

# Meeting Agenda

RPO Technical Advisory Committee

September 18, 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

Kevin Ensley  
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## 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## 3. **Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes from August 21, 2025, TAC Meeting

Kevin Ensley

## 4. **LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS Items**

- A. Adoption LOSRPO Prioritization 8.0 Project List
- B. NCDOT Functional Classification Change Request Form  
Post Census

Vicki Eastland  
Daniel Sellers, PE

## 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 October 9th, 2025 – 10:00AM LOSRC Offices  
and Zoom**

**Land of Sky RPO TAC – Meeting on Thursday October 16th, 2025 – 11:30 AM Land of Sky  
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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, August 21, 2025.

[https://landofskyrpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025\\_08\\_21\\_DRAFT.RPO\\_TAC\\_Minutes.pdf](https://landofskyrpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025_08_21_DRAFT.RPO_TAC_Minutes.pdf)

### **Staff Recommendations:**

**Recommend RPO TAC approve the consent agenda**

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## **4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS**

### **Item 4A: 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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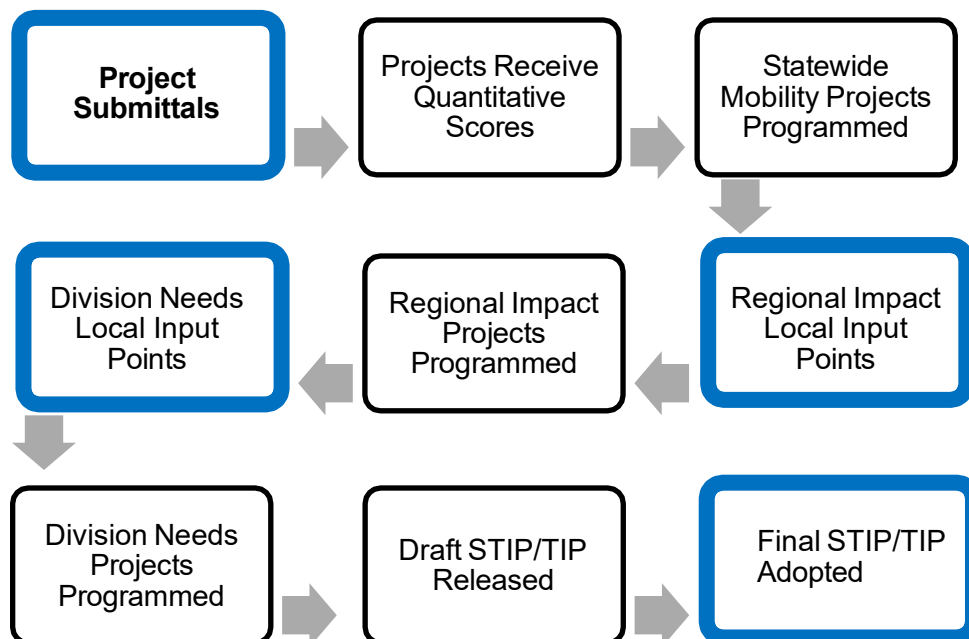
RPO's, MPO's and NCDOT Divisions work with local partners to select projects to be submitted for consideration for funding, (inclusion in the next STIP). Projects from all modes are submitted and will be scored based on the mode, facility type, proposed improvements, and compete for any available funding.

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 [LOSRPO-DRAFT-P8.0-Project-List-09122025.pdf](https://www.losrpo.org/DocumentCenter/View/122025/DRAFT-P8.0-Project-List-09122025.pdf)



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Below is the current timeline for P8.0.

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 List of P8.0 Project Submittals**

### **Item 4B: NCDOT Functional Classification Change Request form post 2020 Census**

Statewide Functional Reclassification Updates

Functional classification is the process of grouping streets and highways into classes according to the character of service they are intended to provide and include evaluation of annual average daily traffic (AADT) data, speed limit, length, and other roadway characteristics. Accurate roadway functional classification ensures that federal aid funds are allocated where they are needed most. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Transportation Planning Division (TPD) is responsible for processing updates to the Federal Functional Classification System in North Carolina every 10 years in partnership with planning organizations (MPO's & RPO's) for submission to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval. Functional classification for roadways is categorized into the 7 classifications noted below:

- 1 – Interstate
- 2 – Freeway
- 3 – Other Principal Arterial

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- 4 – Minor Arterial
- 5 – Major Collector
- 6 – Minor Collector
- 7 – Local

For the Land of Sky RPO, an internal NCDOT committee identified the roadways. Then TPD worked with RPO, MPO and Division staff to refine the attached list for functional classification updates placed in front of you today.

[LOSRPO-NCDOTFunctionalClassificationChangeRequestFormPostCensus\\_2025Aug28](#)

NCDOT TPD is requesting approval of the updates for submittal to FHWA.

## **Staff Recommendations:**

**Recommend approval of the updates for submittal to FHWA**

## **Public Comment**

## **6. REGULAR UPDATES**

NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates

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Transportation Planning Division updates

Staff Updates

NCDOT Staff

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

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