

**ALBEMARLE RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**Board Meetings Agenda**

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 | Virtual Format - Zoom

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**Rural Technical Coordinating Committee: Starts at 10:00 AM**

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**Albemarle Rural Planning Organization  
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**Agenda Item Number:** 3.  
**Agenda Title:** Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder  
**Presenter(s):** Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff

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**Summary of Information:**

Pursuant to G.S. §138A-15 (e) - ETHICS AWARENESS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER:  
Does any member have any known conflict of interest with respect to matters coming before the board(s) today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

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**Attachments:**



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**Agenda Item Number:** 4.  
**Agenda Title:** Approval of Agenda  
**Presenter(s):** RTCC Chair  
RTAC Chair Griffin

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**Summary of Information:**

Agenda for the November 19, 2025 Albemarle RPO Board Meetings.

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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

1. RTCC Approval of Agenda for November 19, 2025 Albemarle RPO Board Meetings
  2. RTAC Approval of Agenda for November 19, 2025 Albemarle RPO Board Meetings
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**Attachments:**



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**Agenda Item Number:** 5.  
**Agenda Title:** Election of RTCC Chair  
**Presenter(s):** RTAC Chair Griffin

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**Summary of Information:**

Rhett White held the position of RTCC Chair until his retirement in September 2025. With the position now vacant, a new RTCC Chair needs to be elected to serve the remainder of Mr. White's two-year term, which will expire in January 2027.

***Note:** Depending on the outcome of the election there may be an election for Vice-Chair of the RTCC.*

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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

1. Nominations for RTCC Chair for the remainder of the 2025 & 2026 term
2. Nominations for Vice-Chair of the RTCC for the remainder of the 2025 & 2026 term (if needed)

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**Attachments:**



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**Agenda Item Number:** 6.  
**Agenda Title:** Approval of 9/17/2025 Meeting Minutes  
**Presenter(s):** RTCC Chair  
RTAC Chair Griffin

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**Summary of Information:**

September 17, 2025 ARPO Board Meeting Minutes.

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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

1. RTCC approval of September 17, 2025 ARPO Board Meeting Minutes
  2. RTAC approval of September 17, 2025 ARPO Board Meeting Minutes
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**Attachments:**

1. September 17, 2025 *ARPO Board Meeting Minutes*

**ALBEMARLE RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**Wednesday, September 17, 2025**  
**RTCC & RTAC MEETINGS**

**Minutes of the Rural Technical Coordinating Committee (RTCC) Meeting – 10:00 AM**

**Call to Order**

The Albemarle RPO Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTCC) met in regular session on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. The meeting was held in virtual format via Zoom. The RTCC meeting was opened and called to order by Wes Haskett at 10:00 AM.

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**Roll Call**

Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff, determined a quorum was met with the following members in attendance: Amber Curling, Camden County; Kevin Howard, Chowan County; Rebecca Gay, Currituck County; Brandon Shoaf, Perquimans County; David Clegg, Tyrrell County; Curtis Potter, Washington County; Jim Gould, Duck; Joe Costello, Nags Head; Wes Haskett, Southern Shores; Chris Slachta, NCDOT Division 1; Wongoo Lee, TPD

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**Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder**

Ethan Sommers read the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder (G.S. 138A-15 (e)) to both committees. No conflicts were disclosed.

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**Agenda Approval**

Brandon Shoaf motioned to approve the agenda, Jim Gould seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Joe Costello made a motion to approve the of April 23, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Kevin Howard seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Adoption of Prioritization 8.0 Project Submittal List**

Ethan Sommers presented on Prioritization 8.0 on how it plays a key role in the 2028-2037 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Sam Singleton presented on the overview, submittal allotments, and funding availability of the process. Ethan Sommers then presented the Project Submittal List going over the individual projects.



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Joe Costello made a motion to adopt the resolution of the Prioritization 8.0 Project Submittals for the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization Jim Gould seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Approval of the Functional Classification Revisions**

Sam Singleton interim ARPO staff, presented what functional classification is and what the functional classification revisions proposed. Brandon Shoaf made a motion to approve the list of revisions as is. David Clegg seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Ratification of Letters of Support**

Ethan Sommers ARPO staff, presented the FLAP Grant what they entail. The First FLAP Grant application was for NCDOT Ferry Division. The second FLAP Grant application was for NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division. Brandon Shoaf made a motion to ratify, seconded by Rebecca Gay. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Resolutions of Support for MMPG Applications**

Sam Singleton Interim ARPO staff, presented the MMPG Applications from Kitty Hawk and Currituck County to the RTCC. Curtis Potter made a motion to approve resolutions of support. Rebecca Gay seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Approval to hold RTCC and RTAC Meeting in November**

Sam Singleton Interim APRO staff, presented the item and talked about the necessity for a November meeting with deadlines of an adopted 2026 APRO RTCC & RTAC meeting schedule and the approval of the 1/3 of the express design submittals for P9. Curtis Potter Motioned to approve. Seconded by Brandon Shoaf. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Public Comments**

No public comments.

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**Adjournment**

Upon motion by Brandon Shoaf, seconded by Joe Costello, the RTCC voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:34 AM.

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**Presentations and Updates**

<u>NCDOT Division 1:</u>	Chris Slachta, Division 1 Planning Engineer
<u>NCDOT Ferry Division:</u>	Catherine Peele, Deputy Director for Maritime Operations & Programming
<u>NCDOT TPD:</u>	Wongoo Lee, Transportation Engineer II
<u>Albemarle RPO:</u>	Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff Sam Singleton, Interim ARPO Staff

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**Minutes of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Meeting – 11:06 AM**

**Call to Order**

The Albemarle RPO Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) met in regular session on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. The meeting was held in virtual format via Zoom. The RTAC meeting was opened and called to order by RTCC Chairman Rhett White at 11:02 AM.

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**Roll Call**

Voting Members: Chairman Lloyd Griffin III, Pasquotank County; Vice-Chairman Randal Mathews, Hyde County; Carson Creef Dare County; Carol Phelps, Washington County;

Non-Voting Members:

Staff: Ethan Sommers, Albemarle RPO

Others: Win Bridgers, NCDOT Division 1; Catherine Peele, NCDOT Ferry Division; Jed Dixon, NCDOT Ferry Division; Wongoo Lee, NCDOT TPD; Kevin Howard, Chowan County;

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**Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder**

Ethan Sommers ARPO staff, read the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder (G.S. 138A-15 (e)) to both committees. No conflicts were disclosed.

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**Agenda Approval**

Vice-Chair Randle Mathews, motioned to approve the agenda, Carol Phelps seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Vice-Chairman Randle Mathews made a motion to approve the of April 23, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Carol Phelps seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Adoption of Prioritization 8.0 Project Submittal List**

Vice-Chairman Randle Mathews made a motion to adopt the resolution of the Prioritization 8.0 Project Submittals for the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization Carol Phelps seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Approval of the Functional Classification Revisions**

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**Resolutions of Support for MMPG Applications**

Carol Phelps made a motion to approve resolutions of support. Vice-Chairman Randle Mathews seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Public Comments**

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No public comments.

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**Adjournment**

Upon motion by Carol Phelps, seconded by Vice-Chairman Mathews, the RTAC voted unanimously to adjourn at 12:28 AM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Ethan Sommers, Secretary  
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization



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**Agenda Item Number:** 7.

**Agenda Title:** Adoption of the Albemarle RPO RTCC & RTAC 2026 Meeting Schedule

**Presenter(s):** RTCC Chair  
RTAC Chair Griffin

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**Summary of Information:**

The 2026 Albemarle RPO meeting schedule has been structured to align with the STIP schedule while increasing the number of meetings to reduce the duration of individual sessions. A total of six meetings are planned, with three conducted in a hybrid format and three held online only. The first in-person meeting will take place at the Albemarle Commission Conference Room, the second will be held in Region S (see Attachment two for reference), and the third and final in-person meeting will be held in Region N (see Attachment two for reference).

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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

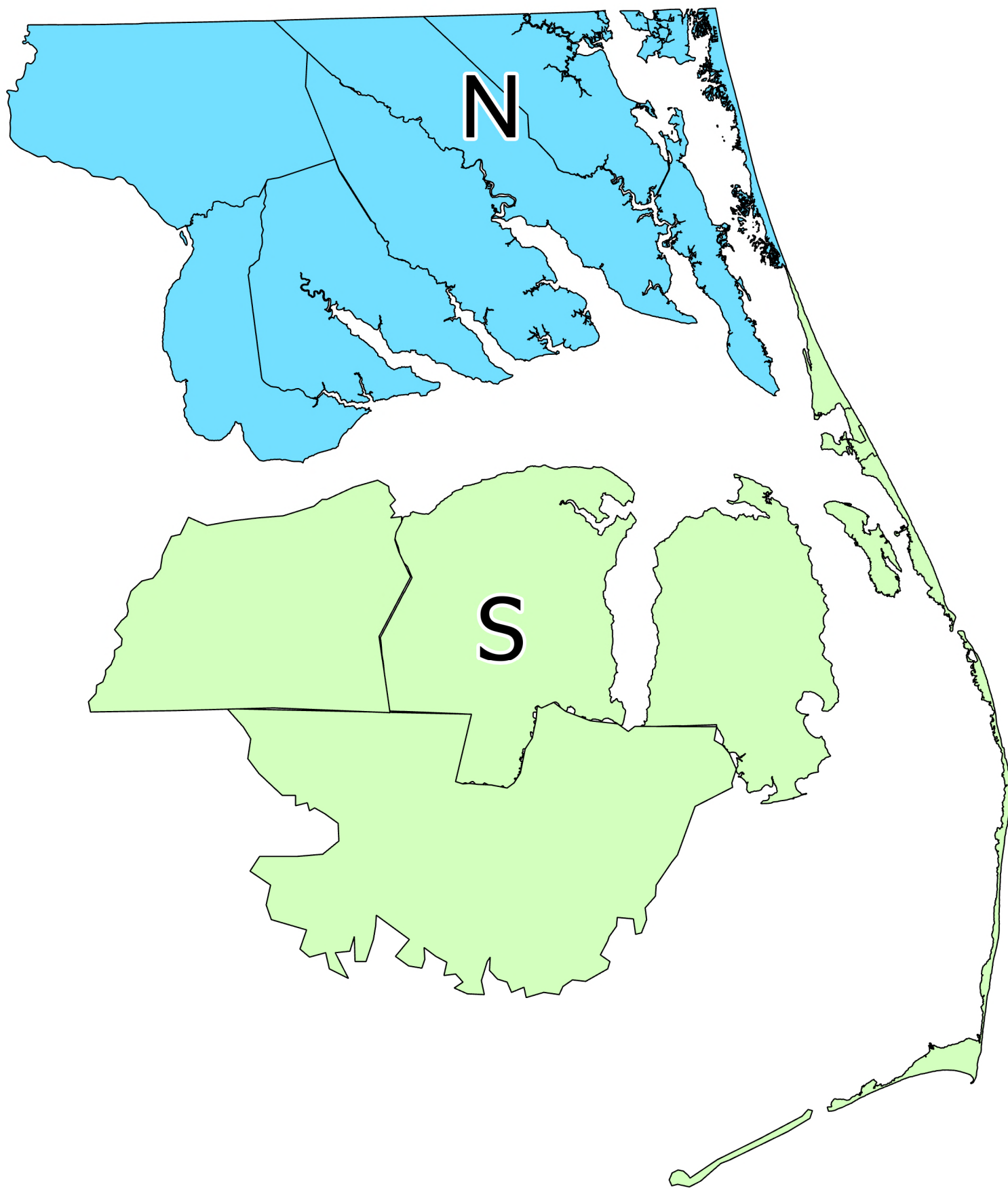
1. RTCC adoption of Albemarle RPO RTCC & RTAC 2026 Meeting Schedule
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**Attachments:**

1. *Albemarle RPO 2026 RTCC & RTAC Meeting Schedule*
2. *Albemarle RPO 2026 RTCC & RTAC Meeting Region Map*

## Albemarle Rural Planning Organization 2026 RTCC & RTAC Meeting Schedule

Location	Month	Date	Time
Albemarle Commission/Online	February	2/18/2026	10:00am
Online	April	4/22/2026	10:00am
Region S/Online	June	6/17/2026	10:00am
Online	August	8/19/2026	10:00am
Region N/Online	October	10/21/2026	10:00am
Online	December	12/16/2026	10:00am





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**Agenda Item Number:** 8.  
**Agenda Title:** Approval of Express Design Submittals (1/3) for P9  
**Presenter(s):** Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff

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**Summary of Information:**

For the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), beginning with Prioritization 9.0, all highway project submittals must include an express design to mitigate the risk of cost overruns and overprogramming within the STIP. The Albemarle RPO has eight express design submittals to complete prior to Prioritization 9.0. NCDOT has divided these into three groups, with the first group due by November 30, 2025. Attachment 1 outlines the projects that ARPO staff plan to submit by this deadline.

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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

1. Motion to approve Express Design Submittals (1/3)

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**Attachments:**

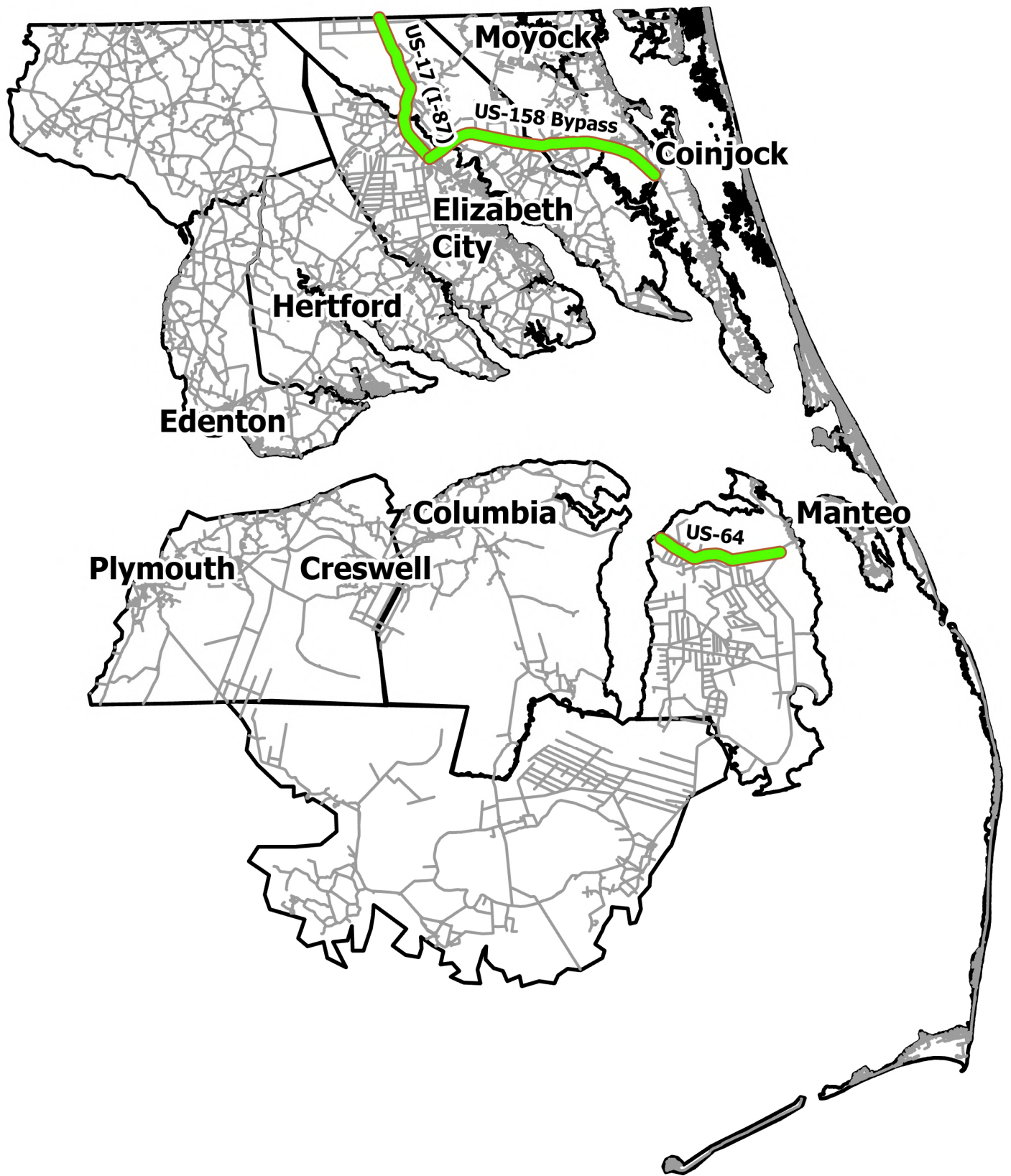
1. *List of Express Design Submittals for P9 (1/3)*
2. *Map of the Express Design Submittals for P9 (1/3)*
3. *P9 Express Design Requirement for NCDOT Prioritization Process*



## Albemarle Rural Planning Organization

### Express Design Submittals for P9

SPOT ID	Route	From/ Cross Street	To	Description
H141931	US-17	US-17/ US-158 north of Elizabeth City (N. Road St.	Virginia State Line	Complete an express design that provides an accurate cost estimate for upgrading US-17 to interstate standards, fulfilling its designation as I-87. The express design should follow the alignment established in previous studies.
N/A	US-158 Bypass	US-17 Bypass / N Road St. Interchange	Coinjock (US-158) Bridge	Complete an express design that provides an accurate alignment and cost estimate for a new four-lane, fully controlled-access freeway with a speed limit of 70 MPH. The design should include an alternative option that terminates at Shortcut Road (US-158), just east of Four Forks Road. This will provide direction on which alternative to pursue in P9.
N/A	US-64	Alligator River Bridge	US-264	Complete an express design that provides an accurate alignment and cost estimate for a new four-lane, fully controlled-access freeway with a speed limit of 70 mph.





# P9 Express Design Requirement for NCDOT Prioritization Process

JULY 2025



**P9 Express Design Requirement for NCDOT Prioritization Process**

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## **P9 Express Design Requirement for NCDOT Prioritization Process**

### **Purpose:**

The Strategic Prioritization Process is designed to determine which projects should be selected for funding using a combination of data and local input. This evaluation occurs while many projects are still in a conceptual phase and have had limited engineering review. To help minimize issues once projects are selected for funding, it is critical to make sure that projects submitted for evaluation have had an engineering analysis performed to make sure it is feasible to construct them and have accurate cost estimates. Refined cost estimates are crucial in the Prioritization and Programming processes. In Prioritization, project costs are evaluated as part of a project's quantitative score. Ensuring that project costs are developed using a consistent minimum standard allows for a level playing field when comparing projects to each other. The Programming process relies heavily on the cost estimates submitted in Prioritization when developing the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). As a fiscally constrained document, the STIP outlines which projects will be constructed or start project development over the next 10 years. Underdeveloped cost estimates, which typically are much lower than actual project costs, require the STIP to be rebalanced when costs are updated. This rebalancing can ultimately lead to other projects being delayed or paused to maintain the fiscally constrained STIP. With stronger cost estimates at the time of Prioritization submittal, there is an opportunity to relieve this issue. Express Designs, which review project concepts in detail prior to the Preliminary Engineering phase of a project, are a helpful way to develop more-refined cost estimates using a consistent standard. This requirement will verify the feasibility of projects based on cost, concept, and scope prior to submittal.

### **Requirement:**

**All Highway projects submitted in P9 or later will require an Express Design level estimate or greater:**

- Cost Verification Memos (CVMs), which are developed by NCDOT once a project has reached a higher level of Preliminary Engineering in the project development phase, are greater and will suffice for this requirement if available.
- SPOT Online Cost Estimation Tool (CET) estimates will not suffice. The Cost Estimation Tool is a feature in SPOT Online that will generate a cost for a project using standard unit costs for specific project types based on NCDOT's recent letting costs.
- This requirement does not apply to Non-Highway projects for P9.

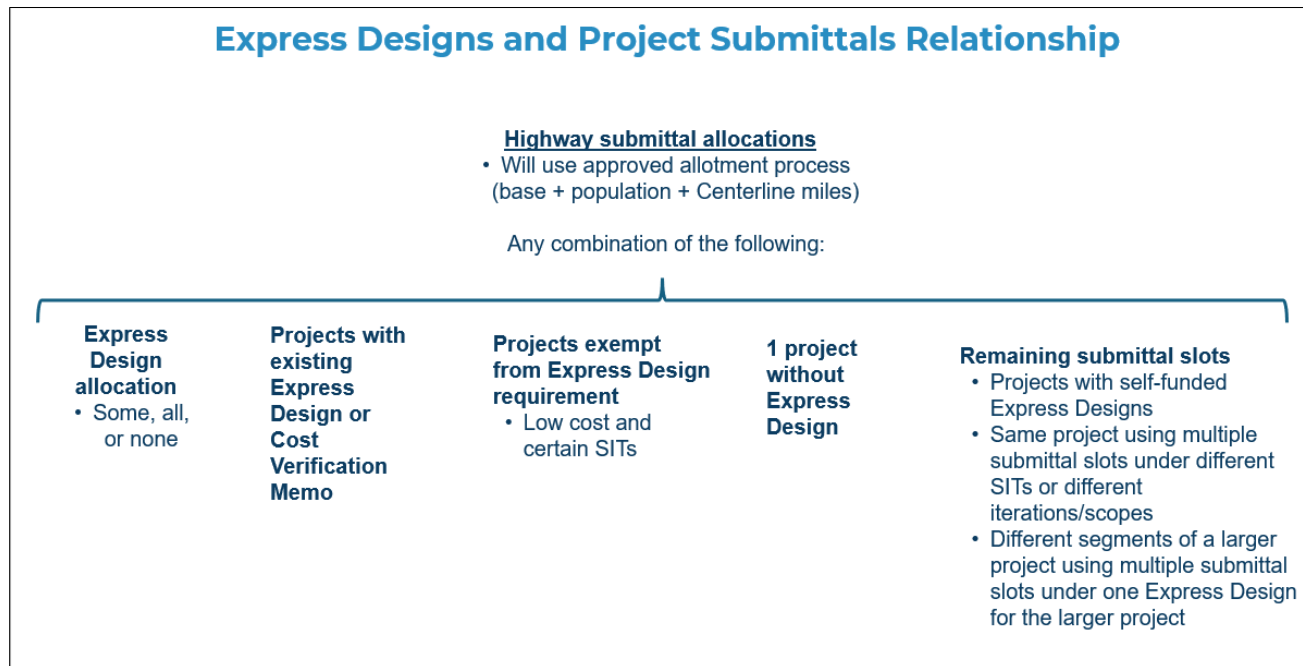
**A single Express Design may be used for multiple Prioritization submittals, under the following conditions:**

- The Express Design study area completely covers the area for the projects being submitted; **and**
- The cost developed in the Express Design is sufficiently modularized (i.e. separated out in sections) to obtain an accurate cost for each submittal

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**Multiple versions of the same project would likely require multiple Express Designs:**

- Express Designs generally develop costs for a single alternative
  - Feasibility Studies Unit (FSU) Express Designs will include no more than 2 alternatives
- Multiple alternatives of the same project would therefore likely not be covered by a single express design
- To submit multiple versions of a project in Prioritization, multiple Express Designs may need to be used



### Exceptions:

**Projects would be exempt from an Express Design requirement by meeting both of the following conditions:**

- 1) Cost Estimation Tool (CET) cost of less than \$10M generated during the submittal window for the cycle it is being submitted, **and**;
- 2) Being one of the following Prioritization Specific Improvement Types (SITs):
  - SIT 10 – Improve Intersection (including a roundabout)
  - SIT 12 – Ramp Metering
  - SIT 13 – Citywide Signal System
  - SIT 14 – Closed Loop Signal System
  - SIT 15 – Install Cameras and DMS
  - SIT 19 – Improve intersection on Local (Non-state) Roadway
  - SIT 21 – Realign Multiple Intersections
  - SIT 22 – Construct Auxiliary Lanes or Other Operational Improvements
  - SIT 25 – Improve Multiple Intersections along a Corridor



## **P9 Express Design Requirement for NCDOT Prioritization Process**

If an organization would like an Express Design for a project that meet this criteria, it can still be requested; however, it will count towards their allotted Express Designs.

**Each organization (MPO, RPO, and Division) will be allowed to submit 1 project per cycle without an Express Design that is subject to the requirement.**

- This is not an additional Prioritization submittal slot
- Organizations would need to inform the SPOT Office during the submittal window if they intend to utilize this provision and what the project would be
  - For example, if an organization were to submit a project in P9 without an Express Design, they would need to inform the SPOT Office of the project details before the end of the P9 submittal window
- Feasibility Studies Unit will work during the submittal and scoring windows to complete Express Designs for projects submitted under this provision, so that cost and scope can be used in the current Prioritization cycle

**\*\*For P9 ONLY: the number of project submittals without an Express Design will be limited to an organization's P9 submittal allotment minus their number of allocated Express Designs between P8 and P9.**

### **Coordination with NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit:**

NCDOT's Feasibility Studies Unit (FSU) is responsible for administering Express Designs and the overall project scoping process for NCDOT. FSU will focus a majority of their project scoping efforts on Prioritization projects. FSU anticipates that their group, with the assistance of consultants, will be able to complete 200 Express Designs for Prioritization per year, meaning FSU is committed to completing 400 Express Designs prior to the P9 submittal window close in 2027. Through streamlining efforts, this number could increase at a future date.

### **Submitting an Express Design Request:**

Express Design requests will be managed through the Smartsheet platform. Each Planning Organization and NCDOT Division will have their own Smartsheet page where they can enter all projects that could possibly require Express Design. If there are more projects in the Smartsheet page than there are Express Design request allotments for an organization, FSU will coordinate with the requesting organization on which projects to pursue for the next cycle of Prioritization. This will be an ongoing collaborative process with FSU and the requestor. NCDOT does not require TAC approval for Express Design requests; however, each Planning Organization may seek TAC approval if desired.

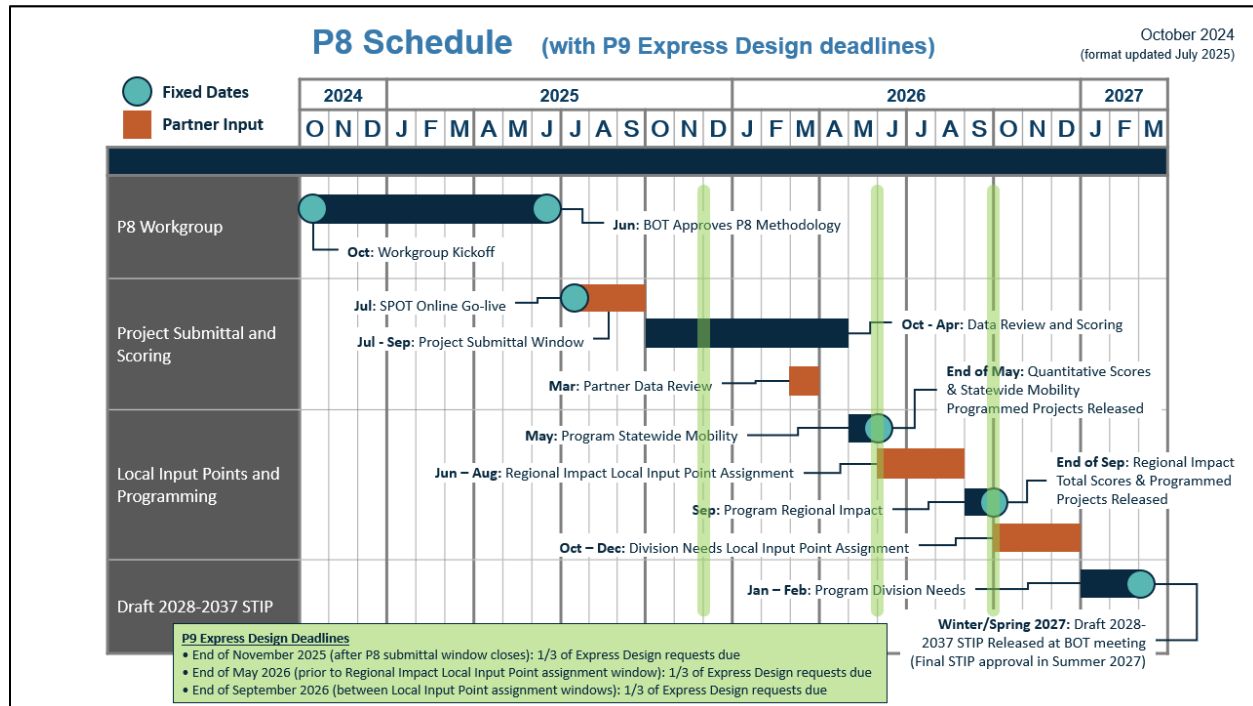
### **Express Design Request Deadlines for P9:**

Planning Organizations and NCDOT Divisions are encouraged to submit their Express Design requests as soon as they are confirmed within the organization. In order to ensure that all 400 Express Designs are complete prior to the close of the P9 submittal window, FSU will need a constant queue of projects under development.

## P9 Express Design Requirement for NCDOT Prioritization Process

To ensure that FSU remains on schedule, the following deadlines have been set for the P9 process:

- End of November 2025 (after P8 submittal window closes): 1/3 of Express Design requests due
- End of May 2026 (prior to Regional Impact Local Input Point assignment window): 1/3 of Express Design requests due
- End of September 2026 (between Local Input Point assignment windows): 1/3 of Express Design requests due



### Express Design Allotment Per Planning Organization and NCDOT Division:

The allotments for Express Design requests for P9 were developed using the following methodology:

- 80% of the available Express Design requests (320) are designated to Planning Organizations
- 20% of the available Express Design requests (80) are designated to NCDOT Divisions
- Planning Organizations are each allotted a number of Express Design requests proportional to their P8 submittal allotments
- NCDOT Divisions are each allotted an equal share of Express Design requests
- Standard rounding is applied to all calculations, resulting in a total of 404 Express Design requests across all organizations





# **P9 Express Design Requirement for NCDOT Prioritization Process**

## **P9 Express Design Allotments (Per Mode) - FINAL**

July 2025

MPO/RPO Name	P8 Submittal Allotment	% of PO Submittal Total	P9 Allotted Express Designs (Rounded)
Albemarle RPO	15	2.58%	8
Burlington-Graham MPO	13	2.24%	7
Cabarrus-Rowan MPO	16	2.75%	9
Cape Fear RPO	13	2.24%	7
Capital Area MPO	34	5.85%	19
Central Pines RPO	14	2.41%	8
Charlotte Regional TPO	34	5.85%	19
Down East RPO	12	2.07%	7
Eastern Carolina RPO	15	2.58%	8
Fayetteville Area MPO	18	3.10%	10
Foothills RPO	13	2.24%	7
French Broad River MPO	18	3.10%	10
Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO	18	3.10%	10
Goldsboro Urban Area MPO	11	1.89%	6
Grand Strand Area Transportation Study	10	1.72%	6
Greater Hickory MPO	18	3.10%	10
Greensboro Urban Area MPO	16	2.75%	9
Greenville Urban Area MPO	11	1.89%	6
High Country RPO	17	2.93%	9
High Point Urban Area MPO	15	2.58%	8
Jacksonville Urban Area MPO	13	2.24%	7
Kerr-Tar RPO	15	2.58%	8
Land-of-Sky RPO	11	1.89%	6
Lumber River RPO	16	2.75%	9
Mid-Carolina RPO	15	2.58%	8
Mid-East RPO	13	2.24%	7
New Bern Area MPO	10	1.72%	6
Northwest Piedmont RPO	15	2.58%	8
Peanut Belt RPO	13	2.24%	7
Piedmont Triad RPO	18	3.10%	10
Rocky Mount Urban Area MPO	11	1.89%	6
Rocky River RPO	13	2.24%	7
Sandhills MPO	9	1.55%	5
Southwestern RPO	14	2.41%	8
Triangle West TPO	17	2.93%	9
Upper Coastal Plain RPO	16	2.75%	9
Wilmington Urban Area MPO	14	2.41%	8
Winston-Salem Area TPO	17	2.93%	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>581</b>		<b>320</b>

(actual)

Division	P8 Submittal Allotment	% of Div Submittal Total	P9 Allotted Express Designs (Rounded)
01	10	7.14%	6
02	10	7.14%	6
03	10	7.14%	6
04	10	7.14%	6
05	10	7.14%	6
06	10	7.14%	6
07	10	7.14%	6
08	10	7.14%	6
09	10	7.14%	6
10	10	7.14%	6
11	10	7.14%	6
12	10	7.14%	6
13	10	7.14%	6
14	10	7.14%	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>		<b>84</b>

(actual)

Available Express Designs: 400 404  
(actual total)

Set PO %:	80%	320
Set Div %:	20%	80

## **P9 Express Design Requirement for NCDOT Prioritization Process**



### **Updating Completed Express Designs or Cost Verification Memos:**

To reduce the risk for overprogramming, NCDOT requires that a cost estimate is updated every two years, with the following conditions:

- Cost Updates do not count towards Express Design allocations
- Cost Updates are for projects where the preferred design is not materially changed
- Projects with a new functional design would require a new Express Design that would count toward the allocation
- Cost update requests should be made by utilizing the Smartsheet platform
- For P9, requests for Cost Updates should be requested by June 30, 2027

### **Express Designs Not Completed through Feasibility Studies Unit:**

**Express Designs may be completed by others, under the following conditions:**

- They follow the process laid out in the Feasibility Studies Unit's current [Express Design Guidance](#)
  - Note that Feasibility Studies Unit is working with partners to update this guidance (at the time of this documentation)
- They are reviewed by the Feasibility Studies Unit to ensure they follow the NCDOT process
  - Review will focus solely on process and not outcome
  - Review will take up to 3 weeks and needs to be completed prior to the applicable cycle's submittal window closing
- Completed study must be documented with NCDOT



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**Agenda Item Number:** 9.  
**Agenda Title:** Public Comments  
**Presenter(s):** RTCC Chair  
RTAC Chair Griffin

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**Summary of Information:**

Members of the public who are present may address the RTCC and RTAC.

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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

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**Attachments:**



**Albemarle Rural Planning Organization**  
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**Agenda Section:** Presentations and Updates

**Agenda Title:** NCDOT Division 1

**Presenter(s):** NCDOT Division 1 Staff

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**Summary of Information:**

Updates and Reports from NCDOT Division 1.

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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

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**Attachments:**

1. *Construction Progress Report*

Construction Progress Report Albemarle Rural Planning Organization  
November 2025

Contract Number	County	TIP#	Tier	Route	Location Description	Contract Amount	Length	Contractor	Federal Aid Number	NCDOT Contact	NCDOT Contact No	Letting Date	Work Began Date	Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Completion Percent
C204568	Dare		Statewide	US-64	BRIDGE #270012 OVER ROANOKE SOUND ON US-64.	\$21,305,653.30	1.05 miles	FREYSSINET INC	STATE FUNDED	Pablo A. Hernandez, PE	(252) 473-363	1/18/2022	3/25/2022	9/15/2025		84.36%
C204732	Dare	B-5610	None	NC-12	BRIDGE #270008 OVER THE SLASH CREEK ON NC-12 AND SR-1241(EAG LE PASS RD) FROM NC-12 TO NC-12.	\$4,498,089.74	0.923 miles	SMITH-ROWE, LLC	0012068	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	6/18/2024	9/12/2024	11/18/2025	11/22/2025	88.47%
C204775	Dare	HB-0017	Statewide	US-64	BRIDGE #9 ON US-64 IN MANNS HARBOR.	\$33,758,848.88	2.7 miles	COASTAL GUNITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	0064216	Pablo A. Hernandez, PE	(252) 473-363	9/20/2022	4/13/2023	11/1/2026		69.41%
C204854	Gates, Pasquotank	R-5808	Statewide	US-158	US-158 FROM SR-1002 (ACORN HILL ROAD) TO EAST OF PASQUOTANK COUNTY LINE.	\$20,776,667.76	4.106 miles	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	0158076	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	12/17/2024	3/17/2025	2/28/2028		32.05%
C204999	Dare, Tyrrell	HB-0001	Statewide	US-64	BRIDGE #880007 OVER THE ALLIGATOR RIVER ON US-64.	\$449,777,300.00	0 miles	SKANSKA USA CIVIL SOUTHEAST INC	0001156	Pablo A. Hernandez, PE	(252) 473-363	12/2/2024	1/22/2025	4/19/2030		30.39%
DA00542	Chowan		None	US-17	VARIOUS PRIMARY ROUTES	\$3,799,620.94	8.49 miles	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	STATE FUNDED	Gerard E. Mombaerts	(252) 789-615	3/15/2023	11/1/2024	12/20/2024		92.21%
DA00551	Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates		None	US-17	VAR. ROADS, PARKING LOTS, ETC. IN CAMDEN, CURRITUCK, DARE (O BX), GATES, HYDE (OCRACOE ISLAND), PASQUOTANK & PERQUIMANS	\$960,460.00	0 miles	B E SINGLETON & SONS INC	STATE FUNDED	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	11/2/2022	12/5/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2025	9.68%
DA00553	Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck		None	-	DIVISION 1 COUNTIES	\$488,725.00	0 miles	B & L CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES INC	STATE FUNDED	Jason G. Davidson	(252) 482-185	6/15/2022	7/1/2022	6/30/2023		66.97%
DA00574	Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington		None	-	VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES IN HYDE, TYRRELL, & WASHINGTON COUN TIES	\$3,093,462.36	16.23 miles	BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO	STATE FUNDED	Eric S. Sedlacek	(252) 789-615	9/13/2023	8/21/2024	9/19/2025		91.43%
DA00575	Chowan, Gates, Perquimans		None	SR-1228, SR-1428	VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES IN CHOWAN, GATES, & PERQUIMANS COUN TIES	\$3,888,567.94	19.31 miles	BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO	STATE FUNDED	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	10/18/2024	10/1/2024	9/30/2025		85.46%
DA00604	Dare, Hyde	BO-2401A		NC-12	RODANTHE, SALVO, BUXTON, HATTERAS, & OCRACOE	\$0.00	0 miles	EASTERN EARTHSCAPES & CONSTRUCTION LLC	5093003	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	10/16/2024	4/1/2025	5/1/2026		0.00%
DA00610	Dare		Statewide	US-64	7 SECTIONS ALONG THE US-64 CORRIDOR	\$2,412,000.00	4.26 miles	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	STATE FUNDED	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	9/18/2024	4/7/2025	12/11/2026		19.16%
DA00612	Camden, Pasquotank			-	15 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS	\$0.00	8.276 miles	BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO	STATE FUNDED	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	11/20/2024	3/15/2026	9/18/2026		0.00%
DA00613	Chowan, Gates, Perquimans			SR-1303	VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES	\$0.00	27.193 miles	C D ROSE CONSTRUCTION LLC	STATE FUNDED	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	12/4/2024	7/1/2025	9/18/2026		0.00%
DA00616	Washington		None	US-64	4 SECTIONS OF US-64 & 6 SECTIONS SECONDARY ROADS	\$3,583,972.21	15.896 miles	BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO	STATE FUNDED	Gerard E. Mombaerts	(252) 789-615	3/5/2025	8/6/2025	11/20/2026		85.30%
DA00619	Perquimans			-	3 SECTIONS OF NC-37 & 3 SECONDARY ROADS	\$0.00	11.318 miles	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	STATE FUNDED	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	5/7/2025	10/15/2025	12/15/2026		0.00%
DA00620	Dare			US-64	1 SECTION OF US-64	\$0.00	5.803 miles	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	STATE FUNDED	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	5/21/2025	11/17/2025	12/15/2026		0.00%
DA00621	Bertie, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell			-	12 SECTION OF SECONDARY ROADS	\$0.00	22.679 miles	WHITEHURST PAVING CO INC	STATE FUNDED	Gerard E. Mombaerts	(252) 789-615	6/18/2025		10/15/2026		0.00%
DA00622	Camden, Currituck			SR-VARI	21 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS	\$0.00	14.835 miles	BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO	STATE FUNDED	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	5/21/2025	10/6/2025	12/15/2026		0.00%
DA00623	Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck		Subregional	SR-VARI	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	\$795,243.20	142.934 miles	GOSHEN CONSTRUCTION LLC	STATE FUNDED	Gerard E. Mombaerts	(252) 789-615	5/21/2025	10/15/2025	11/25/2026		1.61%
DA00624	Hyde, Tyrrell			-	1 SECTION OF NC-94 & 3 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS	\$0.00	16.15 miles	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	STATE FUNDED	Gerard E. Mombaerts	(252) 789-615	7/16/2025		12/15/2026		0.00%
DA00628	Pasquotank	W-5701C	Subregional	SR-1333	SR 1333 (WEST MAIN STREET EXTENSION) NORTH OF ELIZABETH CITY	\$1,994,065.88	0.23 miles	C D ROSE CONSTRUCTION LLC	HSIP-1333(010)	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	12/4/2024	8/25/2025	1/5/2026		42.44%
DA00632	Dare	ER-5600AD		-	NAGS HEAD, NC (WHALEBONE JUNCTION)	\$0.00	0 miles	RICHARD J CARLSON LLC DBA CARLSONS LANDSCAPING	4630505	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	2/19/2025		3/1/2027		0.00%
DA00633	Dare	ER-5600AE		US-158	KITTY HAWK, NC	\$0.00	0 miles	RICHARD J CARLSON LLC DBA CARLSONS LANDSCAPING	4630506	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	2/19/2025		5/15/2027		0.00%
DA00637	Camden, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank	BO-2401A		NC-12	SOUTH MILLS, GATESVILLE, ELIZABETH CITY, HERTFORD, MANTEO, W AVES & AVON	\$0.00	0 miles	EASTERN EARTHSCAPES & CONSTRUCTION LLC	5093003	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	10/16/2024	4/1/2025	5/1/2026		0.00%
DA00638	Currituck	HS-2401N	Regional	NC-168	INTERSECTION OF NC-168 AT SR-1229 (BAXTER LANE)	\$347,542.00	0 miles	ALS OF NORTH CAROLINA LLC	5097302	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	12/18/2024	3/19/2025	5/1/2026		29.97%
DA00639	Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Perquimans	HS-2401C, HS-2401E, HS-2401G, HS-2401K, HS-2401O, HS-5401D		NC-11	28 SECTIONS OF PRIMARY ROADS	\$0.00	71.11 miles	PERFORMANCE SEALING & STRIPING LLC	5097306	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	4/16/2025	8/1/2025	12/12/2025		0.00%
DA00641	Currituck, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington		None	-	DIVISION 1 COUNTIES	\$1,289,800.00	0 miles	ALS OF NORTH CAROLINA LLC	STATE FUNDED	Jason G. Davidson	(252) 482-185	1/29/2025	3/1/2025	1/31/2026		6.93%
DA00642	Dare		None	US-64	MANTEO	\$892,064.00	4.26 miles	C D ROSE CONSTRUCTION LLC	STATE FUNDED	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	1/29/2025	3/25/2025	5/22/2025		76.56%
DA00643	Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank	HS-2401I, HS-2401J, HS-2401L, HS-2401M	None	-	ELIZABETH CITY, GRANDY, KITTY HAWK, KILL DEVILS HILL	\$275,364.00	0 miles	WHITLEY CONTRACTING INC	5097311	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	7/30/2025	9/22/2025	5/21/2026		29.13%
DA00644	Hyde		Regional	NC-12	NC-12 OCRACOE ISLAND	\$246,722.50	1.348 miles	SAWYER & SONS CONSTRUCTION INC.	TBD	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	6/18/2025	7/28/2025	9/19/2025		93.45%
DA00649	Dare			-	NCDOT - FERRY DIVISION	\$0.00	0 miles	STEVENS TOWING CO INC	STATE FUNDED		-	7/16/2025	10/7/2025	4/1/2026		0.00%

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Contract Number	County	TIP#	Tier	Route	Location Description	Contract Amount	Length	Contractor	Federal Aid Number	NCDOT Contact	NCDOT Contact No	Letting Date	Work Began Date	Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Completion Percent
DA00650	Currituck			-	NC-615 KNOTTS ISLAND CAUSEWAY	\$0.00	3.61 miles	BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO	5080401	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	7/16/2025	10/13/2025	4/3/2026		0.00%
DA00652	Chowan, Perquimans			SR-VARI	7 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS	\$0.00	13.854 miles	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	STATE FUNDED	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	9/17/2025	11/5/2025	11/6/2026		0.00%
DA00653	Bertie, Hertford, Hyde, Northampton			SR-VARI	11 SECTION OF SECONDARY ROADS	\$0.00	29.996 miles	RILEY PAVING INC	STATE FUNDED	Gerard E. Mombaerts	(252) 789-615	9/17/2025		11/6/2026		0.00%
DA00671	Camden	ER-5600AB		US-17	DISMAL SWAMP VISITORS CENTER	\$0.00	0 miles	NATURAL CHOICE CONTRACTING LLC	4630503	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	9/3/2025		4/30/2027		0.00%
DA00678	Dare			NC-12	NC-12 (HATTERAS ISLAND) AT PEA ISLAND	\$0.00	0.57 miles	SAWYER & SONS CONSTRUCTION INC.	TBD	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	10/10/2025	11/5/2025	12/19/2025		0.00%
DA00679	Dare			NC-12	NC-12 (HATTERAS ISLAND) AT SANDY BAY	\$0.00	0.854 miles	SAWYER & SONS CONSTRUCTION INC.	TBD	Brandon J. Tatum	(252) 621-640	10/10/2025		12/19/2025		0.00%



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**Agenda Section:** Presentations and Updates

**Agenda Title:** NCDOT Ferry Division

**Presenter(s):** NCDOT Ferry Division Staff

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**Summary of Information:**

Updates and Reports from the NCDOT Ferry Division.

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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

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**Attachments:**



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<b>Agenda Section:</b>	Presentations and Updates
<b>Agenda Title:</b>	NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
<b>Presenter(s):</b>	NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Staff

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**Summary of Information:**

Updates and Reports from the NCDOT Transportation Planning Division.

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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

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**Attachments:**

1. *November 2025 Transportation Planning Division Newsletter*



# NCDOT TPD NEWS



NCDOT TPD - Albemarle RPO Newsletter

November 2025

## Public Input Survey Summary – CCP Regional Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)

**Survey Period: September 17 – November 4, 2025**

As part of the ongoing Camden, Currituck, and Pasquotank (CCP) Regional CTP, the NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD) and the Albemarle RPO conducted a public survey to identify regional transportation needs, safety issues, equity concerns, and resilience priorities. This was one of the most extensive engagement efforts in the northeastern region, combining online and paper participation and incorporating a pioneering resilience study - the first of its kind for a regional CTP.

A total of 850 people viewed the survey and 130 residents participated, submitting over 2,200 comments and 321 map pins across the three counties. The feedback provided valuable insight into how communities view their current and future transportation challenges.

### Key Findings:

- **Connectivity and Congestion:** 75 % of respondents said improving regional connectivity is very important, underscoring persistent congestion along US 158/NC 168 between Moyock, Grandy, and Elizabeth City. Participants emphasized that traffic relief is essential not only for daily travel but also for economic growth and hurricane evacuation reliability.
- **Safety Priorities:** Respondents rated overall concern at 8/10, citing speeding, poor lighting, and limited sight distance as major hazards. Intersection redesigns, sidewalks, and crosswalks were the most requested improvements, reflecting support for a Vision Zero approach.
- **Equity and Access:** Many residents, especially in Camden and northern Currituck, noted that public transit, ADA accessibility, and affordable mobility options remain limited. The call for demand-responsive and commuter transit linking Elizabeth City, Camden, and Moyock was strong and repeated.
- **Resilience and Flooding:** Nearly 80 % indicated the region is not fully prepared for storm events. Drainage upgrades, elevated evacuation routes, and flood-prone corridor planning topped the list of resilience actions, affirming public support for the CTP's climate-readiness objectives. (Continued...)
- **Infrastructure Maintenance:** About four in five participants support a "fix-it-first" philosophy, prioritizing resurfacing, bridge repair, signal upgrades, and stormwater management over expansion. This mirrors NCDOT's current statewide asset-management direction.

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**"Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina...."**

## Albemarle RPO Receives 15 Project Submittal Units for P8 Funding Cycle

As part of North Carolina's ongoing **Prioritization 8.0 (P8)** process, the **Albemarle Rural Planning Organization (RPO)** has been allocated **15 project submittal units** for the 2025 funding cycle. This allocation was confirmed in the **May 1, 2025 meeting of the NCDOT Board of Transportation** and reflects the region's authorized capacity to nominate federally supported transportation projects under the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law.

This allocation is critical for advancing regional transportation priorities and enables the Albemarle RPO to submit up to 15 candidate projects for potential inclusion in the **State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**.

These projects may be eligible for funding from a range of federal sources, including: **STBG** (Surface Transportation Block Grant), **TA** (Transportation Alternatives), **HSIP** (Highway Safety Improvement Program), and **CMAQ** (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program), as well as **FTA programs** for rural and regional transit investments.

The Albemarle RPO's submittal capacity is determined by NCDOT based on population, local infrastructure needs, and project readiness, ensuring an equitable approach to statewide transportation planning.

For more details, visit: [NCDOT Board of Transportation Archives – May 2025](#)

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- Economic Vitality: Participants linked transportation reliability with tourism, small business access, and job connectivity, noting that improved corridors and scenic preservation together sustain long-term local prosperity.

### **Practical Findings and Planning Implications:**

The survey results confirm that the CCP region's future transportation strategy should focus on:

1. Targeted congestion mitigation through corridor improvements and signal coordination along US 158 and NC 168.
2. Safety-driven design investments - intersection realignments, sidewalks, and lighting upgrades that reduce severe crashes.
3. Expansion of transit and multimodal connections, particularly between fast-growing residential areas and regional job centers.
4. Integration of drainage and floodplain management into transportation design to protect evacuation routes and community access.
5. Sustained maintenance funding for resurfacing, culvert clearing, and bridge rehabilitation to improve reliability and resilience.

### **Conclusion:**

Public feedback clearly conveys a unified direction. Residents envision a transportation system that is connected, resilient, equitable, and practical, one that enhances safety, reduces congestion, and protects communities from storm impacts. These insights will directly inform project priorities and interagency coordination in the next phase of the CCP Regional CTP. They will also help ensure that future transportation investments align with community needs and promote sustainable regional growth.

### **Demographic Summary of Survey Participants**

Demographic questions were answered by approximately 40 respondents, with slight variation across categories (39-42 responses). The survey reached a broad mix of residents across Camden, Currituck, and Pasquotank Counties.

- Gender: 70 percent female, 25 percent male, and about 5 percent identified as other or preferred not to answer.
- Age Distribution: Most participants were between 36–55 years old (29 percent aged 36-45 and 24 percent aged 46-55), followed by 14 percent aged 56-65.
- Race and Ethnicity: 77 percent White, 5 percent Black or African American, 3 percent Hispanic or Latino, and smaller shares for other groups or unspecified.
- Education: Nearly half of participants had college or higher education - 25 percent held a graduate or professional degree, 23 percent a bachelor's degree, and 25 percent had some college education.
- Marital Status: 75 percent were married or in a domestic partnership, with the remainder divided among widowed, divorced, or never married respondents.

These demographics indicate that the survey captured feedback primarily from middle-aged adults with relatively high educational attainment and strong community engagement across the three counties.

## FY 2025–2026 Planning Work Program (PWP) Adopted

FY 2025–2026 Planning Work Program (PWP) Adopted On April 23, 2025, ARPO's RTCC and RTAC adopted the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Planning Work Program, which takes effect on July 1, 2025.

The total allocation of **\$183,500** is distributed as: 80% from Federal SPR funds (\$146,800), 15% from State Local Match Assistance (\$27,525), 5% from local county match (\$9,175).

This program lays out ARPO's planning priorities, including data collection, regional CTP development, and engagement in the Prioritization 8.0 nomination process. It provides the framework for regional transportation planning through June 30, 2026.

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Upcoming	Date
Reminder that TAC members must file their ethics info by April 15th	January 1, 2026
2nd Quarter invoice and work summary due	February 10, 2026

### Statewide Plans (To learn more, click on the following links)

- **NC Moves 2050 Plan** - <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/nc-2050-plan/Pages/default.aspx>
- **NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors** - <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/strategic-corridors/Pages/default.aspx>
- **NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan (25-Year Vision)** - <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/rail/Pages/rail-plan.aspx>
- **NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan (2023)** - <https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Statewide-Freight-Plan/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Great Trails State Plan** - <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/integrated-mobility/multimodal-planning/great-trails-state/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan** - <https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc/default.aspx>
- **Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities (Public Transportation Strategic Plan - 2018)** - <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/documents/detail/3689629>
- **NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report (2022)** - <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/transportation-resilience/Documents/ncdot-resilience-report.pdf>
- **Climate Risk Assessment & Resilience Plan Development** - <https://www.deq.nc.gov/energy-climate/climate-change/nc-climate-change-interagency-council/climate-change-clean-energy-plans-and-progress/climate-risk-assessment-and-resilience-plan/climate-risk-assessment-resilience-plan-development>

### Helpful Links (To learn more, click on the following links)

- **NCDOT Home Page:** Access statewide transportation news, project updates, and resources. [ncdot.gov](https://www.ncdot.gov)
- **Real-Time Traffic Conditions:** View current traffic speeds, incidents, and road closures across North Carolina. [DriveNC.gov](https://www.driveNC.gov)
- **Report a Pothole:** Submit pothole issues directly to NCDOT using this online form. [ncdot.gov - Pothole Report](https://www.ncdot.gov/Pothole-Report)
- **Interactive AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic) Map:** Explore interactive maps of traffic volumes statewide. [AADT Viewer](https://www.ncdot.gov/AADT-Viewer)
- **State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):** View NCDOT's 10-year plan for transportation project funding and development. [STIP Portal](https://www.ncdot.gov/STIP-Portal)
- **Interactive Bicycle Routes Map:** Browse designated bicycle routes and bikeways across North Carolina. [NC Bikeways](https://www.ncdot.gov/NC-Bikeways)
- **Traffic Count Data & Survey Information:** Access traffic survey resources, data downloads, and count station maps. [Traffic Survey Group Resources](https://www.ncdot.gov/Traffic-Survey-Group-Resources)



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**Agenda Abstract**

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**Agenda Section:** Presentations and Updates

**Agenda Title:** Albemarle RPO

**Presenter(s):** Albemarle RPO Staff

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**Summary of Information:**

- Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects
  - HMIP outreach
  - ECU Student Ehringhaus St Study
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**Staff Recommendations/Motions:**

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**Attachments:**