

# Meeting Agenda

RPO Technical Advisory Committee

June 18, 2026, at 11:30am – Land of Sky Regional Council and Zoom Platform

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## 1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

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| A. Welcome and Introductions | Kevin Ensley |
| B. Ethics Statement          | Kevin Ensley |

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

## 3. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

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| A. Minutes from March 2026, TAC Meeting | Kevin Ensley |
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## 4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS Items

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| A. LOSRPO Prioritization 8.0 Draft Regional Impact LIP List             | Vicki Eastland                           |
| B. NCDOT Division 140 Repair and Helene Bridge Replacement Presentation | Wesley Grindstaff, PE<br>Zach Shuler, PE |

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

## 6. REGULAR UPDATES

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| A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates<br>Most Recent Updates <a href="http://landofskyrpo.org/">http://landofskyrpo.org/</a> | Tim Anderson/Wesley Grindstaff<br>(or designee) |
| B. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division  | Daniel Sellers, PE                              |
| C. NCDOT IMD   | Nikki Abija                                     |
| C. Staff Updates and Housekeeping  | Vicki Eastland                                  |

## 7. ADJOURN LOSRPO MEETING

Kevin Ensley

Upcoming Meeting

**Land of Sky RPO TCC – Meeting on Thursday August 13th, 2026 – 10:00AM LOSRC Offices and Zoom**

**Land of Sky RPO TAC – Meeting on Thursday August 20st, 2026 – 11:30 AM Land of Sky Regional Council and Zoom**

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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.

### 3. Consent Agenda

Minutes from the RPO TAC March 2026, Meeting

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**LOSRPO TAC Meeting  
Hybrid Meeting with the Zoom Platform  
February 19, 2026  
Minutes**

#### Attendance in Person:

Kevin Ensley (Haywood Commission)	Matt Wechtel (Madison County)
Chuck McGrady (BOT Div 14)	Vicki Eastland (LOSRPO)
Steve Williams (NCDOT)	Doug Phillips (NCDOT)
Tim Anderson (NCDOT)	

#### Attendance Remote via Zoom:

Lauren Wise (City of Brevard)	Chase McKelvey (Transylvania County)
Drew Ball (Buncombe County)	Daniel Sellers, (TPD)
Troy Wilson (NCDOT)	Stephen Sparks (NCDOT)
John Hunter (TPD)	Teresa Robinson (NCDOT)

RPO TAC February 2026 Meeting Minutes can be viewed at the link below:

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#### Staff Recommendations:

**Recommend approval of Meeting agenda and February RPO TAC Meeting minutes**

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## 4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS

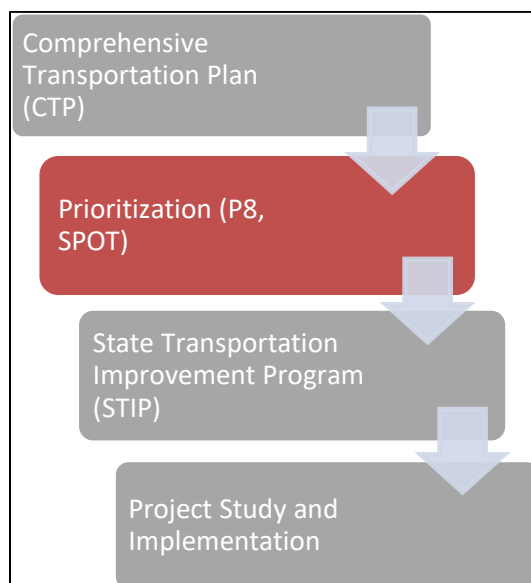
### **Item 4A: LOSRPO Prioritization 8.0 Draft Regional Impact Local Input Points (LIP) List**

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.

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.



### **Task For Today**

- Review Outcomes of Statewide Mobility and Regional Impact Scores
- Discuss DRAFT local input points for Regional Impact projects

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## Statewide Mobility Projects

Statewide Mobility projects are programmed solely based on the quantitative score. Only one project in the LOSRPO/FBRMPO region that scored well enough for programming with available funding in P8- the **I-40 Managed Lanes project from Exit 44 to Exit 27**. The I-40 Managed lanes project is wholly in the FBRMPO, and this project directly benefits LOSRPO as well as WNC as a whole. The scores for that project and the only other Statewide Mobility projects in the RPO are available below.

Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Statewide Mobility Quantitative Score (Out of 100)
I-40	Exit 44 (Smokey Park Highway)	Exit 27 (US 23/74)	Construct managed lanes. [TOLL PROJECT]	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 513,200,000	88.47
I-40	US 276 (Jonathan Creek Road)	N/A	Improve interchange/ intersection of US 276 and SR 1395 (Cove Creek Rd)	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 95,200,000	45.33

## Regional Impact Projects

Regional Impact projects are programmed 70% based on quantitative score, 30% on input from planning organizations and NCDOT Divisions. The quantitative scores for eligible Regional Impact projects are below. Including Statewide Mobility Projects that are eligible for cascading.

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Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Regional Impact Quantitative Score (Out of 70)
US 64 (Rosman Highway, S Broad Street)	US 64BUS (S Caldwell St)	N. Country Club Rd	RAB at US 64 BUS (S Caldwell St) and N. Country Club Rd	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 11,300,000	100 37.90
US 25, US 70	US 25, US 70 BUS	SR 1143 (Upper Brush Creek Road)	Upgrade multiple intersections US 25-70 from US 25/70Bus to SR 1143.	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 12,600,000	100 34.86
US 64 (Rosman Highway)	SR 1346 (Nicholson Creek Road) /SR 1121 (Glazener Road)	SR (Carolina Ave)/SR 1123 (Forest Hill Rd)	Realign Glazener Road to tie into Nicholson Creek Rd. and Improve intersection at Carolina Avenue.	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 22,800,000	100 25.88
I-40	US 276 (Jonathan Creek Road)	N/A	Improve interchange and intersection of US 276 and SR 1395 (Cove Creek Rd)	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 95,200,000	25.25
US 276 (Greenville Highway)	SR 1543 (Elm Bend Rd)/ SR 1612 (Parkview Dr)	N/A	Improve intersection of US 276/SR 1543 and SR 1612 with a one lane roundabout.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 5,800,000	25.00

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25, US 70	SR 1143 (Upper Brush Creek Road, Lower Brush Creek Road)	N/A	Construct Intersection improvement s. Potentially consider RAB	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 11,500,000	<b>100</b> <b>19.52</b>
US 64 (Rosman Highway)	SR 1337 (Clement Road)	SR 1338 (Old Rosman Highway) / SR 1331 (Morgan Mill Road)	Widen existing roadway to a 4-Lane divided facility with access management. Include MUP. Evaluate all intersections to improve safety (RCIs, turn lanes, etc.)	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 118,700,000	<b>19.41</b>
US 70, US 25	NC 213	N/A	Convert intersection of US 25/70 and NC 213 ramps to a roundabout OR convert interchange to a quadrant with grade separation (eliminating the ramp(s) south of US 25/70).	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 12,200,000	<b>19.09</b>
US 276 (Jonathon Creek Road)	SR 1395 (Cove Creek Road)	N/A	Improve Intersection, consider one lane roundabout.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 5,800,000	<b>18.72</b>
NS AS Line	MP 142.3 to 185.5 between	N/A	Modernization of corridor (replace dark territory with signalized territory) between MP	7 - Corridor modernization (line)	\$ 53,187,517	<b>2.27</b>

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	Murphy Junction and the NC/TN Border		142.3 (Murphy Junction) and 185.5 (NC/TN Border) on the NS AS Line to increase the overall train capacity of the corridor.			
US 276 (Russ Avenue) FBRMPO	US 23-74 (Great Smoky Mountain Expressway)	US 19 (Dellwood Road)	US 23-74 (Great Smoky Mountain Expressway) to US 19 (Dellwood Road). Access management.	11 - Access Management	\$ 42,500,000	100 28.22
US 276 FBRMPO	SR 1134 (Crymes Cove Rd), Raccoon Rd	N/A	SR 1134 (Crymes Cove Road) and Raccoon Road. Intersection realignment.	21 - Realign Multiple Intersections	\$ 6,500,000	100 19.89
NC 191 (Brevard Road) FBRMPO	SR 3486 (Glenn Bridge Rd SE, Avery Creek Road), Southwicke Drive	N/A	Realign Glenn Bridge Rd to Laurel Park Dr. to convert to 4-leg intersections. Add exclusive left turn lanes on NC 191 at both intersections. Cul-de-sac Glenn Bridge Rd SE to maintain access to parcels near existing 5- leg intersection.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 8,600,000	100 42.29

### Local Input Points

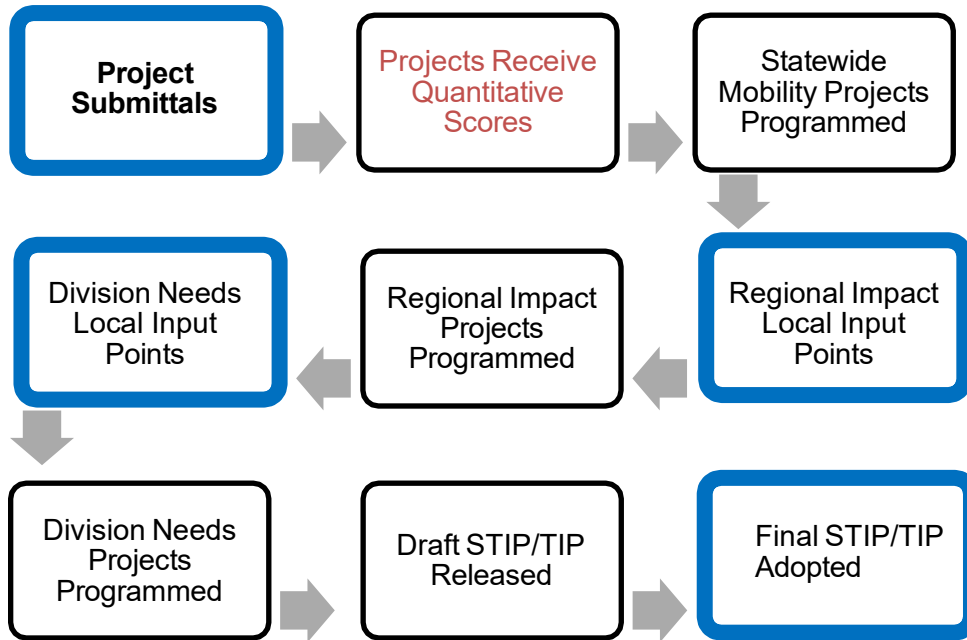
The RPO is currently holding local priority meetings. This section will be updated with information as that information is developed.

### Next Steps

After the RPO TAC approves the Draft Local Input Point Assignment, it will go out for public comment. The final assignment will come back through TCC and TAC in August.

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There are several steps in the prioritization process. See the illustration below with RPO tasks circled in **BLUE**: We are currently in **Step 4**, NCDOT SPOT Office is reviewing and preparing to score projects.



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 <b>***CURRENTLY HERE***</b>	<b>June - August, 2026</b>
DRAFT Regional Impact Programmed Projects Released	Sept, 2026
Division Needs Local Input Points Window	October – <del>December</del> November, 2026
Program Division Needs Projects	<del>January 2027 – March 2027</del> December 2026 – January 2027



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DRAFT 2028-2037 STIP Released

~~March 2027~~ January - February 2027

**Staff Recommendations:** Staff recommend approval of the LOSRPO DRAFT Regional Impact Local Input Points List

**Item 4B: NCDOT Division 140 Repair and Helene Bridge Replacement Presentation**

Wesley Grindstaff, NCDOT Div 14 Division Engineer Will provide an update to the TCC an update on I-40 gorge repairs post Helene. Zach Shuler, Div 14 Bridge Program Manager, will update the TCC on post Helene bridge repair/replacement.

**Staff Recommendations:**  
No action required, information only.

**Public Comment**

**6. REGULAR UPDATES**

NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates  
Most Recent Updates

<https://landofskyrpo.org/division-13-updates/>  
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Transportation Planning Division updates  
NCDOT IMD  
Staff Updates

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