



Minutes of September 8, 2023
 CAMPO Host
 In-Person and Virtual

AFTERNOON SESSION – QUARTERLY MEETING (1:00 PM)

Attendees:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Alena Cook	NCDOT	Jordan Reedy	Rocky Mount MPO
Alex Rickard	CAMPO	Joseph Geigle	FHWA
Andrew Edmonds	HPMPO	Julio Paredes	GCLMPO
Arthur Cashwell	GCLMPO	Karyl Fuller	TARPO
Austin Chamberlain	NCDOT-SPOT	Kelly Garvin	WSMPO
Averi Ritchie	GHMPO	Kelvin Raiford	FAMPO
Beau Mills	Metro Mayors	Lashonda Cherry-Crawford	FAMPO
Bill Marley	FHWA	Leonard White	NCDOT
Bill McDow	WMPO	Linda Rideout	Rocky Mount MPO
Brian Elgort	CRTPO	Luther Langley	FAMPO
Brian Wert	NCDOT-SPOT	Mark Eatman	NCDOT
Chris Lukasina	CAMPO	Mike Bruff	CAMPO
Colleen McGue	DCHCMPO	Mike Kozlosky	WMPO
Curtis Bridges	CRTPO	Nastasha Earle-Young	NCDOT
Daryl Vreeland	NCDOT-TPD	Neil Burke	CRTPO
David Wasserman	NCDOT-STIP Unit	Paula Hemmer	NCDOT
Deanna Trebil	New Bern MPO	Phil Conrad	CRMPO
Deloma Graham	FAMPO	Randi Gates	GCLMPO
Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO	Sam Singleton	Mid-East RPO
Eliud De Jesus	Greenville MPO	Scott Adams	FBRMPO
Felicia McRee	NBMPO	Scott James	WMPO
George Hoops	FHWA	Suzette Morales	FHWA
Hank Graham	FAMPO	Teresa Robinson	NCDOT-STIP Unit
Hannah Bagli	FAMPO	Theo Thompson	CRTPO
Jamal Alavi	NCDOT-TPD	Timothy Shortley	CAMPO
Jason Schronce	NCDOT-STIP Unit	Travis Johnson	CRTPO
Jeff Rashko	Greenville MPO	Tristan Winkler	FBRMPO
		Wannetta Mallette	BGMPO

1. August Redistribution & STIP Manager – David Wasserman gave the following updates:

- August Redistribution is where FHWA redistributes unused OA from federal programs that won't use their OA for that FFY to states that can use it. This occurs each summer.
- Each July, NCDOT submits a request for additional OA so that it can use by September 30th.
- By August 30th, FHWA notifies each state how much additional OA they will receive.
- The key to a larger request is to obligate as much federal funding in each of the different federal funding categories as possible. The biggest challenge is authorizing funds in categories with LAP.
- David reviewed how much additional OA NCDOT has received over the past several years.

- David reviewed the 2024-2033 STIP in Excel (interim format), and noted the need for a new STIP application.
- NCDOT has contracted with PMG (software professionals) to build a new database. PMG's focus is transportation GIS and STIP software. They specialize in developing STIP Managers.
- David demonstrated how the new STIP Manager will operate.
- The new system will allow MPOs to enter and update project data for locally selected projects.
- Phase I is currently underway with an anticipated go-live date in late spring 2024.
- Mike asked when projects get funded and go through design and construction, does the department track this? David responded that yes, that is tracked through the SAP system. Some of this will be linked into the new platform. Major milestones would be included.
- Chris asked if the new system will allow for bulk uploads for TIP amendments. David responded not yet, but that is something they could look at enhancing in Phase II. Item N will still be emailed out.
- There was discussion about what would be helpful for MPOs to be included in the application.
- There was discussion about the redistribution amounts requested. David noted that they can only request funds that can be obligated.
- Chris asked for the list of projects that were submitted to FHWA for the August Distribution and what is the final list of projects that will receive additional funding. David responded that he will work with the fiscal unit to get this and added that this will not impact STI budgets.

2. SPOT Office Update – Brian Wert gave the following updates:

- Ongoing Prioritization Subcommittees (Workgroup Process Improvements, Probe Data, Local Input Points, and Multimodal Criteria) are being formed with a goal to do a deep dive into items that need more time that can be provided during the workgroup cycle. Fountainworks, Geodecisions, and ITRE have been engaged to provide support services.
- Holding Tank and Carryovers – there was an error found with mapping and projects had to be completely remapped to get SPOT Online data. This has been fixed. The SPOT Office will process carryover projects, but MPOs will need to process holding tank projects.

3. 2024 Conference Update – Felicia McRee provided the following updates:

- The 2024 NCAMPO Conference will be held in New Bern April 17-19. A Save the Date email should go out soon.
- Hotel information will be added to the website soon.
- The conference logo has been developed.
- The conference planning committee is working on keynote speakers.
- A call for abstracts will go out in November and the planning committee will need volunteers to review.
- More details will come in December.

4. TPD Topics

- Mark Eatman provided updates on CMAQ and CRP.
 - CMAQ – Applications and awards from March 2023 call have been processed. Mark requested that MPOs send in additional projects as needed.
 - CRP – Most MPOs have identified projects for use of CRP-DA funds. Mark asked the MPOs to continue to include TPD in project selection discussions. NCDOT will have to submit a CRP Strategy Report. The internal draft will be complete by mid-September with a draft report released for comment in mid-October. The report will need to be submitted to FHWA in early November.
- Paula Hemmer presented the following information:
 - NCDOT Truck Parking Study – Explores the causes of unauthorized truck parking, uses Streetlight data to map potential unauthorized truck parking locations, and identifies issues impacting truck parking. A draft white paper is currently under NCDOT review. A one-page infographic will be developed.

- Current State of EVs and Chargers in NC - There was discussion on how to request charging stations. There will be a NC Electrification Workshop and NCDOT will be requesting one (1) representative from the MPOs and one (1) representative from the RPOs.
- Jamal Alavi provided the following updates:
 - Smoothing and/or adjustments to UA boundaries should be approved by NCDOT and FHWA by December 29, 2023.
 - MPOs are required to identify their MPA boundary based on their UA. The MPA requires approval by the MPO and NCDOT. Upon approval of the MPA, the MPO must review and update the MPO membership, MOU and bylaws.
 - For FY 24, invoicing for the PL set aside funds for complete streets must be separate from other invoices.
 - TPD Strategic Plan – development is underway to establish, document, and help communicate TPD’s mission, values, goals and objectives.
 - Chris asked Jamal to compile a list of software they have access to that the MPOs can also use.

5. Metro Mayors Update – Beau Mills gave the following updates:

- The state budget may be voted on next week.
- Senate wants tax cuts and casinos. House doesn’t have support for casinos.
- The House budget includes \$10M for the S-Line Rail.
- The Senate budget includes an increase of EV fees and a \$0.50 Uber fee.
- FY 25 budget will see an increase by \$801M for transportation from the sales tax. 75% will go to STI. This will be an annual allocation.
- Republicans have a super majority in both chambers. The Governor has vetoed 14 bills.
- There are very few transportation issues at this time. Pay attention to HB140 (Civilian Traffic Investigators) and SB512 (changes to how the NCDOT BOT is established).
- Passenger rail is a priority for the Metro Mayors.
- There was some conversation regarding the proposed bill around MPO public engagement that would have required first class mailing, etc.
- There was also some conversation regarding NCDOT vs. MPO public involvement for STIP and TIP amendments. George Hoops will help the MPOs on these requirements.

6. FHWA Update – George Hoops gave the following updates:

- John Sullivan has retired. The new staff person is very familiar with NC.
- Upcoming certification review for FBRRPO.
- The next non-TMA certification review will be for GCLMPO.
- George noted some grants that are available with upcoming deadlines.
- He requested 15 minutes on the December agenda for a presentation on how to spend federal dollars.

7. NCARPO Updates – Sam Singleton provided the following updates:

- A quarterly meeting was held in July. Topics covered included CTP training, P7, CRP, FHWA update, and NCDOT-TPD updates.
- The next meeting will be held October 26-27, 2023.

8. Other Business: none

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Randi Gates, GCLMPO
 NCAMPO Secretary