

Meeting Agenda

RPO Technical Advisory Committee

August 20, 2026, 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 June 18th 2026, TAC Meeting

Kevin Ensley

4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS Items

- A. LOSRPO Prioritization 8.0 Regional Impact LIP List
- B. NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch TPB
Transylvania Co. CTP Presentation

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. NCDOT IMD
- C. Staff Updates and Housekeeping

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

7. ADJOURN LOSRPO MEETING

Kevin Ensley

Upcoming Meeting

**Land of Sky RPO TCC – Meeting on Thursday September 10th, 2026 – 10:00AM LOSRC
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**Land of Sky RPO TAC – Meeting on Thursday September 17th, 2026 – 11:30 AM Land of
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Item 1B: Ethics Statement

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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 June 2026, Meeting

[2026_06_18_DRAFT.RPO_TAC_Minutes.pdf](#)

LOSRPO TAC Meeting Hybrid Meeting with the Zoom Platform June 18, 2026 Minutes

Attendance in Person:

Kevin Ensley (Haywood Commission)
County) Chuck McGrady (BOT Div 14)
Steve Williams (NCDOT)
Wesley Grindstaff (NCDOT)

Matt Wechtel (Madison
Vicki Eastland (LOSRPO)
Doug Phillips (NCDOT)

Attendance Remote via Zoom:

Lauren Wise (City of Brevard)
Daniel Sellers, (TPD)

Chase McKelvey (Transylvania County)

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

[2026_02_19_DRAFT.RPO_TAC_Minutes.pdf](#)

Staff Recommendations:

Recommend approval of Meeting agenda and February RPO TAC Meeting minutes

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4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS

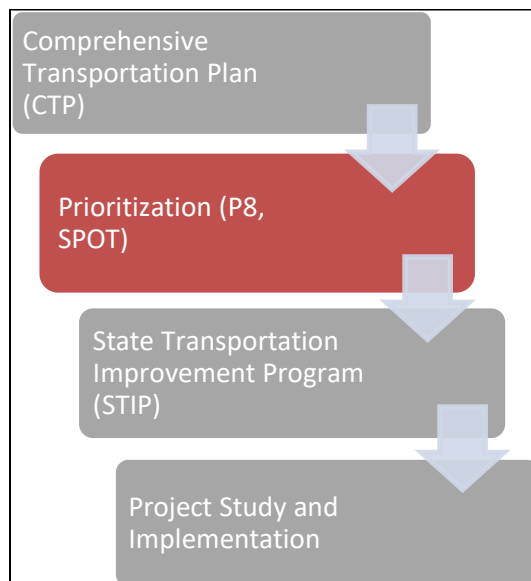
Item 4A: LOSRPO Prioritization 8.0 Regional Impact Local Input Points (LIP) List

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) and on the assignment of Local Input Points to reflect local priorities.

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

Land of Sky RPO receives 1200 Local Input Points for both Regional Impact and Division Needs. This round LOSRPO staff recommend flexing 500 LIPs from Regional Impact tier to Division Needs. This is covered by LOSRPO Local Input Points Methodology. Currently there is more funding available in the Division Needs tier and several lower cost projects at that tier.



Task For Today

- Review of Outcomes of Statewide Mobility and Regional Impact Scores
- Discuss Final 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. LOSRPO does not recommend cascading any Statewide Projects this round.

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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 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	100 25.00
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
US 70, US 25	NC 213	N/A	Convert intersection of US 25/70 and NC 213 ramps to a RAB OR convert interchange to a quadrant with grade separation (eliminating the ramp(s) south of US 25/70).	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 12,200,000	100 19.09

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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
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	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
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	19.52

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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	19.41
US 276 (Jonathon Creek Road)	SR 1395 (Cove Creek Road)	N/A	Improve Intersection, consider one lane roundabout.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 5,800,000	18.72
NS AS Line	MP 142.3 to 185.5 between Murphy Junction and the NC/TN Border	N/A	Modernization of corridor (replace dark territory with signalized territory) between MP 142.3 (Murphy Junction) and 185.5 (NC/TN Border) on the NS AS Line to increase the overall train capacity of the corridor.	7 - Corridor modernization (line)	\$ 53,187,517	2.27

Local Input Points

The RPO is has consulted with local partners. Changes were made to priorities based on input from local partners. LOSRPO partnered with FBRMPO on a public input survey, the results can be reviewed at the link below.

[FBRMPO-p8-Public-Feedback-Survey-Results-Report.pdf](#)

Next Steps

Once the RPO TAC approves the Final Local Input Point Assignment, RPO staff will enter the Regional Impact LIP into SPOT Online and communicate with the SPOT office about flexing 500 Regional Impact LIPs to Division Needs and the transfer of 200 RPO LIP's to FBRMPO.

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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 ***CURRENTLY HERE***	June - August, 2026
DRAFT Regional Impact Programmed Projects Released	Sept, 2026
Division Needs Local Input Points Window	October – December November, 2026
Program Division Needs Projects	January 2027 – March 2027 December 2026 – January 2027
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 NCDOT Transportation Planning OFFICE TPO Transylvania Co. CTP Presentation

Daniel Sellers, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division, Will provide an update and overview of the Transylvania County Comprehensive Transportation Plan, CTP, in advance of endorsement by the RPO TCC/TAC hopefully at Septembers meetings if Transylvania County adopts the resolution at their August 24th meeting.

Staff Recommendations:
No action required, information only.

Public Comment

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6. REGULAR UPDATES

NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates

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