

ALBEMARLE RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Board Meetings Agenda

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 10:00am.

Location: Albemarle Commission▪ 512 South Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944

Virtual (Zoom) for members of the board and presenters only

Rural Technical Coordinating Committee: Starts at 10:00 AM

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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

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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 August 19, 2026 Albemarle RPO Board Meetings.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

1. RTCC Approval of Agenda for August 19, 2026 Albemarle RPO Board Meetings
 2. RTAC Approval of Agenda for August 19, 2026 Albemarle RPO Board Meetings
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Attachments:



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Agenda Item Number: 6.
Agenda Title: Approval of 06/17/2026 Meeting Minutes
Presenter(s): RTCC Chair
RTAC Chair Griffin

Summary of Information:

June 17, 2026 ARPO Board Meeting Minutes.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

1. RTCC approval of June 17, 2026 ARPO Board Meeting Minutes
 2. RTAC approval of June 17, 2026 ARPO Board Meeting Minutes
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Attachments:

1. June 17, 2026 *ARPO Board Meeting Minutes*

ALBEMARLE RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Wednesday, June 17, 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, June 17, 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 Vice Chairman Kris Noble at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call

Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff, determined a quorum was met with the following members in attendance: Noah Gillam Dare County; Kris Noble, Hyde County; Lisa Cherry, Gates County; Kevin Howard, Chowan County; Rebecca Gay, Currituck County; Curtis Potter, Washington County; Josh Houston, Manteo; William Midgett, Kitty Hawk; 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

William Midgett motioned to approve the agenda, Joe Costello 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 April 15, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Curtis Potter. The motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of Letters of Support

The ARPO Staff explained how the NCDOT Ferry Division asked for letters of support for their grant applications into the FY2026 Rural Ferry Program Grant and the FY2026 Small Shipyard Grant. There were also two other letters that Ethan Sommers went over for the public transit provider Monarch for both their operations with ICPTA and Dare County Transit. Curtis Potter motioned to ratify the letters of support, the motion was seconded by Rebecca Gay. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution of Support for Southern Shores MMPG Application

Ethan Sommers presented that the town of Southern Shores had applied for the Multimodal Planning Grant. As a part of this application, it requires a resolution of support from the local planning organization. Rebecca Gay made a motion to adopt the resolution of support for Southern Shores's application. William Midgett seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comments were made

Adjournment

Upon motion by Joe Costello seconded by Wes Haskett, the RTCC voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:30 AM.

Presentations and Updates

<u>Aviation 101:</u>	Alex Rotenberry, Planning Program Analyst
<u>NCDOT Division 1:</u>	Chris Slachta, Division 1 Planning Engineer
<u>NCDOT Ferry Division:</u>	Melissa Dickerson, Transportation Planner
<u>NCDOT TPD:</u>	Maksym Bezruchko, Transportation Engineer II
<u>Albemarle RPO:</u>	Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff

Minutes of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Meeting – 11:15AM

Call to Order

The Albemarle RPO Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) met in regular session on Wednesday, June 17, 2026. The meeting was held in person at the Albemarle Commission and had a virtual format via Zoom. The RTAC meeting was opened and called to order by RTAC Vice Chairman Randal Mathews at 11:15 AM.

Roll Call

ALBEMARLE RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

RTCC & RTAC MEETINGS

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

Non-Voting Members: Ronnie Sawyer, NCDOT Division 1; Paula Sherlock, Southern Shores; John C. Spruill, Washington County; Betty Selby, Manteo, Marc Murray, Duck;

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

Mary Ellon Ballance made a motion to approve the agenda Chairman Griffin seconded, with no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mary Ellon Balance made a motion to approve the of April 15, 2026, regular meeting minutes Carol Phelps seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of Letters of Support

The ARPO Staff explained how the NCDOT Ferry Division asked for letters of support for their grant applications into the FY2026 Rural Ferry Program Grant and the FY2026 Small Shipyard Grant. There were also two other letters that Ethan Sommers went over for the public transit provider Monarch for both their operations with ICPTA and Dare County Transit. Mary Ellon Ballance motioned to ratify the letters of support, the motion was seconded by Tess Judge. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution of Support for Southern Shores MMPG Application

Ethan Sommers presented that the town of Southern Shores had applied for the Multimodal Planning Grant. As a part of this application, it requires a resolution of support from the local planning organization. Carol Phelps made a motion to adopt the resolution of support for Southern Shores's application. Mary Ellon Ballance seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

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Public Comment

There was no public in attendance. The RTAC members discussed their travels to the general assembly. This led to a motion from Mary Ellon Ballance to create a letter of support from the ARPO on getting legislative funding for ongoing transportation projects. This was seconded by Vice Chairman Mathews. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Carol Phelps, seconded by Vice-Chairman Randle Mathews, the RTAC voted unanimously to adjourn at 12:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethan Sommers, Secretary
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization



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Agenda Item Number: 6.

Agenda Title: Resolution of Support for the Outer Banks Health Hospital RTP Grant Application

Presenter(s): Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff

Summary of Information:

The Outer Banks Health Hospital is applying for the Recreation Trails Program grant to create a walking path around the hospital's campus. This aims to make the hospital assessable by connecting it to existing infrastructure along US-158 and to the surrounding neighborhoods. This would also include, ADA-accessible walking surfaces, benches and rest areas, native landscaping and pollinator-friendly gardens, birdhouses and nature enhancements, pet waste stations, and wayfinding signage and educational features. They are asking for our support in the form of a resolution for their application.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

1. RTCC motion to adopt the resolution of support 2027-01
 2. RTAC motion to adopt the resolution of support 2027-01
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Attachments:

- Resolution of Support for the Outer Banks Health Hospital RTP Grant Application (2027-01)

ALBEMARLE RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RURAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING OUTER BANKS HEALTH HOSPITAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM 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 U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration administers the Recreational Trails Program; and

WHEREAS, the Recreational Trails Program provides funding for providing and maintaining recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use; and

WHEREAS, the Outer Banks Health Hospital will apply for funding through Recreational Trails Program to develop a recreational trail around their campus that also connects the campus to the existing pedestrian and cycling infrastructure on US-158 and to the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee believes that the development of a recreational trail around the Outer Banks Health Hospital campus will improve the health and mobility of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee fully supports the Outer Banks Health Hospital Recreational Trails Program application to develop a recreational trail on their hospital's campus.

ADOPTED, this the 19th day of August, 2026

Lloyd Griffin III, Chair
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Ethan Sommers, Secretary
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization



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Agenda Item Number: 7.
Agenda Title: ARPO Letter of Support
Presenter(s): Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff

Summary of Information:

The ARPO RTAC requested during our June 17, 2026, meeting that a letter of support from the RPO be prepared to demonstrate that the 10 counties support and request legislative funding for transportation projects throughout our region. During this meeting, ARPO staff are seeking recommendations from the Board regarding any corrections or changes that should be made to the letter.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

1. RTCC discuss the letter of support
 2. RTAC discuss the letter of support
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Attachments:

1. *ARPO 2026 Letter of Support*



August 19, 2026

The North Carolina General Assembly

RE: Legislative Funding of Critical Transportation Resiliency and Mobility Projects in Northeastern North Carolina

On behalf of the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization (ARPO), which serves ten counties and fifteen municipalities across northeastern North Carolina, we respectfully request your support for legislative funding for several critical transportation projects that are essential to the safety, resilience, economic vitality, and long-term mobility of our region.

The counties represented by ARPO depend upon a reliable transportation system to connect residents, visitors, businesses, emergency responders, and freight movements throughout our region. The increasing frequency and intensity of coastal storms, flooding events, and other natural hazards underscore the need for strategic investments that strengthen our transportation infrastructure and provide critical redundancy when primary routes are disrupted.

Northeastern North Carolina faces transportation challenges that are not always fully reflected in the current Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) funding process. Our region's unique geography, tourism-driven economy, vulnerability to hurricanes and flooding, and limited transportation alternatives place extraordinary demands on its transportation network.

In particular:

- **Tourism and seasonal population:** As one of North Carolina's premier tourism destinations, the region experiences significant seasonal population increases and transportation demands. Because STI scoring places significant emphasis on factors that tend to favor more populous areas, seasonal population surges and tourism-driven transportation demands may not translate into competitive project scores.
- **Rural and coastal competitiveness:** The result is that critical rural and coastal projects can struggle to compete for funding, even when those projects serve significant numbers of visitors or provide essential regional connections.
- **Resiliency and emergency access:** Roads, bridges, ferries, airports, and evacuation routes are essential not only for everyday mobility, but also for hurricane evacuation, disaster response, and recovery. These resiliency benefits can also be difficult to capture through traditional project scoring.

Targeted legislative investment can help address these funding gaps while strengthening regional connectivity, supporting economic development, protecting North Carolina's tourism economy, and improving the long-term resilience of coastal communities.

ARPO strongly supports funding for the following projects:

NC-12 Resiliency Improvements on Ocracoke and the Outer Banks- \$1 Billion

NC-12 serves as the lifeline for the residents and businesses of Ocracoke and Outer Banks. Repeated over wash, flooding, erosion, and storm damage have demonstrated the vulnerability of this corridor and the consequences of transportation interruptions for local

CAMDEN
CHOWAN
CURRITUCK
DARE
GATES
HYDE
PASQUOTANK
PERQUIMANS
TYRRELL
WASHINGTON
COLUMBIA
CRESWELL
DUCK
EDENTON
ELIZABETH CITY
GATESVILLE
HERTFORD
KILL DEVIL HILLS
KITTY HAWK
MANTEO
NAGS HEAD
PLYMOUTH
ROPER
SOUTHERN SHORES
WINFALL



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WINFALL

communities, emergency services, and North Carolina's tourism economy. Strengthening NC-12 will improve public safety, support evacuation efforts, and help ensure uninterrupted access to communities that have limited transportation alternatives.

Dare County Regional Airport Runway Extension to 5,000 Feet- \$45 Million

The extension of the Dare County Regional Airport runway to 5,000 feet represents a strategic investment in regional emergency preparedness and disaster response capabilities. A longer runway would accommodate a broader range of emergency response aircraft, medical evacuation operations, disaster relief flights, military support missions, and other critical aviation assets during emergencies. When transportation corridors are impacted by severe weather, the airport serves as a vital gateway for emergency personnel, equipment, and supplies. Enhancing its capabilities will strengthen the resilience of the entire Outer Banks region.

Emergency Ferry Terminal in Buxton- \$15 Million

A resilient transportation network requires redundancy. The establishment of an emergency ferry terminal in Buxton would provide a critical alternative connection between Hatteras Island and the mainland when NC-12 becomes impassable due to storms, flooding, or infrastructure damage. Such a facility would support emergency evacuations, disaster recovery operations, and the delivery of essential supplies and services. This investment would significantly enhance transportation system resilience while helping prevent the isolation of communities during emergency situations.

Mid-Currituck Bridge- \$1.2 Billion

The Mid-Currituck Bridge remains one of the most important mobility and resiliency projects in northeastern North Carolina. The bridge would provide an additional access point to the northern Outer Banks, reduce congestion on existing routes, improve travel reliability, and strengthen hurricane evacuation operations. By providing an alternative route for residents and visitors, the bridge would create greater network redundancy and improve overall regional resiliency.

Morgans Corner Interchange (US-17 and US-158) for Interstate 87 Development- \$60 Million

The proposed interchange at Morgans Corner represents a critical regional transportation investment and a foundational component of future Interstate 87 development in northeastern North Carolina. As traffic volumes continue to grow along the US-17 and US-158 corridors, this project will improve safety, enhance mobility, reduce congestion, and facilitate the efficient movement of goods and services throughout the region. The interchange will also strengthen connections between Hampton Roads, the Albemarle region, and destinations throughout North Carolina.

Investing in the Future of Northeastern North Carolina

Together, these projects represent a comprehensive approach to addressing the transportation challenges facing our coastal and rural communities. They will improve public safety, strengthen emergency response capabilities, support economic development, enhance freight and passenger mobility, and increase the resilience of critical infrastructure in the face of future storms and natural disasters.

These investments will provide lasting benefits not only for the communities directly served by these facilities but also for the broader regional and statewide transportation network. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to improving transportation infrastructure across northeastern North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Griffin III, Chair
Pasquotank County
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Randle Mathews, Vice-Chair
Hyde County
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Troy Leary
Camden County
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Larry McLaughlin
Chowan County
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Troy Breathwaite
Currituck County
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Mary Ellon Ballance
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Nathan Berryman
Gates County
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Charles Woodard
Perquimans County
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Nina Griswell
Tyrrell County
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Carol Phelps
Washington County
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee



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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 Item Number: 7.
Agenda Title: Assigning Regional Impact Local Input Points
Presenter(s): Ethan Sommers, ARPO Staff

Summary of Information:

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Prioritization 8.0 process is currently in the local input point assignment phase. This phase runs from June 2026 through October 2026 and is divided into two categories: Regional Impact and Division Needs. Each category represents a separate funding allocation for which local input can influence a project's quantitative score. For this agenda item, we are assigning local input points to projects that are eligible for funding under the Regional Impact category.

Public Input on the Projects- [ARPOP8PublicInput](#)

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

1. RTCC motion to approve the assignment of Regional Impact Local Input Points to eligible projects in the quantities recommended by staff
 2. RTAC motion to approve the assignment of Regional Impact Local Input Points to eligible projects in the quantities recommended by staff
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Attachments:

1. *Recommended Regional Impact Local Input Assignment*
2. *Regional Impact Scores with Methodology Applied*

ARPO Regional Impact Local Input Points

County Name	Project Description	Points Assigned
Camden	Upgrade NC 343 to a tree-lined, two-lane boulevard with a multi-use path between Scotland Rd and US-158 (H250090)	100
Chowan	Upgrade US-17 to Interstate standards from Edenton to Elizabeth City (H141929)	100
Currituck	Add Turn lane to Tulls Creek Road at the intersection with NC-168 (H190382)	100
Dare	Replace Dorm 1 Hatteras (F250811)	100
Gates	US-158 and Acorn Hill Road intersection Improvement (H250481)	100
Hyde	Replace and expand dorm facility at Manns Harbor Shipyard (F231106)	20
Pasquotank	Create an interchange at Morgan's Corner that meets Interstates standards as a part of future I-87 (H250314)	100
Perquimans	Convert Wiggins Road/ US-17 intersection to an RCI. (H250407)	100
Tyrrell	US-64 from East of Columbia to US-264 Upgrade to Freeway Standards (H250523)	100
Washington	Construct an RCI at the intersection of US-64 and NC-32 (H250526)	100
Highest Scoring Regardless of County 1	Construct Access Management Improvements with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on US 158 in Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head (H250519)	100
Highest Scoring Regardless of County 2	Improve Intersection of NC-12 and US-158 (Option 2) (H250310)	100
Highest Scoring Regardless of County 3	Replace Dredge (Manteo) (F251115)	20
Highest Scoring Regardless of County 4	Expand vessel basin at Hatteras (F192613)	100
Highest Scoring Regardless of County 5	Replace Support Vessel (Skyco) (F231109)	20
Highest Scoring Regardless of County 6	NC 37 (Gliden Road) to Virginia State Line. Modernize NC-32. (H090868)	100
Highest Scoring Regardless of County 7	Construct a grade seperated rail crossing at NC-168 in Moyock (R250697)	40

SPOT ID	Mode	TIP	Project Category	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Public Up Votes	Public Down Votes	Regional Impact Score With UP (Out of 65)	Funding Region(s)	Division(s)	MPO(s) / RPO(s)	County(ies)
F231100	Ferry		Regional Impact	Hatteras - Ocracoke (South Dock) - vehicle	Hatteras terminal	N/A	Replace Docks 1 and 2 at Hatteras	4 - Replace Facility	\$14,364,000	0	0	64.00	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Dare
F231106	Ferry		Regional Impact	Manns Harbor Shipyard	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace and expand dorm facility at Manns Harbor Shipyard	8 - Expand Facility	\$4,480,000	0	0	58.75	A, B	01, 02, 03	Wilmington Urban Area MPO, Albemarle RPO, Cape Fear RPO, Down East RPO, Mid-East RPO	Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Craven, Carteret, Brunswick, New Hanover
H190382	Highway		Regional Impact		SR 1222 (Tulls Creek Road), SR 1216 (Puddin Ridge Road)	N/A	Add a left turn lane onto NC 168 from the east side of NC 168 at SR 1216	10 - Improve Intersection	\$3,400,000	11	0	51.86	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Currituck
H250519	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 158	Prospect Avenue	Soundside Road	Construct Access Management Improvements with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations	11 - Access Management	\$86,100,000	5	5	51.09	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Dare
H250407	Highway	HS-2401R	Statewide Mobility	US 17 (US 17)	Wiggins Road	N/A	Convert Wiggins Road intersection to an RCL	10 - Improve Intersection	\$4,100,000	0	0	49.28	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Perquimans
H250310	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 158	NC 12	N/A	Convert existing at-grade intersection to interchange to improve safety and mobility	7 - Upgrade At-grade Intersection to Interchange or Grade Separation	\$36,500,000	87	754	48.21	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Dare
F251115	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide- Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Dredge (Manteo)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$7,909,095	0	0	45.30	A, B	01, 02, 03	Wilmington Urban Area MPO, Albemarle RPO, Cape Fear RPO, Down East RPO, Mid-East RPO	Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Craven, Carteret, Brunswick, New Hanover
H141929	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 17	Shannonhouse Road	SR 1100 / 1140 (Oskio Road)	Upgrade roadway to Interstate standards	2 - Upgrade Arterial to Freeway/Expressway	\$460,800,000	0	1	43.93	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank
H250314	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 17	US 158	N/A	Convert existing at-grade intersection to interchange meeting interstate standards.	7 - Upgrade At-grade Intersection to Interchange or Grade Separation	\$59,400,000	6	1	43.08	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Pasquotank
F231109	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide- Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Support Vessel (Skycol)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$40,000,000	0	1	42.35	A, B	01, 02, 03	Wilmington Urban Area MPO, Albemarle RPO, Cape Fear RPO, Down East RPO, Mid-East RPO	Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Craven, Carteret, Brunswick, New Hanover
F192613	Ferry		Regional Impact	Hatteras - Ocracoke (South Dock) - vehicle	Hatteras terminal	N/A	Expand vessel basin at Hatteras	8 - Expand Facility	\$13,500,000	0	0	40.99	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Dare
H250481	Highway		Regional Impact	US 158	Acorn Hill Road (SR 1002)	N/A	Upgrade 4 way stop intersection to a roundabout.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$3,200,000	7	38	40.91	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Gates
H250526	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 64	NC 32	N/A	Convert existing intersection to reduced conflict intersection.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$9,600,000	0	0	40.78	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Washington
H141931	Highway	R-5856	Statewide Mobility	US 17	US 17/158 North of Elizabeth City (N Road Street)	Virginia State line	Upgrade roadway to Interstate standards	2 - Upgrade Arterial to Freeway/Expressway	\$315,100,000	5	1	40.11	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Camden, Pasquotank
H090868	Highway	R-5938	Regional Impact	NC 32	NC 37 (Gliden Road)	Virginia State line	NC 37 (Gliden Road) to Virginia State Line. Modernize roadway.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$254,200,000	2	3	39.85	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Gates, Chowan

R250697	Rail		Statewide Mobility	NS NS line	NC 168 (Caratoke Hwy), Currituck County	N/A	Construction of a grade separation at NC 168 (Caratoke Highway) and closure of the existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #463 405M) near Manteo.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$32,800,000	2	2	36.07	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Currituck
H250523	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 64	The start of the two-lane section of US-64 east of Columbia	US 264	Upgrade roadway to freeway	2 - Upgrade Arterial to Freeway/Expressway	\$950,000,000	52	6	35.90	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Tyrrell, Dare
H230513	Highway		Statewide Mobility	R-5869C	US 17 BUS(Edenton Road)	SR 1220 (Wiggins Road)	Upgrade roadway to interstate standards	2 - Upgrade Arterial to Freeway/Expressway	\$388,900,000	0	0	35.56	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Perquimans
H090286	Highway	R-5869A	Statewide Mobility	US 17	SR 1336 (Harvey Point Road), SR 1338 (Wayne Fork Road)	N/A	Convert at-grade intersection to an interchange.	7 - Upgrade At-grade Intersection to Interchange or Grade Separation	\$112,200,000	1	0	35.40	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Perquimans
H090099-B	Highway	R-2507B	Statewide Mobility	US 13	US 158 BYP in Tarheel	Virginia State Border	Widen roadway to four-lane divided expressway.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$267,100,000	3	2	34.95	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Gates
H250491	Highway		Regional Impact	NC 12	North of Visitor Center	South of Visitor Center	Relocate NC 12 to the west at the Pea Island Visitor's Center	5 - Construct Roadway on New Location	\$3,400,000	18	3	34.71	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Dare
F192751	Ferry		Regional Impact	Manns Harbor Shipyard		N/A	Synchrolift refurbishment. Includes equipment upgrades, retrofits, and dredging.	8 - Expand Facility	\$5,000,000	1	0	33.80	A, B	01, 02, 03	Wilmington Urban Area MPO, Albemarle RPO, Cape Fear RPO, Down East RPO, Mid-East RPO	Dare
H090139	Highway	R-2574	Statewide Mobility	US 158 (Shortcut Road)	East Of NC 34 (Shawboro Road) at Belcross in Currituck County	US 158/NC 168 (Caratoke Highway) in Currituck County	Widen to multi-lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$197,800,000	12	4	32.84	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Currituck, Camden
F231633	Ferry		Regional Impact	Cedar Island - Ocracoke (Silver Lake)	Cedar Island - Ocracoke (Silver Lake) route	N/A	Additional Sound Class vessel	6 - Expand Vehicle Vessel	\$40,000,000	0	0	32.21	A, B	01, 02	Albemarle RPO, Down East RPO	Carteret, Hyde
R250743	Rail		Statewide Mobility	NS NS line	SR 1325 (Main St) near Plymouth	N/A	Installation of grade crossing improvements at existing at-grade crossing Crossing #466 207X) on SR 1325 (Main Street) near Plymouth.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$4,341,000	0	0	31.52	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Washington
H150679	Highway		Regional Impact	US 52	US 64	Piney Woods Road	Modernize roadway to include 12 ft. lanes, and wide paved shoulders.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$210,200,000	2	1	29.99	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Tyrrell, Hyde
H090145	Highway		Regional Impact	US 158	US 13	US 17	Widen roadway to four-lane divided expressway with a 46 ft. depressed grass median with cable guardrail, wide paved shoulders, and 12 ft. lanes. There are three sections, Miggins Corner, Sunbury, and Eason Crossroads where the cross section will have a 23ft raised median with wide paved shoulders and 12ft lanes, curb gutter and sidewalk. With RCI concepts at most intersections along the corridor	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$1,003,200,000	2	1	29.49	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Gates, Pasquotank
F251118	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide- Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace tug Vessel (Cape Fear)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$1,684,280	1	0	29.40	A, B	01, 02, 03	Wilmington Urban Area MPO, Albemarle RPO, Cape Fear RPO, Down East RPO, Mid-East RPO	Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Craven, Carteret, Brunswick, New Hanover
F231101	Ferry		Regional Impact	Hatteras - Ocracoke (South Dock) - vehicle	Hatteras terminal	N/A	Replace and expand Operations Building / Visitor Center at Hatteras	8 - Expand Facility	\$7,603,000	0	1	27.03	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Dare

P251117	Ferry		Regional Impact	Statewide: Support Vessel	Manns Harbor Shipyard	N/A	Replace Tug Vessel (Morehead City)	1 - Replace Support Vessel	\$1,684,276	0	0	26.90	A, B	01, 02, 03	Wilmington Urban Area MPO, Albemarle RPO, Cape Fear RPO, Down East RPO, Mid-East RPO	Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Craven, Carteret, Brunswick, New Hanover
H250090	Highway		Regional Impact	NC 343	US 158	Scotland Road	Convert the roadway into a two-lane boulevard with a tree-lined median, center turn lane, and dedicated right-turn lanes at school entrances to allow through traffic to flow. Include a 10-foot multi-use path on the west side to create a safe route to school for pedestrians and cyclist.	26 - Upgrade Roadway	\$97,700,000	6	1	26.18	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Camden
H090285	Highway	R-5869B	Statewide Mobility	US 17	SR 1300 (New Hope Road)	N/A	Convert at-grade intersection to interchange.	7 - Upgrade At-grade Intersection to Interchange or Grade Separation	\$67,100,000	0	0	24.82	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Perquimans
R250729	Rail		Statewide Mobility	CSX ABC Line	SR 1336 (Sand Hill Rd), Plymouth	N/A	Installation of grade crossing improvements at existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #642 618K) on SR 1336 (Sand Hill Road) in Plymouth.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$10,135,000	0	0	23.54	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Washington
R250706	Rail		Statewide Mobility	NS NS Line	SR 1128 (Swing Gate Rd) near Winfall	N/A	Installation of grade crossing improvements at existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #465 309K) at SR 1128 (Swing Gate Road) near Winfall.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$4,000,000	1	0	21.57	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Perquimans
R250687	Rail		Statewide Mobility	NS NS Line	SR 1101 (Bear Swamp Rd), Perquimans County	N/A	Installation of grade crossing improvements at existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #465 299A) at SR 1101 (Bear Swamp Rd) near Hertford.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$4,000,000	0	0	19.44	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Perquimans
R250690	Rail		Statewide Mobility	NS NS Line	SR 1321 (Parsonage St), Elizabeth City	N/A	Installation of grade crossing improvements at existing at-grade crossing (Crossing #465 357A) at SR 1321 (Parsonage Street) in Elizabeth City.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$20,420,000	2	2	19.34	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Pasquotank
R250747	Rail		Regional Impact	NS NS Line, CSX AA & ABC Lines (Southern Albemarle Passenger Rail)	Plymouth to Greenville via Williamston and Robersonville	N/A	Improvement to rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Plymouth to Greenville via Williamston using the NS Line, CSX ABC Line, and CSX AA Line. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$493,860,000	0	0	15.66	A, B	01, 02	Mid-East RPO, Greenville Urban Area MPO, Albemarle RPO	Martin, Pitt, Washington
R250711	Rail		Regional Impact	NS NS Line (Northern Albemarle Passenger Service)	Edenton to Moyock	N/A	Improvement to rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Edenton to Moyock on the NS Line. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$470,784,000	4	0	14.62	A	01	Albemarle RPO	Perquimans, Currituck, Pasquotank, Camden



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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*

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%
DA00675	1	Dare		US-64 NC	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%



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Agenda Title: NCDOT Ferry Division

Presenter(s): NCDOT Ferry Division Staff

Summary of Information:

Updates and Reports from the NCDOT Ferry Division.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

Attachments:



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Agenda Title:	NCDOT Transportation Planning Office
Presenter(s):	NCDOT Transportation Planning Office Staff

Summary of Information:

Updates and Reports from the NCDOT Transportation Planning Office.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

Attachments:

1. *TPO Newsletter August 2026*

Transportation Planning Office (TPO)

Advancing NC's Mobility Future

Resources to plan for future transportation solutions through the delivery of Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTP), Traffic Forecasts, Model Research and Development, and other Long Range Planning products & services. These solutions are conducted in partnership with Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations, NCDOT Divisions, and local governments.

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/default.aspx>

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

- NCDOT Mission Statement

Camden Currituck Pasquotank Regional CTP Update

The CTP effort is actively underway. The draft project recommendations are currently being finalized. A steering committee meeting is set for August 25, 2026. During that meeting, the team will present the draft highway, bicycle, and pedestrian recommendations, along with the project recommendation sheets.

Public input sessions will be scheduled in the fall to gather feedback on those draft recommendations.

Hyde County CTP

Albemarle RPO has requested a Hyde County CTP, currently we are working on Pre-CTP activity before starting the full CTP.

MPO/RPO Master Contact Interactive Map

TPO is excited to announce the deployment of a new **MPO/RPO Master Contact Interactive Map**, designed to streamline contact management and keep all TPO, M/RPO, and BOT contacts organized and current. This map combines the convenience of having contact information at your fingertips with the power of spatial interaction. Simply click on any MPO or RPO to see a pop-up containing the following: contact details for both TPO and the planning organization, BOT member information, and TCC/TAC meeting schedules. This one-stop resource makes finding the right people and information easier than ever.

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/83b412ce0db74eb1b9ae0aaadebcc2e7?draft=true>

Helpful Links

ncdot.gov—NCDOT home page

<https://drivenc.gov/> - Real-Time Traffic

<https://www.ncdot.gov/contact/Pages/form.aspx?UnitName=pothole&sourceUrl=/contact/> - Report a pothole

[NCDOT Annual Average Daily Traffic \(AADT\) Mapping Application \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/transportation/stip/Pages/default.aspx)
- Interactive Annual Average Daily Traffic Map

<https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/transportation/stip/Pages/default.aspx>—
NCDOT: State Transportation Improvement Program

<https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/ncbikeways/default.aspx>
- Interactive Bicycle Routes Map

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/State-Mapping/Pages/Traffic-Survey-Group.aspx> - Links to all traffic count data information

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Upcoming	Date
Federal FY 27 begins	October 1, 2026
TPO provides MPO/RPO planning fund allocations for FY 28	November 2, 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>



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

Summary of Information:

Updates and Reports from the NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division.

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

Attachments:

1. *IMD Newsletter August 2026*

IMD PLANNING UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Integrated Mobility Division
N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



August 2026

STATEWIDE PLANNING

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN

IMD kicked off the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Strategic Plan in coordination with the National Safe Routes to School Partnership. The plan will develop a roadmap for the Safe Routes to School program, focusing on the current state of the program, a review of peer states, stakeholder engagement, program recommendations, implementation and metrics.

[Safe Routes to School Statewide Strategic Plan Stakeholder Survey - PublicInput](#)

STATEWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Plan has kicked off, in the process of establishing a committee with an anticipation of completion in summer 2027. Many touchpoints to come. This plan will be update the state's 2013 plan.

E-BIKE USE AND SAFETY MATERIALS

IMD will be working with Kimley-Horn and NCDOT Comms on developing use and safety materials for e-bikes. The draft scope of work may focus on three primary areas: safety, understanding e-bikes and e-scooters (law, policy, e-bike classes), and how to operate an e-bike/e-scooter. IMD also plans to include e-scooters as part of this effort. We anticipate developing materials such as online resources, fact sheets, videos, flyers, brochures, rack cards, etc.

LOCAL PLANNING

KITTY HAWK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

The Kitty Hawk Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is well underway. The first steering committee meeting took place back in June with the survey period just finishing up. Looking ahead the second steering committee is scheduled in the second half of August.

TRANSIT

2025 ON-DEMAND MICROTRANSIT ANNUAL REPORT

NCDOT Published the 2025 On-Demand Microtransit Report that provides an overview of all agencies operating microtransit services through FY2025, including operational statistics and other service characteristics. This is a great resource to review the variety and types of microtransit implementation happening around the State.

[On-Demand Microtransit Annual Report](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CALL FOR PROJECTS

NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit has an open Call for Applications to Develop Projects that improve Pedestrian Safety. The Call for Projects will close on August 28th, 2026. This call for projects is specifically focused on improvements in smaller urban and rural areas that can be obligated relatively quickly and require little to no right-of-way acquisition. Eligible pedestrian safety projects include a range of pedestrian-focused-improvements. The following website contains more details about the Call for Projects, including a map of eligible areas, entities that are eligible to submit projects, scoring criteria, and a link to submit projects: [Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects](#)

FTA AND STATE TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAMS FY 2028

The fiscal year 2028 grant cycle opened in April for transit agencies statewide to apply for federal and state funding to support their transit operations. Application deadline is Oct. 2. During a typical grant cycle, IMD staff reviews and approves more than 400 applications.



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Agenda Section: Presentations and Updates
Agenda Title: Albemarle RPO
Presenter(s): Ethan Sommers, Albemarle RPO Staff

Summary of Information:

- Division Needs Local Input Points
- Express Designs for September submittal
- Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects
- Mid-Currituck Bridge

Staff Recommendations/Motions:

Attachments: