHOLDS.</i>	<i>UTILITIES</i>	FY 2025	\$660,000	(L(M))
		<i>CONSTRUCTION</i>	FY 2025	\$760,000	(TA50200)
			FY 2025	\$190,000	(L(M))
			FY 2025	\$744,000	(TA50200)
			FY 2025	<u>\$186,000</u>	<u>(L(M))</u>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,180,000</b>	
* EB-5885	<i>US 70 (NORTH CHURCH STREET), BEAUMONT AVENUE TO SR 1716 (GRAHAM-HOPEDALE ROAD) IN BURLINGTON. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK.</i>	<i>RIGHT -OF-WAY</i>	FY 2025	\$24,000	(TA50200)
	<i>ADD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITIES IN FY 25 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED. TO REFLECT THE LATEST DELIVERY SCHEDULE, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 25 TO FY 26.</i>	<i>UTILITIES</i>	FY 2025	\$6,000	(L)
		<i>CONSTRUCTION</i>	FY 2025	\$600,000	(TA50200)
			FY 2025	\$150,000	(L)
			FY 2026	\$552,000	(TA50200)
			FY 2026	<u>\$138,000</u>	<u>(L)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,470,000</b>	
* EB-5988	<i>LEE AVENUE, WEST LEBANON AVENUE TO SR 1454 (WEST HAGGARD AVENUE) IN ELON. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK.</i>	<i>RIGHT -OF-WAY</i>	FY 2026	\$32,000	(TA50200)
	<i>ADD UTILITIES IN FY 26 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED.</i>	<i>UTILITIES</i>	FY 2026	\$8,000	(L)
		<i>CONSTRUCTION</i>	FY 2026	\$224,000	(TA50200)
			FY 2026	\$56,000	(L)
			FY 2027	\$248,000	(TA50200)
			FY 2027	<u>\$62,000</u>	<u>(L)</u>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>	

Mr. Allision wanted clarification of the utility funding for EB-5988, Lee Avenue. Mr. De Jesus explained that \$56K is local funding. Mr. De Jesus Santana concluded his remarks by saying staff and TCC recommend TAC approval of the January TIP amendments by resolution. There being no further questions, Mr. Butler made the motion to approve the January TIP amendments by resolution, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Endorsement of 2025 MPO Safety Performance Targets**

Mr. De Jesus Santana presented the BGMPO 2025 state safety performance targets. He explained that the targets are established annually, are based on five-year rolling averages, for each of the five metrics and reflect the 2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) goal to reduce fatalities and

serious injuries by half by 2035, moving towards zero by 2050. The MPO is required to set and show demonstrable progress towards meeting the performance targets and reflect these targets in their MTPs and MPO Planning Agreements with transit agencies, DOTs and planning partners. MPO's have until February 27, 2025, to endorse NCDOT's safety targets or commit to developing its own quantifiable performance measures with a methodology consistent with Federal reporting requirements. Staff and the TCC recommended TAC approval by endorsing NCDOT's safety targets (for each of the five measures) for 2025 by resolution. As there were not questions, Vice Chair Hall made the motion to approve. Ms. Bedford seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **BGMPO Draft FY26 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. De Jesus Santana presented the draft 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. The UPWP will also include Section 5303 and 5307 Transit Planning Funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Those amounts are undetermined at this time. Staff and the TCC recommended the TAC release the draft FY26 UPWP for a 30-day public review period.

### **BGMPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Adjustments**

Mr. De Jesus Santana explained that an adjustment was needed to the BGMPO planning boundary area to include two small areas in the smoothed boundary to maintain compliance with NCDOT and FHWA. The small areas were added to adjacent MPOs, Greensboro and DCHC MPO boundaries to avoid gaps between shared smoothed boundaries. Mr. Cook census boundary to smooth FHWA 1 to 5000 sq fot scale. Minor coorections does not change planning area boundary. Informaiton only.

### **Section 5307 Formula Fund Suballocation**

Mr. De Jesus Santana 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 FFY26 federal funds among its five regional transit operators in accordance with the adopted MPO Transit Allocation Plan and “Split Letter” schedule. Transit agencies must provide their respective non-federal match. MPO staff worked with the BGMPO Transit Subcommittee and Nelson/Nygaard in the past to develop the suballocation formula and will continue to work the the Transit Committee to update the schedule based on recent changes to systemwide operations. The final suballocation percentages will be presented at the March meeting. Mr. Scott Rhine clarified that the FFY26 apportionments will not be released until October 1, 2025, and the FFY25 apportionments were released October 2024. There were not further questions or comments.

### **AGENCY UPDATES**

*FHWA:* Nick Morrison announced two recent NCDOT grant awards - \$25 million for wildlife fencing and funding from the Highway Use Tax Evasion program – and the upcoming RAISE, January 30<sup>th</sup> and PROTECT, February 24<sup>th</sup> grant deadlines.

*NCDOT Division 7:* Mr. Stephen Robinson presented the January 2025 Division 7 Engineer Report. I-40 @ Trollingwood project is utilizing the alternate delivery method and the first work package for structural components is expected to be let in February. US 70 @ Huffman Mill intersection improvement bids were rejected as bids exceed \$5 million and NCDOT Headquarters will let the project in late Spring.

*NCDOT TPD:* Ms. Cook referred the TAC to TPD's January newsletter in the agenda packets and highlighted the link to the interactive traffic forecasting data map and recent developments under NCDOT's drone program. She announced the 2026 Traffic Safety Conference to be held in Winston Salem. Round II of the NEV Charging Station grant applications has started and the grant cycle for IMD's children bicycle helmet program. Mr. Alex Rotenberry is now working in NCDOT's Aviation Division.

Mr. Hall asked how President's Trump Executive Order eliminating or reducing the use of electric vehicles affect NCDOT operations. Mr. Bobby Chin referred members to the section related directly to elect vehicles. Mr. Morrison responded that FHWA and NCDOT are operating under current guidance.

*Transit Agency Updates:* Mr. Peter Murphy reported the ACTA Southern Alamance route is experiencing steady ridership. ACTA is reviewing bids for micotransit software upgrade. Mr. Rhine reported an increase in PART Route 4 ridership and the need to coordinate area route system changes. PART has a new vanpool from Alamance County to Chapel Hill.

*MPO Updates:* Mr. De Jesus Santana announced the MPO was accepting applications for the 2025 Vision Zero Leadership Institute. He encouraged members to advertise the 2050 MTP public events and surveys on their social media platforms. Ms. Montrena Hadley received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Williams will be recognized for his years of public service during a retirement lunch and dinner on January 25<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged TAC members to complete their ethics form filing by the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mr. Hall requested resending the link to file.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Hall thanked the TAC for its participation. Mr. Allison made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm. The next TAC meeting was scheduled on **March 18, 2025**.