

# Meeting Agenda

RPO Technical Advisory Committee

August 21st, 2025, at 11:30am – Land of Sky Regional Council and Zoom Platform

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## 1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Ethics Statement

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## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

## 3. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes from May 15, 2025, TAC Meeting

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## 4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS Items

- A. Adoption of the Safe Streets for WNC Plan
- B. DRAFT LOSRPO NCDOT Prioritization 8.0 Project List

VHB Staff  
Vicki Eastland

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

## 6. REGULAR UPDATES

- A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates  
Most Recent Updates <http://landofskyrpo.org/>
- B. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
- C. Staff Updates and Housekeeping

Tim Anderson/Wesley Grindstaff  
(or designee)  
Daniel Sellers, PE  
Vicki Eastland

## 7. ADJOURN LOSRPO MEETING

Kevin Ensley

Upcoming Meeting

**Land of Sky RPO TCC – Meeting on Thursday September 11th, 2025 – 10:00AM LOSRC  
Offices and Zoom**

**Land of Sky RPO TAC – Meeting on Thursday September 18th, 2025 – 11:30 AM Land of  
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## Item 1B: Ethics Statement

### ETHICS AWARENESS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER

(To be read by the Chair or his or her designee at the beginning of each meeting)

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

### Consent Agenda

Adoption of Minutes, from the LOSRPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Hybrid Meeting with the Zoom Platform, May 15, 2025.

### Staff Recommendations:

Recommend RPO TAC approve the consent agenda

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## 4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS

### Item 4A: Adoption of the "Safe Streets for WNC Plan"

#### **What is the Safe Streets for WNC Plan?**

The French Broad River MPO and Land of Sky RPO were awarded funding in 2023 to develop the Safe Streets for WNC (SS4WNC). A safety action plan developed for Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania Counties. The plan kicked off in early 2024. This plan provides the region with detailed information about crashes and safety history and aims to provide strategies and countermeasures to help reduce roadway fatalities and make roadways safer for all users.

#### **How was the Safe Streets for WNC Funded?**

The SS4WNC Safety Action Plan was funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) competitive grant program. The FBRMPO and LOSRPO applied for action plan funding in 2022 and were awarded funds in 2023. Dogwood Health Trust provided the local match for the plan.

#### **What was the process for developing the Safe Streets for WNC Plan?**

The FBRMPO and LOSRPO hired VHB and McAdams to help develop the SS4WNC Safety Action Plan. Staff and the consultant team began meeting with a diverse group of stakeholders to help establish goals and oversee the plan. Data analysis was then done

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to identify safety problems and risks based on past crashes and traffic conditions. The data analysis fed into identifying areas and populations most at risk for different crash types and looking at potential preventive measures. This is also where targeted public engagement happened so the project team could hear from a diverse group of community members. This outreach was achieved through focus groups and public meetings. Strategies were then developed to help target specific crash reduction strategies. The team then developed a countermeasure toolbox that gives communities resources on how to reduce and counter specific crash types. Recommendations were provided for policies, guidelines, and project planning opportunities to support the integration of safety into both short- and long-term improvements.

## **Public Engagement Summary**

Public engagement for the plan included three steering committee meetings with stakeholders from all five counties. Two leadership summits were held, one at the beginning of the plan and one at the end of the planning period. The leadership summits brought together first responders, planners, school staff, elected officials, and other community stakeholders to talk about the plan and get a diverse perspective on safety in the region. Due to Hurricane Helene, the original community outreach events were cancelled but the team was able to combine with community outreach efforts of the FBRMPO's Elevate 2050 MTP plan and the team held joint public meetings in April of

2025. A survey was also conducted at the same time as the public meeting to capture responses from others community members.

## **Staff Recommendations:**

### **Recommend the Adoption of the Safe Streets for WNC Plan**

#### **Item 4B: LOSRPO's Prioritization 8.0 P8.0 DRAFT Project List**

The North Carolina Board of Transportation at their July 2025 meeting adopted the 2026 - 2035 The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is North Carolina's document that reflects planned transportation investments over a ten-year period. The STIP describes each project, has a schedule for implementation, funding sources, and estimated costs.

NCDOT updates the STIP on a two-year cycle based on projects selected for funding from the NCDOT Prioritization process. This is the process in North Carolina that helps determine the majority of transportation improvements across the State. The process is dictated by the [Strategic Transportation Investments Act \(STI\) 2012](#) and is generally designed to be a data-driven, transparent process to determine what transportation projects are funded or not. The adoption of the new STIP triggers the beginning to the next Prioritization cycle, **P8.0**.

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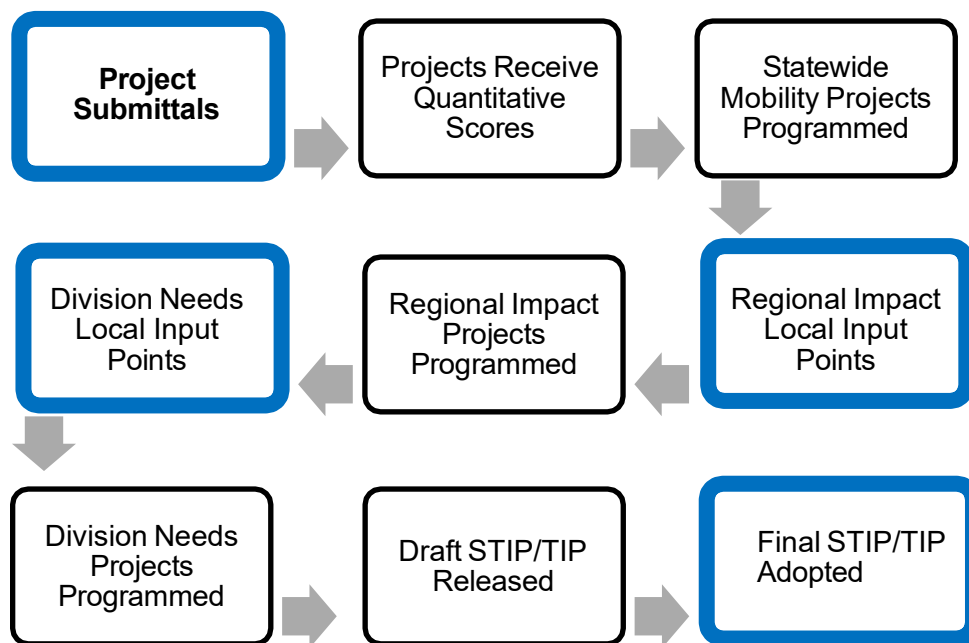
RPO's, MPO's and NCDOT Divisions work with local partners to select projects to be submitted for consideration for funding, (inclusion in the next STIP). Projects from all modes are submitted and will be scored based on the mode, facility type, proposed improvements, and compete for any available funding.

The outcome of Prioritization 8.0, P8.0 will be the 2028 – 2037 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Projects submitted in the Land of Sky RPO planning area can be RPO submittals, LOSRPO has 11 submittal slots for each mode in P 8.0. Division 13 or 14 submittals, each division get 10 submittal slots for each mode in P8.0. And carryover projects, LOSRPO has no carryover projects in P8.0.

There are several steps in the prioritization process. See the illustration below with RPO tasks circled in **BLUE**: We are currently at Step one Project Submittal.

The LOSRPO DRAFT P8.0 Project list will be available for the public to review at <https://landofskyrpo.org/>



Below is the current timeline for P8.0.

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Prioritization Task	Estimated Date
Prioritization Workgroup meets	October 2024 - June, 2025
NC Board of Transportation Adopts Methodology	July, 2025
SPOT Online Go-live Project submittal window opens	July 2025 – September, 2025
NCDOT Data Review and Scoring	October 2025 – April, 2026
Project Prioritization Public Survey (TPD)	Winter - Spring 2026
DRAFT Statewide Programmed Projects and SPOT Scores Released	End of May 2026
Regional Impact Local Input Points Window	June - August, 2026
DRAFT Regional Impact Programmed Projects Released	Sept, 2026
Division Needs Local Input Points Window	October – December, 2026
Program Division Needs Projects	January 2027 – March, 2027
DRAFT 2028-2037 STIP Released	March, 2027

## **Staff Recommendations:**

**Recommend Approval of the DRAFT List of P8.0 Project Submittals**

## **Public Comment**

### **6. REGULAR UPDATES**

NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates

NCDOT Staff

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Transportation Planning Division updates

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Staff Updates

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES**

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