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MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Lumber River Rural Transportation Planning Organization

From: Janet Robertson, Rural Transportation Planner

Subject: Agenda for March 25th TAC Meeting

Date: March 20, 2024

Enclosed please find the agenda and supporting information for the next TAC meeting which is scheduled for **Monday, March 25, 2024 at 12 Noon.** We will meet at the Lumber River Council of Governments in Pembroke. PLEASE NOTE: LUNCH WILL NOT BE SERVED.

A virtual option via Zoom will also be offered at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85624675286?pwd=QXVtL1E4UElUT2p6RHNwVm5INDBTUT09>

The meeting ID 856-2467--5286 is and the Passcode is 655977. If you prefer to join by telephone, the call-in number is: 301-715-8592 (this is a toll number so please use your cell phone to avoid charges). The Meeting ID and Passcode are the same as above.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Bladenboro • Clarkton • Dublin
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**Transportation Advisory Committee
Lumber River Rural Transportation Planning Organization
Monday March 25, 2024, 12 Noon
AGENDA**

I. Welcome, Roll Call, and Reading of Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder

II. Consideration of Minutes from 1/22/24

Requested Action: Approval of Minutes

III. Public Comment Period for the P7 Prioritization Methodology and Consideration of P7 Prioritization Methodology

Attachment 1 contains the draft P7 Methodology; the only changes from the approved P6 Methodology are the title and the dates in the schedule. These changes are marked in **PINK** within the document.

The TCC recommended approval of this Methodology at its 1/09/24 meeting and the TAC approved it on 1/22/24. However a Public Comment Period was not held at that time so it is being held at this meeting. After consideration of all comments received, final approval is requested.

Requested Action: *Final Approval of the P7 Methodology*

IV. Presentation: NCDOT Bridge Program

Adam Britt, Division 6 Bridge Program Manager and Timothy Welch, Division 8 Bridge Program Manager

V. Prioritization 7.0 Update

The Board of Transportation has requested that the Draft 2025-2036 STIP be released in January 2025 instead of March 2025. This will compress the P7 Schedule (*Attachment 2*), necessitating that the July 22nd TAC meeting be delayed by two or three weeks and the November 25th TAC meeting be held the first week of November. We will discuss possible dates at this meeting and vote on the changes at the May meeting.

On May 24th, the NCDOT will release Quantitative Scores of all projects and the list of Statewide projects that will be funded in the Draft. Staff will compile a list of proposed projects and Scores by County. Prioritization meetings will be held in each County in June, after which we will begin the process of assigning Local Input Points per the Methodology.

VI. Draft 2024-25 Planning Work Program

Attachment 3 contains the Draft PWP for the upcoming fiscal year. The funding will be the same as the current fiscal year. If any member or member jurisdiction would like to propose a project in their area, please do so by April 12th. At its March 19th meeting, the TCC recommended the Draft for preliminary approval. The final approved PWP is due to NCDOT by the end of May.

Requested Action: *Approval of the Draft PWP.*

VII. NCDOT and Staff Reports

- a. NCDOT Board of Transportation Members
- b. NCDOT Division 6 (*Attachment 4*)
- c. NCDOT Division 8 (*Attachment 5*)
- d. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (*Attachment 6*)
- e. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
- f. RPO Coordinator
 - Ethics Filing Deadline is Monday, April 15, 2024 (*Attachment 7*)

VIII. New Business

IX. Closing Comments and Adjournment

**Lumber River Rural Transportation Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Monday, January 22, 2024
12:00 noon**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Hoke County:	Commissioner Harry Southerland
Robeson County:	Commissioner Faline Dial; Commissioner Tom Taylor
Scotland County:	Councilperson Mary Jo Adams
NCDOT Board Member	Grady Hunt

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Richmond County:	Commissioner Jeff Smart
Robeson County	Mayor Elbert Gibson; Commissioner John Cummings, Councilman Leroy Rising
Scotland County:	Commissioner Tim Ivey

COG STAFF PRESENT

Janet Robertson, LRCOG RPO Coordinator; Alice Bell-McMillan, Workforce Services Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Rosemary Rainer, City of Lumberton Councilperson; Lisa Mathis, NCDOT Board of Transportation Division 8; Lee Jernigan, Interim Division 6 Engineer; Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6 Planning Engineer; Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Division 8 Planning Engineer; Bill Hammond, NCDOT Division 6 Corridor Development Engineer; Sangwoo 'Marty' Sung, NCDOT-TPD; Brice Bell, NCDOT District 1 Engineer, Division 6; Dago Juarez Pozos, NCDOT District 2 Engineer, Division 8; Kim Nguyen, Coastal Plains Multimodal Regional Planner

WELCOME, ROLL CALL, AND READING OF ETHICS AWARENESS REMINDER/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

The roll was called; a quorum was present. Vice-Chairperson Mary Jo Adams called the meeting to order and read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder; no one identified a conflict. She asked for Public Comments; there was no one present to speak.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

Mr. Grady Hunt made a motion, seconded by Harry Souterland to approve the September 25, 2024 TAC minutes as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

PRIORITIZATION METHODOLOGY UPDATE FOR P7

Attachment 1 contained the Draft Methodology for P7. The only change from the P6 Methodology was revising the dates to match the P7 calendar. The P6 Methodology was approved but not used because P6 was suspended. The only change between the P6 Methodology and the P5 Methodology was the addition of the Flex Policy that allows

local input points to be moved between the Regional and Division Needs categories. The TCC recommended approval of the Methodology at its January 9th meeting.

Mr. Grady Hunt made a motion seconded by Mr. Tom Taylor to approve the P7 Methodology as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

2024 MEETING SCHEDULE MODIFICATION

The TAC Bylaws state that regular TAC meetings are held on the fourth Monday of odd numbered months. This year, the fourth Monday in May falls on Memorial Day.

Mr. Grady Hunt made a motion seconded by Ms. Faline Dial to change the May meeting date to Tuesday, May 28, 2024. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

NCDOT AND STAFF REPORTS

NC Board of Transportation

Mr. Grady Hunt said that on January 1st, the graduated driver's license period for teen drivers was increased to 9 months from 6 months. The Governor's Highway Safety Program is accepting applications for Traffic Safety Grants during the month of January. Several children from the local area have submitted entries for the Aviation Art contest. Mr. Tom Taylor asked if Fire Departments were eligible to apply for the Traffic Safety Grants. Mr. Hunt said he would contact Mark Ezzell, the Governor's Safety Highway Program Director and get back with Mr. Taylor.

Ms. Lisa Mathis said the 2024 NC Transportation Summit will be May 21-22 in Greensboro. Registration can be completed at <https://www.nctransportationsummit.com>.

NCDOT Division 6

Mr. Darius Sturdivant discussed the status of current and upcoming projects in Division 6. He also introduced Lee Jernigan, the new Acting Division 6 Engineer.

NCDOT Division 8

Mr. Bryan Kluchar gave an update on current and upcoming projects in Division 8.

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Mr. Marty Sung discussed the newsletter from the Transportation Planning Division. Mr. Hunt highlighted that NCDOT had received a federal grant for three roundabout projects in Robeson County. Ms. Mathis noted that the Rail Division was awarded a nearly \$1.1 billion federal grant for the S-Line project from Raleigh to Richmond (the Southeast corridor will extend from Washington D.C. into Florida).

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division

Ms. Kim Nguyen noted that applications for the Bicycle Helmet program will close on February 9th. The Micro-transit feasibility studies for Hoke Area Transit Service (HATS) and Robeson County South East Area Transit System (SEATS) has been delayed but is expected to start soon. The Lumberton Loop project is also underway.

RPO Coordinator

Ms. Janet Robertson noted that the Ethics filing deadline is April 15th and said she is available to assist members with filing.

The Lumber River RPO projects submitted for Prioritization 7.0 were shown in Attachment 6. The NCDOT is currently scoring all projects; the scores and projects that are programmed in the Statewide Category should be released by the end of May. The RPO will then assign Local Input points for Regional projects in the summer.

After each Census, the Urbanized Areas are examined to determine if a Metropolitan Planning Organization's boundary should be expanded. With the 2020 Census, the Fayetteville Urbanized Area did not expand so there are not any areas that are required to join FAMPO. However, the law allows FAMPO to explore expanding its boundary to encompass anticipated growth. FAMPO contacted Hoke County and four towns in northern Robeson County (Lumber Bridge, Red Springs, Rennert and St Pauls) to invite them to join FAMPO (currently only a portion of Hoke County is part of FAMPO.) COG Director David Richardson and Ms. Robertson have met with the jurisdictions, who have also met with FAMPO. All jurisdictions have indicated they want to remain in the Lumber River RPO. However, the FAMPO boundary will expand to include the portion of Ft. Liberty that is in Hoke County, which will not affect planning in the Lumber River RPO. A new RPO map will be drawn when the boundary is finalized.

The Lumber River COG has received a fund distribution from a grant to the NC Association of Regional Councils through the General Assembly. LRCOG hired a consultant to conduct a study entitled: *Resilient Routes – Flood Resilient Roadway Accessibility*. The study will:

- Identify regionally significant roads that are vulnerable to flooding in each of the five LRCOG Counties
- Developed prioritization process for selection of the roadways most in need of resiliency efforts
- For the highest ranked road in each County, develop cost proposal for needed modifications to address the flooding and identify three potential funding sources

The highest ranked roads identified in each County are:

Bladen County: US 701 – 0.3 miles south of Campbell Road in Clarkton

Hoke County: US 401 where it crosses Puppy Creek in between Joyce lane and Bedford Dr, in Raeford

Richmond County: Sides Rd (SR 1155) between NC-73 and Grassy Island Rd

Robeson County: NC 211 West and Fayetteville Rd intersection Lumberton

Scotland County: US 15/501 between Lake Drive and the US 15 and South Main Street intersection in Laurinburg

New Business

There was no new business.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mary Jo Adams said she was at a flood resiliency meeting where she learned that the City of Lumberton was responsible for \$4 million of infrastructure work along the I-95 widening project. Ms. Adams wanted to know if this was a common occurrence that jurisdictions should be aware of. Mr. Brice Bell noted that Lumberton was responsible for those costs because they had previously placed utilities in the NCDOT right of way.

There being no further business, Mr. Grady Hunt made a motion seconded by Mr. Tom Taylor to adjourn the meeting, which was approved unanimously.

Lumber River RPO

P7 Project Prioritization Methodology

DRAFT

Introduction

Passed in 2013, the **Strategic Transportation Investments** law allows the N.C. Department of Transportation to use its funding more efficiently and effectively to enhance the state's infrastructure, while supporting economic growth, job creation and a higher quality of life. This process encourages thinking from a statewide and regional perspective while also providing flexibility to address local needs.

STI also established the Strategic Mobility Formula, which allocates available revenues based on data-driven scoring and local input. It is used to develop NCDOT's State Transportation Improvement Program, which identifies the transportation projects that will receive funding during a specified 10-year period.

The Strategic Mobility Formula funds projects in three categories: **Statewide Mobility**, **Regional Impact**, and **Division Needs**. Please see [Appendix A](#) for explanation of what is eligible in each category.

Statewide Mobility projects receive 40 percent of available revenue. The project selection process is based 100 percent on data.

Regional Impact projects receive 30 percent of available revenue. Projects on this level compete within regions made up of two NCDOT transportation divisions, with funding divided among the regions based on population. The Lumber River RPO is located in Regions C and E. Project scores are based 70 percent on quantitative data and 30 percent on rankings by local planning organization and the NCDOT Transportation Divisions.

Division Needs projects will receive 30 percent of the available revenue, shared equally over NCDOT's 14 Transportation Divisions, which are groupings of local counties. The Lumber River RPO is located in Division 6 and Division 8. Project scores are based 50 percent on quantitative data and 50 percent on rankings by local planning organizations and the NCDOT Transportation Divisions.

Statewide Mobility projects not funded in the Statewide Mobility category can “cascade” down and be considered for funding in the Regional Impact Category; if not funded in the Regional Impact Category they can cascade down to the Division Needs category. Regional Impact projects not funded in the Regional Impact category can also cascade down to the Division Needs category.

The Lumber River RPO (LRRPO) is allotted 1,500 Local Input points to indicate its ranking of projects in the **Regional Impact** category and another 1,500 Local Input points to indicate its ranking of projects in the **Division Needs** category. This Project Prioritization Methodology document describes the process that the Lumber River RPO will use to determine how these Local Input points are allocated.

This process is intended to be open and transparent. All meetings of the Lumber River RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) are open to the public. Public participation will be solicited in accordance with the steps listed in the Schedule on pages 5-7 of this Methodology. Relevant documents will be posted at the RPO's website at <https://www.lumberrivercog.org/copy-of-rural-transportation-planni>. Relevant documents include this draft/final methodology, County priority lists, and preliminary and final point assignments. Additionally, instructions for submitting public comments will be provided on the LRRPO website and in Appendix B. Comments will be collected by RPO staff and distributed to the TCC and TAC.

DESCRIPTION OF CRITERIA AND WEIGHTS

STI requires that the RPO use at least two criteria, with at least one being qualitative, to rank the transportation projects in its area. The Lumber River RPO Prioritization Methodology utilizes one Quantitative criterion and two Qualitative criteria to comprise the "Base Score". A third Qualitative criteria provides supplemental points that are added to the "Base Score" to equal the "Total Score". This process is described below.

QUANTITATIVE SCORE

The NCDOT SPOT Workgroup has developed an extensive set of quantitative criteria for each mode of transportation that is used to calculate the SPOT Quantitative Scores for all projects. The Lumber River RPO will use the respective SPOT Quantitative Score in each category as the Lumber River Quantitative criterion.

The SPOT score will be 35% of the Lumber River "Base Score".

QUALITATIVE SCORES

County Priority Score

A list will be compiled for each County of all the projects in all transportation modes contained in the NCDOT database that are located within that County. This list will include the SPOT quantitative score for each project and will indicate projects that have been funded at the Statewide Mobility tier. The TAC and TCC representatives from each County will work together with representatives from the County, all municipalities, all modes, and RPO staff to rank the projects in order from highest priority (#1) to lowest priority (#20). It is up to the local jurisdictions and the RPO to determine the best method for achieving this within each County, however the following rules must be followed:

- All jurisdictions and representatives from all modes must be given an opportunity to participate in the development of the prioritized list of projects.
- The process must include at least one meeting open to the public and advertised on the RPO's website that allows for public comment.

Each county's prioritized list will be posted on the RPO website and made available for additional public comment.

Points will be assigned to each project in the prioritized list as follows:

Project Ranking	Points	Project Ranking	Points
# 1	100	# 11	50
# 2	95	# 12	45
# 3	90	# 13	40
# 4	85	# 14	35
# 5	80	# 15	30
# 6	75	# 16	25
# 7	70	# 17	20
# 8	65	# 18	15
# 9	60	# 19	10
# 10	55	# 20	5

All projects that are not ranked within the top 20 projects in each county will receive one (1) point for this criterion.

If a project is prioritized by more than one County, the points assignment from each County will be averaged together. The resulting Average will be the number of points that is assigned to the project as the County Priority Score.

All projects in all modes will be assigned 35% of their Lumber River “Base Score” based on the County ranking assigned to each project from the process described above.

Division Priority Score

A project will have a better chance of receiving funding if both the RPO and the NCDOT Division Office assign Local Input Points to that project. RPO staff will discuss each project with the Division Engineer(s) and/or Division Planning Engineer(s) to determine which projects are a high priority for both the Division and the RPO and explain to the Division why the RPO feels a project should receive a high priority. The Division Engineer/Planning Engineer and RPO staff will coordinate to determine the priority projects for both the Division and the RPO.

After discussion with the RPO, the Division Engineer/Planning Engineer will assign each project a HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW priority classification for each category in which the project competes. A HIGH priority classification indicates that the Division plans to assign Local Input Points to that project. A MEDIUM priority classification indicates that the project is a strong project that will receive consideration for assignment of Local Input Points in the Prioritization Processes that will take place in future years.

Projects that receive a HIGH priority classification will receive a Division Priority Score of “100” for this portion of the Methodology. Projects that receive a MEDIUM priority classification will receive a Division Priority Score of “50” and projects that receive a LOW priority classification will receive a Division Priority Score of “25” for this portion of the methodology.

All projects in all modes will be assigned 30% of their Lumber River “Base Score” based on the Division Priority Score assigned to each project from the process described above.

Project Development Points

Projects that have had significant planning or development activities completed will be given supplemental points to distinguish them from projects that are simply conceptual.

Supplemental points will be given cumulatively to projects for each of the following criteria as indicated for a maximum of 25 points:

- a completed feasibility study: 2 pts.;
- an adopted corridor plan or other project-specific plan: 2 pts.;
- preliminary design or engineering: 3 pts.;
- project in development/merger process (i.e. active or prior development by PDEA or preliminary design has begun): 3 pts.;
- project or sibling funded in current STIP or previously completed: 5 pts.;
- right-of-way attainment (i.e. acquisition has begun) or right-of-way not required: 5 pts.;
- project is in the Developmental (6-10 year) portion of the current STIP: 5 pts.

Project Development points will be added to the “Base Score” to equal the Lumber River “Total Score”.

LUMBER RIVER TOTAL SCORE AND PROJECT RANKING

APPROACH

WEIGHT APPLIED TO EACH CRITERIA

Base Score: The Quantitative Score will be 35% of the Base Score, the County Priority Score will be 35% of the Base Score, and the Division Priority Score will be 30% of the Base Score to equal 100%.

$$\text{Base Score} = (\text{Quantitative Score} \times 35\%) + (\text{County Priority Score} \times 35\%) + (\text{Division Priority Score} \times 30\%)$$

The Project Development points will then be added to the Base Score to equal the Total Score.

$$\text{Lumber River Total Score} = \text{Base Score} + \text{Project Development Points}$$

POINT ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

Once the Lumber River Total Score for all projects in each mode has been determined, RPO staff will develop a Preliminary Ranked List of projects within the RPO as determined by the Lumber River Total Score. This Preliminary Ranked List of all projects in all modes will be used to assist in developing the

recommended local input point assignments that are presented to the public for comment and to the TCC and TAC for approval.

The Lumber River RPO has 1,500 points in the Regional Impact category and 1,500 points in the Division Needs category that can be assigned. Preliminary points will be assigned as follows in both categories.

- A. The top two highway projects in each RPO County will be eligible for 100 points each (800 points maximum). If a project is only partially within the RPO boundaries, the number of points equal to the percentage of the project that is located in the RPO will be assigned to the Lumber River RPO. RPO staff will discuss sharing the balance of points that would equal 100% with the RPO/MPO in which the rest of the project is located.
- B. The top scoring non-highway projects in Richmond, Robeson, and Scotland Counties will be eligible for 100 points each (300 points maximum). There are no non-highway projects located within the RPO portion of Hoke County.
- C. The remaining points and/or unused points will cascade to the next highest scoring projects, regardless of mode or location, up to 100 points each.
- D. This Preliminary Ranked List will be used by the TCC to make its recommendation of points assignment to the TAC for each tier, which the TAC will utilize to develop its final assignment of points. TCC and TAC meetings are public meetings where public comment will specifically be sought on the preliminary assignment.

DEVIATION CLAUSE: The TCC and TAC are free to deviate from the preliminary points assignment when making the final point assignments in order to provide local oversight to the data-driven process, to compensate for situations where the methodology does not accurately reflect the TAC's priorities, and to ensure appropriate projects at the relevant category. Any variation in point assignments from the preliminary point assignments must have justifications documented in the meeting minutes and posted on the LRRPO website. Anticipated justifications include but are not limited to: project cost, point sharing arrangements, estimated points required for funding, geographic equity, modal distribution, new information, methodology failures, potential reconsideration of the limits of a programmed project, public comment, and changes in total number of points in each category due to use of the Flex Policy.

FLEX POLICY

The LRRPO has the option to apply the Local Input Point Flexing Policy. This means that up to 500 Local Input Points can be transferred from one category to the other. If the organization chooses to flex Local Input Points, LRRPO will provide written documentation to the SPOT Office prior to assigning Regional Impact Local Input Points. If the Flex Policy is implemented, the ***DEVIATION CLAUSE*** noted above may be applicable because of changes in the number of points per category.

SCHEDULE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

The schedule is subject to change for a variety of reasons, many of which are beyond the control of the RPO. Any change to the schedule will be reflected on the RPO website and in this document, which will also be available on the LRRPO website; however modification to the schedule will not require public notice or comment, nor adoption by the TAC nor approval by NCDOT.

- 1) Staff reviewed the Methodology from P6 and recommends that no revisions be made for P7 other than making date changes. ***[December 2023]*** *The TCC and TAC will review and recommend the Methodology for submittal to NCDOT for initial review. (January 2024)*
- 2) The draft P7 Prioritization Methodology will be submitted to NCDOT for approval. If necessary, RPO staff will make revisions. ***[February 2024]***
- 3) The draft P7 Prioritization Methodology will be submitted to the TCC for recommendation to the TAC for approval at the March TAC meeting. The Methodology will then be submitted to NCDOT. ***[March 2024]***
- 4) NCDOT will release Quantitative Scores and the list of projects programmed in the Statewide Mobility tier. ***[May 2024]***
- 5) RPO staff will compile a list and description of all projects in each County, including the SPOT Quantitative Score when available. Each County's list will indicate which projects have been funded at the Statewide Mobility category. The lists will be posted on the LRRPO website. ***[May and June 2024]***
- 6) For each County, the RPO staff and County TCC/TAC representatives will organize a meeting of all jurisdictions and representatives of all modes to determine the County Priority Score (see pages 2 and 3 for details). These meetings will be advertised on the LRRPO website and will provide time for public input. Directions for submitting public comments prior to the meetings for those who cannot attend the meetings are listed in Appendix B and on the LRRPO website. After each County meeting, the finalized County Priority List will be posted on the LRRPO website. ***[June and July 2024]***
- 7) RPO staff will discuss projects competing at the Regional Impact category with the NCDOT Division Engineer and/or Planning Engineer to determine the Regional Division Priority Score (see pages 3 and 4 for details). ***[June 2024]***
- 8) RPO staff will determine Project Development points for all Regional Impact category projects (see page 4). ***[June 2024]***
- 9) RPO staff will discuss project point sharing with staff of other RPOs/MPOs. (See Item A. on page 4). The RPO will consider accepting points shared by adjacent RPOs/MPOs for projects that cross the RPO boundary that would otherwise not receive Lumber River RPO points. If points sharing is

approved, both the Lumber River RPO and the adjacent RPO/MPO must agree to the amount of points donated and provide this arrangement in writing to NCDOT's SPOT office. **[June 2024]**

- 10)** RPO staff will calculate **Lumber River Total Scores** (see page 4) for Regional Impact projects and compile the Preliminary Ranked List of projects (see page 4 and 5, under the **Points Assignment Process** heading). The Preliminary Ranked List will be posted on the LRRPO website. **[June 2024]**
- 11) The TCC will make a recommendation of the Regional Impact category point assignment to the TAC. This recommendation will be posted on the LRRPO website along with the advertisement of a public comment period of two weeks. Directions for submitting public comment are in **Appendix B** and will be on the LRRPO website. Submitted comments will be compiled and given to the TAC. The website will also advertise a public meeting to be held at the beginning of the TAC meeting to receive public input into the point assignment. The TAC will make its final Regional Impact category points assignment in accordance with the **Points Assignment Process** on pages 4 and 5. The TAC will adopt the final point assignment. **[July 2024]**
- 12)** Final Regional Impact category point assignments will be entered into SPOT Online and posted to the LRRPO website. **[August 2024]**
- 13)** The SPOT office of NCDOT finalizes Regional Impact scores and the TIP Unit programs Regional Impact projects. **[September 2024]**
- 14)** RPO staff will determine whether any projects were funded in the Regional Impact category. Projects funded at the Regional Impact category will not be considered for prioritization at the Division Needs category. Statewide Mobility and Regional Impact projects not funded at the Statewide or Regional Impact category will be eligible for points at the Division Needs category. **[September and October 2024]**
- 15)** RPO staff will discuss projects competing at the Division Needs category with the NCDOT Division Engineer and/or Planning Engineer to determine the Division Needs **Division Priority Score** (see pages 3 and 4). **[September and October 2024]**
- 16)** RPO staff will determine **Project Development** points for all Division Needs category projects (see page 4). **[September and October 2024]**
- 17) RPO staff will calculate **Lumber River Total Scores** for all Division Needs category projects and compile the Preliminary Ranked List of projects. The Preliminary Ranked List will be posted on the LRRPO website. **[October 2024]**
- 18) The TCC will make a recommendation of Division Needs category points assignment to the TAC. This recommendation will be posted on the LRRPO website. A public meeting to be held at the TAC meeting for public input on the point assignment will be advertised on the LRRPO website. The TAC will make its final Division Needs category point assignment in accordance with the **Points Assignment Process** on pages 4 and 5. The TAC will adopt the final point assignment. **[November 2024]**

- 19) Final Division Needs category point assignment will be entered into SPOT On!ine and posted to the LRRPO website. **[December 2024]**
- 20)** The SPOT office of NCDOT finalizes P6.0 Division Needs scores and the TIP Unit programs Division Needs projects. **[January and February 2025]**
- 21) NCDOT releases the Draft STIP. **[March 2025]**

MATERIALS SHARING

The Lumber River RPO website can be found at <https://www.lumberrivercog.org/copy-of-rural-transportation-planni>. The website will include the following:

- a link to NCDOT’s STI Prioritization Resources website
- the Lumber River P5.0 Prioritization Methodology when adopted
- highlights of schedule milestones, as well as specific public comment and public meeting schedules when available
- Preliminary and final local input point assignment sheets, including record of deviations if applicable

All posted materials will be available within one week of completion and remain available on the website until adoption of the Final STIP by the Board of Transportation.

Appendix A

STI Eligibility Definitions			
Mode	Statewide Mobility	Regional Impact	Division Needs
Highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interstates (existing & future) • NHS routes (July 1, 2012) • STRAHNET • ADHS Routes • Uncompleted Intrastate projects • Designated Toll Facilities 	Other US and NC Routes	All County (SR) Routes
Aviation	Large Commercial Service Airports (\$500K cap)	Other Commercial Service Airports not in Statewide (\$300K cap)	All Airports without Commercial Service (\$18.5M cap)
Bicycle-Pedestrian	N/A	N/A	All projects (\$0 state funds)
Public Transportation	N/A	Service spanning two or more counties (10% cap)	All other service, including terminals and stations
Ferry	N/A	Ferry expansion	Replacement vessels
Rail	Freight Capacity Service on Class I Railroad Corridors	Rail service spanning two or more counties not Statewide	Rail service not included on Statewide or Regional

Appendix B

Directions for Submitting Public Comment

You may send comments by email to jfr@lrcog.org or mail written comments to:

Lumber River Council of Governments
Attn. Janet Robertson
COMtech Park
30 C.J. Walker Rd
Pembroke, NC, 28372

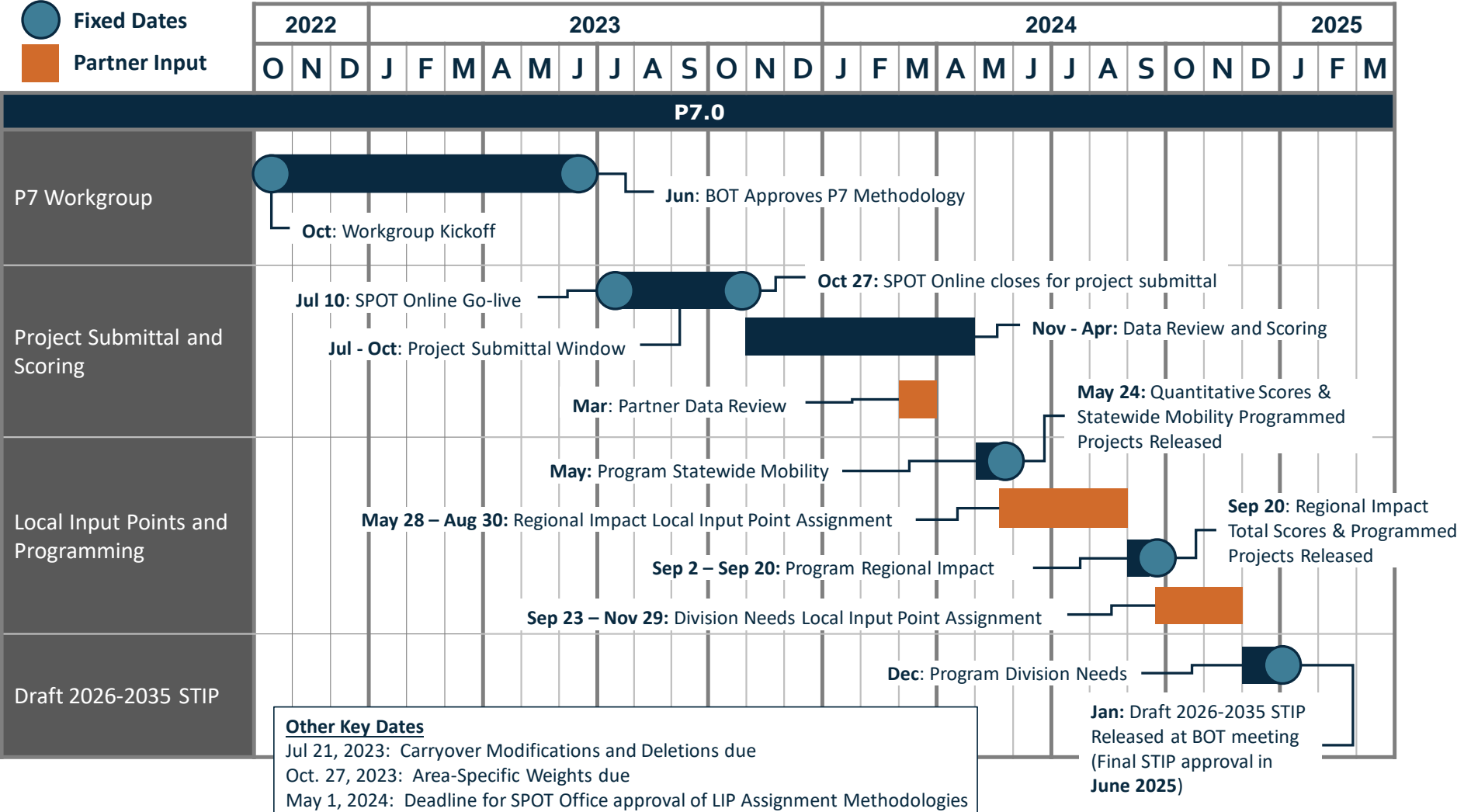
You may also reach RPO staff by phone at (910) 775-9749.

P7 Schedule

Revised – March 2024

Dates set per P7 Workgroup in October 2022

- Fixed Dates
- Partner Input



FY 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) -- DRAFT

PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
ANNUAL FUNDING SOURCES TABLE
Lumber River RPO

TASK CODE	WORK CATEGORY	RPO PROGRAM FUNDS			
		LOCAL	State	FEDERAL	TOTAL
		5%	15%	80%	100%
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT					
I-1	DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT	\$ 625	\$ 1,875	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,500
I-1.1	Highway				
I-1.2	Other Modes				
I-1.3	Socioeconomic				
I-1.4	Title VI				
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING					
II-1	COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT	\$ 450	\$ 1,350	\$ 7,200	\$ 9,000
II-1.1	Develop CTP Vision				
II-1.2	Conduct CTP Needs Assessment				
II-1.3	Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening				
II-1.4	Develop Final Plan				
II-1.5	Adopt Plan				
II-2	PRIORITIZATION	\$ 850	\$ 2,550	\$ 13,600	\$ 17,000
II-2.1	Project Prioritization				
II-3	PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000
II-3.1	STIP Participation				
II-3.2	Merger / Project Development				
II-4	GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 1,425	\$ 4,275	\$ 22,800	\$ 28,500
II-4.1	Regional and Statewide Planning				
II-4.2	Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings				
II-4.2.1	Special Study #1 - insert name of consultant-led study here	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
II-4.2.2	Special Study #2 - insert name of consultant-led study here	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES					
III-1	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,600	\$ 19,200	\$ 24,000
III-1.1	Administrative Documents				
III-1.2	TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance				
III-1.3	Program Administration				
IV. DIRECT COSTS					
IV-1	PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000
IV-1.1	Program-wide Direct Costs				
IV-2	ADVERTISING	\$ 25	\$ 75	\$ 400	\$ 500
IV-2.1	News Media Ads				
IV-3	LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS	\$ 150	\$ 450	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,000
IV-3.1	Hotel Costs				
IV-3.2	Meal Costs				
IV-3.3	Incidentals				
IV-4	POSTAGE	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 80	\$ 100
IV-4.1	Mailings				
IV-5	REGISTRATION / TRAINING	\$ 90	\$ 270	\$ 1,440	\$ 1,800
IV-5.1	Conference Registration				
IV-5.2	Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees				
IV-6	TRAVEL	\$ 150	\$ 450	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,000
IV-6.1	Mileage Reimbursement				
IV-6.2	Car Rental Costs				
IV-6.3	Other Travel Expenses				
V. INDIRECT COSTS					
V-1	INDIRECT COSTS	\$ 2,350	\$ 7,050	\$ 37,600	\$ 47,000
V-1.1	Incurred Indirect Costs				
RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL		\$ 8,070	\$ 24,210	\$ 129,120	\$ 161,400

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PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Narrative

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I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT

I-1 DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT \$ 12,500.00

I-1.1	Highway	
	Collection, mapping and analysis of highway and vehicle related data.	
I-1.2	Other Modes	
	Collection, mapping and analysis of non-highway related data.	
I-1.3	Socioeconomic	
	Collection, mapping and analysis of demographic, socioeconomic, land use, and environmental data, including existing and future land use, zoning, employment, commuting, travel preference data, etc	
I-1.4	Title VI	
	Collection, mapping and analysis of demographic and other data related to Title VI compliance.	

II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

II-1 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT \$ 9,000.00

II-1.1	Develop CTP Vision	
II-1.2	Conduct CTP Needs Assessment	
	Verify data and deficiencies, conduct needs assessment for Robeson CTP, develop alternatives and recommendations and ensure recommendations are in line with the CTP visions, objectives, and goals.	
II-1.3	Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening	
	Review and analyze project alternatives for Robeson CTP against community vision/goals/objectives, natural and human environmental constraints, funding and maintenance concerns.	
II-1.4	Develop Final Plan	
	Assist NCDOT with development and review of final written, graphic and mapping products for the Robeson County CTP.	
II-1.5	Adopt Plan	

Schedule and coordinate meetings with Robeson County and the 13 municipalities, assist in developing and reviewing presentations, attend public hearings and other meetings involving presentation of Robeson County CTP to jurisdictions for adoption.

II-2 PRIORITIZATION \$ 17,000.00

II-2.1	Project Prioritization	
	Duties and responsibilities related to implementing STI in the P 7 process.	

II-3 PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT \$ 5,000.00

II-3.1	STIP Participation	
	Duties and responsibilities related to reviewing and commenting on STIP additions, modifications, deletions, and drafts; other correspondence with STIP unit; etc.	
II-3.2	Merger / Project Development	
	Review and comment on Merger and other project development documents and attend Merger and other project development meetings.	

II-4 GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING \$ 28,500.00

II-4.1	Regional and Statewide Planning	
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Participate in regional and statewide planning activities, including FAMPO TCC meetings, County TAB Board meetings, NCARPO Administrative Documents Committee, and other NCDOT committees as necessary. Attend NCARPO Quarterly meetings, the NC Transportation Summit, and the NCAMPO Conference. Participate in the P 8 SPOT Workgroup meetings and activities. Review local/regional/statewide news related to transportation, land use, demographics, and economic activity and inform TCC/TAC as needed.

II-4.2 Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings

Attend the NADO National Regional Transportation (RPO) Conference in Greenville, S.C. July 30-August 1. Continue the Resilient Routes Study by researching and applying for planning grants to fund the projects that have been identified in each County. Participate on the Robeson County Vision Zero/ Highway Safety Plan Task Force. Assist member jurisdictions with transportation, land use, environment, demographic/socioeconomic, and mapping components of land use plans and ordinances, and other special studies as requested or approved by the TAC.

II-4.2.1	Special Study #1 - insert name of consultant-led study here	\$	-
	A consultant will be used to.....		

II-4.2.2	Special Study #2 - insert name of consultant-led study here	\$	-
	A consultant will be used to....		

III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES

III-1 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES	\$	24,000.00
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III-1.1 Administrative Documents

Prepare Planning Work Program, PWP amendments, indirect cost allocation plan, quarterly invoices/narratives and obtain approval and submit as needed. Update TCC/TAC bylaws, RPO MOU, or PIP as needed.

III-1.2 TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance

Prepare minutes, agendas, materials, schedule speakers, etc. for TCC and TAC meetings and hold meetings. Arrange for appointment/re-appointment of TAC and TCC members. Inform TAC members of Ethics requirements and deadlines and assist with Ethics filing as needed. Maintain rosters and submit quarterly. Prepare and distribute yearly meeting schedule.

III-1.3 Program Administration

Respond to inquiries from the general public and correspond with other transportation stakeholders; contact NCDOT staff concerning questions from officials, citizens, and TAC/TCC members. Collect and review public comments, maintain website and distribution lists. Phone calls, emails, etc.

IV. DIRECT COSTS

IV-1 PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES	\$	10,000.00
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IV-1.1 Program-wide Direct Costs

RPO portion of: GIS software maintenance, office space, telephone, IT Consultant, Zoom account, etc.

IV-2 ADVERTISING	\$	500.00
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IV-2.1 News Media Ads

Advertising costs for Public Hearings.

IV-3 LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS	\$	3,000.00
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IV-3.1	Hotel Costs	
	Costs for overnight program and training activities, including at NCARPO quarterly meetings, NADO Regional Transportation Conference, NCAMPO Conference, NC Transportation Summit, etc.	
IV-3.2	Meal Costs	
	Meal costs while on overnight travel.	
IV-3.3	Incidentals	
	Hotel parking, tips.	
IV-4	POSTAGE	\$ 100.00
IV-4.1	Mailings	
	Costs for mailings associated with the Robeson County CTP, TCC and TAC packets, and/or other unanticipated mailings.	
IV-5	REGISTRATION / TRAINING	\$ 1,800.00
IV-5.1	Conference Registration	
	Registration fees for NADO Regional Transportation Conference, NCAMPO Conference, NC Transportation Summit, and other approved conferences..	
IV-5.2	Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees	
	Workshop or training fees as needed.	
IV-6	TRAVEL	\$ 3,000.00
IV-6.1	Mileage Reimbursement	
	Reimbursement for total miles traveled.	
IV-6.2	Car Rental Costs	
	Car rental costs	
IV-6.3	Other Travel Expenses	
	Parking costs and other transportation expenses.	
V.	INDIRECT COSTS	
V-1	INDIRECT COSTS APPROVED BY COGNIZANT AGENCY	\$ 47,000.00
V-1.1	Incurred Indirect Costs	
	Indirect costs incurred for the RPO program as indicated in the Lumber River COG's Cost Allocation Plan.	
RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL		\$ 161,400.00

Active Projects

Contract	TIP/WBS	Project Description	Let Date	Work Began	Est. Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Construction Progress	Contractor	NCDOT Contact	Contract Amount	Comments
C204043	U-2519AA U-2519AB	Future I-295 (Fayetteville Outer Loop) from I-95 in Robeson County to South of SR 1003 (Camden Road) in Cumberland County (6.1 mi).	11/21/2017	1/2/2018	6/15/2022	7/1/2025	84.14%	Balfour Beatty	Joseph M. Parker, Jr., PLS	\$129,749,000	2-mile section (Parkton area) between Parkton Rd (Exit 2) and Black Bridge Rd (Exit 4) opened 11/21/2022.
C204556	I-5986C	I-95 install broadband fiber from South Carolina State Line to Virginia State line. Project also includes installing broadband fiber along US 70 from I-40 (at the Wake/Johnston Co Line) to Morehead City Port and US 74 from Asheville to Wilmington.	3/26/2021	7/31/2021	10/1/2026	7/31/2027	57.28%	Brooks Berry Haynie & Associates, INC	Brandon L. Herring, PE	\$85,711,000	Contract Awarded (4/30/2021)
C204596	I-5879	I-95 at SR 1528 (Carthage Rd) Exit 19 improve interchange.	9/21/2021	11/15/2021	11/1/2026	N/A	31.81%	Flatiron United JV	Joseph M. Parker, Jr., PLS	\$432,700,000	Paving NB median and setting median barrier wall from MM 13 to MM 17 in Lumberton. Expect narrowed lanes and barrier walls along the shoulder of I-95 between Exit 13 (I-74) and Exit 22 (US-301). Carthage Road Bridge closed 2/23/2023 for demolition/reconstruction; Estimated Completion Date - August 2024.
	I-6064A	Widen I-95 to 8-lanes from I-74 (Exit 13) to SR 1528 (Carthage Rd - Exit 19).									
	I-6064B	Widen I-95 to 8-lanes from SR 1528 (Carthage Rd - Exit 19) to US 301 (Fayetteville Rd - Exit 22).									
	I-6064C	I-95 Pavement Rehabilitation from MM 13 to MM 22.									
C204727	I-5987A	I-95 South of US 301/Fayetteville Rd (MM 21) to South of NC 20 (MM 29) widen to Eight Lanes. - BETWEEN LUMBERTON AND ST. PAULS	9/20/2022	11/8/2022	5/14/2027	N/A	28.77%	Flatiron Constructors, INC	Spencer G. Shoffner, PE	\$247,025,388	Nightly Construction. NB and SB lane closures for temporary pavement and barrier rail installation. Also Clearing Trees for Future Construction (MM 22-MM 29).
C204728	I-5987B	I-95 South of NC 20 (MM 29) and end at approximately (MM 36.7) and tie to U-2519AA (I-295/Fayetteville Outer Loop). - BETWEEN ST. PAULS AND I-295	7/19/2022	10/10/2022	5/14/2027	N/A	31.56%	Webber LLC	Spencer G. Shoffner, PE	\$282,928,483	Nightly Construction. NB and SB lane closures for temporary pavement and barrier rail installation. Also, Clearing Trees for Future Construction (MM 29-MM 37).
C204764	B-5985A	NC 41/NC 72/SR 1600, Replace Bridge 770125 (W. 2nd Street) over Lumber River	7/18/2023	8/28/2023	10/28/2025	12/25/2025	15.58%	Smith-Rowe, LLC	Joseph M. Parker, Jr., PLS	\$6,822,313	Bridge closed (9/21/2023); Detour routes in place.
C204772	R-5751	US 74 at NC 72/NC 130 Convert at-grade intersection to interchange.	2/21/2023	4/12/2023	12/12/2026	12/13/2026	38.02%	C M Lindsay & Sons INC	Joseph M. Parker, Jr., PLS	\$24,595,851	Contract Awarded (3/1/2023)
DF00304	2022CPT.06.1 5.10787.1	Resurfacing, milling, and Pavement markings on NC 41 and NC 71.	4/6/2022	3/13/2023	11/15/2023	11/25/2023	100%	Johnson Brothers Utility & Paving Co INC	Joseph M. Parker, Jr., PLS	\$2,467,525	Contract Awarded (4/12/2022)
DF00408	ER-5600FP	Construction of I-95 Robeson Rest Area/NC Welcome Center & Landscaping.	8/3/2022	10/10/2022	8/31/2023	10/8/2023	88.89%	Calvin Davenport INC	Joseph M. Parker, Jr., PLS	\$4,999,975	Contract Awarded (8/4/2022) Completion date revised to April 2024. Delays due to establishing temporary power and getting the necessary electrical inspections.
DF00419	2023CPT.06.0 8.20781.1	Resurfacing, milling, and Pavement markings on various SR Routes - SR 1669 (Shekah Heights Dr), SR 1553 (Candy Park Rd), SR 1303 (Hubert McLean Rd/Old Red Springs Rd/McCaskill Ave), SR 1723 (David Parnell St/Parkton Tobemory Rd).	12/7/2022	3/15/2023	6/30/2024	N/A	54.98%	Johnson Brothers Utility & Paving Co INC	Joseph M. Parker, Jr., PLS	\$2,701,128	Contract Awarded (12/9/2022)
DF00433	W-5706Y	NC 710 near SR 1345 (Island Grove Road) superelevation curb improvements.	7/19/2023	1/12/2024	1/24/2025	N/A	48.73%	Barnhill Contracting Co	Joseph M. Parker, Jr., PLS	\$788,763	Contract Awarded (7/21/2023)

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STIP and Safety Projects

TIP	Project Description	R/W Acquisition Date	Schedule	Project Cost	Comments
Pembroke BUILD GRANT LAP Project HL-0009	NC 711 installation of Two-Way Left Turn Lanes (TWLTL) and related improvements along NC 711 from Vance Street to Jones Street in Pembroke.	FY 2022	Let Date: 2/24/2023	\$8,467,196	Construction contract was awarded to Metcon, Inc. (6/8/2023) Ground Breaking Ceremony held (1/10/2024)
	(BL-0004) Construct Bicycle and Pedestrian paths adjacent to NC 711, College Street and Railroad Street in Pembroke.				
	(HL-0010) Improvements to SR 1563 (Union Chapel Rd) and Main Street in Pembroke.				
	(HL-0011) Various Routes, Cross-Phase infrastructure improvements including new technology installations, stormwater improvements and wayfinding in Pembroke.				
HS-2006S	US 501 from NC 130 to Scotland County Line. Install rumble stripes.	N/A	Let Date: 8/2/2023	\$906,443	Project Let Date (8/2/2023) Contract awarded to Straight Line, INC (8/10/2023)
HS-2006T	NC 72 from US 74 to NC 41/NC211. Install rumble stripes and Raised pavement markers.				
HS-2006U	NC 72 from NC 711 to NC 710. Install rumble stripes and Raised pavement markers.				
HS-2006D	SR 1924 (Barker Ten Mile Rd) at SR 1935 (Howell Rd) and SR 1005 (Tolarsville Rd) at SR 1935 (Howell Rd). Convert Barker Ten Mile Rd at Howell Rd to an All Way Stop. Realign north leg of SR 1005 (Tolarsville Rd) at SR 1935 (Howell Rd) and Remove south leg.	9/28/2022	Let Date: 12/6/2023	\$487,657	Contract awarded to Rufus Young Construction INC (12/15/2023) Work Began 1/30/2024
HB-0007	SR 1529 (Mount Olive Church Road) Replace Bridges #299 and #300 over Saddle Tree Swamp.	2/16/2023	Let Date: 12/20/2023	\$1,154,060	Contract awarded to The TARA Group of Lumberton, Inc. (1/3/2024)
HS-2006R	I-95 Install Cable Median Barrier from Milemarker 2.0 to Milemarker 12.45.	N/A	Let Date: 3/20/2024	\$815,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON 2024
W-5706N	NC 710 at SR 1339 (Deep Branch Road) remove temporary All Way Stop (AWS) and construct RAB.	12/2/2021	Let Date: 3/20/2024	\$2,925,000	Project Letting Delayed from March 2023 to March 2024
HI-0016	US 74/Future I-74 Pavement Rehabilitation from East of NC 41 to the Columbus County Line.	N/A	Let Date: 5/21/2024	\$10,000,000	Project letting Dec 2023; Bids rejected Project letting now rescheduled for May 2024 Combined Project Letting w/ HI-0017
HI-0017	US 74/Future I-74 Pavement Rehabilitation from the Scotland County Line to I-74/US 74 Business east of Maxton.	N/A	Let Date: 5/21/2024	\$6,800,000	Project letting Dec 2023; Bids rejected Project letting now rescheduled for May 2024 Combined Project Letting w/ HI-0016
HS-2006I	NC 710 at SR 1340 (Prospect Road). Construct Roundabout.	1/15/2024	Let Date: 1/15/2025	\$2,599,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON 2025
B-5985B	NC 41/NC 72/SR 1600, Replace Bridge 770175 (W. 5th Street) over Lumber River	1/28/2022	Let Date: 5/20/2025	\$8,175,000	Project letting delayed 5/2024 to 5/2025
U-5797	Widen SR 1997 (Fayetteville Road) from Farringdom Street to East 22nd Street to 6-lanes w/median.	7/22/2022	Let Date: 5/20/2025	\$45,208,000	Project Letting Delayed from May 2024 to May 2025
HS-2006J	US 501/NC 130 Curve improvements in the vicinity of SR 1134 (Kitchen Road).	N/A	Let Date: 6/4/2025	\$410,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON 2025 Project letting delayed 12/2024 to 6/2025
I-5987AA	I-95 Construct Weigh In Motion (Truck) Weigh Station.	N/A	Let Date: 6/17/2025	\$4,300,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: CON 2025 Project Cost Increase from \$2.4M to \$4.3M (Verified Cost 6/2023) Let Date revised (July 2024 to June 2025)
I-6011A	US 74 at SR 2225 (Creek Road) convert at-grade intersection to grade separation.	1/31/2025	Let Date: FY 2027	\$7,940,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: ROW 2025, UTILITIES 2025, CON 2027
AV-5901	Lumberton Regional Airport (LBT) Runway 13-31 Construct Taxiways.	N/A	Let Date: FY 2029	\$4,500,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: FUNDED FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ONLY PROJECT TO BE RESCORED (P7)
I-6011	US 74 from NC 41 near Lumberton to US 76 near Chadbourn. Upgrade US 74 to Interstate standards.	See Comments	See Comments	\$171,680,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: NOT FUNDED PROJECT TO BE RESCORED (P7)

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STIP and Safety Projects

TIP	Project Description	R/W Acquisition Date	Schedule	Project Cost	Comments
R-4428	NC 711 from SR 1134 (Odom Street-Philadelphus Rd) to SR 1557 (Redmond Rd) Widen to multilanes.	FY 2029	See Comments	\$22,082,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: FUNDED FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ONLY PROJECT TO BE RESCORED (P7)
R-5888	NC (Martin Luther King Drive) from SR 2110 (Snake Road) to Sycamore Lane. Widen roadway.	See Comments	See Comments	\$7,000,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: FUNDED FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ONLY PROJECT TO BE RESCORED (P7)
R-5904	NC 20 from SR 1743 (Covington Farm Road) to I-95. Widen to 4-lane divided section with raised median.	See Comments	See Comments	\$27,600,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: NOT FUNDED PROJECT TO BE RESCORED (P7)
R-5951	Widen NC 41 (MLK Jr. Drive) from US 74 to Marion Road.	See Comments	See Comments	\$32,300,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: NOT FUNDED PROJECT TO BE RESCORED (P7)
R-5954	Construct roundabout at SR 1945 (Meadow Road) at SR 1984 (Linkhaw Road).	See Comments	See Comments	\$2,400,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: NOT FUNDED PROJECT TO BE RESCORED (P7)
R-5955	Widen SR 1997 (Fayetteville Road) from I-95 to Farringdom Street.	See Comments	See Comments	\$39,200,000	FY 2024-2033 STIP SCHEDULE: NOT FUNDED PROJECT TO BE RESCORED (P7)

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Contract # or WBS # or TIP #	Route	Description	Let Date	Completion Date	Contractor	Project Admin.	Project Cost	Notes
R-5709A C204661	NC 211	Clear/Grub/Prep for Widen to Multilanes from Aberdeen to Raeford	9/21/2021	8/1/2024	Fred Smith Co.	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	\$15,325,970	Project 45% complete

Hoke County - Lumber River RPO - Upcoming Projects - Planning & Design, R/W, or not started -- Division 8- March 2024

Contract # or WBS # or TIP #	Route	Description	Let Date	Completion Date	Contractor	Project Admin.	Funds Needed	Notes
R-3333	US 401	Construct passing lanes, turn lanes, shoulders from Laurinburg to Raeford	Not Funded	TBD	TBD	Alison Kluttz (910) 773-8026	\$54,580,000	Right of Way - Not Funded To be rescored in P7
R-5709	NC 211	Widen to Multilanes from Aberdeen to Raeford	7/16/2024	TBD	TBD	Terry Farr (919) 707-6017	\$188,381,000	R/W in progress
BP8.R014.1 PE	SR 1436 (Balfour Rd)	Replace Bridges Nos. 39 and 40 over Big Marsh Swamp	9/24/2024	TBD	TBD	Tim Welch (910) 773-8032	TBD	
BP8.R012.1 PE	SR 1300 (N. Vass Rd)	Replace Bridges No. 66 over Rockfish Creek	11/25/2025	TBD	TBD	Tim Welch (910) 773-8032	TBD	

Scotland County - Lumber River RPO - Upcoming Projects - Planning & Design, R/W, or not started - Division 8-- March 2024

Contract # or WBS # or TIP #	Route	Description	Let Date	Completion Date	Contractor	Project Admin.	Funds Needed	Notes
R-3333	US 401	Construct passing lanes, turn lanes, shoulders from Laurinburg to Raeford	Not Funded	TBD	TBD	Alison Kluttz (910) 773-8026	\$54,580,000	Not Funded- to be rescored in P7.0
U-5977	US 15 / US 401	Widen to Multilanes from S. Carolina line to south of SR 1105 (Turnpike Rd)	11/20/2029	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	\$29,799,000	Right of Way 8/2027
I-6055	US 74/Future I-74	Upgrade corridor to Interstate from US 74 Bus. East of Hamlet to US 74 Bus. West of Laurinburg	5/20/2031	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	\$223,684,000	Right of Way 11/2027
HS-2008E	US 74 at NC 144 (Morgan St) /SR 1148 (St. Johns Ch.Rd.)	Convert to a signalized Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI)	4/1/2025	TBD	TBD	Michael Ricketts (910) 773-8033	\$620,000	
HE-0013	US 15-501 Access	Improvements to US 15-501 access road	5/20/2025	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	\$2,500,000	Right of Way 10/2023 Economic Development Project
AV-5854	Laurinburg-Maxton Airport (MEB)	Construct 1500 ft. Runway Extension	FY 2024	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$6,390,000	

Richmond County - Lumber River RPO - Active Projects - Division 8-- March 2024

Contract # or WBS # or TIP #	Route	Description	Let Date	Completion Date	Contractor	Project Admin.	Project Cost	Notes
BP8.R013.1 PE DH00524	SR 1971	Replace Bridge No. 140 over Solomans Creek	8/22/2023	3/29/2024	Sanford Contractors Inc	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	\$1,549,000	Project 67% complete
DH00539 BP8.R002.3 PE	SR 1162	Replace bridge #164 over Little Homers Creek	11/28/2023	TBD	R E Burns & Sons	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	\$1,030,588	Project just starting
C204230 15BPR.21	US 74	Bridge #81 over Pee Dee River - Silane deck seal, Shotcrete, Joints	1/18/2022	5/15/2024	American Civil Con. W. Coast	Cary Fine (336) 318-4020	\$4,099,000	Project 90% complete
C204368 R-3421 A & B	US 220/I-73/I-74 conn.	I-73/I-74 Bypass - Rockingham Freeway on new location	10/17/2019	9/1/2025	Vecellio & Grogan Inc.	Cary Fine (336) 318-4020	\$146,176,682	Project 74% complete

Richmond County - Lumber River RPO - Upcoming Projects - Planning & Design, R/W, or not started - Division 8--March 2024

Contract # or WBS # or TIP #	Route	Description	Let Date	Completion Date	Contractor	Project Admin.	Funds Needed	Notes
I-5979	US 74 / Future I-74	Interchange Improvements at Exit 311 with US 1		TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	\$8,800,000	Right of Way in progress
I-6055	US 74/Future I-74	Upgrade corridor to Interstate from US 74 Bus. East of Hamlet to US 74 Bus. West of Laurinburg	5/20/2031	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	\$223,684,000	Right of Way 11/2027
R-2501 BC	US 1	Construct Multi-lane on new location from US 74 Bus. to north of SR 1606	Not Funded	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$132,299,000	Not Funded- to be rescored in P7.0
R-5928	US 1	Widen to Multi-lanes from SR 1640 (Wiregrass Rd) to Loch Laurin Lane	Funded for PE Only	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	\$36,801,000	Funded for PE Only
BP8.R006.1PE	SR 1148	Replace bridge #91 over Coleman's Creek	5/23/2024	TBD	TBD	Tim Welch (910) 773-8032	TBD	
BP8.R016.1 PE	SR 1321	Replace Bridge No. 142 over Naked Creek	10/22/2024	TBD	TBD	Tim Welch (910) 773-8032	TBD	
AV- 5761	Richmond County Airport (RCZ),	Clear Obstructions in Runway 14 Approach	FY 2026	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$570,000	
AV - 5763	Richmond County Airport (RCZ),	Extend Runway 14-32 to 5500 Feet	Funded for PE Only	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$5,065,000	
AV- 5853	Richmond County Airport (RCZ),	Construct East Ramp Extension	FY 2025	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$2,000,000	
U-5706 Eastern Rockingham Corridor Study	New Location and sections of SR 1923, SR 1641, and SR 1645	Project connects US 74 Business and SR 1423 (Richmond Road) on the east side of Rockingham	6/15/2027	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	\$41,470,000	Right of Way 7/2024
U-6027	SR 1516 (Greene St.)	Improve SR 1516 (Greene St.) from US 220 to US 1 in Rockingham	9/21/2027	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	\$7,400,000	Right of Way 4/2024



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March 2024

NCDOT Names Acting Division 6 Engineer

The highway division responsible for Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Robeson and Harnett counties has a new leader. Lee Jernigan, a registered professional engineer, was named in December as the acting Division 6 Engineer for the N.C. Department of Transportation. Jernigan, a Cumberland County native, replaces Drew Cox, who was promoted recently to become the department's Eastern Deputy Chief Engineer, which oversees half of the state. Cox, who has worked for the department for 31 years, filled a vacancy after the November retirement of Kevin Bowen.

“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

NCDOT Celebrates Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, and the department celebrates by recognizing female employees who have and continue to contribute to our diverse transportation network. Check out the featured posts on our [main social media channels](#) throughout the month.

NCDOT Hosts DBE Meeting This Month

Also, this month, [the Office of Civil Rights](#) is working hard to connect with firms statewide on contracting opportunities with the department. Twice this month, March 9 and 23, NCDOT will host outreach meetings to educate disadvantaged business enterprises. For more information, including when and where these meetings will be held, go to this department webpage

News Near You...

Robeson — A task force committed to reducing traffic deaths in Robeson County kicked off the development of a safety action plan on Thursday.

The Robeson County Vision Zero task force will partner with local officials, law enforcement and state highway leaders to craft a comprehensive strategy that will, among other goals, seek to:

- Reduce highway deaths and serious injuries;
- Raise awareness of transportation safety and risks; and
- Identify and prioritize highway safety improvement projects.

FHWA News

[Biden-Harris Administration Announces Request for Information on Updating Federal Standards for EV Charging](#)

As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's work to build out a convenient, reliable, and made-in-America national network of EV chargers, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today announced a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) to solicit feedback from stakeholders on updating FHWA's minimum standards and requirements for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to allow for new technology and continued innovation. Updating the federal minimum standards to support the further deployment of EVs and EV infrastructure will help meet national climate goals, reduce harmful air pollutants, and promote vehicle choice by making it easy for all Americans – no matter where they live – to ride and drive electric.

Read more about the Biden-Harris administration's [work to create a national network of EV chargers here](#).

2024-2033 STIP Document and Map

In June 2023, the N.C. Board of Transportation adopted [the 2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program](#), which identifies transportation projects that will receive funding from 2024 to 2033.

The document is the fourth 10-year plan developed under the 2013 [Strategic Transportation Investments law](#) and consists of more than 2,300 projects across North Carolina. Most of these projects were identified through a data-driven scoring approach called Strategic Prioritization. In addition, 2024-2033 STIP Map adopted is available [here](#).

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3rd Quarter invoice and work summary due	May 10, 2024
Last day to submit adopted FY25 PWP	May 16, 2024

Statewide Plans

- 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 (2013) - <https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc/default.aspx>
- Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities (Public Transportation Strategic Plan—2018) - <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/Integrated-mobility/public-transit-services/statewide-strategic-plan/Documents/december-2018-strategic-plan.pdf>
- NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report (2021) - [Department-of-Transportation-2021-Resilient-Strategy-Report.pdf \(nc.gov\)](#)

Helpful Links: To learn more, click on the following links or do an internet search using “NCDOT: and names in black:

- 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 \(arcgis.com\)](#) - 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 -

TAC Boards and the State Ethics Commission

Local officials serving on a transportation planning organization's executive/advisory committee are referred to as **TAC Members**. The transportation legislation which created the 37 North Carolina Metropolitan or Rural Planning Organizations (MPOs or RPOs) can be found at N.C.G.S. § 136-200.2(g) (MPO) and N.C.G.S. § 136-211(f) (RPO).

TAC members and alternates of all MPOs and RPOs are required to file **initial** and **annual** financial and real estate disclosures called the **Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) form** and **Real Estate Disclosure (RED) form**. These two forms are filed with the Ethics Commission at the time of initial appointment. Thereafter both forms are filed during the annual filing season which runs concurrent to tax season--**Jan to April 15th**. Be advised that failure to file these forms may result in fines of up to \$500 annually.

Because TAC members are not covered persons under the Ethics Act, they are not required to receive the education portion of the State Ethics Act requirements. Some local officials receive ethics courses through the UNC School of Government, which is separate and distinct from the Ethics Education of the State Ethics Commission.

Additional information can be found on our website: [Home Page | Ethics Commission \(nc.gov\)](#)

FILING OF FINANCIAL AND REAL ESTATE DISCLOSURES

Electronic Filing

The quickest, most secure way to file your required SEI and RED is in our [electronic filing system](#).

Creating a New Online Account Find the portal to create an online account here: <https://ethicssei.nc.gov/Efile/>
Your filing account will be personal to you, so use an email address that is convenient and monitored.

The password rules for creating your filing account are: 8 character minimum, and at least one of:

- Special character such as:)(*%&#@+
- A digit (0-9)
- An uppercase letter

Keep a record of your email and password for future filings. We can reset your password and tell you which email you used if you forget. *Do not make a new account if you have forgotten your previous account information!*

For creating new accounts, the system uses **email verification**—it will send a link to the email address you used to make an account. By clicking on the verification link, you activate a live account and can begin filing. The verification email from SEI@ethics.nc.gov should arrive quickly: if you do not receive the verification link, check your Junk and Spam folders. If you do not receive the verification email, contact the State Ethics Commission using the contact info below – we can manually verify your email. NOTE: the generated verification email is a bot and many government spam filters block it. Ask your IT System Administrator to accept all email originating from @ethics.nc.gov.

Completing the Electronic Forms The online filing is a smart form. If you are interrupted, the system will remember where you leave off—you can pick right up the next time you log in. The initial 8 questions are system questions to interpret whether you will file a **Long form** or a **No Change form**. New members are required to file a Long Form SEI.

Common obstacles:

CANDIDACY QUESTION: (if activated) answer **NO** (otherwise click through by hitting NEXT in bottom right corner). NOTE: the candidacy question does not pertain to local officials or local elections.

REASON FOR FILING: found under the option "serving on a BOARD OR COMMISSION" -> click **+** -> then in drop down board list, choose your **TAC board's name** from the list. NOTE: You must choose a TAC board in order to generate your Real Estate Disclosure form.

If you serve on more than one covered board (e.g., as a community college trustee), you can and should have multiple answers under Reason for Filing.

!! IMPORTANT !!

You are filing disclosures with the State Ethics Commission because you sit on a TAC board, **not** because you are an elected local official. **Do not select** “Local Government Commission”, “Board of Transportation” or any other non-TAC boards under Reason for Filing **or you will be required to re-file.**

When you correctly select your MPO or RPO TAC as your Reason for Filing, the electronic system will generate a **Real Estate Disclosure form** for you to complete your filings. The RED is required filing. **If you do not know your TAC’s official name, call your TPO Planner or call us.**

FILER INFORMATION: You can import your information (box at top of page), then fill in the rest of the information. Each box marked with (*) are required fields.

DISCLOSURE SECTIONS: Please read the questions carefully and answer each question correctly, fully and responsibly. You will be asked to list real estate ownership, associations, private companies, etc.

SOURCE OF INCOME QUESTION: the last tab under Financial Interests. Do not click “NO” unless no one in your household made reportable income the previous year. If overlooked on the filing, it will cause you to be asked to refile. Be sure to disclose responsibly.

CONFIRMATION: To finish filing, you must have completed the entire form and electronically signed it by checking the **two** affirmation boxes, which is signing both forms. You can be assured that you have successfully filed if 3 things happen: 1. A pop-up with a Confirmation number will appear 2. Your In-Progress SEI will now show as a Completed SEI on Home screen 3. An email with a copy of your filed SEI will be sent to you. **CONFIRMATION WILL BE VERY CLEAR.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR TAC FILERS

Paper filings

SEI and RED forms may be downloaded and completed manually. Annual forms are available in the second week of the new year. [MPO/RPO TAC Filers | Ethics Commission \(nc.gov\)](#) is the MPO/RPO page. Paper forms must be mailed (or hand delivered), and postmarked by the deadline. Use the P.O. Box address on the form.

Evaluations

The State Ethics Commission has the responsibility of reviewing and evaluating all financial and real estate disclosures for potential conflicts of interest. We provide an evaluation letter to you at the time of your initial filing and annually thereafter. The evaluation letter is intended to help you begin thinking in terms of potential conflicts of interest, as well as advise you on how to handle any potential conflict that may arise in the course of your public duties. Commonly noted potentialities include real estate ownership or employment and construction-associated business.

Assistance

The State Ethics Commission staff is here to help you fulfill your statutory obligations. If you have any questions regarding the SEI or RED, general questions on how to complete the form, or timing of filings, we will be happy to help. Contact the staff member at the bottom of this document if you need help. If you have questions regarding your ethical standards, contact Crista Cuccaro at the UNC School of Government.

Finally, the Ethics Commission thanks you for your service to your local North Carolina communities.

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