



RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

September 11, 2025 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council and Zoom Platform.

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Agenda

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome and Introductions,

Vicki Eastland

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Vicki Eastland

A. August 14, 2025, TCC meeting Minutes

[2025-08 14 RPOTCC Draft-Minutes](#)

4. RPO BUSINESS

A. LOSRPO NCDOT Prioritization 8.0 Project List

Vicki Eastland

B. NCDOT Functional Classification Change Request Form
Post Census

Daniel Sellers

5. REGULAR UPDATES

A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates

Division Staff

B. Transportation Planning Division Updates

Daniel Sellers

C. Staff Updates

Vicki Eastland

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

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3. Consent Agenda

Minutes from the RPO TCC August 14, 2025, Meeting

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Remote and in Person Attendance:

**William High
Steve Williams
Daniel Sellers
Hannah Smith
Doug Phillips
Aaron Bland
Lauren Blackburn**

**Vicki Eastland
Jeff Adams
Jodie Ferguson
Asha Rado (Minutes)
Stephen Sparks
Rodney Honeycutt
Kaitland Finkle**

**Troy Wilson
Scot Collier
Erica Anderson
John Hunter
Jeremy Chapman**

August 14, 2025, LOSRPO TCC Meeting Minutes can be viewed at the link below:

[2025-08 14 RPOTCC Draft-Minutes](#)

Staff Recommendations:

Recommend review and adopt Meeting agenda and August TCC Meeting minutes

RPO BUSINESS

Item 4A: LOSRPO's Prioritization 8.0 P8.0 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**.

LAND OF SKY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

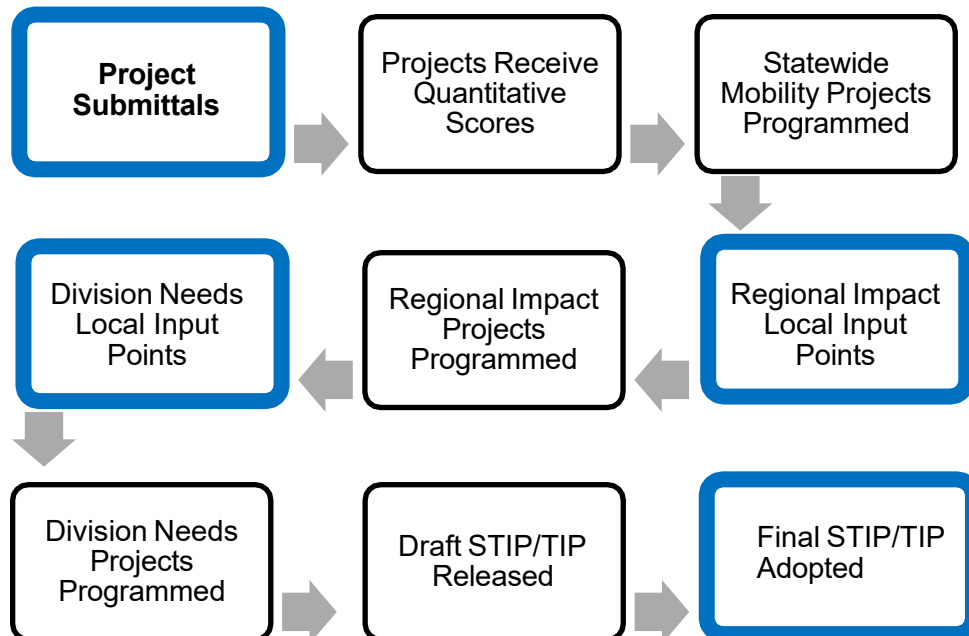
RPO's, MPO's and NCDOT Divisions work with local partners to select projects to be submitted for consideration for funding, (inclusion in the next STIP). Projects from all modes are submitted and will be scored based on the mode, facility type, proposed improvements, and compete for any available funding.

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 at [LOSRPO-DRAFT-P8.0-Project-List-09032025](#)





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 List of P9.0 Project Submittals to the RPO TAC

A. Item 4B: NCDOT Functional Classification Change Request Form Post 2020 Census

Our nation’s roadway system is a vast network that connects places and people within and across national borders. Planners and engineers have developed elements of this network with particular travel objectives in mind. These objectives range from serving long-distance passenger and freight needs to serving neighborhood travel from residential developments to nearby shopping centers. The functional classification of roadways defines the role each element of the roadway network plays in serving these travel needs.”

-FHWA Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures, 2023 Edition

NCDOT maintains the Federal Functional Classification (FC) System based on consultation with the planning organizations and approval of FHWA.

The classifications from those serving mostly long-range trips to those serving local traffic are in this order

- Interstates
- Other Freeways and Expressways
- Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local Roads



Application

of Functional Classification System

- Federal legislation continues to use functional classification in determining eligibility for funding under the Federal-aid program. With more funds allocated to higher classifications.
- Statistics derived from the federal roadway databases are organized around functional classification.
- Secondary Functional Classification Uses Nationally
 - Program and Project Prioritization
 - Asset Management
 - Safety Programs
 - Highway Design
 - Bridge Programs
 - Traffic Control
 - Maintenance
 - Highway Design

Functional Class changes can be made at any time. FHWA has opened a window for bulk changes to FC in response to the census. The window closes November 1, 2025. NCDOT is looking for any official request from planning organizations in middle September so we can finalize an application. If a request is missed or controversial, it can be made later.

- NCDOT assembled a Functional Classification System Revision Committee
- Each facility's current functional class, hierarchy in the network, and latest AADT were reviewed
- Results were sent to staff at end of June
- TPD and PO staff refined the concepts in July and August
- Shapefile and Table prepared for FHWA

Approximately half of the proposals are additions and half changes.

- New Roads added to the system
- Classifications extended to serve new growth
- Several Minor Collectors proposed expanding coverage into underserved areas
- Roads adjusted to fit hierarchy so that there are smooth and logical transitions
- Technical Fixes added where Classifications stop short or overshoot intersections, interchanges, and grade separations
- Two segments removed that were not roads



A list of Proposed Functional Classification changes for LOSRPO can be reviewed in this document.

[LOSRPO-NCDOTFunctionalClassificationChangeRequestFormPostCensus_2025Aug28](#)

Staff Recommendations:

Recommend LOSRPO TAC request proposed changes.

5. REGULAR UPDATES

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