

ALBEMARLE RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Board Meetings Agenda

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 10:00am.

Location: Dare County Admissions Building ▪ 954 Marshall C Collins Dr, Manteo, NC 27954
Virtual (Zoom) for members of the board and presenters only

Rural Technical Coordinating Committee: Starts at 10:00 AM

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| 1. Call to Order | Shelley Cox, RTCC Chair | |
| 2. Roll Call | Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff | |
| 3. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder | Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff | Pg. 4 |
| 4. Approval of Agenda | Shelley Cox, RTCC Chair | Pg.5 |
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| 6. Ratification of Letters of Support | Shelley Cox, RTCC Chair | Pg.11 |
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| 9. Adjournment | Shelley Cox RTCC Chair | |

Presentations and Updates

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- Albemarle RPO **Pg.25**

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee: Starts at 11:00 AM

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| 10. Adjournment | Lloyd Griffin III, RTAC Chair | |

Members of the public who are present may address the RTCC and RTAC. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes, and each group's representative will be limited to a maximum of five (5) total minutes. Prior to addressing the RTCC and RTAC, each speaker must state their name and, if applicable, the group that they are representing.

**Albemarle Rural Planning Organization
Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee**

Camden County	County Manager or His/Her Designee	Amber Curling	acurling@camdencountync.gov
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Elizabeth City	Chief Admin. Official of His/ Her Designee		
Gatesville	Chief Admin. Official of His/ Her Designee		
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Roper	Chief Admin. Official of His/ Her Designee		
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**Albemarle Rural Planning Organization
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Perquimans County	Primary County Commissioner Rep.	Charles Woodard	woodardsrx@inteliport.com
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Columbia	Primary Representative		
Creswell	Primary Representative		
Duck	Primary Representative	Marc Murray	Marc.Murray@ducknc.gov
Edenton	Primary Representative		
Elizabeth City	Primary Representative		
Gatesville	Primary Representative		
Hertford	Primary Representative		
Kill Devil Hills	Primary Representative		
Kitty Hawk	Primary Representative	Dylan Tillett	Dylan.tillett@kittyhawktown.net
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Nags Head	Primary Representative	Ben Cahoon	ben.cahoon@nagsheadncgov
Plymouth	Primary Representative		
Roper	Primary Representative		
Southern Shores	Primary Representative	Paula Sherlock	Psherlock@southernshores-nc.gov



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

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.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

Attachments:



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

Summary of Information:

Agenda for the June 17, 2026 Albemarle RPO Board Meetings.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

1. RTCC Approval of Agenda for June 17, 2026 Albemarle RPO Board Meetings
 2. RTAC Approval of Agenda for June 17, 2026 Albemarle RPO Board Meetings
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Attachments:



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Agenda Item Number: 6.
Agenda Title: Approval of 04/15/2026 Meeting Minutes
Presenter(s): RTCC Chair
RTAC Chair Griffin

Summary of Information:

April 15, 2026 ARPO Board Meeting Minutes.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

1. RTCC approval of April 15, 2026 ARPO Board Meeting Minutes
 2. RTAC approval of April 15, 2026 ARPO Board Meeting Minutes
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Attachments:

1. April 15, 2026 *ARPO Board Meeting Minutes*

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Wednesday, April 15, 2026
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, April 15, 2026. The meeting was held in person at the Albemarle Commission and had a virtual format via Zoom. The RTCC meeting was opened and called to order by RTCC Chairman Shelley Cox at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call

Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff, determined a quorum was met with the following members in attendance: Amber Curling, Camden County; Shelley Cox, Pasquotank County; Kris Noble, Hyde County; Lisa Cherry, Gates County; Kevin Howard, Chowan County; Rebecca Gay, Currituck County; David Clegg, Tyrrell County; Curtis Potter, Washington County; Josh Houston, Manteo; William Midgett, Kitty Hawk; Sandy Cross, Duck; Wes Haskett, Southern Shores; Joe Costello, Nags Head; Chris Slachta, NCDOT Division 1; Maksym Bezruchko, TPD

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.

Agenda Approval

Vice Chair Noble motioned to approve the agenda, Wes Haskett seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Wes Haskett made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 18, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Gay.

Public Comment

David Baldwin a resident from Currituck County came in person. He spoke on wanting an ending point whether it be building the bridge or not building the bridge having an actual decision made. There were many letters from the public that are attached after minutes on the website.

STIP Project R-2576 (Mid-Currituck Bridge)

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Ethan Sommers opened the topic with an overview of the Mid-Currituck Bridge and went over two of the possible options in front of the board today. These options were, No Change (the project continues as is) or Project status changed to Preliminary Engineering to be evaluated in the prioritization cycle 8.0 to seek more funding from the funding pots. Ronnie Sawyer NCDOT Highway Division One Engineer and David Wasserman Division of Planning & Programming Deputy Director, gave their presentation on the funding problems and what the options will do if chosen. This was followed by many questions from the public and members of the board about the possible options and the exploration of higher tolls. This was then followed by going over the letters of support from Currituck County, Town of Kitty Hawk, Town of Southern Shores, and town of Nags Head. The board did not make any motions on the agenda item, meaning it was left as no change.

Express Designs (2/3)

Ethan Sommers Presented on the Express Designs submittals 2/3 for the Express Design requirements that are starting in P9. The three projects that are going to be submitted before the end of June are: Access Management on US-64 from NC-149 to NC-45, US-17 and NC-37 intersection to interchange that meets interstate standards, and One in Gates County (that project is yet to be decided).

Adjournment

Upon motion by Kevin Howard, seconded by Wes Haskett, the RTCC voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:05 AM.

Presentations and Updates

NCDOT Division 1: Chris Slachta, Division 1 Planning Engineer

NCDOT Ferry Division: Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff

NCDOT TPD: Maksym Bezruchko, Transportation Engineer II

Albemarle RPO: Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff

Minutes of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Meeting – 11:30AM

Call to Order

The Albemarle RPO Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) met in regular session on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. The meeting was held in person at the Albemarle Commission and had a

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virtual format via Zoom. The RTAC meeting was opened and called to order by RTAC Chairman Lloyd Griffin III at 11:30 AM.

Roll Call

Voting Members: Chairman Lloyd Griffin III, Pasquotank County; Vice-Chairman Randal Mathews, Hyde County; Mary Ellon Ballance Dare County; Carol Phelps, Washington County; Larry McLaughlin, Chowan County; Troy Breathewaite, Currituck County; Tess Judge Board of Transportation;

Non-Voting Members: Ronnie Sawyer, NCDOT Division 1; Paula Sherlock, Southern Shores; John C. Spruill, Washington County;

Staff: Ethan Sommers, Albemarle RPO

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.

Agenda Approval

Troy Breathewaite made a motion to approve the agenda Randal Mathews seconded, with no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Troy Breathewaite made a motion to approve the of February 18, 2026, regular meeting minutes Randal Mathews seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments.

STIP Project R-2576 (Mid-Currituck Bridge)

Ethan Sommers opened the topic with an overview of the Mid-Currituck Bridge and went over two of the possible options in front of the board today. These options were, No Change (the project continues as is)

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or Project status changed to Preliminary Engineering to be evaluated in the prioritization cycle 8.0 to seek more funding from the funding pots. Ronnie Sawyer NCDOT Highway Division One Engineer and David Wasserman Division of Planning & Programming Deputy Director, gave their presentation on the funding problems and what the options will do if chosen. This was followed by going through members of the RTAC and getting opinions and making the best decision. This was then followed by going over the letters of support from Currituck County, Town of Kitty Hawk, Town of Southern Shores, and town of Nags Head.

A motion was made by Troy Breathewaite to make no changes to the project, with the understanding that this decision will be revisited in one year to allow time for options to be explored and for a simulated score reflecting how the project would have scored in P8.0 to be provided for consideration for submittal into the Prioritization 9.0 STIP cycle. The motion was seconded by Tess Judge. It passed 6–1, with Larry McLaughlin voting against

Express Designs (2/3)

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Adjournment

Upon motion by Carol Phelps, seconded by Vice-Chairman Randle Mathews, the RTAC voted unanimously to adjourn at 12:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethan Sommers, Secretary
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization



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Agenda Item Number: 6.
Agenda Title: Ratification of Letters of Support
Presenter(s): Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff

Summary of Information:

The NCDOT Ferry Division and Monarch have asked for letters of support. The NCDOT Ferry Division has asked for letters of support on the FY2026 Rural Ferry Program Grant to replace the bulkhead at the Cherry Branch Terminal and FY2026 Small Shipyard Grant Program to purchase a 75-ton crane for their Shipyard. Monarch asked for letters of support for funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program 5310 Grant for both their operations in ICPTA and Dare County Transit.

ARPO staff is requesting RTCC & RTAC ratification of the following letters:

- ARPO Letter of Support for the NCDOT Ferry Division FY2026 Rural Ferry Program Grant Application
- ARPO Letter of Support for the NCDOT Ferry Division FY2026 Small Shipyard Grant Application
- ARPO Letter of Support for Monarch ICPTA 5310 Application
- ARPO Letter of Support for Monarch Dare County Transit 5310 Application

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

1. RTCC motion to ratify the letters of support.
2. RTAC motion to ratify the letters of support

Attachments:

- *ARPO Letter of Support for the NCDOT Ferry Division FY2026 Rural Ferry Program Grant Application*
- *ARPO Letter of Support for the NCDOT Ferry Division FY2026 Small Shipyard Grant Application*
- *ARPO Letter of Support for Monarch ICPTA 5310 Application*
- *ARPO Letter of Support for Monarch Dare County Transit 5310 Application*



April 21, 2026

Ms. Jamie Pfister
U.S. Department of Transportation
Acting Executive Director, Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

NCDOT Ferry Division FY2026 Rural Ferry Program – Replacement of the Bulkhead at the Cherry Branch Terminal

Dear Ms. Pfister,

This letter is in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Ferry Division’s application for the FY2026 Rural Ferry Program Grant to replace the bulkhead at the Cherry Branch Terminal.

The Ferry Division is requesting funding to replace approximately 2,750 linear feet of severely deteriorated steel bulkhead at the Cherry Branch Ferry Terminal. The replacement of this bulkhead is long overdue, with the bulkhead having met its useful life, and needed to protect the basin and landside assets. Inspections have shown widespread, heavy corrosion throughout the length of the bulkhead, ranging from 30% section loss to areas of complete section loss. Failure of this bulkhead could lead to long term interruptions of service and vessel repairs as well as injuries to employees or the traveling public. The Cherry Branch Terminal also serves as a safe harbor for other Ferry Division vessels during hurricanes, which it would be unable to do in the event of the bulkhead failing. Completing this replacement is essential to maintain safe vessel operations and preserve the basin. In addition to safety concerns, the new bulkhead is needed to advance a long-delayed shore power improvement project, which cannot proceed without a structurally sound bulkhead. The NCDOT Ferry Division provides vital transportation services in North Carolina, connecting people to jobs, education, and medical services, while also supporting the movement of goods and supplies. It is also critical in helping the region prepare for and respond to hurricanes and other disasters. This project will continue to strengthen the operations and resiliency of the Ferry Division, which is critical to coastal North Carolina.

We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Ethan Sommers

Ethan Sommers
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization Director

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David M. Heller, Deputy Associate Administrator for Shipbuilding & Industry Expansion

U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration
Room W21-318
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

FY2026 Small Shipyards Application – North Carolina Department of Transportation Ferry Division

Dear Mr. Heller,

This letter is in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Ferry Division's application for the Small Shipyard Grant Program to purchase a 75-ton crane for their Shipyard.

Cranes are critical to the operations at the Shipyard and the new 75-ton crane equipment would improve the safety conditions, enhance productivity, and increase capacity with NCDOT Ferry Division vessel repairs being conducted at the Shipyard.

The NCDOT Ferry Division provides vital transportation services in North Carolina, connecting people to jobs, education, and medical services, while also supporting the movement of goods and supplies. It is also critical in helping the region prepare for and respond to hurricanes and other disasters. This project will continue to strengthen the operations and resiliency of the Ferry Division, which is critical to coastal North Carolina.

We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Ethan Sommers

Ethan Sommers
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization Director



May 19, 2026

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Dr. Peggy Terhune, President & Chief Executive Officer
Monarch
350 Pee Dee Ave.
Albemarle, NC 28001

Dear Dr. Terhune,

This letter serves as support for Monarch's application for funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program through the 5310 Capital – Purchase of Services funding process for FY2028. We support both this application and your partnership with FTA5311 provider Inter-County Public Transportation Authority (ICPTA), based in Elizabeth City, NC.

The Albemarle Rural Planning Organization understands the need for transportation services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties who participate at Monarch's Camden Enrichment Center in Camden County. We recognize the valuable therapeutic, social, and employment services people receive there and the important role that safe, effective transportation plays as people with disabilities access those services.

We look forward to seeing the impact of these transportation services provided by Inter-County Public Transportation Authority on the lives of people you support with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Ethan Sommers, Transportation Planner
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization



May 19, 2026

Dr. Peggy Terhune, President & Chief Executive Officer
Monarch
350 Pee Dee Ave.
Albemarle, NC 28001

Dear Dr. Terhune,

This letter serves as support for Monarch's application for funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program through the 5310 Capital – Purchase of Services funding process for FY2028. We support both this application and your partnership with FTA5311 provider Dare County Transportation System (DCTS), based in Dare County.

The Albemarle Rural Planning Organization understands the need for transportation services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Dare County who participate at Monarch's Beach Club of Dare day program in Manteo, NC. We recognize the valuable therapeutic, social, and employment services people receive there and the important role that safe, effective transportation plays as people with disabilities access those services.

We look forward to seeing the impact of these transportation services provided by DCTS on the lives of people you support with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Ethan Sommers, Transportation Planner
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization

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Agenda Item Number: 7.
Agenda Title: Resolution of Support for MMPG Application
Presenter(s): Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff

Summary of Information:

The Town of Southern Shores applied for the NCDOT IMD Multimodal Planning Grant (MMPG) in April of this year. As part of the application process, a resolution of support from the RPO is required.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

1. RTCC motion to adopt Resolution 2026-05
 2. RTAC motion to adopt Resolution 2026-05
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Attachments:

1. *Resolution 2026-05 -Southern Shores*

**ALBEMARLE RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RURAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

***RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING SOUTHERN SHORES'S
MULTIMODAL PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION***

WHEREAS, the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization provides cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing transportation planning services for the Counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee is the duly recognized transportation planning policy board for the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Integrated Mobility Division manages the Multimodal Planning Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Multimodal Planning Grant Program provides funding for developing and updating bicycle and pedestrian plans for local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southern Shores has applied for funding through the Multimodal Planning Grant Program to develop a Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee believes that the development of a Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the Town of Southern Shores will improve bicyclist and pedestrian mobility by identifying projects that expand connectivity and enhance safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee fully supports the Town of Southern Shores's Multimodal Planning Grant application to develop a Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

ADOPTED, this the 17th day of June, 2026

Lloyd Griffin III, Chair
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Ethan Sommers, Secretary
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization



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Agenda Item Number: 8.
Agenda Title: Public Comments
Presenter(s): RTCC Chair Cox
RTAC Chair Griffin

Summary of Information:

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

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

Attachments:



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Agenda Section: Presentations and Updates

Agenda Title: Aviation 101

Presenter(s): Alex Rotenberry

Summary of Information:

This is a presentation on aviation.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

Attachments:

1. *Aviation 101 PowerPoint*



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Agenda Section: Presentations and Updates
Agenda Title: NCDOT Division 1
Presenter(s): NCDOT Division 1 Staff

Summary of Information:

Updates and Reports from NCDOT Division 1.

Map Link: [ARPO Progress Report Map - Google Earth](#)

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

Attachments:

1. *Construction Progress Report*
2. *Projects Near Me*

Contract Number	Division	County	TIP#	Route	Location Description	Length	Contractor	NCDOT Contact	Letting Date	Completion Date	Completion Percent
C204775	1	Dare	HB-0017	US-64	BRIDGE #9 ON US-64 IN MANN'S HARBOR.	2.7 miles	COASTAL GUNITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	Pablo A. Hernandez, PE	9/20/2022	11/1/2026	73%
C204854	1	Gates, Pasquotank	R-5808	US-158	US-158 FROM SR-1002 (ACORN HILL ROAD) TO EAST OF PASQUOTANK COUNTY LINE.	4.1 miles	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	Caitlin A. Spear, PE	12/17/2024	2/28/2028	47%
C204999	1	Dare, Tyrrell	HB-0001	US-64	BRIDGE #880007 OVER THE ALLIGATOR RIVER ON US-64.	0 miles	SKANSKA USA CIVIL SOUTHEAST INC	Pablo A. Hernandez, PE	12/2/2024	4/19/2030	44%
DA00620	1	Dare		US-64	1 SECTION OF US-64	5.8 miles	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	Caitlin A. Spear, PE	5/21/2025	12/15/2026	66%
DA00632	1	Dare	ER- 5600AD	-	NAGS HEAD, NC (WHALEBONE JUNCTION)	0 miles	RICHARD J CARLSON LLC DBA CARLSONS LANDSCAPING	Caitlin A. Spear, PE	2/19/2025	3/1/2027	0%
DA00633	1	Dare	ER- 5600AE	US-158	KITTY HAWK, NC	0 miles	RICHARD J CARLSON LLC DBA CARLSONS LANDSCAPING	Caitlin A. Spear, PE	2/19/2025	5/15/2027	0%
DA00636	1	Tyrrell		US-64	US-64 & NC-94 IN COLUMBIA	0.07 miles	BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO	Gerard E. Mombaerts	10/29/2025	7/31/2026	92%
DA00657	1	Hyde, Tyrrell		US-264	1 SECTION OF US-264, 3 SECTIONS OF NC-45, 1 SECTION OF NC-94 , & 2 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS	23.8 miles	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	Gerard E. Mombaerts	1/21/2026	8/27/2027	0%
DA00671	1	Camden	ER- 5600AB	US-17	DISMAL SWAMP VISITORS CENTER	0 miles	NATURAL CHOICE CONTRACTING LLC	Caitlin A. Spear, PE	9/3/2025	4/30/2027	71%
DA00675	1	Dare		US-64	DARE COUNTY REST AREA ON US-64 IN MANTEO, NC	0 miles	A R CHESSON CONSTRUCTION CO INC	Caitlin A. Spear, PE	11/5/2025	7/31/2026	59%

“Projects Near Me”

- ***Projects Near Me*** is designed to provide a clear, user-friendly way for the public, external stakeholders, and internal teams to view the status of transportation projects occurring across the state. The tool consolidates project information into a single accessible location, helping users quickly identify nearby projects, understand their status, and access relevant details without needing to navigate multiple systems or contacting the Department.
- **Soft Launch – May 2026**
The application is now live and be fully accessible to everyone. During this period, the tool will not be formally advertised or promoted externally. However, all staff may use the tool freely and share the link with citizens, partners, or other stakeholders as needed. This phase will allow staff to become familiar with the website so that we can gather final feedback as we refine FAQs for the hard launch.
- **Hard Launch – July 2026**
In July the Department will formally announce and promote *Projects Near Me* to the public. By that point, we expect the tool and supporting guidance to be polished and ready for widespread public use.

<https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/ProjectsNearMe/default.aspx>



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Presenter(s): Ethan Sommers, Albemarle RPO Staff

Summary of Information:

- Local Input Points
 - ECU Student Ehringhaus St Study Completion
 - Cambell Pfister
 - Mid-Currituck Bridge
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Staff Recommendations/Motions:

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