



RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

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Minutes from the RPO TCC August 13th, 2026 Meeting

Remote and in Person Attendance:

Vicki Eastland	Aaron Bland
William High	Doug Phillips
Steve Williams	Jodie Ferguson
Jeremey Chapman	Daniel Sellers
Troy Wilson	Zack Shuler
Wesley Grindstaff	Brendan Merithew
Chris Lee	Elias Hoard
Ashley Minery	John Hunter
Stephen Sparks	Cody Weddle
Tristan Winkler	Asha Rado (Minutes)

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Aaron Bland called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05am, welcomed everyone, and roll was called. A quorum was announced to conduct business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Bland opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

June 2026 Meeting Minutes: https://landofskyrpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/2026-06_11_RPOTCC_Draft-Minutes.pdf

Steve Williams moved to approve the agenda, consent agenda including the June 2026 Meeting Minutes. William High seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous roll call vote.

RPO BUSINESS

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

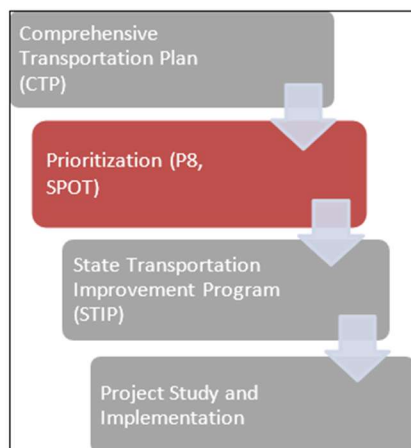
NCDOT updates the STIP on a two-year cycle based on projects selected for funding from the NCDOT Prioritization process. This is the process in North Carolina that helps determine the majority of transportation improvements across the State. The process is dictated by the [Strategic Transportation Investments 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). 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).

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 at 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

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**

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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

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US 276 (Greenville e Highway)	SR 1543 (Elm Bend Rd)/ SR 1612 (Parkview Dr)	N/A	Improve intersection of US 276/SR 1543 and SR 1612 with a <u>one</u> 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 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	100 19.09
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), <u>Southwicke Drive</u>	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

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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 improvements. Potentially consider RAB	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 11,500,000	19.52
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

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NS AS Line	MP 142.3 to 185.5 between Murphy Junction and the NC/TN Border	N/A	Modernization of <u>corridor</u> (replace dark territory with signalized territory) between <u>MP 142.3</u> (Murphy Junction) and 185.5 (NC/TN Border) on the NS AS Line to increase the overall train capacity of the corridor.	7 - Corridor <u>modernization</u> (line)	\$ 53,187,517	2.27
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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

After the RPO TCC approves the Final Local Input Point Assignment, it will go the LOSRPO TAC next week for their approval. 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:
Recommend Draft List to TAC.

Ashley Minery moved to recommend the LOSRPO Prioritization 8.0 Regional Impact LIP List to the Board. Jodie Ferguson seconded and it passed upon a roll call vote.

Item 4B: NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch TPB 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 at September's meetings.

Information Only.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Bland opened the floor a second time for public comment. No public comments were received.

REGULAR UPDATES

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| A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates
https://landofskyrpo.org/division-13-updates/
https://landofskyrpo.org/division-14-updates/ | Division Staff |
| B. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Updates
https://landofskyrpo.org/ncdot-tpd-news/ | Daniel Sellers/John Hunter |
| C. IMD | Nikki Abijah |
| D. Staff Updates | Vicki Eastland |

ADJOURNMENT

Aaron Bland adjourned the meeting at 11:00AM as there was no further business.

Upcoming Meetings

Land of Sky RPO TAC – Thursday August 20th, 2026 - 11:30 AM LOSRC Offices and Zoom

Land of Sky RPO TCC- Thursday September 11th, 2026 – 10:00 AM LOSRC Offices and Zoom