Meeting Agenda

RPO Technical Advisory Committee
October 15, 2026, at 11:30am – Land of Sky Regional Council and Zoom Platform
Join October LOSRPO TAC Meeting
Meeting ID: 833 2851 5859
Passcode: 368276 or call in 1.646.558.8656

1. **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING**
   - A. Welcome and Introductions — Kevin Ensley
   - B. Ethics Statement — Kevin Ensley

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

3. **Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda**
   - A. Minutes from August 20th, 2026, TAC Meeting — Kevin Ensley
   - B. PROTECT Planning Grant Application Letter of Support

4. **LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS Items**
   - A. LOSRPO Prioritization 8.0 Division Needs DRAFT LIP List — Vicki Eastland
   - B. NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch TPB Transylvania Co. CTP Presentation and Endorsement — Daniel Sellers, PE/John Hunter
   - C. I 40 Express Lanes Update — NCDOT Staff

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6. **REGULAR UPDATES**
   - A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates — Tim Anderson/Wesley Grindstaff (or designee)
     Most Recent Updates http://landofskyrpo.org/
   - 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/TAC Joint – Meeting on Thursday November 19th, 2026 – 11:00AM
LOSRC Offices 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

A. Minutes from the RPO TAC August 2026, Meeting

2026-08-20 DRAFT.RPO TAC Minutes.

LOSRPO TAC Meeting
Hybrid Meeting with the Zoom Platform
August 20, 2026
Minutes

Attendance in Person:

Kevin Ensley (Haywood Commission)
Chuck McGrady (BOT Div 14)
Steve Williams (NCDOT)
Wesley Grindstaff (NCDOT)
Beau Waddell (BOT Div 14 Future member)
Matt Wechtel (Madison County)
Vicki Eastland (LOSRPO)
Doug Phillips (NCDOT)
Rusty Darnell (NCDOT)

Attendance Remote via Zoom:

Lauren Wise (City of Brevard)
Daniel Sellers, (TPD)
Stephen Sparks (NCDOT)
Chase McKelvey (Transylvania County)
Cody Weddle (NCDOT)
Drew Ball (Buncombe County)

RPO TAC August 2026 Meeting Minutes can be viewed at the link below:
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B. PROTECT Planning Grant Application Letter of Support

Staff Recommendations:

Recommend approval of Meeting agenda and August RPO TAC Meeting minutes and the PROTECT Application Letter of Support

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4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS

Item 4A: LOSRPO Prioritization 8.0 Division Needs DRAFT 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.

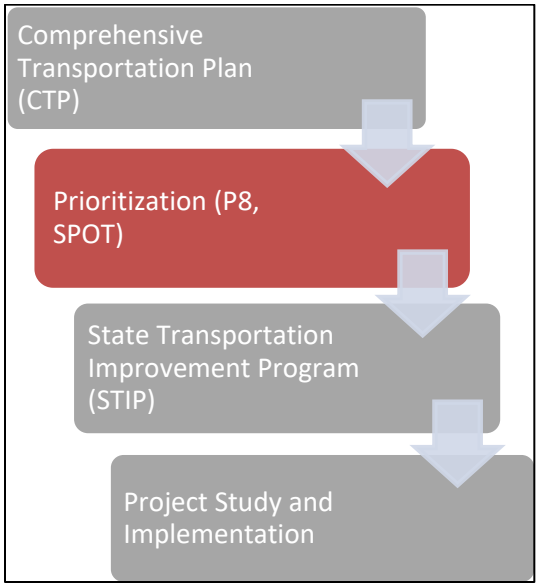
RPO's, MPO's and NCDOT Divisions work with local partners to select projects to be submitted for consideration for funding, (inclusion in the next STIP) and on the assignment of Local Input Points, used to boost the scores of projects in the Regional Impact and Division Needs Tiers, and to reflect local 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 flexed 500 LIPs from Regional Impact tier to Division Needs. So LOSRPO has 1700 Division Needs LIP's this round. Currently there is more funding available in the Division Needs tier and several lower cost projects at that tier.

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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 44 to Exit 27**. The I-40 Express lanes project is wholly in the FBRMPO, and this project directly benefits LOSRPO as well as WNC as a whole.

Regional Impact Projects
Regional Impact projects are programmed 70% based on quantitative score, 30% on input from planning organizations and NCDOT Divisions. Only one project that LOSRPO supported with Regional Impact Local Input Points was selected for inclusion in the DRAFT 2028 – 2037 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

• NC 191 (Brevard Road), Glenn Bridge Road, Avery Creek Road- Improve Intersection

Local Input Points
The RPO has consulted with local partners. Changes can be made to priorities up until final approval.

Division Needs Projects
Below is a list of all Division Needs Projects in (or partially in) the RPO, sorted based on Quantitative score. This list includes nine Regional Impact Projects considered for cascading.

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Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Division Needs Quantitative Score (Out of 50)
Brevard High School Greenway	US 64 ROSMAN HIGHWAY	SR 1116 NORTH COUNTRY CLUB RD	Construct Off Road multi use Path from US 64 Rosman HWY, near the SUBWAY RESTAURANT along NORTON and NICHOLSON CREEKS SR 1116 North Country Club Rd across from Brevard High School	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	$ 2,581,600	**34.53**
Multi use path partially along King Creek Brevard College	SR 1546 (Neely Road)	Railroad Ave	Construct a multi-use path from SR 1546 (Neely Rd) along the south side of Limbo Creek (may utilize existing service or maintenance road) between the baseball field and the track then south along King Creek through campus to US 64 (N. Broad St) crossing Broad Street continue along King Creek behind Food Lion to Railroad Ave.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	$ 4,137,200	**31.91**
Brevard Ele. School To Franklin Street MUP	Brevard Elementary School Entrance	Franklin Street	Construct a 10' MUP from the sidewalk at the entrance of Brevard Elementary School along US 276 to Franklin Street.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	$ 3,481,200	**31.66**
Ecusta Rail Trail	Existing Estatoe Trail Cherry St Brevard	SR 1211 (Battle Creek Rd) Henderson Co.	Construct a rail to trail project on the Banked Ecusta Rail Line from existing Estatoe Trail in Brevard to SR 1211 Battle Creek Rd in Henderson Co. This project will construct remaining sections of EB-6037B from the southern terminus of BL-0007 to the existing Estatoe Trail in Brevard. (This is for BF-0002 and BL-0078)	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	$12,000,000	**29.33**

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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	**28.15**
SR 1504 (Old Hendersonville Highway)	US 64 Asheville Highway	SR 1533 Everett Road	Upgrade roadway and include MUP.	26 - Upgrade Roadway	$35,400,000	**26.05**
Turkey Pen Park n Ride	This Park n Ride lot will be located just south of Turkey Pen round on the East side of NC 280 just inside Transylvania County.	N/A	Construct a Park n Ride Lot with bus shelter, lighting and trash receptacles.	7 - Facility - Park and Ride	$ 566,250	**25.49**
US 25, US 70	US 25, US 70 BUS	SR 1143 (Upper Brush Creek Road)	Upgrade multiple intersections along US 25-70 from US 25/70Bus to SR 1143.	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	$12,600,000	**24.13**

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SR 1528 (Crab Creek Road)	SR 1533 (Everett Road)	N/A	Upgrade intersection to 1 lane roundabout.	10 - Improve Intersection	$ 5,800,000	**24.01**
Morris Road	US 64/276 (Asheville Highway)	Ecusta Road	Improve Intersections at each end of Morris Road, a two-lane RAB at US276 and 1 Lane RAB at Ecusta Road.	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	$13,400,000	**23.98**
Hillview Circle Multi Use Path	Mills Ave	SR 1350 (Probart Street)	Construct a multi-use path along Norton Creek from Hillview Circle to Rout Drive (near the Transylvania County Head start). Continue along Norton Creek/Brushy Creek to SR 1350 (Probart Street)	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	$ 1,805,200	**21.92**
Osborne Rd SUP	US 64/US 276 (Asheville Hwy	SR 1504 Old Hendersonville Road	Construct a shared use path US 64/276 (Asheville Hwy) to SR 1504 Old Hendersonville Rd. The path will connect to the existing Estatoe Trail, future Ecusta Trail and Future shared use path on SR 1504 (Old Hendersonville RD.)	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	$ 3,622,800	**21.66**
Bracken Preserve Connector (Along Music Camp Rd)	Probart Street	Bracken Preserve Recreation Area	Construct a multi-use path along Music Camp Road to Bracken Preserve Recreation Area Parking	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	$ 2,088,800	**19.93**

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SR 1512 (Ecusta Road)	US 64/276	SR 1504 (Old Hendersonville Highway	Upgrade Roadway, improve intersections, include curb/gutter, bike-lanes, sidewalk and or SUP	26 - Upgrade Roadway	$ 16,700,000	**19.61**
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	**18.88**
US 276 (Greenville Highway)	SR 1543 (Elm Bend Rd)/ SR1612 (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	**18.85**
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	**16.10**
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	**14.25**

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Morris Road Sidewalks	US 64/276	SR 1512 Ecusta Road	Construct sidewalk along both sides of Morris Road between Asheville Hwy and Ecusta Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	$ 2,622,400	**13.30**
US 25, US 70	SR 1143 (Upper Brush Creek Road, Lower Brush Creek Road)	N/A	Construct intersection improvements. Potentially consider Roundabout.	10 - Improve Intersection	$ 11,500,000	**13.29**
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	**12.93**
US 276 (Jonathon Creek Road)	SR 1395 (Cove Creek Road)	N/A	Improve Intersection, consider one lane roundabout.	10 - Improve Intersection	$ 5,800,000	**11.61**

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Rosman To Rosman Park Greenway	SR 1356 (Main Street Rosman)	Rosman Community Park Path	Construct a 10" greenway from the existing Rosman Path at SR 1156 (Main Street) to the Rosman Community Park path.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	$ 1,061,600	**8.47**
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**

Next Steps

After approval of the Draft Local Input Point Assignment, RPO staff will advertise the DRAFT Division Needs Local Input Points Assignment List. It will come back for final approval at the November Joint TCC/TAC meeting.

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

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DRAFT Regional Impact Programmed Projects Released	Sept, 2026
Division Needs Local Input Points Window	October – November, 2026
Program Division Needs Projects	December 2026 – January 2027
DRAFT 2028-2037 STIP Released	January - February 2027

Staff Recommendations: Staff recommend approval of the LOSRPO DRAFT Division Needs Local Input Points List

Item 4B: NCDOT Transportation Planning OFFICE (TPO) Transylvania Co. CTP Presentation and Endorsement

NCDOT Transportation Planning Office staff, provided an update and overview of the Transylvania County Comprehensive Transportation Plan, CTP, at the August RPO TCC and TAC meetings in advance of endorsement by the RPO TCC/TAC. The Transylvania County CTP has been adopted by the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners and both the City of Brevard Council and the Town of Rosman Board of Aldermen and Alderwomen. LOSRPO staff have advertised Transylvania County CTP in accordance with the RPO Public Involvement Plan. RPO staff have received no comments from the public at the time of drafting this agenda. Today NCDOT TPO staff will present the Final Transylvania County CTP for recommendation for the RPO TAC Endorsement by Resolution.

Staff Recommendations:
Recommend RPO TAC Vote to Endorse Transylvania County CTP by Resolution.

Item 4C: NCDOT I-40 Express Lanes Update
Kevin Bridges with NCDOT will provide an update on the proposed I-40 Express Lanes project between Exit 7 in Haywood County and Exit 44 in Buncombe County. Previously proposed as a conventional widening project, I-6054 was submitted to Prioritization 8.0 (P8) as an express lane project and scored well enough to be programmed in the Statewide Mobility Tier. The project is expected to advance into engineering, with construction funding still uncertain.
Managed lanes have been considered along this corridor for several years, and the FBRMPO Board requested a feasibility study in January 2024. This update will give the Board and TCC an opportunity to discuss NCDOT's approach to project development, tolling, and financing, including how lessons from the I-77 Express Lanes project could inform the process.

Staff Recommendations: no action required

Public Comment

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6. REGULAR UPDATES

NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates	NCDOT Staff
Most Recent Updates https://landofskyrpo.org/division-13-updates/ https://landofskyrpo.org/division-14-updates/	
Transportation Planning Division updates	Daniel Sellers
NCDOT IMD	Nikki Abija
Staff Updates	Vicki Eastland

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

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