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**Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Board
Meeting Agenda**

TO: Wilmington Urban Area MPO Board Members
FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director
DATE: April 24, 2026
SUBJECT: April 29th meeting

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's Board will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 3 pm. The meeting will be held in the WMPO Board Room located at 525 North 4th Street in downtown Wilmington, NC. Members of the public, MPO Board Members and MPO Staff can attend the meeting in person and virtually through the Zoom platform. MPO Board member attendance will be subject to the adopted Remote Participation Policy. The meeting will be streamed live online so that simultaneous live audio, and video, if any, of the meeting is available at the following URL:

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Meeting ID: 846 4549 7547

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The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Conflict of Interest Statement
- 4) Approval of Board Member Excused Absences
- 5) Approval of the Agenda
- 6) Public Comment Period (15 min.)
- 7) Presentations (10 min)
 - a. WMPO Accessibility Update, Tessa Jones, WMPO
- 8) Consent Agenda (5 min.)
 - a. Approval of Board Special Meeting Minutes- March 25, 2026 (pg. 4-5)
 - b. Approval of Board Regular Meeting Minutes- March 25, 2026 (pg 6-16)
 - c. Resolution Proclaiming May as Bike Month (pg.17)

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- d. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-2 (pg. 18-21)
 - e. Opening of the 30-day Public Comment Period for 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-3 (pg. 22)
 - f. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-4 (pg. 23-24)
 - g. Resolution supporting the City of Wilmington's application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the 2026 Multi-modal Planning Grant to develop a Multi-modal Network Plan (pg. 25-26)
 - h. Resolution encouraging the North Carolina Department of Transportation to install bike lanes on Castle Hayne Road as part of their upcoming resurfacing project (pg. 27)
- 9) Regular Agenda (15 min.)
 - a. Resolution approving Amendment #4 to the FY 26 Unified Planning Work Program (pg. 28-68)
 - b. Resolution appointing the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Ex-Officio Members (pg. 69-71)
 - 10) Discussion (15 min.)
 - a. 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications #26-5 (pg. 72-74)
 - b. Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) Special Call for Projects Submittal Guide and Scoring Matrix (pg. 75-88)
 - c. Special Meeting- May 27, 2026
 - 11) Updates (15 min.)
 - a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO (pg. 89-99)
 - b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (pg. 100-101)
 - c. NCDOT Division 3 (pg. 102-115)
 - d. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (pg. 116-118)
 - 12) Announcements
 - a. WMPO Annual Survey Closes- April 30, 2026
 - b. River to Sea Ride Expo- May 1, 2026
 - c. River to Sea Ride- May 2, 2026
 - 13) Closed Session
 - 14) Next meeting – May 27, 2026

Attachments

- MPO Board Special Meeting Minutes- March 25, 2026
- MPO Board Regular Meeting Minutes- March 25, 2026
- Proclamation Naming May as Bike Month
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-2
- Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-2
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-3
- Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-4
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- Proposed Amendment #4 to the FY 26 Unified Planning Work Program
- Resolution approving Amendment #4 to the FY 26 Unified Planning Work Program

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- Active Transportation Advisory Committee Recommended Ex-Officio Member Appointments Memorandum
 - Resolution appointing the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Ex-Officio Members
 - Proposed 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modifications #26-5
 - Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) Special Call for Projects Proposed Submittal Guide
 - Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) Special Call for Projects Proposed Scoring Matrix
 - Wilmington Urban Area MPO Update (April)
 - Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority Update (April)
 - NCDOT Division Project Update (April)
 - NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Project Update (April)



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WMPO Board Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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Members Present, In person

Chuck Bost, Town of Belville
Lynn Barbee, Town of Carolina Beach
Brenda Bozeman, Town of Leland
Allen Oliver, Town of Kure Beach
Brad George, Pender County
Ken Dull, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Stephanie Walker, Cape Fear Transportation Authority
Cassidy Santaguida, City of Wilmington
Frank Williams, Brunswick County
Rose Terry, Town of Navassa
JC Lyle, City of Wilmington

Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Veronica Carter, Town of Leland
Zeke Partin, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Greer Templer, WMPO
Krysdan Burden, WMPO
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Beth King, WMPO
Ronda Hogan, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO
John Rouse, HDR

Others Present, In Person

Mike Kozlosky, WMPO

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barbee called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

2. WMPO 2026-2031 Strategic Plan

Mike Kozlosky introduced Leta Huntsinger and Sarah Crump, from WSP, who led the WMPO Board in a facilitated discussion on what they feel the organization's main strengths are, the weaknesses are, what opportunities do they see and what are the most significant threats to the organization's success. This was an interactive discussion where Board members wrote down their thoughts and ideas, and they were collected to be compiled. Ms. Huntsinger continued by presenting the organization's current mission and vision statement and questioned the Board if they reflect the needs and priorities of the WMPO. The Board members provided feedback on suggested enhancements for the mission and vision statements. Ms. Huntsinger highlighted the existing focus areas from the current strategic plan and questioned the Board if they still aligned with the mission

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of the Board, or do they need to be updated. Ms. Huntsinger asked the Board about emerging focus areas, ensuring that emerging topics are considered in the new strategic plan. She held a group activity which focused on project priority, to identify and prioritize key transportation projects in the WMPO region. In conclusion, Ms. Huntsinger explained the next steps, which she stated are, synthesis of information obtained, draft an updated strategic plan for the Board to review and refine and produce a final strategic plan.

3. Adjourn

Chairman Barbee adjourned the meeting at 2:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kozlosky

Director

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Landon Zimmer, NC Board of Transportation

Members Present, Remote

Kevin Spears, City of Wilmington

Others Present, In Person

Mike Kozlosky, WMPO
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Greer Temppler, WMPO
Krysdan Burden, WMPO
Beth King, WMPO
Ronda Hogan, WMPO
Caitlin Cerza, WMPO
Amanda Halbert, WMPO
Tessa Jones, WMPO
Luke Hutson, WMPO
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO

John Rouse, HDR
James Dehaven, Wilmington Resident
Lecia Dehaven, Wilmington Resident
Richard J. Nasca, Wilmington Resident
Veronica Newsome, NCDOT
Bill Kincannon, HDR
David Roy, NCDOT
Natalie English, Greater Wilmington Chamber
Michelle Howes, NCDOT
Megan Mullins, Greater Wilmington Chamber
Tony Elkins, Wilmington Resident
Gary Gischel, Wilmington Resident
Betty Gischel, Wilmington Resident
Mackenzie Bruns, WECT
Doug Pruden, Wilmington Resident
Kelly Kenoyer, WHQR
Mark Hairr, WAVE
Chris Cottle, New Hanover County Sherriff's Office
Janet Pruden, Wilmington Resident
Chris Coudriet, NHC
Seth Davil, CFRA
Forrest Powell, Prestige Safety Group
Will Peterson, WECT

Others Present, Remote

Adam Freeman,
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT
AMPO Staff

Brayton Willis
Brenna Flanagan, Port City Daily
Brian Chaya, Balfour Beauty
Celia Miars
Chad Kimes, GFT
David Wasserman
Eric Seidel, CFPUA
George Willoughby
Jeff Dayton, HDR
Katie Economou, AMPO
Katie Hite, NCDOT
Keith Nixon
Kelly Godbey
Kyle Burden, City of Wilmington

Michael Turner
Mike Forte, Brunswick County
Nikolai Mather
Ryan Coady, AMPO
Tyler McQueen
Varoon Desai, Balfour Beatty Investments
WECT News
Sharon Mahoney, NCDOT

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barbee called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

2. Roll Call

Mike Kozlosky, WMPO Director, called the roll.

Present: Chuck Bost, Lynn Barbee, Brenda Bozeman, Allen Oliver, Brad George, Ken Dull, Bill Rivenbark, Stephanie Walker, Kevin Spears, Cassidy Santaguida, Rose Terry, Frank Williams, and Landon Zimmer

3. Conflict of Interest Statement

Chairman Barbee read the conflict-of-interest statement as required by North Carolina General Statute and requested any conflicts of interest be disclosed by the Board. There were no conflicts of interest.

4. Approval of Board Member Excused Absences

There were no excused absences.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Brenda Bozman made a motion to approve the agenda; Frank Williams seconded the motion. The agenda passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment Period

James Dehaven, Wilmington resident. Mr. Dehaven spoke in opposition to the NCDOT project number U-5710. He believes at the end of the project all they will have

accomplished is moving the traffic congestion from one traffic light to another and damaging the aesthetics of the residential neighborhoods and surrounding area. Mr. Dehaven would like everyone to consider the damage of a four-year construction period to the area shops, restaurants, and rental properties. He believes it will be a slow and painful experience for drivers and will likely cause irreparable economic damage. Mr. Dehaven also pointed out that NCDOT will be compounding the situation because they are also scheduled to upgrade three bridges at the same time. In conclusion, Mr. Dehaven asked if no one is concerned about the business failures due to the construction, he asks to consider the impact of the loss of sales tax and occupancy tax revenue.

Jerod Patterson, CEO of Business Alliance for Sound Economy. Mr. Patterson spoke about the unsolicited bridge proposal that is before the Board, stating that he is not advocating for or against the proposal but simply asking the Board to advance a serious and ongoing examination of options to make the bridge replacement a reality. Mr. Patterson would like to see the Board keep all options open and on the table.

Richard J Nasca, Wilmington resident of 26 years, addressed the Board regarding the NCDOT U-5710 project. He requested the Board to have a public hearing to reconsider the U-5710 project. Mr. Nasca stated that more than 1,100 people have signed a petition opposing the project, believing that that solution is worse than the original problem. Mr. Nasca also conveyed a list of questions he would like to have discussed at a public hearing.

Natalie English, President and CEO of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Board for all they do with this Board and with their respective community positions. Ms. English addressed the Board today with concerns about the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge, highlighting its history and the collaboration that was needed when the bridge was built. Ms. English stated that the same collaboration is needed now, she relayed that the Chamber of Commerce has identified the replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge as the top transportation priority. Ms. English stated that the southeastern region of NC is one of the fastest growing regions in the United States and the bridge is a critical connector for employment, shopping, healthcare, and recreation in the region. Ms. English concluded by stating that everyone must remain vigilant and work together in identifying ways to fund the replacement of the bridge as well as all the transportation infrastructure needs in the region.

Gary Gischel, Wilmington resident, spoke to the Board in regard to the NCDOT project U-5710. Mr. Gischel is requesting a public hearing to review DOT changes and revise and or delay the U-5710 project. Mr. Gischel relayed that, in his opinion, three minutes of public comment before a Board meeting does not adequately allow for the

communication of facts. Mr. Gischel referenced the WMPO website and gave his opinion of how the U-5710 project directly contradicts the Federal Plan Requirement standards the WMPO follows.

7. Presentations

- a. Town of Leland Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) - Ben Andrea, Town of Leland
Mike Kozlosky introduced Ben Andrea, Planning and Inspections Director for the Town of Leland who gave a presentation on the Town of Leland's Integrated Mobility Plan. Mr. Kozlosky also reminded the Board that this is an item that is on their Consent Agenda for consideration. Mr. Andrea began his presentation with an overview of the project and their scheduled timeframe, from the kickoff in June of 2024 to the completion in July of 2025. Mr. Andrea reviewed the goals and objectives of the plan, as well as the project identification and prioritization process they used. Mr. Andrea explained the public engagement piece to the project, stating that they held open houses as well as having online engagement with the public. He went over the summary of the responses they received for both phases of the public outreach. Mr. Andrea highlighted the IMP deliverables, explaining that the bulk of the technical and results of the public engagement are in the appendices. He presented the analysis project maps from the IMP showing the proposed projects by priority. Mr. Andrea concluded his presentation by speaking about project funding and implementation and thanking the sponsors of the project.

There were no questions, Brenda Bozman stated how proud she is of the Town of Leland staff and the work they put into this plan.

- b. Bridge And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act - Katie Economou, Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO)
Mike Kozlosky introduced Katie Economou from AMPO who gave a presentation on Bridge And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act. Ms. Economou began her presentation explaining what the BASICS Act is, what it does, and why it matters concerning transportation reauthorization. Ms. Economou explained that Congress is currently working on the next surface transportation reauthorization, the current one will expire September 30, 2026, and Congress is expected to release new legislative text this spring. Ms. Economou stated that the BASICS Act is AMPO's and the LOT Coalition's marker bill for the next surface transportation reauthorization. She highlighted Chairman Graves thoughts on reauthorization, his idea of going back to basics, and focusing on the most fundamental infrastructure needs. Ms. Economou reviewed why the BASICS Act is necessary, highlighting the fact that distribution of funds, compared to the responsibilities of local communities, is out of balance. Ms. Economou reviewed what the BASICS Act is meant to accomplish, stating that the

BASICS Act is not about creating a whole new system, but rather strengthening the current framework. She stated that the BASICS Act works to modernize planning funds, increase surface transportation block grant overall funds, increase highway safety improvement programs overall funds, continue the bridge formula program, reaffirms MPO project selection, strengthens consultation with areas below 50,000 in population, federal financial management system access, ensure suballocated funds are protected from transfer, and providing funds for regional transportation planning organizations. Ms. Economou explained that the BASICS Act increases guaranteed funding for local governments and states but does not decrease overall state funding. She explained that the BASICS Act is a forward-thinking bill and is based on some funding assumptions for FY27, such as, a baseline highway transportation fund of \$80 billion, inflation adjustments of \$2 billion, a consolidation of competitive programs of \$2.5 billion, and the Safe Streets for All and Bridge Program into core formula programs of \$6.5 billion. Ms. Economou reviewed the policy changes to the STBG, the Bridge Formula Program, and HSIP. She explained the changes in transferability and project selection, as well as metropolitan planning and the creation of Rural Transportation Planning Organizations provisions. Ms. Economou concluded her presentation by highlighting what regions can do to support the BASICS Act.

Frank Williams voiced his support for the bill and for the Board to support it on the consent agenda.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Board Regular Meeting Minutes- February 25, 2026
- b. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment #26-1
- c. Resolution approving 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs Administrative Modification #26-3
- d. Resolution adopting the Town of Leland's Integrated Mobility Plan
- e. Resolution supporting the Bridge And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act (HR 7437)

Frank Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Allen Oliver seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

9. Regular Agenda

- a. Opening of the 45 Day Public Comment Period for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan
Tessa Jones, WMPO Public Information Officer, reviewed with the Board what the Public Participation Plan (PPP) is and what the purpose of the plan is. Ms. Jones explained the federal requirements that regulate the PPP and what the document

requires the WMPO to do. She explained how WMPO puts the PPP into action and gave an overview of the 2026 Public Participation Plan, presenting the updated format and user-friendly graphics.

Chuck Bost made a motion to open the 45-Day Public Comment Period for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan. Stephanie Walker seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Resolution approving Amendment #3 to the FY 26 Unified Planning Work Program
Mike Kozlosky explained that the amendment in the Board packet is a housekeeping amendment, used to move funds within the UPWP. Mr. Kozlosky explained that the Board has until the end of March to move those funds. This resolution moves \$18,900 from nine task codes to the management fund, there is no increase in budget.

Allen Oliver made a motion to approve amendment #3 to the FY26 UPWP. Chuck Bost seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Resolution adopting the FY 27 Unified Planning Work Program
Mike Kozlosky explained that in January the WMPO brought the FY27 UPWP before the TCC and WMPO Board to open the 30-day public comment period, the only comment received was from the NCDOT requesting more definition in the traffic counter, GIS, and management and operations. The WMPO updated the FY27 UPWP. The final FY27 UPWP is before the Board for adoption.

Brenda Bozman made a motion to adopt the FY27 Unified Planning Work Program. Chuck Bost seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Resolution certifying the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Planning Process for FY 2026-2027
Mike Kozlosky explained that the self-certification process certifies that the WMPO is compliant with 23 CFR 450.336 in the Code of Federal Regulations. He stated that like the other two documents on the agenda, this certification is required to be approved by March 31st

Brad George made a motion to certify the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Planning Process for FY2026-2027. Chuck Bost seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- e. Resolution requesting Administrative Modifications to the adopted 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs to modify U-5525 Surface Transportation Block Grant- Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) Planning Allocations for the amended FY 26 and adopted FY 27 Unified Planning Work Programs

Mike Kozlosky explained that this resolution allows the WMPO to update the 2026-2035 STIP to reflect the FY26 and FY27 Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct

Attributable (STBG-DA) planning allocations adopted in the FY26 and FY27 UPWP's.

Frank Williams made a motion to approve the request for Administrative Modifications to the adopted 2026-2035 STIP. Allen Oliver seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion

a. 2026-2035 STIP/MPO Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications #26-4

Mike Kozlosky explained that this administrative modification is for informational purposes only and will be brought back for action at another meeting.

b. Cape Fear Memorial Bridge- Conceptual Unsolicited Proposal

Mike Kozlosky gave the history of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge, stating that in May of 2025 the WMPO Board supported the consideration and pursuit of all possible funding options for the replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. He stated the Board supported inclusion of the replacement of the bridge as a toll facility in the 2026-2035 STIP and the Board supported amending our Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 plan to include the bridge replacement as a toll facility. The Board also reserved the right to withdraw any approval as a toll facility at any time until NCDOT advertised a contract to construct a replacement bridge. The Board also approved the STIP in July, including the project as a toll facility and in October 2025 the Board adopted Cape Fear Navigating Change in 2050, where the bridge is identified as a toll facility. In November 2025, the Board received a presentation from the Turnpike Authority on a comparative analysis that evaluated the traditional toll delivery and the Public Private Partnership (P3) toll delivery. The report was finalized in February and delivered to the Board. In February 2026, NCDOT received a conceptual unsolicited proposal from a private entity to replace the bridge. Based on NCDOT's P3 guidelines, it requires written consent from the MPO for the DOT to complete an assessment of the unsolicited proposal. Mr. Kozlosky pointed out that this is not a formal bid, after review of the unsolicited proposal, if the Board desires to deliver the replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge as a public private partnership, a competitive process would need to be followed in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes as well as the NCDOT's P3 guidelines.

Mike Kozlosky introduced Michelle Howes from NCDOT and David Roy from the NC Turnpike Authority to give a presentation on the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. Michelle Howes, PE, NCDOT Division 3, began the presentation by reviewing the project background. She stated that the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge was opened to traffic in 1969 and by 2020 a feasibility study was completed that identified four

bridge replacement options. Ms. Howes highlighted the bridge replacement activity that has occurred from 2020 to present day. She explained that due to the cost of the project, a Value for Money analysis is required under federal law and at the request of the WMPO, an analysis was prepared in 2023 to evaluate delivery options. Ms. Howes explained that since that initial analysis, NCDOT received a federal grant and the cost estimate for the project has increased significantly, so the NCDOT has prepared an updated comparative analysis to incorporate the project updates. The updated analysis was presented to the Board in November of 2025. At this point, Ms. Howes introduced David Roy to present the unsolicited proposal review.

David Roy Director of Innovative Finance, from the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, presented the unsolicited proposal review, stating again, that if the procurement of a P3 results from an unsolicited proposal it will be publicly and competitively procured in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes. Mr. Roy reviewed NCDOT's Public-Private Partnership Policies and Guidelines and specifics for this project. He noted that February 24, 2026, Delivering Bridges, LLC. submitted a conceptual unsolicited proposal for a P3 delivery of the replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. On March 11, 2026, NCDOT notified the WMPO of the receipt of the conceptual unsolicited proposal. Mr. Roy stated that if the WMPO consents to performing an initial screening of the proposal, a working group and oversight committee would be formed to review and provide a recommendation on the proposal and determine whether to accept the proposal. Mr. Roy presented the process and potential next steps if the WMPO decides to move forward with a review of the conceptual unsolicited proposal. Mr. Roy also did a quick recap of the comparative analysis that was presented to the Board last November. He gave an overview of the two delivery approaches, Traditional Toll delivery and Private Public Partnership (P3) Toll delivery, highlighting the similarities and differences between the two. Mr. Roy reviewed the Bonus Allocation funding that is available if implementing a toll project, he highlighted the amount of funding possible as well as how that funding can be used. Mr. Roy reviewed the project using Qualitative Analysis and the NDDOT's Quantitative Analysis, overviewing the project cost for both the Traditional Toll and P3 Toll. Mr. Roy summarized the findings of the Quantitative Analysis for both the Traditional Toll and P3 Toll and reviewed key considerations that the WMPO should be aware of. Mr. Roy opened the floor for questions.

Bill Rivenbark stated that he believes the bridge was obsolete when it was built and he asked for some clarification about how the NCDOT has built three other bridges up and down the coast but now wants to charge one billion dollars for the replacement of this bridge.

Brenda Bozman stated that she believes it is the wrong thing to do, tolling the bridge.

Frank Williams asked Mike Kozlosky if he felt authorized with the resolution that is in place to investigate this conceptual unsolicited proposal. Mr. Kozlosky stated that based on the current resolution the Board adopted in May of 2025, he believes that an assessment of the public private partnership would be consistent with that direction. He also noted that the Board adopted the 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP and Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 plan which also includes the bridge as a toll facility. Mr. Kozlosky believes that what is being asked of the Board is an assessment of the unsolicited proposal and the MPO could glean some information from the proposal that could be beneficial.

Rose Terry asked how long is it normal for the Board to explore options, is there a timeframe where the process is drawn to a close and the Board decides. Mike Kozlosky answered that it is his understanding that if no other action is taken, that is deliver the bridge as a P3 or to reject the toll option, NCDOT and Turnpike Authority would deliver this project through as traditional toll. David Roy agreed and stated that the bridge project is currently funded and committed in the STIP as a toll facility. Stephanie Walker asked for more clarification on the timeline, Mr. Roy explained that in order to maintain access to the grant funds there needs to be clarification on the legislative language by the end of this calendar year.

Cassidy Santaguida wanted to clarify that considering this unsolicited proposal is not saying that we would want to move forward with a toll or P3, it is allowing us to access and learn more. Ms. Santaguida also questioned the bonus allocation that was mentioned, asking if the one-hundred-million-dollar bonus allocation was for all alternative funding or just tolls. Mr. Roy clarified that the bonus allocation is for all alternative funding.

Landon Zimmer reminded everyone that projects are getting more expensive every year but the revenue from the gas tax is not, so the Board needs to continue to keep all their options open. He recommends the Board continue to keep their options open and access this proposal.

Brenda Bozman questioned whether the Board could solicit the State to receive contributions from the ports. Ms. Bozman would like an explanation why the ports cannot help fund the project, since the bridge will benefit them as well. Mr. Roy stated that he thinks that would be a question for the ports.

Stephanie Walker noted that the timeline is tight and if we are looking for alternative funding options, what are other options that work within the timeline so the funds available now are not lost.

Frank Williams stated he believes the options need to stay open and get the assessment.

Kevin Spears stated that he thinks the cost of the bridge is important because it will matter to the constituents who need to use the bridge on a regular basis. Mr. Spears does not want to make a hasty decision, he acknowledges the current bridge is obsolete, but safe, it will not fall, he is aware that the cost to maintain the bridge is expensive, but he does not want to be forced into a hasty decision that could be expensive.

Chairman Barbee stated that he believes all of these proposals need to be explored and all options open.

11. Updates

a. Wilmington Urban Area MPO

Mike Kozlosky gave an update that the WMPO will be sending out an annual member survey, it will open on April 1st and close on April 30th, he requests that the Board complete the five-to-ten-minute survey. Mr. Kozlosky also updated the Board that the City of Wilmington is having a public meeting tonight for an EDA Grant for the bulkhead replacement on the river front. The City is also requesting letters of support for the grant application, and Mr. Kozlosky would like the Board's approval to draft a letter. The Board had no concerns about the WMPO drafting a letter and agreed to send one.

b. Cape Fear Public Transit Authority

Updates are in the packet.

c. NCDOT Division 3

Updates are in the packet.

d. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division

Updates are in the packet.

e. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Updates are in the packet.

12. Announcements

- a. NC State Ethics Information Due- April 15, 2026
- b. Active Transportation Advisory Committee- April 21, 2026

13. Next Meeting – April 29, 2026

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kozlosky

Director

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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PROCLAMATION

Naming May 2026 as Bike Month

WHEREAS, the month of May is observed as National Bike Month as promoted by the League of American Bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to the promotion of safe and convenient bicycling for both transportation and recreation through the operation of its Active Transportation Advisory Committee and Go Coast Committee; and

WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2024, an average of 64 crashes involving bicyclists occurred annually in the Wilmington region which underscores the importance of ensuring driver awareness and bicyclist safety education in addition to safe facilities for bicycling to prevent crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to promoting the safe use of bicycles on streets and trails throughout the region, through its long-range planning efforts including developing a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan, developing the Cape Fear Trails etiquette campaign, and supporting local bicycle and pedestrian planning initiatives and project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has promoted bicycle safety, awareness, and education through the Be A Looker campaign which encourages children and adults to operate their bicycles in a safe manner and educates drivers on how to share the road with bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) and Go Coast, the WMPO's Transportation Demand Management program, are committed to reducing traffic congestion and enhancing quality of life by expanding transportation options, supporting multimodal infrastructure investments, and promoting a clean and healthy environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proclaims May as Bike Month and will continue to promote safe cycling opportunities for citizens of the Wilmington urban area.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

**REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
Amendment #26-2**

STATEWIDE PROJECT

STIP ADDITIONS

TM-6111 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT. STATEWIDE. NCDOT-IMD STATE ADMINISTRATION - FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION WITH PROVIDING SUBRECIPIENT MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS AND PLANS FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED. <u>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 2026 - <u> \$900,000</u> (5310) \$900,000
TM-6112 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT. 5311 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS FOR FTA GRANTS. <u>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 2026 - \$19,000,000 (5311) FY 2026 - \$7,000,000 (L) FY 2026 - <u> \$7,000,000</u> (S) \$33,000,000
TM-6113 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- STATEWIDE PROJECT	NCDOT. RTAP STATEWIDE FUNDS FOR FTA GRANTS. <u>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 2026 - \$800,000 (RTAP) FY 2026 - <u> \$400,000</u> (S) \$1,200,000

**REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
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WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP ADDITIONS

* HS-2003A NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1217 (17TH STREET), DOCK STREET INTERSECTION IN WILMINGTON. INSTALL SIGNAL HEADS.	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2026 - \$75,000 (HSIP) FY 2026 - <u> \$8,000</u> (T(M)) \$83,000
<u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 25 TO FY 26. THIS ACTION ADDS THE PROJECT TO THE FEDERALLY APPROVED STIP.</u>				
* HS-2603A NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 421 (CAROLINA BEACH ROAD), ECHO FARMS BOULEVARD / GEORGE ANDERSON DRIVE. UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND INSTALL PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS AND OTHER PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS.	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 - \$227,000 (HSIP) FY 2027 - <u> \$25,000</u> (T(M)) \$252,000
<u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>				
* HS-2603B NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 17 BUSINESS (MARKET STREET), COVIL AVENUE / MONTGOMERY AVENUE. INSTALL CROSSWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS.	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 - \$170,000 (HSIP) FY 2027 - <u> \$19,000</u> (T(M)) \$189,000
<u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>				
* HS-2603C NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 117/NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD), SR 1272 (NEW CENTRE DRIVE). UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND INSTALL CROSSWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 - \$39,000 (HSIP) FY 2027 - <u> \$4,000</u> (T(M)) \$43,000
<u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>				

**REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
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WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP ADDITIONS

* HS-2603D NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1209 (INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD), SR 1411 (WRIGHTSVILLE AVENUE). UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND INSTALL CROSSWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS <u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 - \$248,000 (HSIP) FY 2027 - <u>\$27,000</u> (T(M)) \$275,000
TC-0050 NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	WAVE TRANSIT, SYSTEMWIDE PURCHASE OF CNG BUSES THAT WILL REPLACE BUSES PAST THEIR USEFUL LIFE. <u>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION.</u>	CAPITAL	FY 2026 - \$180,000 (L) FY 2026 - <u>\$1,020,000</u> (5339) \$1,200,000

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT #26-2 TO THE 2026-2035 STATE /MPO
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program on July 9, 2025, and the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Board adopted the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs on July 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization desires to amend the adopted 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Amendment #26-2; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has conducted a 30-day public comment period to receive citizen input on these proposed amendments.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves amending the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Amendment #26-2.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on April 29, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
Amendment #26-3**

STATEWIDE PROJECT

STIP ADDITIONS

* C-5702D - STATEWIDE PROJECT
STATEWIDE
PROJ.CATEGORY
EXEMPT

NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY
CENTER, SYSTEMWIDE CONDUCT A CLEAN-FUEL
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH AND
AWARENESS PROGRAM IN ALL CMAQ-ELIGIBLE
COUNTIES.

**ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF DIVISION OF
PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING.**

IMPLEMENTATION

FY 2026 -	\$2,000,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2026 -	\$500,000	(L(M))
FY 2027 -	\$2,000,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2027 -	\$500,000	(L(M))
FY 2028 -	\$2,000,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2028 -	\$500,000	(L(M))
FY 2029 -	\$2,000,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2029 -	\$500,000	(L(M))
FY 2030 -	\$2,000,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2030 -	\$500,000	(L(M))
FY 2031 -	\$2,000,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2031 -	\$500,000	(L(M))
FY 2032 -	\$2,000,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2032 -	\$500,000	(L(M))
FY 2033 -	\$2,000,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2033 -	\$500,000	(L(M))
FY 2034 -	\$2,000,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2034 -	\$500,000	(L(M))
FY 2035 -	\$2,000,000	(CMAQ)
FY 2035 -	\$500,000	(L(M))
	<u>\$25,000,000</u>	

**REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM**

Administrative Modification #26-4

WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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STIP MODIFICATIONS

* HS-2403AG NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 17 BUSINESS (MARKET STREET), SR 1216 (16TH STREET) INTERSECTION IN WILMINGTON. UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND CONSTRUCT CURB BUMP-OUTS. <u>REMOVE RIGHT-OF WAY AND UTILITIES AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIVISION.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2026 - \$235,000 (HSIP) FY 2026 - <u> \$26,000 </u> (T(M)) \$261,000
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**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS #26-4 TO THE
2026-2035 STATE /MPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program on July 9, 2025, and the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Board adopted the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs on July 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization desires to modify the adopted 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Administrative Modifications #26-4.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves modifying the 2026-2035 State/MPO Transportation Improvement Programs for Administrative Modifications #26-4.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on April 29, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON'S APPLICATION TO
THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2026
MULTIMODAL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A MULTIMODAL
NETWORK PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of a robust bicycle and pedestrian network, the North Carolina Department of Transportation created a matching grant program, called the Multimodal Planning Grant Program, to fund local bicycle, pedestrian, and multimodal plans; and

WHEREAS, the program has awarded 987 planning grants, totaling approximately \$9.7 million, since being established in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is accepting applications from eligible communities for the 2026 Multimodal Planning Grant Program until April 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington has previously received two planning grants through this program to develop the 2009 Walk Wilmington Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan and the 2023 Walk Wilmington Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington desires to apply for the 2026 North Carolina Department of Transportation Multimodal Planning Grant Program to develop a Multimodal Network Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Multimodal Network Plan will build upon the City's previously adopted bicycle and pedestrian plans, including the 2023 Walk Wilmington Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan Update and the 2013 Wilmington/New Hanover County Comprehensive Greenway Plan, and incorporate the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority's fixed route service network; and

WHEREAS, the Multimodal Network Plan will guide the City of Wilmington in implementing a multimodal network by integrating pedestrian, bicycle, and transit improvements, facilitating user connectivity, improving mobility and safety, and fostering a more multimodal-friendly community.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby supports an application by the City of Wilmington to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the 2026 Multimodal Planning Grant Program to develop a Multimodal Network Plan.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on April 29, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL BIKE LANES AS PART OF THE CASTLE
HAYNE ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to advancing multimodal transportation options, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is proposing to resurface Castle Hayne Road between the Smith Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 29) and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority's driveway; and

WHEREAS, as part of the replacement of the Smith Creek Bridge, the bridge replacement included bike lanes and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, bike lanes on Castle Hayne Road are recommended in the Wilmington/New Hanover Comprehensive Greenway Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby encourages the North Carolina Department of Transportation to install bike lanes as part of their upcoming resurfacing project on Castle Hayne Road.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on April 29, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



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Unified Planning Work Program

Fiscal Year 2026

Amendment #4
April 29, 2026

Amendment #3
Approved March 25, 2026

Amendment #2
Approved February 25, 2026

Amendment #1
Approved November 19, 2025

Original UPWP
Adopted March 26, 2025

**FY 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
for the
WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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Introduction

In compliance with Federal law and in the spirit of cooperation, the Wilmington Urban Area MPO (WMPO) conducts a “cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing” transportation planning process. This Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines the tasks and associated funding sources dedicated to the Wilmington Urban Area MPO’s transportation planning process during Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 26). Depending on the specific funding source, tasks funded through the UPWP are eligible for reimbursement of 80-90% of their cost from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) through the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

The UPWP for the Wilmington Urban Area MPO identifies six separate funding sources for transportation planning. A brief description of these funding sources follows:

- Federal Highway Administration - Section 104(f) Funds (PL104)
Funds dedicated to the urban area to perform transportation planning. PL104 funds require a 20% local match.
- Federal Highway Administration - Safe & Accessible Transportation Options Set Aside (SATO/Y410)
These funds are dedicated to the urban area to perform transportation planning to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. SATO/Y410 funds are 100% reimbursable.
- Federal Highway Administration - Surface Transportation Block Grant-Direct Attributable Funds (STBG-DA)
Funds dedicated to Transportation Management Areas and these funds can be used to perform transportation planning. STBG-DA funds require a 20% local match.
- Federal Highway Administration - Safe Streets for All (SS4A)
These are discretionary grant funds to be used for the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the WMPO’s planning area. SS4A funds require a 20% local match. The WMPO’s FY 24 UPWP included a 20% local match (50% from the state, 50% member contributions) for a \$400,000 SS4A planning grant for the development of a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The WMPO applied during the FY 24 funding cycle and received notification of the award in December 2023. Plan development will begin in 2025.
- Federal Transit Administration - Section 5303 Funds
These funds are used for transit planning in the urban area. The Federal Transit Administration provides 80% of these funds, NCDOT 10%, and there is a required 10% local match.

- Local Member Non-Grant Contributions - Member Only Additional Funds
Local only supplied funds for WMPO operating expenses not eligible for grant funding.

The local match requirements will be shared by all members of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO as defined in the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's adopted Memorandum of Understanding.

Narrative of UPWP Section 104(f) Work Tasks to be Performed in FY 26
(Primary work to be performed by WMPO staff except where noted.)

II-A Data and Planning Support Line-Item Codes: \$103,300

II-A-1 Networks and Support Systems: \$100,800

Bike & Ped. Facilities Inventory – Staff will facilitate inventory of significant municipal, state, and federal bicycle and pedestrian transportation facilities. These systems shall be incorporated in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update and analyzed in conjunction with other transportation performance measures.

Traffic Volume Counts – Wilmington MPO staff maintains an ongoing traffic counting program. An annual summary of the urban area traffic counts will be prepared and uploaded to the WMPO website.

II-A-2 Travelers and Behavior: \$1,300

Dwelling Unit, Population, Employment Changes – Changes in population and development across the service area will be identified and evaluated to determine necessary restructuring of transportation services to meet current and forecasted demand. Census data, local parcel, zoning, and tax data records; Employment Security Commission; and private vendors are acceptable sources of information for this purpose. This item may include the development and maintenance of a GIS database.

II-A-3 Transportation Modeling: \$1,200

Financial Planning – Develop realistic, best estimates of funding sources available and project cost estimates throughout the forecast years for the MTP. Ensure fiscal constraint in the update of the MTP. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

II-B Planning Process Line-Item Codes: \$63,500

II-B-1 Target Planning: \$7,000

Congestion Management Strategies – Develop strategies to address and manage congestion by increasing transportation system supply, reducing demand by application of alternative mode solutions, and transportation system management strategies. Evaluate strategies developed for the Congestion Management Process. Document process and solutions in the update of the MTP and CMP reports. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Freight Movement/Mobility Planning – Identification of freight movement deficiencies, priorities, and proposed improvement solutions and strategies. Provide documentation of process and recommendations in the update of the MTP. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Hazard Mitigation & Disaster Planning – Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. After identifying these risks, develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from similar events. Mitigation plans are key to breaking the cycle of damage and reconstruction.

II-B-2 Regional Planning: \$46,500

Airport/Air Travel Element of the of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Identify airport and air service deficiencies, priorities, and proposed airport and air service improvement solutions and strategies. Provide documentation of process and recommendations in the update of the MTP.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Identify bicycle and pedestrian deficiencies, priorities, and proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvement solutions and strategies. Provide documentation of the process and recommendations in the update of the MTP. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Collector Street Element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Collector Street planning will be conducted as required to develop standards and preliminary locations for collector streets in advance of development. The objective of this planning activity is to ensure optimum traffic operations for the developing street system and transit accessibility to developing areas.

Community Goals & Objectives – Monitor public input as it pertains to goals and objectives set forth in the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Highway Element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Identification of highway deficiencies, priorities, and proposed highway improvement solutions and strategies. Provide documentation of process and recommendations in the MTP. Implementation of the Performance Measures from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Rail, Water, or other mode of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Identify rail and waterway deficiencies, priorities, and proposed rail and waterway improvement solutions and strategies. Provide documentation of process and recommendations in the update of the MTP.

II-B-3 Special Studies: \$10,000

Special Studies: Staff Time - Time Spent with Special Study Consultants – \$10,000

Planning Staff time allocated to managing and coordinating with the NCDOT and contracted consultant(s) to develop both the WMPO's 2027-2031 Strategic Plan and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP): Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050.

III-A Planning Work Program Line-Item Codes: \$2,000

III-A-1 Planning Work Program: \$1,000

Staff will develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) with the guidance of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and WMPO Board, staff will present the UPWP for approval to the WMPO Board and submit it to the NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD).

III-A-2 Metrics and Performance Measures: \$1,000

Facilitate updates to the UPWP, MTP, etc., to address performance tracking and reporting. This includes preparing quarterly reports, the annual report, requests for reimbursement, and establishing/developing/refinement/updating of performance measures/targets. This task also includes updated plans (CTP/MTP/TIP), as required to track performance measure requirements.

III-B Transportation Improvement Plan Line-Item Codes: \$12,500

III-B-1 Prioritization: \$5,000

Maintain the SPOT list of STIP projects across all modes. Develop purpose and needs statements, as appropriate/needed. Work to update and improve local prioritization process for SPOT projects. Coordinate data, maps, and resolutions for STIP Project Recommendations as needed. Gather and enter data required for SPOT ranking of projects.

III-B-2 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): \$2,500

Work cooperatively with the NCDOT and other partner agencies to review and provide comments on the draft STIP, the final STIP, and then adopt the corresponding MPO TIP. This includes reviewing and refining TIP project schedules and descriptions in the Draft TIP and coordinating meaningful public involvement in the TIP process.

III-B-3 Merger/Project Development: \$5,000

General work associated with development of projects in the adopted STIP/MPO TIP.

Review designs for TIP Projects and provide comments to appropriate agencies. Participate in the environmental study process for STIP/MPO TIP projects and provide an MPO representative on NEPA/404 Merger Teams. Monitor the public involvement process for STIP/MPO TIP projects and ensure adequate community input; assist PDEA as requested. Participation in project-specific workgroup meetings, as needed. Facilitate dialog between NCDOT and MPO-member communities. Participate in scoping meetings, public input, and merger meetings.

III-C Civil Rights Compliance & Other Regulatory Requirements Line-Item Codes: \$24,000

III-C-1 Title VI Compliance: \$13,000

Work to ensure compliance with the requirements of Title VI in the WMPO's policies and practices.

III-C-6 Public Involvement: \$10,000

Extensive public participation effort will be carried out to solicit input and gauge public input for planning studies and projects within the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's planning area boundary. Outreach will be used in the development and adoption of the Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 Plan.

III-C-7 Private Sector Participation: \$1,000

Activities to encourage private sector participation in planning and project activities.

III-D Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning Line-Item Codes: \$7,000

III-D Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning: \$7,000

Environmental Analysis & Pre-TIP Planning – Conduct environmental analysis and planning for the development of transportation projects in the Wilmington Urban Area.

Regional or Statewide Planning – Coordination of urban area activities with statewide and regional initiatives.

III-E Management, Operations, & Program Support Admin Line-Item Codes: \$249,700

III-E Management & Operations: \$233,530

Management & Operations – Required ongoing administrative and operational tasks to support MPO committees and reporting requirements.

III-E Indirect Costs: \$16,170

Indirect Costs – Indirect Costs- Indirect Costs are costs to the Lead Planning Agency that are not direct costs and are not related to a specific activity but are shared costs across multiple activities. These are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than the one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. The de minimis indirect cost rate as of October 1, 2024, is 15%, however a lower de minimis cost rate may be applied. The negotiated indirect cost rate negotiated between the City of Wilmington (Lead Planning Agency) and WMPO for FY 26 is 3.5% of the Modified Total Direct Cost.

Narrative of Safe & Accessible Transportation Options Set Aside (SATO/Y410) Work Tasks to be Performed in FY 26

(Primary work to be performed by WMPO staff except where noted.)

In 2022, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) added a new Metropolitan Planning set-aside for Increasing Safe & Accessible Transportation Options. The Act requires each MPO to use at least 2.5% of its PL funds on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. [§ 11206(b)]. The 2.5% set aside is provided by a separate allocation of PL funds (federal program code Y410). The MPO's share of this amount is distributed using the same allocation formula.

This funding requires no local match and the full funding amount of \$8,200 is 100% reimbursable.

This task may include the following activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities:

1. Adoption of Complete Streets standards or policies.
2. Development of a Complete Streets prioritization plan that identifies a specific list of Complete Streets projects to improve the safety, mobility, or accessibility of a street.
3. Development of transportation plans to:
 - a. Create a network of active transportation facilities, including sidewalks, bikeways, or pedestrian and bicycle trails, to connect neighborhoods with destinations such as workplaces, schools, residences, businesses, recreation areas, healthcare and childcare services, or other community activity centers.
 - b. Integrate active transportation facilities with public transportation service or improve access to public transportation.
 - c. Create multiuse active transportation infrastructure facilities (including bikeways or pedestrian and bicycle trails) that make connections within or between communities.
 - d. Increase public transportation ridership; and
 - e. Improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.
4. Regional and megaregional planning (i.e., multi-jurisdictional transportation planning that extends beyond MPO and/or State boundaries) that address travel demand and capacity constraints through alternatives to new highway capacity, including through intercity passenger rail; and
5. Development of transportation plans and policies that support transit-oriented development.

II-B Planning Process Line-Item Codes: \$7,913

Safe & Accessible Transportation Options - Provide safe and accessible transportation options.

III-E Management, Operations, & Program Support Admin Line-Item Codes:
\$287

III-E Indirect Costs: \$287

Indirect Costs – Indirect Costs are costs to the Lead Planning Agency that are not direct costs and are not related to a specific activity but are shared costs across multiple activities. These are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than the one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. The de minimis indirect cost rate as of October 1, 2024, is 15%, however a lower de minimis cost rate may be applied. The negotiated indirect cost rate negotiated between the City of Wilmington (Lead Planning Agency) and WMPO for FY 26 is 3.5% of the Modified Total Direct Cost.

Narrative of Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable Work Tasks and Special Studies to be Performed in FY 26

(Primary work to be performed by WMPO staff except where noted.)

II-A Data and Planning Support Line-Item Codes: \$93,800

II-A-1 Networks and Support Systems: \$93,800

Mapping – Creation or maintenance of base maps, zone maps, land use, etc. for the study area. The MPO will create, maintain, and store mapping for the study area for each update of the study. The WMPO has a full-time GIS Analyst dedicated to this task.

II-B Planning Process Line-Item Codes: \$26,300

II-B-3 Special Studies: \$26,300

Special Studies: Staff Time - Safe Streets and Roads for All – \$5,000

Time utilized by Staff to manage the Safe Streets and Roads for All funded Special Study. An outside consultant will be utilized and contracted to perform the study. Kittleson & Associates have been selected to perform this task. For a comprehensive description of this study, please see the UPWP section titled: Narrative of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Continued Funding for a Special Study.

Special Studies: Consultant – 2027-2031 Strategic Plan Update – \$15,000

Anticipated funds to hire an outside consultant to assist in developing the WMPO's 2027-2031 Strategic Plan.

Special Studies: Consultant – Compensation Analysis – \$6,300

Anticipated contracted amount to hire a consultant to perform a Compensation Analysis update.

An HR Consultant will compile a competitive market-based compensation analysis for the WMPO's current positions. This study will review the WMPO's existing job descriptions to understand each position's key responsibilities, requirements, levels within respective career progressions, and place within the organizational reporting and decision-making hierarchy.

The result will be a market analysis of current staff positions and compensation against similar organizations to ensure the WMPO is in line with our peers. In addition, the consultant will provide strategies that bolster internal equitable compensation and support the WMPO's ability to recruit and retain skilled employees necessary to meet the federal requirements and overall functions of the MPO.

III-E Management, Operations, & Program Support Admin Line-Item Codes:
\$1,353,761

II-B-3 Management & Operations: \$1,302,139

Management & Operations – Required ongoing administrative and operational tasks to support MPO committees and reporting requirements.

III-E Indirect Costs: \$51,622

Indirect Costs – Indirect Costs are costs to the Lead Planning Agency that are not direct costs and are not related to a specific activity but are shared costs across multiple activities. These are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than the one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. The de minimis indirect cost rate as of October 1, 2024, is 15%, however a lower de minimis cost rate may be applied. The negotiated indirect cost rate negotiated between the City of Wilmington (Lead Planning Agency) and WMPO for FY 26 is 3.5% of the Modified Total Direct Cost.

Narrative of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Continued Funding for a Special Study

(Primary work to be performed by a contracted consultant.)

The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion to be dispersed over the life of the program. The grant program funds are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, and micro-mobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators.

The SS4A program provides funding for the completion of Comprehensive Safety Action Plans and Implementation. To access the implementation funding, a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan meeting the USDOT standards must first be completed. Applications are accepted annually. The estimated cost to complete A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the Wilmington MPO's planning area is \$500,000. The grant provides federal funding in the amount of 80% and requires a 20% local match. The North Carolina Department of Transportation is not an eligible applicant but committed to provide \$50,000 in funding as a contribution towards the MPO's local match. The WMPO's members will provide the remaining \$50,000 local match. The match requirements from NCDOT and MPO members were committed in the FY 24 UPWP and the WMPO applied during the SS4A FY 24 funding cycle call for \$400,000 to develop a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The grant was awarded in December 2023 and development of the plan will begin in 2025.

Following adoption of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, this plan will provide an opportunity for our members with the ability to seek SS4A Implementation funding to improve and enhance safety in the communities served by the MPO.

II-B Planning Process Line-Item Codes:

II-B-3 Special Studies: \$500,000

Special Studies: Consultant - Safe Streets for All – Kittleson & Associates will be contracted to complete a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

Tables of FTA Section 5303

(Primary work to be performed by WMPO staff and WAVE staff.)

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	II-A-1
Title	Networks and Support Systems
5303 Task Objective	Collect and analyze data for route planning and submission to NTD
Tangible Product Expected	Transit System Data - Accurate data from multiple data collection devices onboard Wave Transit vehicles and other sources to ensure compliance with National Transit Database requirements
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2026 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Collection of data and submission to NTD
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	2,610
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	2,610
Section 5303 FTA 80%	20,880
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	II-A-3
Title	Transportation Modeling
5303 Task Objective	Financial Planning - Plan capital and operating cost estimates to ensure fiscal compliance and maintain the adopted level of transit service
Tangible Product Expected	Financial Planning – Short range financial plans based on current federal and state legislation to ensure that transit services are provided in a consistent manner utilizing the most economical and efficient methods
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2026 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Financial planning of the public transportation program
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	750
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	750
Section 5303 FTA 80%	6,000
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	II-B-2
Title	Regional Planning
5303 Task Objective	Community Goals & Objectives – Interpret and communicate with members of the Authority and WMPO TCC and TAC adopted planning documents defining community goals and objectives
Tangible Product Expected	Community Goals & Objectives – Service offerings that are compliant with adopted plans that outlined the goals of the community for public transportation in the region
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2026 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Communication of goals and objectives to decision makers and the public
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	380
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	380
Section 5303 FTA 80%	3,040
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	II-B-2
Title	Regional Planning
5303 Task Objective	Transit Element of the LRTP – Provide input to CAC, TCC and TAC regarding long range transit plans for the region
Tangible Product Expected	Transit Element of the LRTP – Informed decisions regarding long range public transportation plans leading to a realistic planning document for the region
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2026 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Provided input and educated decision makers regarding the federal and state public transportation program
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	90
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	90
Section 5303 FTA 80%	720
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-C-1
Title	Title VI Compliance
5303 Task Objective	Interpret and prepare Title VI documents and monitor Title VI efforts to ensure compliance with FTA approved Title VI program
Tangible Product Expected	Compliance with the Title VI circular and adopted Title VI program
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2026 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Title VI program development and compliance efforts
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	0
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	0
Section 5303 FTA 80%	0
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-C-3
Title	Minority Business Enterprise
5303 Task Objective	Implement and monitor the MBE program to be compliant with adopted MBE program, update MBE goals as required, and undertake MBE outreach
Tangible Product Expected	MBE participation that is equal to or greater than the adopted and approved MBE goal
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2026 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	MBE program oversight
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka WAVE Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT	20%
SPR - Highway - F11WA	80%
Section 104 (f) PL, Local	20%
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA	80%
Section 5303 Local	10%
Section 5303 NCDOT	10%
Section 5303 FTA	80%
Section 5307 Transit - Local	10%
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT	10%
Section 5307 Transit - FTA	80%
Additional Funds - Local	100%

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-C-6
Title	Public Involvement
5303 Task Objective	Hear and analyze public comment from monthly meetings of the Authority, email comments, written comments and other comments outlined in the Authority Public Involvement Program. Work with public to update LCP, LRTP, SRTP and other planning documents.
Tangible Product Expected	Make recommendations to appropriate parties from comments made to the Authority by members of the community
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2026 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Public comment
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE)
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	390
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	390
Section 5303 FTA 80%	3,120
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-E
Title	Management & Operations
5303 Task Objective	Management & Operations - MPO and CFPTA staff will conduct required administrative and operational tasks to support Wave Transit. Periodical reviews of administrative agreements and procedures. Staff will perform daily operations to disseminate planning information to the TAC/TCC committee members, the public and/or other agencies.
Tangible Product Expected	Compliance with FTA and NCDOT requirements, well informed community and elected officials about the public transit program, and functional system that meets the needs of the community
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2026 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	Collection of data and submission to NTD
Relationship	This is a collaborative effort of the Wilmington MPO and the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (CFPTA) aka Wave Transit
Responsible Agency	CFPTA (WAVE) & WMPO
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	6,950
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	6,949
Section 5303 FTA 80%	55,595
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

MPO	Wilmington
FTA Code	44.21.00 - Program Support Administration
Task Code	III-E
Title	Management & Operations
5303 Task Objective	Indirect Costs – Indirect Costs are costs to the Lead Planning Agency that are not direct costs and are not related to a specific activity but are shared costs across multiple activities. These are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than the one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. The de minimis indirect cost rate as of October 1, 2024, is 15%, however a lower de minimis cost rate may be applied. The negotiated indirect cost rate negotiated between the City of Wilmington (Lead Planning Agency) and WMPO for FY 26 is 3.5% of the Modified Total Direct Cost.
Tangible Product Expected	Indirect Costs –Cost is to cover the LPA’s indirect costs associated with administering the 5303 Grant.
Expected Completion Date of Products	June 2026 1 Year Contract
Previous Work	
Relationship	Per MTDC rules, the indirect cost is can only be applied to \$50,000 of WAVE's \$80,253 passthrough funds. (50,000 Wave Funds + 34,395 WMPO funds) x 3.5% = \$2,954
Responsible Agency	City of Wilmington
SPR - Highway - NCDOT 20%	
SPR - Highway - F11WA 80%	
Section 104 (f) PL, Local 20%	
Section 104 (f) PL, FHWA 80%	
Section 5303 Local 10%	296
Section 5303 NCDOT 10%	295
Section 5303 FTA 80%	2,363
Section 5307 Transit - Local 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - NCDOT 10%	
Section 5307 Transit - FTA 80%	
Additional Funds - Local 100%	

Narrative of Additional Local Only Participation

(Primary work to be performed by WMPO staff except where noted.)

As part of the FY 26 UPWP, staff recommends our members contribute non-grant related funds for non-grant related expenses.

II-B-3 Special Studies: \$100,000

Special Studies: Local Only – Pilot Program for Grant Assistance – \$100,000.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) authorized \$1.2 trillion for transportation and infrastructure with \$550 billion for new investments. In addition, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) directed \$500 billion towards clean energy initiatives, healthcare reduction, and increased tax revenues. A portion of funding from each of these laws has been directed to discretionary grants that are administered through the US Department of Transportation (USDOT). MPOs are eligible grant recipients for some of these grant opportunities, while our members (municipalities and counties) are eligible for some of the same as well as other grant opportunities.

The WMPO hired HDR to complete an analysis and determine potential opportunities that would be applicable for the WMPO. HDR presented these potential opportunities to the WMPO Board on June 26, 2024. There is a cost associated with the WMPO and/or our members applying for these potential grant opportunities. The Grant Assistance Pilot Program (\$100,000) is being established to provide the MPO and our members with funding assistance to cover the expenses related to transportation grant application submittal.

III-E Management, Operations, & Program Support Admin Line-Item Codes: \$79,000 (TBD)

Management & Operations – Administrative tasks and operational costs to support WMPO non-grant funded activities and initiatives.

These funds will allow us to maximize our public outreach efforts through the use of promotional items, prizes awarded for public participation in WMPO sponsored events, and the ability to provide light refreshments during public engagement events. In addition, the WMPO proposes to continue to contract with a lobbying firm to advance the WMPO Board's legislative priorities at the state and federal levels.

Neither promotional items, refreshments, nor lobbying are allowable grant funded expenses and require the use of funding from the WMPO's local members that are not associated with any grant or grant match funds.



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PL-104(f) Funding Reallocation
November 19, 2025

III-C-1 Title VI Compliance

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$13,000
Decrease in expenditure based on NC DOT's DBE Interim Final Rule Implementation Memo issued on October 6, 2025. These funds were reallocated to the Management Operations task.

III-E Management Operations

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$13,000
Increase in expenditure based on NC DOT's DBE Interim Final Rule Implementation Memo issued on October 6, 2025. In effort to not impact the total PL-104(f) funding allocation budgeted for FY 26, the reduction in funding of the Title VI Compliance task was reallocated to the Management Operations task.

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STBG-DA Funding Reallocation
November 19, 2025

II-B-3 Special Studies: Consultant - Compensation Analysis

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$1,500

Decrease in expenditure based on finalized contracted amount for a consultant to perform the Compensation Analysis Special Study. These STBG-DA funds will be shifted to the 2027-2031 Strategic Plan Update Special Study task to help offset the increase in that contract's amount.

III-E Management Operations

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$2,200

Decrease in expenditure needed to reallocate STBG-DA funds to the 2027-2031 Strategic Plan Update Special Study task. This shift will offset the increase in that contract's amount without increasing the current total STBG-DA amount budgeted for FY 26.

II-B-3 Special Studies: Consultant - 2027-2031 Strategic Plan Update

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$3,700

Increase in expenditure based on finalized contracted amount for a consultant to perform the 2027-2031 Strategic Plan Update Special Study. These funds will be reallocated from the Special Studies: Consultant - Compensation Analysis and Management Operations tasks to the 2027-2031 Strategic Plan Update Special Study task to offset the increase in that contract's amount without increasing the current STBG-DA budgeted amount.

2025 - 2026 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment # 1
5303 Funding Reallocation
November 19, 2025

44.27.00 III-C-1 Title VI Compliance

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$1,400

Decrease in expenditure based on NC DOT's DBE Interim Final Rule Implementation Memo issued on October 6, 2025. The funding for this task is part of the 5303 Passthrough Agreement with WAVE Transit. Because the agreement was not executed prior to October 3rd, these funds were reallocated to the Management Operations task so as not to affect the total funding allocated to WAVE nor the 5303 funding awarded to the WMPO for FY 26.

44.27.00 III-C-3 Minority Business Enterprise Planning

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$600

Decrease in expenditure based on NC DOT's DBE Interim Final Rule Implementation Memo issued on October 6, 2025. The funding for this task is part of the 5303 Passthrough Agreement with WAVE Transit. Because the agreement was not executed prior to October 3rd, these funds were reallocated to the Management Operations task so as not to affect the total funding allocated to WAVE nor the 5303 funding awarded to the WMPO for FY 26.

44.27.00 III-E Management Operations

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$2,000

Increase in expenditure based on NC DOT's DBE Interim Final Rule Implementation Memo issued on October 6, 2025. In effort to not affect the overall 5303 funds budgeted for FY 26, the reduction in funding allocated to the Title VI Compliance and Minority Business Enterprise Planning tasks were reallocated to the Management Operations task.



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2025 - 2026 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment # 2
Modify Task Narratives
February 25, 2026

The below changes enhance the narrative of tasks to provide more detail of what the task encompasses. There are no changes to the funds budgeted for the tasks.

PL104:

44.24.00 II-A-1 Networks and Support Systems

Traffic Volume Counts – Wilmington MPO staff maintains an ongoing traffic counting program. An annual summary of the urban area traffic counts will be prepared and uploaded to the WMPO website. Necessary costs to support this Program include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, software purchases and leases, data collection and processing fees, consulting and/or contractual services related to the task, traffic counter vehicle lease, maintenance, fuel, and insurance costs, etc.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Management & Operations – Required ongoing administrative and operational tasks to support MPO committees and reporting requirements. Necessary costs to support Management & Operations include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO's office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.

STBG-DA:

44.24.00 II-A-1 Networks and Support Systems

Mapping – Creation or maintenance of base maps, zone maps, land use, etc. for the study area. The MPO will create, maintain, and store mapping for the study area for each update of the study. The WMPO has a full-time GIS Analyst dedicated to this task. Necessary costs to support this task include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, software purchases and leases, data collection and processing fees, consulting and/or contractual services related to the task, etc.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Management & Operations – Required ongoing administrative and operational tasks to support MPO committees and reporting requirements. Necessary costs to support Management & Operations include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO’s office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.

5303:

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Management & Operations – Required ongoing administrative and operational tasks to support MPO committees and reporting requirements. Necessary costs to support Management & Operations include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO’s office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.



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2025 - 2026 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment # 3
PL-104(f) Funding Reallocation
March 25, 2026

The below budget reallocations move excess funds from completed tasks to Management & Operations to support year end staff and operational needs. This Amendment does not affect the overall total PL104 budget.

44.24.00 II-A-1 Networks and Support Systems

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$5,000

Traffic Volume Counts –

Due to staff procuring necessary traffic counting equipment at a lower cost than originally projected, this task’s budget decreased by \$5,000. These excess funds were moved down to the PL104 Management & Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.23.01 II-A-2 Travelers and Behavior

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$1,100

Dwelling Unit, Population, Employment Changes –

Staff has mostly completed the projected FY 26 initiatives regarding changes in population and development across the WMPO’s area. Necessary restructuring of transportation services to meet current and forecasted demands have been identified and are being documented. These excess funds were moved down to the PL104 Management & Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.23.02 II-B-1 Target Planning

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$1,200

Freight Movement/Mobility Planning –

Staff has completed the projected FY 26 initiatives regarding Freight Movement/Mobility Planning across the WMPO’s area. Recommendations are provided in the Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 MTP, adopted in October 2025. These excess funds were moved down to the PL104 Management & Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 II-B-3 Special Studies

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$1,900

Staff Time - 2027-2031 Strategic Plan & 2050 MTP Update –

Staff has completed the work planned in FY 26 for the 2027-2031 Strategic Plan & 2050 MTP Update. These excess funds were moved down to the PL104 Management & Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.21.00 III-A-1 Planning Work Program

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$400

Staff has completed amending the FY 26 UPWP and the FY27 UPWP is ready to be adopted in compliance with the March 31, 2026, deadline. These excess funds were moved down to the PL104 Management & Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.25.00 III-B-1 Prioritization

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$1,000

Staff has completed 75% of the work planned for Prioritization in FY 26. The available funds left in the task will be used to perform the remaining 25% of work to be done. These excess funds were moved down to the PL104 Management & Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.25.00 III-B-2 Metropolitan TIP

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$1,800

Staff has mostly completed the work assigned to this task. These excess funds were moved down to the PL104 Management & Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-C-6 Public Involvement

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$4,000

With the Adoption of the Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 MTP in October 2025, staff does not anticipate needing the full \$10,000 originally budgeted for staff time allocated to this task. These excess funds were moved down to the PL104 Management & Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-D Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$2,500

Staff has completed approximately 40% of the work allocated to this task and does not anticipate needing the full \$7,000 originally budgeted. The excess funds were moved down to the PL104 Management & Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$18,900

Management & Operations –

To allow for flexibility of available funds, the excess funding from the above tasks were moved down to Management & Operations. These funds will allow for necessary costs to support Management & Operations that include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO's office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.



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2025 - 2026 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment # 4
Indirect Cost Funding Reallocation
April 29, 2026

On March 31, 2026, the City of Wilmington notified the WMPO that City Leadership met to discuss the indirect costs budgeted in the FY 26 UPWP. At that meeting, the City decided not to move forward with claiming indirect costs, making those funds available for use elsewhere in the UPWP.

Amendment #4 reallocates the funds budgeted in each grant's Indirect Costs 3.5% of MTDC line to the Management & Operations line. Management & Operations costs include, but are not limited to, staff time and effort, equipment purchases and leases, maintenance service and use contracts for copiers, printers, AV equipment, and other office equipment, consulting and professional contractual services not listed under Special Studies, website hosting, compliance, and maintenance, direct costs of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the WMPO's office space, office and supply purchases, travel & training costs, software subscriptions and purchases, printing and advertising services, insurance coverages, vehicle lease, maintenance, and fuel costs, general operating costs, etc.

This Amendment does not affect the grants' Federal, State and Local funding allocations, or overall total FY 26 UPWP budget.

PL104

44.27.00 III-E Indirect Costs 3.5% of MTDC

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$16,170

Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$16,170

Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

PLY410 – Safe and Accessible Transportation Options (SATO)

44.27.00 III-E Indirect Costs 3.5% of MTDC

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$287

Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$287

Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

STBG-DA

44.27.00 III-E Indirect Costs 3.5% of MTDC

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$51,622

Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$51,622

Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

5303

44.27.00 III-E Indirect Costs 3.5% of MTDC

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item decreased by \$2,954

Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

44.27.00 III-E Management & Operations

Based on anticipated expenditures, the line item increased by \$2,954

Due to the City not seeking reimbursement of Indirect Costs, these funds were moved to the Management and Operations line where they can be utilized for staff time and operating expenditures as needed.

WMPO 2025 - 2026 UPWP Administrative Table

WMPO FY26 Task and Cost Allocations			FHWA/TPD Planning - PL104(f)			FHWA/TPD Planning - PL-Y410	FHWA/TPD Planning - STBG-DA			FHWA - Safe Streets & Roads 4 All				FTA/IMD - 5303 - Planning				Additional Funds	FY26 PROGRAM TOTALS				
FTA CODE	TASK CODE	TASK DESCRIPTION	WBS #: TBD			WBS #: TBD	WBS #: TBD			State WBS # 51360 / Federal Award # 693J32540101				WBS #: TBD				Local (100%)	FY26 PROGRAM TOTALS				
			Local 20%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Federal Total 100%	Local 20%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Local 10%	State 10%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Local 10%	State 10%	Federal 80%	Total 100%		Local Totals	State Totals	Federal Totals	Grand Totals	
	II-A	Data and Planning Support	19,440	77,760	97,200	-	18,760	75,040	93,800	-	-	-	-	3,360	3,360	26,880	33,600	-	41,560	3,360	179,680	224,600	
44.24.00	II-A-1	Networks and Support Systems	19,160	76,640	95,800	-	18,760	75,040	93,800	-	-	-	-	2,610	2,610	20,880	26,100	-	40,530	2,610	172,560	215,700	
44.23.01	II-A-2	Travelers and Behavior	40	160	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	160	200	
44.23.02	II-A-3	Transportation Modeling	240	960	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750	750	6,000	7,500	-	990	750	6,960	8,700		
44.23.02	II-B	Planning Process	12,080	48,320	60,400	7,913	5,700	22,800	28,500	-	-	-	-	470	470	3,760	4,700	100,000	118,250	470	82,793	201,513	
44.23.02	II-B-1	Target Planning	1,160	4,640	5,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,160	-	4,640	5,800	
44.23.01	II-B-2	Regional Planning	9,300	37,200	46,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	470	470	3,760	4,700	-	9,770	470	40,960	51,200		
	Y-410 SATO	Safe and Accessible Transportation Options - Y-410 Set Aside	-	-	-	7,913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,913	7,913	
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Total	1,620	6,480	8,100	-	5,700	22,800	28,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	107,320	-	29,280	136,600	
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Staff Time - 2027-2031 Strategic Plan & 2050 MTP	1,620	6,480	8,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,480	8,100	
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Staff Time - Safe Streets & Roads for All	-	-	-	-	1,000	4,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	4,000	5,000	
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Consultant - 2027-2031 Strategic Plan Update	-	-	-	-	3,740	14,960	18,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,740	-	14,960	18,700	
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Consultant - Compensation Analysis	-	-	-	-	960	3,840	4,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	960	-	3,840	4,800	
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Local Only - Grant Assistance Pilot Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	100,000	
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Study 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	III-A	Planning Work Program	320	1,280	1,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	320	-	1,280	1,600	
44.21.00	III-A-1	Planning Work Program	120	480	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	480	600	
44.24.00	III-A-2	Metrics and Performance Measures	200	800	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	800	1,000	
44.25.00	III-B	Transp. Improvement Plan	1,940	7,760	9,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,940	-	7,760	9,700	
44.25.00	III-B-1	Prioritization	800	3,200	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	-	3,200	4,000	
44.25.00	III-B-2	Metropolitan TIP	140	560	700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	-	560	700	
44.25.00	III-B-3	Merger/Project Development	1,000	4,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	4,000	5,000	
44.27.00	III-C	Cvl Rgts. Cmp./Otr. Reg. Reqs.	1,400	5,600	7,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	390	390	3,120	3,900	-	1,790	390	8,720	10,900		
44.27.00	III-C-1	Title VI Compliance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
44.27.00	III-C-2	Environmental Justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
44.27.00	III-C-3	Minority Business Enterprise Planning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
44.27.00	III-C-4	Planning for the Elderly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
44.27.00	III-C-5	Safety/Drug Control Planning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
44.27.00	III-C-6	Public Involvement	1,200	4,800	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	390	390	3,120	3,900	-	1,590	390	7,920	9,900		
44.27.00	III-C-7	Private Sector Participation	200	800	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	800	1,000		
44.27.00	III-D	Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning	900	3,600	4,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	-	3,600	4,500		
44.27.00	III-D	Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning	900	3,600	4,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	-	3,600	4,500		
44.27.00	III-E	Management Ops. Program Suppt Admin	56,320	225,280	281,600	287	270,313	1,081,248	1,351,561	-	-	-	-	7,245	7,245	57,958	72,448	79,000	412,878	7,245	1,364,716	1,784,896	
44.27.00	III-E	Management Operations	56,320	225,280	281,600	287	270,313	1,081,248	1,351,561	-	-	-	-	7,245	7,245	57,958	72,448	79,000	412,878	7,245	1,364,716	1,784,896	
44.27.00	III-E	Indirect Costs 3.5% of MTDC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
FY26 TOTALS:			92,400	369,600	462,000	8,200	294,773	1,179,088	1,473,861	-	-	-	-	11,465	11,465	91,718	114,648	179,000	577,638	11,465	1,648,549	2,237,709	
			Local	Federal	Total	Total / Federal	Local	Federal	Total	Local	Federal	Federal	Total	Local	State	Federal	Total	Local	Local	State	Federal	Grand Total	
			PL 104(f)			PL Y410 SATO	STBG-DA			Safe Streets for All				5303 - Normal Planning				Additional	Totals				
			\$ 462,000			8,200	STBG Placeholder \$ 1,473,861																

WMPO FY24 Task and Cost Allocations - Carry Forward			FHWA/TPD Planning - PL104(f)			FHWA/TPD Planning - PL-Y410	FHWA/TPD Planning - STBG-DA			FHWA - Safe Streets 4 All				FTA/IMD - 5303 - Normal Planning				Additional Funds	FY24 CARRY FORWARD TOTALS				
FTA CODE	TASK CODE	TASK DESCRIPTION	N/A - Does Not Carry Forward			N/A - Does Not Carry Forward	WBS #: 44094.1.5			State WBS # 51360 / Federal Award # 693J32540101				N/A - Does Not Carry Forward				Local (100%)	FY24 CARRY FORWARD TOTALS				
			Local 20%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Total 100%	Local 20%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Local 10%	State 10%	Federal 80%	Total 100%	Local 10%	State 10%	Federal 80%	Total 100%		Local Totals	State Totals	Federal Totals	Grand Totals	
	II-B	Planning Process	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies: Consultant - Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	
FY 24 CONTINUANCE TOTALS:			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	
			Local	Federal	Total	Total / 100% Federal	Local	Federal	Total	Local	Federal	Federal	Total	Local	State	Federal	Total	Local	Local	State	Federal	Grand Total	
			PL 104(f)			PL Y410 SATO	STBG-DA			Safe Streets for All				5303 - Normal Planning				Additional	Totals				

Combined Total of FY26 and FY24 Continuance			PL 104(f)			PL Y410 SATO	STBG-DA			Safe Streets for All				5303 - Normal Planning				Additional	FY26 & FY24 Combined Total				
			Local	Federal	Total	Total / 100% Federal	Local	Federal	Total	Local	Federal	Federal	Total	Local	State	Federal	Total	Local	Local	State	Federal	Grand Total	
TOTALS:			92,400	369,600	462,000	8,200	294,773	1,179,088	1,473,861	50,000	50,000	400,000	500,000	11,465	11,465	91,718	114,648	179,000	627,638	61,465	2,048,549	2,737,709	

Anticipated DBE Contracting Opportunities for FY 2026

Name of MPO: Wilmington Urban Area MPO

Person Completing Form: Mike Kozlosky

Telephone Number: 910-342-2781

Task Code	Prospectus Description	Name of Agency Contracting Out	Type of Contracting Opportunity (Consultant, etc.)	Federal Funds to be Contracted Out	Total Funds to be Contracted Out
II-B-3	FY 26: New Special Studies: Consultant 2027 – 2031 Strategic Plan Update	City of Wilmington	Consultant	\$14,960	\$18,700
II-B-3	FY 26: New Special Studies: Consultant Compensation Analysis	City of Wilmington	Consultant	\$3,840	\$4,800
II-B-3	FY 24: Continuance Special Studies: Consultant Safe Streets & Roads for All	City of Wilmington	Consultant	\$400,000	\$500,000

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK
PROGRAM FOR THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive and continuing transportation planning program must be carried out cooperatively in order to ensure that funds for transportation projects are effectively allocated to the Wilmington Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington has been designated as the recipient of Federal Transit Administration Metropolitan Planning Program (Section 5303) funds and Federal Highway Administration Metropolitan Planning (Section 104(f)) funds; and

WHEREAS, members of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Board agree that the Planning Work Program will effectively advance transportation planning for State Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts the FY 2025-2026 Planning Work Program for the Wilmington Urban Area.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 26, 2025.

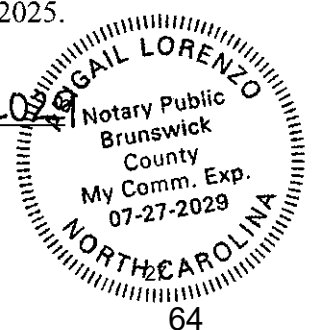
I, Henry E Miller III, Chair of the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Board, duly held on this the 26th day of March 2025.

Henry E Miller III

Henry E. Miller III, Chair

***** Subscribed and sworn to me this 26 day of March, 2025.

Notary Public Abigail Jones My commission expires 7/27/2029



**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT # 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Unified Planning Work Program documenting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning program in the Wilmington Urban Area was adopted by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the need for amendments to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program has been evaluated and justified in order to effectively advance transportation planning for FY 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can amend the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to cover any anticipated expenditures for the fiscal year; and


WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proposes amendments to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect current and anticipated expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves Amendment # 1 to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on November 19, 2025.



Luke Waddell, Vice-Chair



Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT # 2 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Unified Planning Work Program documenting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning program in the Wilmington Urban Area was adopted by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved Amendment #1 on November 19, 2025; and

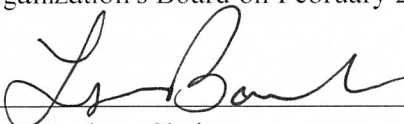
WHEREAS, the need for amendments to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program has been evaluated and justified in order to effectively advance transportation planning for FY 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can amend the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to update task narratives for the fiscal year; and

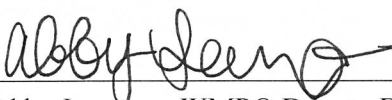
WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proposes amendments to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect current and anticipated expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves Amendment # 2 to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on February 25, 2026.



Lynn Barbee, Chair



Abby Lorenzo, WMPO Deputy Director

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT # 3 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Unified Planning Work Program documenting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning program in the Wilmington Urban Area was adopted by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved Amendment #1 on November 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved Amendment #2 on February 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the need for amendments to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program has been evaluated and justified in order to effectively advance transportation planning for FY 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can amend the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to cover any anticipated expenditures for the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proposes amendments to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect current and anticipated expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves Amendment # 3 to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on March 25, 2026.



Lynn Barbee, Chair



Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT # 4 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Unified Planning Work Program documenting the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning program in the Wilmington Urban Area was adopted by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on March 26, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can amend the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to cover any anticipated expenditures for the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proposes amendments to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect current and anticipated expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves Amendment # 4 to the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Board on April 29, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



MEMORANDUM

To: WMPO Board Members
From: Beth King, Associate Transportation Planner
Date: April 16, 2026
Subject: Active Transportation Advisory Committee Recommended Ex Officio Member Appointments

The WMPO's Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC), formerly known as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) serves as an advisor to the Board on all matters related to active transportation activities and accommodation within the WMPO planning area. The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on the implementation of relevant programs, policies, regulations, projects, and funding priorities regarding active transportation access. The Committee also promotes active transportation as a safe and viable means of transportation and serves as an ambassador for the Board and the region in this regard.

The ATAC is comprised of a maximum of 21 members, 13 of which are identified and appointed by each WMPO Board member. An additional 7 members serve in ex officio positions and represent constituencies which have an interest and/or expertise in active transportation matters, including, but not limited to:

- a. Health and wellness
- b. Education
- c. Bicycle and pedestrian commuting
- d. Bicycle and pedestrian clubs and organizations
- e. Youth and children advocacy
- f. Senior and disability advocacy
- g. Marginalized communities
- h. Economic development
- i. Tourism

Ex officio members are identified by WMPO staff but must be approved by the Board to be officially appointed to the Committee. WMPO staff have identified the following individuals for ex officio positions:

Al Schroetel | Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation

Al Schroetel has been involved with the WMPO's former Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) for many years and currently serves on the Board of the Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting bicycle safety for all ages.

Liz Carbone | Home Team Consulting

Liz Carbone is an active community member and affordable housing professional. She previously worked with the Good Shepherd Center and now serves as a project specialist with the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness. She also works as a consultant, supporting several nonprofit organizations that serve marginalized communities.

Kim Hufman | Wilmington & Beaches

Kim Hufham is the President/CEO of the Wilmington and Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau. With more than 35 years of experience in tourism and destination management, she brings valuable insight into the intersection of economic development, visitor experience, and transportation.

Eric Ritzel | NCDOT Division 3

Eric Ritzel is a Corridor Development Engineer with NCDOT Division 3. NCDOT has been a longstanding partner of the Committee, providing critical insight into active transportation projects, programs, and funding, and supporting strong collaboration.

Steve Zinder | UNCW

Steve Zinder is an Associate Professor in the Athletic Training program at UNCW. His connection to student life and campus activities offers a valuable perspective on active transportation needs and opportunities within the university community.

The individuals identified above represent a diverse range of perspectives and expertise that will strengthen the Committee's ability to advise the Board on active transportation matters. WMPO staff recommend the Board approve these ex officio appointments to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING EX OFFICIO MEMBERS TO THE WILMINGTON URBAN
AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Board established the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) to advise the Board on matters related to active transportation within the WMPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Advisory Committee includes ex officio members who represent key stakeholder groups and bring subject matter expertise in areas such as health and wellness, education, economic development, tourism, and community advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization staff have identified qualified individuals to serve in ex officio roles whose experience and perspectives will enhance the Committee's effectiveness and is consistent with its bylaws.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves the appointment of the following individuals to serve as ex officio members of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee:

- Al Schroetel, Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation
- Liz Carbone, Home Team Consulting
- Kim Hufham, Wilmington & Beaches
- Eric Ritzel, NCDOT Division 3
- Steve Zinder, UNCW

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on April 29, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2035 STIP/MPO TIP
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
Administrative Modification #26-5**

STATEWIDE PROJECT

STIP MODIFICATIONS

<p>* C-5702E STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY EXEMPT</p>	<p>- STATEWIDE PROJECT</p>	<p>NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION CENTER, SYSTEMWIDE CONDUCT EMISSIONS- REDUCING SUB-AWARDS IN ALL CMAQ-ELIGIBLE COUNTIES, INCLUDING EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. <u>MODIFY FUNDING AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING.</u></p>	<p>FY 2026 - \$6,033,000 (CMAQ) FY 2026 - \$1,711,000 (L(M)) FY 2027 - \$3,000,000 (CMAQ) FY 2027 - \$750,000 (L(M)) FY 2028 - \$3,000,000 (CMAQ) FY 2028 - \$750,000 (L(M)) FY 2029 - \$3,000,000 (CMAQ) FY 2029 - \$750,000 (L(M)) FY 2030 - \$3,000,000 (CMAQ) FY 2030 - \$750,000 (L(M)) FY 2031 - \$3,000,000 (CMAQ) FY 2031 - \$750,000 (L(M)) FY 2032 - \$3,000,000 (CMAQ) FY 2032 - \$750,000 (L(M)) FY 2033 - \$3,000,000 (CMAQ) FY 2033 - \$750,000 (L(M)) FY 2034 - \$3,000,000 (CMAQ) FY 2034 - \$750,000 (L(M)) FY 2035 - \$3,000,000 (CMAQ) FY 2035 - \$750,000 (L(M)) \$41,494,000</p>
<p>* RX-2600 STATEWIDE PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION</p>	<p>- STATEWIDE PROJECT</p>	<p>VARIOUS, IMPROVE PASSENGER RAIL CROSSING ENGINEERING SAFETY INVENTORY PROGRAM. <u>MODIFY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FUNDING FROM FEDERAL TO STATE.</u></p>	<p>FY 2027 - \$500,000 (T) FY 2028 - \$500,000 (T) FY 2029 - \$500,000 (T) FY 2030 - \$500,000 (T) \$2,000,000</p>

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STIP MODIFICATIONS

*HL-0179 BRUNSWICK PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1438 (LANVALE ROAD), SR 1472 (FLETCHER ROAD /	ENGINEERING	FY 2026 -	\$35,000	(BGDA)
		VILLAGE ROAD) INTERSECTION IN LELAND INSTALL		FY 2026 -	\$9,000	(HF(M))
		TRAFFIC SIGNAL.		FY 2026 -	\$316,000	(HF)
		<u>ADD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITIES AT THE REQUEST</u>	RIGHT-OF-WAY	FY 2026 -	\$225,000	(HF)
		<u>OF THE DIVISION.</u>	UTILITIES	FY 2026 -	\$500,000	(HF)
			CONSTRUCTION	FY 2028 -	\$1,465,000	(BGDA)
				FY 2028 -	\$366,000	(HF(M))
		FY 2028 -	<u>\$2,184,000</u>	(HF)		
			\$5,100,000			
HL-0180 PENDER PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1563 (SLOOP POINT ROAD), SR 1565 (COUNTRY	ENGINEERING	FY 2026 -	\$116,000	BGDA
		CLUB DRIVE) INTERSECTION IN HAMPSTEAD. INSTALL		FY 2026 -	\$29,000	HF M
		TRAFFIC SIGNAL.	RIGHT-OF-WAY	FY 2027 -	\$280,000	BGDA
		<u>ACCELERATE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FROM FY</u>		FY 2027 -	\$70,000	HF M
		<u>27 TO FY 26, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CONSTRUCTION</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 -	\$1,112,000	BGDA
		<u>FROM FY 28 TO FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.</u>		FY 2027 -	<u>\$278,000</u>	HF M
					\$1,885,000	
HL-0181 NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 421 (LAKE PARK BOULEVARD), FEDERAL POINT	ENGINEERING	FY 2026 -	\$6,000	BGDA
		SHOPPING CENTER DRIVEWAY INTERSECTION		FY 2026 -	\$2,000	HF M
		NORTH OF BENNET LANE IN CAROLINA BEACH.	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2027 -	\$185,000	BGDA
		INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL.		FY 2027 -	<u>\$46,000</u>	HF M
		<u>ACCELERATE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FROM FY</u>			\$239,000	
		<u>27 TO FY 26 AND CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 28 TO</u>				
		<u>FY 27 AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.</u>				

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<p>HS-2403AN NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE</p>	<p>- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>US 421, INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD INTERSECTION IN WILMINGTON. UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND ADD PEDESTRIAN ACCOMODATIONS. <u>ACCELERATE CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 27 TO FY 26</u> <u>AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION</u> <u>MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u></p>	<p>CONSTRUCTION</p>	<p>FY 2026 - \$30,000 (HSIP) FY 2026 - <u>\$8,000</u> (T(M)) \$38,000</p>
<p>* HS-2403K PENDER PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE</p>	<p>- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>US 17, SR 1561 (SLOOP POINT ROAD) NORTHEAST OF HAMPSTEAD. INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL. <u>REMOVE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE REQUEST OF THE</u> <u>DIVISION.</u></p>	<p>UTILITIES</p> <p>CONSTRUCTION</p>	<p>FY 2026 - \$1,000 (HSIP) FY 2026 - \$1,000 (T(M)) FY 2026 - \$240,000 (HSIP) FY 2026 - <u>\$60,000</u> (T(M)) \$302,000</p>
<p>HS-2403N NEW HANOVER PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL</p>	<p>- WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>US 117 / NC 132, SR 2206 (WEST NORTHCHASE PARKWAY) / SR 2257 (SOUTHEAST NORTHCHASE PARKWAY) INTERSECTION NORTH OF WILMINGTON. UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL. <u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND</u> <u>DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 26 TO FY 27.</u></p>	<p>CONSTRUCTION</p>	<p>FY 2027 - \$90,000 HSIP FY 2027 - <u>\$23,000</u> T M \$113,000</p>



**Locally Administered Projects Program
Special Call for Projects
Federal Fiscal Years 2029 through 2030**

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date of Release: June 1, 2026

Pre-submittal Informational Meeting: June 10, 2026

Pre-application Submittal Deadline: July 17, 2026

Final Electronic Application Submittal Deadline: September 18, 2026

Anticipated Award Date: October 2026

Applications will be submitted digitally via
Survey123 located at: [INSERT LINK](#)

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Introduction

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are federally designated regional transportation planning agencies that are responsible for conducting transportation planning in a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive manner. MPOs were introduced by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 and are required to represent localities in all urbanized areas with populations over 50,000. The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) is the MPO recognized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as the official MPO for the Wilmington urban area. In 2012, the WMPO was designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA) after the region's population exceeded 200,000 in the 2010 Census. The WMPO's planning area is approximately 494 square miles and encompasses the entirety of New Hanover County and portions of Brunswick and Pender Counties.

A thirteen-member board sets the policy and direction of the organization. The WMPO Board consists of representatives from the City of Wilmington (lead planning agency), Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

The WMPO Board adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 to 2030 Submittal Guide on June 25, 2025. The submittal guide introduced a new approach for the WMPO to award direct attributable funds. Starting with FY 2026, the WMPO will accept proposals for new projects every two years. Applications for supplemental funds due to funding shortfalls may be submitted on a rolling, as-needed basis. Special Calls for Projects may also be held on an as-needed basis.

The FY 2026 to 2030 Call for Projects was announced on July 7, 2025, with final applications due on September 19, 2025. The WMPO Board approved funding for five of the ten applications at their November 19, 2025 meeting, with funding allocated from FY 2026 to 2028. Since funding was not allocated for fiscal years 2029 and 2030, the WMPO is holding a Special Call for Projects to solicit applications seeking funding in those years.

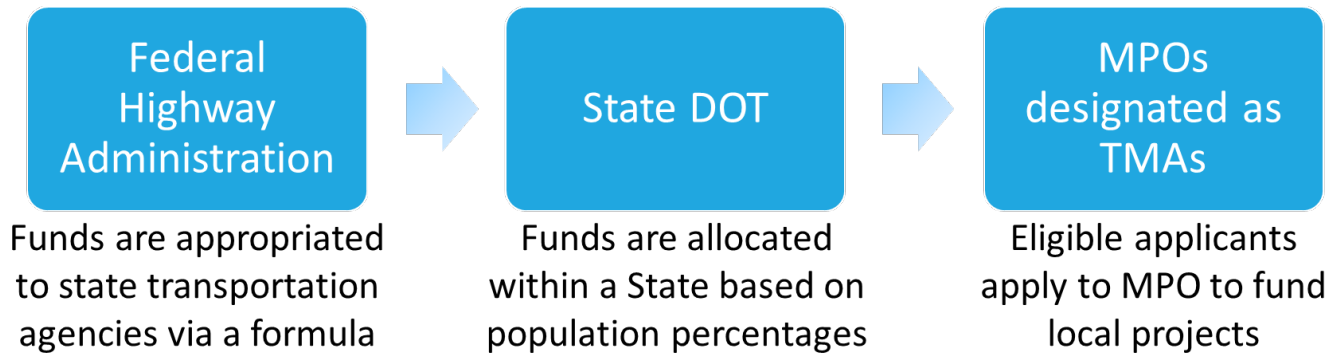
Funding Sources and Distribution

Although used for local projects, funding for the Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) originates at the federal level. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law on November 15, 2021, and is the current Surface Transportation Authorization Act. The bill outlines funding policies for five federal fiscal years. The IIJA began in FY 2022 and is set to expire at the end of FY 2026. The next authorization is currently in development. To estimate future funding totals, the WMPO assumes the next authorization will include funding sources that have been consistently part of previous authorizations, such as the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA), but will not include new funding sources created by the IIJA, like the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).

The STBG program offers discretionary funding that states and local governments can utilize for various projects aimed at improving the condition and performance of Federal-aid highways, bridges, and tunnels. This funding can also be applied to improvements on public roads, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects.¹ At the federal level, the IIJA currently requires the Secretary of Transportation to set aside 10% of the total STBG funding for TA. The FHWA appropriates STBG program funding to state transportation agencies through a percentage specified in law.¹ A state's share of TA funding is calculated by a statutory formula.¹ State

¹ <https://highways.dot.gov/iija/fact-sheets/surface-transportation-block-grant-stbg>

transportation agencies suballocate their STBG apportionment across their respective state based on both population and project prioritization. TA funding follows a similar process and is suballocated based on both population and discretionary programs, such as the Recreational Trails Program. As a TMA, the WMPO receives a direct allocation of North Carolina’s STBG and TA apportionment and awards these funds to local jurisdictions and planning partners through a WMPO-defined competitive process.



The table on page 4 outlines the availability of STBG discretionary funds in FY 2029 and 2030. Please note that the amounts listed are estimated totals. Approximately \$2,500,000 is set aside each fiscal year for WMPO operations listed in our Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and to cover anticipated project shortfalls.

Fiscal Year	Total Funds (Estimated)	Operating & Shortfall	Award Availability (Estimated)
FY 2029	\$4,592,950	-\$2,500,000	\$2,092,950
FY 2030	\$4,592,950	-\$2,500,000	\$2,092,950
<i>Total for FY 2029 and FY 2030</i>			<i>\$4,185,900</i>

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for funding, a project must meet the minimum criteria outlined in this section. The applicant(s) must electronically submit a completed application and supplemental materials. Co-applications may be submitted by designating a primary and secondary applicant. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The criteria below meet federal and state funding requirements and the goals adopted by the WMPO Board. Projects that do not meet these criteria will not be considered for funding. Applications not prioritized for funding will not be automatically considered in subsequent years and should be resubmitted in the next call for projects.

I. Federal Aid Eligible

Federal eligibility requirements for the STGB program can be found in US Code [23 USC §133](#). Additional information regarding federal eligibility can also be found at www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/stp/.

II. MTP/LRTP Compliant

Projects submitted for consideration must be identified in the WMPO’s adopted Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) fiscally constrained roadway project list, or the 2050 MTP non-highway priority project lists. A copy of the 2050 MTP can be found at www.wmpo.org/mtp/.

III. Locally Administered

Applicants are responsible for all federal and state reporting requirements related to discretionary funding. An inter-local agreement between the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the designated recipient will specify a reimbursement schedule. The recipient will be responsible for covering all project costs, submitting invoices to the NCDOT, and receiving reimbursement for the project. While the WMPO may assist with reporting and coordinating efforts between the NCDOT and the recipient, the ultimate responsibility for the project remains with the recipient.

IV. Commitment of Local Funds

All projects must have a minimum local match of 20% of the total project costs. Discretionary funds will cover up to 80% of eligible costs. Recipients will be responsible for any overruns exceeding the final programmed cost estimate. This provision may be reviewed at the discretion of the WMPO Board and may be adjusted through additional amendments to the Surface Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by the Board of Transportation and WMPO Board, if necessary.

V. Project Design Intent

Project design intent must meet or exceed Federal, State, and local guidelines for design elements, including any minimum widths, safety elements, or controls.

Program Administrative Details

I. Informational Meeting and Pre-Submittal Requirements

After the call for projects is released, WMPO staff will host an informational meeting on June 10, 2026 to explain the application process, review the application forms, and discuss the scoring criteria. To be considered for funding, applicants must submit their project estimate, an *unexecuted* resolution of support, project schedule, and inflation and contingency calculator by July 17, 2026 for staff review and feedback before submitting the final version. Additional materials, such as the project narrative and map(s), may also be submitted for review, but are optional.

II. Annual Training

All project managers are required to attend the annual Locally Administered Projects Training led by WMPO staff. This training provides valuable information on navigating the online interface used to manage local projects and covers topics spanning the entire lifecycle of locally administered project delivery. The training also provides an opportunity to ask questions and speak with other project managers.

III. Coordination with WMPO

Applicants are expected to coordinate with WMPO staff throughout the project's lifecycle. Project managers are responsible for providing monthly updates to the WMPO Board and attending monthly progress meetings with WMPO and NCDOT staff. WMPO staff should be involved in reviewing all milestone plans and Requests for Letters of Interest (RFLOI). A WMPO staff member should also be included on the RFLOI selection committee and interview panel.

IV. Transit Project Funding

Projects from local transit authorities that involve improvements not typically classified by the FHWA may have their funding flexed to the FTA for distribution. This transfer will take place after the funding award has been granted. Applicants should note that the authorization processing time may be extended due to this additional review step.

V. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

If a project awarded does not have an assigned TIP number, a TIP amendment will be required. If a project has a TIP number, a TIP modification will be required. Applicants should be aware that the amendment or modification process may delay the funding obligation timeline.

VI. Project Application Submittal Limits

Please limit submittals to no more than thirty (30) pages, including appendices.

VII. Construction Requirement

Projects receiving federal discretionary funds must obtain Construction Authorization within ten (10) years from the fiscal year in which Preliminary Engineering was authorized.

VIII. Construction Signage Requirement

Projects that receive WMPO LAPP funding must display signage at the project site indicating that the project is partially funded by the WMPO. Signs should be installed once utility relocation or construction begins, whichever occurs first. The signs must remain in place until construction is finished. Signage specifications will be provided to the awarded applicants.

Application Materials

Applicants will submit their applications via Survey123 at the following link: **INSERT LINK**. The items listed below are required to be submitted with the application.

I. Project Narrative

The project narrative provides the project history and background for the application reviewers. It should not be presumed that reviewers are already familiar with the project. Additionally, the narrative should include explanations for all points claimed in the scoring rubric.

II. Certification Form

The Certification Form must be signed by the primary applicant and secondary applicant (*if applicable*) for the application to be considered complete.

III. Scoring Rubric

The Scoring Rubric is a Microsoft Excel file that can be downloaded at the following link: www.wmpo.org/stp-datap-da/. Applicants should fill out the "Applicant Scoring" column highlighted in orange. If no points are awarded for a row, please leave the cell blank. All awarded points should be detailed in the project narrative. Scores are out of one hundred (100) total points. A detailed description of the Scoring Rubric criteria can be found beginning on page 9.

IV. Map(s) of Proposed Project

At least one (1) map showing the project's location must be included with the application. The map should display street names and labeled points of interest to help the application reviewers identify the project area. Additional maps that support awarded points in the Scoring Rubric may be submitted, such as those highlighting the project's proximity to schools or medical facilities. Maps can be created using ArcGIS, ArcPro, or Google Earth.

V. Opinion of Probable Project Costs

The detailed anticipated design (*if applicable*) and construction costs of the project must be prepared by a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) or a Project Management Professional (PMP) in the State of North Carolina. All associated costs related to the project's completion, including but not limited to engineering, right-of-way (ROW), utility relocations, and inspection/materials testing, should be presented in a line-item cost format displaying the material quantity and unit cost. Please see Appendix A for an example.

VI. Inflation and Contingency Calculator

Given the rising costs of materials and supply chain issues, it is essential to factor both inflation and construction contingency into the overall project total. Applicants must include the "Inflation and Contingency Calculator" Microsoft Excel file found at www.wmpo.org/stp-datap-da/ with their application. This applies to all cost estimates, including those with contingency already included. Applications will not be accepted if the calculator is not used.

This file will calculate the values based on project status and funding fiscal year. The 10% NCDOT administrative charges will also be included. Below are two tables outlining the estimated contingency and inflation costs to be added to the project total. Please note that inflation is compounded over the fiscal years.

Project Phase Complete	Contingency
Planning (0-10% of the plans are complete)	40%
Design (15-65% of the plans are complete)	30%
Right-of-way (75-95% of the plans are complete)	25%
Construction (100% of the plans are complete)	10%
NCDOT Administrative Charges	10%

Fiscal Year	Inflation Percent
FY 2026	3%
FY 2027	3%
FY 2028	3%
FY 2029	3%
FY 2030	3%

VII. Project Schedule

Project schedule outlining key milestone dates, including deadlines for plan submissions at applicable stages and dates for requesting funding authorizations. Based on previous project timelines, we anticipate a minimum of six months to a year for project agreements to be executed and approximately twelve to eighteen months for right-of-way to be completed. Please develop schedules accordingly. An example project schedule can be found in Appendix B.

VIII. Signed Resolution of Financial Support

A signed resolution on the letterhead of the Primary Applicant must be provided, authorizing a local match of no less than 20% of the total project cost. The resolution must include, in whole dollar amounts, the total project cost, the amount requested from the WMPO, and the local match total. The resolution totals must match the outputs of the Inflation and Contingency Calculator. Additionally, the resolution must indicate that the local matching funds will be allocated if the grant is awarded. An example is provided below:

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Example hereby authorizes the Example Department to apply for \$800,000 in STBG-DA funding from the WMPO for the Example Multi-Use Path Design with a total project cost of \$1,000,000; and

THAT, funding for the required minimum 20% local grant match of \$200,000 from the City of Example has been identified and will be appropriated if the grant is awarded.”

When determining the requested funding amount, always round down to the nearest whole dollar. The local match amount should be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. An example is provided below:

Prior to Rounding	Incorrect Rounding	Correct Rounding
Project Total: \$101.00 Requested Total: \$80.80 Local Match: \$20.20	Project Total: \$101.00 Requested Total: \$81.00 ↑ Local Match: \$20.00 ↓	Project Total: \$101.00 Requested Total: \$80.00 ↓ Local Match: \$21.00 ↑

IX. Additional Supporting Documents (optional)

The application submission may include exhibits or site photos with labels, additional maps, safety reports, crash records, and any adopted resolutions that support the project's application narrative and self-scoring. If additional supporting documents are submitted, it is essential to include a clear table of contents that outlines the contents of these documents.

LAPP Survey123 Guide

The following descriptions are provided to assist with the completion of the Survey123.

1. Project Name: A descriptive name of the project
2. Project Location: Physical location and extent of the project
3. TIP ID: If the project is already included in the NCDOT STIP, provide the TIP number
4. Existing Project: Indicate whether this project is an extension of a previously completed or current, ongoing project (yes) or if this project is new (no)
5. Total Project Cost: Total cost of the project, including local match
6. Requested Funding Total: Total funding cost requested, not to exceed 80% of the total project cost
7. Local Match Total: Total amount of local match funding, which at a minimum must be 20% of the total project cost
8. Anticipated Funding Start Year: Select the anticipated fiscal year to begin project funding
9. Previously Applied: Has this project been submitted to a previous Call for Projects?
10. Previous Application Year(s) (if applicable): Indicate the year(s) that this project has been submitted to a previous Call for Projects.
11. Primary Applicant: The name of the municipality or jurisdiction member submitting the application (ex. “City of Wilmington”)
12. Secondary Applicant (if applicable): The name of the agency, organization, municipality, or jurisdiction member who is a joint applicant
13. Project Manager: The primary point of contact for the project, typically a representative of the primary applicant
14. Contact Person: Individual who the WMPO can contact if there are questions regarding the application
15. Contact Person Phone: Phone number for the contact person
16. Contact Person Email: Email address for the contact person

Scoring Rubric Guide

The following descriptions are provided to assist with completing the Scoring Rubric.

Safety (35 Points)

- 1. Reported Crashes & Accidents (Up to 10 Points):** Does the project seek to improve safety at high-risk or high-crash locations? How many recorded crashes or accidents have occurred in the last five years (2020 to 2025) at or along the project location? Please select one of the following:
 - a. One (1) to nine (9) (2 points)
 - b. Ten (10) to twenty (20) (5 points)
 - c. Greater than twenty (20) (10 points)



The WMPO has compiled a Microsoft Excel file of the NCDOT crash data. Please contact the WMPO LAPP Coordinator, Krysdyn Burden, for data requests.

- 2. Crash Severity (Up to 10 Points):** If there have been reported crashes or accidents, what was the severity of the crash(es)? Severity is often reported as either fatal (K), incapacitating (A), non-incapacitating (B), or not visible, but complains of pain (C). Select all that apply, up to a total of 10 points.
 - a. Reported fatalities (K) or severe injuries (A) (10 points)
 - b. Reported minor injuries (B) or (C) (5 points)
 - c. Property damage (2 points)
- 3. High Injury Network (10 Points):** Is this project located on or parallel to a facility identified in the top 5% of a High Injury Network (HIN)? HINs are streets or intersections with a high concentration of crashes resulting in fatalities or severe injuries. Points will only be awarded if the project is directly on or within the right-of-way of the identified HIN facility. If yes, award 5 points.



The region's HIN is available through the WMPO's draft Safe Streets and Roads for All Plan. To access the map, please visit the following link: <https://www.wmpo.org/safetyactionplan/#hinmap>.

- 4. Safety Upgrade or Installation (Up to 5 Points):** Will the project be installing new, safety related infrastructure or will the project be upgrading the safety of existing infrastructure? Please explain in the project narrative.
 - a. New infrastructure (5 points)
 - b. Upgrades to existing infrastructure (3 points)

Fair (20 Points)

- 1. Project Location (5 Points):** Does the project remove or cross a geographic and/or human made barrier? The barrier must be one of the following (1) natural stream, wetland, or other body of water; (2) railroad tracks; (3) arterial roadway; (4) major/minor collector road; or (5) grade separation. If yes, award 5 points and explain in the project narrative.
- 2. Public Transit (5 Points):** Does the project connect or provide access to public transportation facilities?
- 3. NCDOT Transportation Disadvantage Index (TDI) Tool (Up to 10 Points):** What is the NCDOT TDI score, relative to the MPO, that the project is located in or directly connected to? The TDI tool allows users to see where transportation disadvantaged communities potentially exist. Some examples of transportation

barriers are racial minorities, people with low incomes, seniors (65 and older), and households without access to a personal vehicle.

- a. Fifteen (15) to twenty-one (21) (10 points)
- b. Eight (8) to Fourteen (14) (5 points)
- c. One (1) to seven (7) (2 points)



The NCDOT TDI Dashboard can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/1f6618f5561145be82573a379f9fd7a4>.

Connected (20 Points)

- 1. Increasing Connectivity (Up to 10 Points):** Does the proposed project improve connectivity near an area with high traffic or frequently used community spaces? This includes the installation of multi-use paths (MUP), sidewalks, or other infrastructure. Select all that apply.
 - a. Located or connected to a Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) with high employment (2 points)
 - b. Located within a ¼ mile radius of a medical facility (2 points)
 - c. Located within a ¼ mile radius of a pre-school, K-12, or higher education school (2 points)
 - d. Located within a ¼ mile radius of a grocery store or food bank (2 points)
 - e. Located within a ¼ mile radius of a library and/or government services and/or greenspace/park (2 points)



A TAZ is a geographic area used to analyze traffic flow and pattern. TAZ data can be requested from the WMPO. Please contact the WMPO LAPP Coordinator, Krysden Burden, for data requests.

- 2. Closing Gaps (Up to 5 Points):** Does the proposed project include closing gaps within the existing infrastructure? What is the size of the gap? This can include closing gaps in the MUP network, sidewalks, or dedicated bike lanes.
 - a. Gap is greater than 1/8 mile (5 points)
 - b. Gap is less than 1/8 mile (2 points)
- 3. Multi-Modal (5 Points):** Will the proposed project serve more than one (1) mode of transportation? If yes, award 5 points and explain in the project narrative.

Resilient (15 Points)

- 1. Data and Technology (5 Points):** Will the proposed project include elements that will improve data collection, analysis, or technology? Does the proposed project include the implementation of ITS components such as signal preemption, emergency preparedness, or other features? If yes to either question, award 5 points and explain in the project narrative what components are included.
- 2. Redundancy (10 Points):** Does the proposed project provide redundancy within the existing network, such as alternative routes and multi-modal options? If yes, award 10 points and explain in the project narrative.

Proactive (10 Points)

- 1. Project Phase (Up to 5 Points):** At what stage is the project? Is the project shovel-ready? Does right-of-way need to be acquired? In the conceptual design phase? Please select one.
 - a. PE/Design (1 point)

- b. Right of Way Acquisition (3 points)
- c. Construction (5 points)

2. Prior Submission (5 Points): Has this project been submitted in a previous call for projects? If yes, award 3 points and indicate which year in the Survey123.

Tiebreaker Elements

In the event the number of applications exceeds the funding amount available, and one or more selected projects receive the same number of points using the Scoring Rubric, the following elements will be used as a tiebreaker:

- Project with the lower cost
- Project closest to the bid date
- Project that scores highest in the safety category

Appendix A: Example of Opinion of Probable Costs

Line Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Price	Amount
	Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 98,325.65	\$ 98,325.65
	Construction Surveying	1	LS	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
	Supplemental Clearing and Grubbing	1	Acre	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00
	<u>Earthwork</u>				
	Unclassified Excavation	160	CY	\$ 55.00	\$ 8,800.00
	Borrow Excavation	920	CY	\$ 55.00	\$ 50,600.00
	Removal of Existing Pavement Asphalt	770	SY	\$ 25.00	\$ 19,250.00
	<u>Drainage</u>				
	Drainage Existing Location - 4 Lane Divided C&G Typical Section	0.15	Miles		\$ -
	18"/24" RC Pipe	1,000.00	LF	\$ 175.00	\$ 175,000.00
	MDS w/ Grate	8.00	EA	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
	<u>Pavement</u>				
	Fine Grading	620	SY		\$ -
	B25 Prep	825	SY	\$ 15.00	\$ 12,375.00
	ABC Prep	1575	SY	\$ 15.00	\$ 23,625.00
	Backfill Curb	1660	LF	\$ 25.00	\$ 41,500.00
	Grade around Sidewalk	3150	SY	\$ 15.00	\$ 47,250.00
	Milling Asphalt Pavement, 1.5" Depth	710	SY	\$ 15.00	\$ 10,650.00
	6" Aggregate Base Course	719	Tons	\$ 65.00	\$ 46,735.00
	Asphalt Type B25.0C	190	Tons	\$ 275.00	\$ 52,250.00
	Asphalt Type I19.0C	80	Tons	\$ 275.00	\$ 22,000.00
	Asphalt Type S9.5C	290	Tons	\$ 275.00	\$ 79,750.00
	Asphalt Binder for Plant Mix	30	Tons	\$ 875.00	\$ 26,250.00
	2'-6" Concrete Curb and Gutter	1,000	LF	\$ 35.00	\$ 35,000.00
	4" Concrete Sidewalk	50	SY	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,750.00
	5" Concrete Monolithic Islands	120	SY	\$ 115.00	\$ 13,800.00
	Concrete Curb Ramos	5	Each	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 18,000.00
	<u>Erosion Control</u>	0.50	Acres	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
	<u>Traffic Control</u>				
	(-L-- and -Y2-) (includes MOT Labor + Portable Lighting + Drums + Msg Board + TMA)	0.15	Miles	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 97,500.00
	Thermo and Pavement Marking (4 Lane Divided C&G Typical Section)	0.15	Miles	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,250.00
	Traffic Signals (Upgrade)	1.0	Each	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 195,000.00
	Total Construction Cost				\$ 1,209,410.65
	Legal Fees				\$ 15,000.00
	ROW Acquisitions				\$ 23,000.00
	TOTAL				\$ 1,247,410.65

Appendix B: Project Schedule Example

Timeline for Proposed Project XYZ																													
		2025				2026				2027				2028				2029				2030				2031			
#	Tasks	Q2: Oct-Dec	Q3: Jan-Mar	Q4: Apr-Jun	Q1: Jul-Sep	Q2: Oct-Dec	Q3: Jan-Mar	Q4: Apr-Jun	Q1: Jul-Sep	Q2: Oct-Dec	Q3: Jan-Mar	Q4: Apr-Jun	Q1: Jul-Sep	Q2: Oct-Dec	Q3: Jan-Mar	Q4: Apr-Jun	Q1: Jul-Sep	Q2: Oct-Dec	Q3: Jan-Mar	Q4: Apr-Jun	Q1: Jul-Sep	Q2: Oct-Dec	Q3: Jan-Mar	Q4: Apr-Jun	Q1: Jul-Sep	Q2: Oct-Dec			
1	WMPO awards grants	█																											
2	Agreement drafted and approved		█	█	█	█																							
3	PE funding authorization						█																						
4	Solicit proposals for PE, sign contracts						█	█																					
5	PE work - 25%, 60%, 100% plans							█	█	█	█	█																	
6	NCDOT review and approval									█		█																	
7	ROW acquisition												█	█	█	█													
8	CON funding authorization																█												
9	CON bid documents developed																	█											
10	Solicit proposals for CON																		█										
11	Construction																						█	█	█	█			
12	CEI/construction administration																						█	█	█	█			
13	Construction inspection																								█				
14	Project close out																								█				

MTP 2050 Goal	Criteria	Maximum Points	Attribute	Points	Applicant Score
Safety (35 Points)	Reported Crashes & Accidents	10	1 to 9	2	
			10 to 20	5	
			20+	10	
	Crash Severity	10	Reported fatalities and/or severe injuries (K) (A)	10	
			Reported minor injuries (B) (C)	5	
			Property damage	2	
	High Injury Network (HIN)	10	Is the project located on or parallel to a roadway identified in the top 5% of the High Injury Network?	10	
Safety Upgrade/ Install	5	New infrastructure	5		
		Upgrades to existing infrastructure	3		
Fair (20 Points)	Project Location	5	Does the project remove or cross a geographic or human made barrier? (Y/N)	10	
	Public Transit	5	Does the project connect or provide access to public transit facilities?	5	
	NCDOT TDI Score	10	Is the project located within an area with a TDI score of 15-21?	10	
			Is the project located within an area with a TDI score of 8-14?	5	
			Is the project located within an area with a TDI score of 1-7?	2	
Connected (20 Points)	Connects to Park or Greenspace	10	Located/connects to a TAZ with high employment	2	
			Located within 1/4 mile radius of a medical facility	2	
			Located within a 1/4 mile radius of a school (preschool, K-12, or higher education)	2	
			Located within a 1/4 mile radius of a grocery store and/or food bank	2	
			Located within a 1/4 mile radius of a library and/or government services and/or greenspace/park	2	
	Closing Gaps	5	Gap is greater than 1/8 mile	5	
			Gap is less than 1/8 mile	2	
Multi-Modal	5	Project serves more than one mode of transportation (Y/N)	5		
Resilient (15 Points)	Data & Technology	5	Improves data collection, analysis, or technology and/or includes ITS components (Y/N)	5	
	Redundancy	10	Provides redundancy (Y/N)	10	
Proactive (10 Points)	Project Phase	5	PE/Design	1	
			Right of Way Acquisition	3	
			Construction	5	
Prior Submission	5	Has this project been submitted in previous cycles? (Y/N)	5		
TOTAL		100		TOTAL	0



WMPO Planning and Project Updates April 2026

Long-Range Planning Activities:

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Project Description/Scope: The WMPO has begun work on its Safety Action Plan with the help of consultants Kittelson and Associates. Safety Action Plans are comprehensive safety plans aimed at reducing and eliminating serious injury and fatal crashes affecting all roadway users. They are developed through data analysis and community input to identify significant safety risks, which inform recommended countermeasures, strategies, and policies that aim to reduce crash severity and save lives. Planning activities for this effort began in April 2025, with plan adoption expected in Fall 2026.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Round 2 of community engagement began mid-December 2025 and wrapped up on February 22, 2026. This round focused on draft countermeasures and safety improvements and resulted in 719 survey responses and 177 map comments.
- A summary of Round 2 engagement is being developed and will be added to the project website when completed.
- Project prioritization and countermeasure identification is underway, and non-infrastructure recommendations are being developed.
- The fourth project steering committee meeting was held on March 23, 2026 at the WMPO office.
- A draft of the Safety Action plan is expected in May 2026.
- Round 3 of public engagement will occur between May 1 and May 31, 2026. This round will be focused on collecting feedback regarding the draft safety action plan and implementation strategies.

CAPE FEAR TRAILS – REGIONAL TRAIL ETIQUETTE CAMPAIGN AND SIGNAGE GUIDE

Project Description/Scope: The WMPO has finalized the Cape Fear Trails trail etiquette campaign and signage guide in response to feedback from member jurisdictions and planning partners. This effort focuses on improving trail signage regionally and promoting consistent trail etiquette to support safe and comfortable use of shared-use trails by all users. The campaign and guide were and continue to be informed by partner input and best practices to establish clear, regionwide messaging and signage guidance. These resources are intended to improve safety, accessibility, and the overall trail experience.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Research into regional trail signage guides and trail etiquette campaigns began in Fall 2025 to identify best practices and regional precedents.

- WMPO staff met with member jurisdictions in November 2025 to discuss and refine regional branding, proposed trail etiquette rules, and trail etiquette toolkit materials.
- Draft trail etiquette materials and an overview of the draft signage guide were presented at the November TCC and Board meetings to garner additional feedback.
- Development on the draft trail signage guide occurred throughout Winter 2025/2026.
- Draft materials were provided to member jurisdictions for review and comment and were presented to the TCC and Board in January 2026, with an additional presentation to the City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Materials were refined based on feedback received from WMPO planning partners and committees.
- The WMPO TCC and Board formally endorsed the Cape Fear Trails materials at the February 2026 meetings.
- WMPO staff have completed the Cape Fear Trails rollout, including the launch of a dedicated webpage that serves as a one stop resource for partners, featuring the signage guide, wayfinding signage materials, and trail etiquette toolkit.
- Trail etiquette outreach is scheduled for the spring and summer, with initial efforts tied to Celebrate Trails Day on April 25, 2026, and continuing throughout the season.

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Project Description/Scope: The TDM “Go Coast” program works to increase the use of alternative transportation by WMPO residents and decrease Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by working with employers, WMPO member jurisdictions, higher education, and other partners. In October 2025, the WMPO board adopted *Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050*, the latest update to the region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Appendix L of the plan includes a short-range Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan outlining activities for 2026 through 2030. Action items for the Go Coast program included in the short-range plan are informed by the MTP’s five goals of safe, fair, connected, resilient, and proactive.

Go Coast Current Initiatives and Project Statuses:

- Go Coast Committee - The next regular Go Coast committee meeting is scheduled to take place virtually on Thursday, May 21, from 3-5 p.m.
- In February 2026, the WMPO applied again for 100 children’s bicycle helmets through NCDOT’s Bicycle Helmet Initiative. If awarded, helmets will be distributed throughout the year at WMPO outreach in conjunction with safety education from the Be A Looker campaign.
- Planning for the 36th Annual River to Sea Bike Ride is underway. This year’s ride will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026. There will be a River to Sea Bike Ride Expo on Friday, May 1, from 3-7 p.m. at Empie Park, where participants can get a free bike check, purchase swag, learn more about the ride route and safety, and interact with ride sponsors. Preregistration for the ride opens April 1.
- National Bike Month is observed each May. In recognition of this national initiative, the WMPO will celebrate Bike Month throughout the region, including National Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 15.

Development Review Activities:

The WMPO assists with site development and Transportation Impact Analysis coordination and review for the MPO's member jurisdictions. During the last month, staff have reviewed the following development proposals:

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

29 total plan reviews (25 formal; 3 informal; 1 concept)

- City of Wilmington Formal Reviews: 11
- City of Wilmington Informal Reviews: 1
- City of Wilmington Concept Reviews: 0
- City of Wilmington Full Releases: 3
- Town of Leland Formal Reviews: 6
- Town of Leland Informal Reviews: 0
- New Hanover County Formal Reviews: 7
- New Hanover County Informal Reviews: 2
- New Hanover County Sketch Plan Reviews: 1
- Pender County Formal Reviews: 3
- Pender County Informal Reviews: 0
- Town of Belville Reviews: 0
- Town of Navassa Reviews: 0
- Town of Carolina Beach Reviews: 0
- Town of Kure Beach Reviews: 0
- Town of Wrightsville Beach Reviews: 0
- Brunswick County Reviews: 0

TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS (TIA) REVIEW

20 total active (3 new; 15 under review, 2 approved)

- New Hanover County 5 (0 new, 4 under review, 1 approved) First Flight Business Park – approved
- City of Wilmington 5 (0 new, 4 under review, 1 approved) Wilmington Health MOB (Barclay West) – approved.
- Carolina Beach 0
- Town of Belville 0
- Town of Leland 2 (1 new, 1 under review, 0 approved).
- Town of Navassa 0 (0 new, 0 under review, 0 approved).
- Pender County 4 (0 new, 4 under review, 0 approved).
- Brunswick County 4 (2 new, 2 under review, 0 approved).

Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) Updates:

BL – 0059 TOWN OF KURE BEACH - FORT FISHER BOULEVARD/K AVENUE AND NORTH 3RD STREET PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Project Description/Scope: This project entails intersection improvements at Ft. Fisher Boulevard and K Avenue to include high visibility crosswalks, ADA ramps, and pedestrian signals; and filling gaps in the sidewalk network on Ft. Fisher Boulevard and N. 3rd Street that

will create a pedestrian network connected to the Ft. Fisher Boulevard and K Avenue intersection.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Project kick-off meeting in March 2023.
- Contract approved by Kure Beach Town Council in June 2023.
- 100% final design and signal plans are complete; currently under review by NCDOT.
- Contract underway for construction inspection.
- ROW currently in progress.
- Bid for construction expected early summer 2026.

EB-6025- TOWN OF BELVILLE- RICE HOPE MULTI-USE PATH

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a multi-use path of eight feet (8') wide located at the western side of NC 133 between Morecamble Blvd and Rice Hope Run.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Approaching project close-out, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on 1/29/2026.

EB- 6026- TOWN OF BELVILLE- BELVILLE ELEMENTARY- MULTI-USE PATH

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a multi-use path of eight feet (8') wide located along NC 133 connecting north and south entrances of Hawks Water Development to Belville Elementary School.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Approaching project close out, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held on 1/29/2026.

HL-0109 – CITY OF WILMINGTON - 3rd Street/Ann Street Traffic Signal

Project Description/Scope: Project consists of the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of 3rd Street and Ann Street in downtown Wilmington. The signal will be a black coated metal mast arm signal, along with black coated pedestrian signal pedestals.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Private Engineering Firm has completed final signal design plans.
- The contract has been awarded; shop drawings will be provided by the end of February.
- The anticipated pole delivery date is November 2026.
- Tentatively planning to install this new signal and 3rd/Orange projects together in November 2026 when materials are available.

HL-0110 - CITY OF WILMINGTON - 3rd Street/Orange Street Traffic Signal

Project Description/Scope: Project consists of the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of 3rd Street and Orange Street in downtown Wilmington. The signal will be a black coated metal mast arm signal, along with black coated pedestrian signal pedestals.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Private Engineering Firm has completed final signal design plans.
- The contract has been awarded; shop drawings will be provided by the end of February.
- The anticipated pole delivery date is November 2026.

- Tentatively planning to install this new signal and 3rd/Ann together in November 2026 when materials are available.

BL-0040 NEW HANOVER COUNTY - Middle Sound Loop Extension/Connector Construction & Porters Neck Walmart Connector Construction

Project Description/Scope: Construction of bicycle/pedestrian trails along Middle Sound Loop Road from Red Cedar Road to Publix commercial lot. Also construct trails along US 17 Business (Market Street) from Mendenhall Drive to Porter’s Neck Wal-Mart commercial lot.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 100% construction plans have been reviewed and approved by NCDOT.
- Received our Concurrence to Award Construction Authorization to begin construction.
- Construction Bid Accepted and contract is in approval process with NCDOT.
- Construction oversight contractor accepted in approval process with NCDOT.
- Timeless Construction is planning to begin construction along Middle Sound Loop Rd to coincide with construction along Market St.
- Held Pre-Construction meeting August 20, 2025.
- Began construction along Market Street portion on September 22, 2025.
- Erosion control measures and silk fencing was installed along Market St section of path.
- Timeless Construction received certification for fill being used on one section along Market Street.
- Held wet utility meeting with Cape Fear Public Utility Authority on Oct 22, 2025.
- Grading has begun along Market Street and Middle Sound Loop.
- Erosion control measures have been installed along Market Street.
- Construction is ongoing.

BL-0118 North College Road Pedestrian Improvements

Project Description/Scope: Project consists of the construction of a ten-foot wide, two-plus mile MUP along N. College from Gordon Road to Northchase Parkway West. In addition, it includes a sidewalk on the east side of N. College from Sirius Drive to Murrayville Road and New Village Way to the signalized intersection at Danny Pence Drive.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Received Construction Authorization from NCDOT division III once comments are approved and updates to plans are completed CA from Raleigh DOT should follow
- Received Bid Proposal and Updated Bid Docs from Design Engineer
- CEI exemption letter was sent to NCDOT for approval.
- Received updated signal plans from DOT regarding the switch to their new software system.
- 100% design plans submitted to NCDOT for review and have been approved.
- Right of way acquisition- 15/15 properties signed and completed (all 15 property owners have been contacted).
- Received Right of Way Certification from NCDOT.
- Construction authorization was not granted from FWHA to proceed with this project. Current bids have been revoked, and the project will have to be rebid.
- Categorical Exclusion Consultation forms have been filed and are awaiting approval.
- All documents necessary for Construction authorization have been loaded into EBS.

EB-6027 – NEW HANOVER COUNTY -MIDDLE SOUND GREENWAY

Project Description: Design only of the Middle Sound Greenway connection to Publix

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Project has been completed.
- Project close-out is in progress.

BL-0074 – TOWN OF LELAND- US 17 Pedestrian crossing at Olde Waterford Way/Ploof Road

Project Descriptions/Scope: Installation of signalized pedestrian crossing at the intersection of US 17/Olde Waterford Way/Ploof Road in Leland, North Carolina.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- NCDOT Agreement executed Aug 24, 2023.
- PE funds authorized Sep 14, 2023.
- Exult Engineering contract fully executed Aug 19, 2024.
- Categorical Exclusion (CE) Environmental Documents approved Jan 6, 2025.
- Preliminary Design/Right of Way (75%) plans approved Mar 10, 2025.
- ROW Funding Authorization approved on Jun 10, 2025.
- Environmental consultation form approved in EBS Jan 27, 2026.
- NCDOT LAP Agreement Change Request fully executed Jan 29, 2026 & approved in EBS Feb 3, 2026.
- Final Design (100%) plans, specifications, and estimate approved in EBS Feb 19, 2026.
- Right of Way Certification TBD.
- Request for Construction Authorization TBD.
- Project Completion estimated for September 14, 2028.

U-5534C - WRIGHTSVILLE AVENUE/GREENVILLE AVENUE TO HINTON AVENUE

Project Descriptions/Scope: The project is for the construction of intersection realignment improvements at the intersection of Wrightsville Avenue/Greenville Avenue and bike lanes and sidewalks along Greenville Avenue from Wrightsville Avenue to Hinton Avenue.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Pre-Construction Meeting held on January 20, 2026.
- Begin Construction – Early February 2026.
- Construction is on-going. Wells Brothers Construction Co. has begun preliminary survey, locating existing utilities, installing advanced work zone signage, mobilizing equipment, and installing erosion control measures. Selective tree removals are planned to begin on or around April 6th and take about four weeks to complete.
- Construction Complete – Anticipated February 2027.

U-5534G –CITY OF WILMINGTON- HOOKER ROAD MULTI-USE PATH

Project Descriptions/Scope: The project consists of the construction of an 8' wide multi-use path along Hooker Road from Wrightsville Avenue to the Mallard Drive/Rose Ave intersection

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Pre-Construction Meeting held on January 20, 2026.
- Begin Construction – Early February 2026.

- Construction is on-going. Wells Brothers Construction Co. has begun preliminary survey, locating existing utilities, installing advanced work zone signage, mobilizing equipment, and installing erosion control measures. Selective tree removals are planned to begin on or around April 6th and take about four weeks to complete.
- Construction Complete – Anticipated February 2027.

U-5534H –CITY OF WILMINGTON- HINTON AVE MULTI-USE PATH

Project Descriptions/Scope: This project consists of the construction of an 8' wide multi-use path along Hinton Avenue from Park Avenue to Greenville Avenue.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Pre-Construction Meeting held on January 20, 2026.
- Begin Construction – Early February 2026.
- Construction is on-going. Wells Brothers Construction Co. has begun preliminary survey, locating existing utilities, installing advanced work zone signage, mobilizing equipment, and installing erosion control measures. Selective tree removals are planned to begin on or around April 6th and take about four weeks to complete.
- Construction Complete – Anticipated February 2027.

EB-5600 – S. 17th Street Multi-use Path

Project Description/Scope: This project consists of the construction of a 10' multiuse path along South 17th Street from Harbour Drive to Shipyard Boulevard and the installation of crosswalks and pedestrian signal heads at the intersection of South 17th Street and Shipyard Boulevard.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Agreement executed with NCDOT on May 24, 2022.
- PE Authorization obtained on January 20, 2023.
- Design kick-off meeting between City and RS&H staff held on January 31, 2023.
- 25% Plans approved by NCDOT on February 12, 2024.
- Environmental Document approved on May 7, 2024.
- Design put on hold in May 2024 due to insufficient funds for Construction.
- Additional funds through the MPO's DA program were awarded on October 30, 2024.
- Design re-start meeting held on January 8, 2025.
- ROW Plans returned to RS&H with comments on March 21, 2026. Revisions in progress.
- Utility Coordination is in progress.

U-6235 – CITY OF WILMINGTON/NEW HANOVER COUNTY – Signal Pre-emption Phase 2

Project Description/Scope: The project will install traffic pre-emption equipment at 51 locations throughout the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County and GPS equipment on emergency response vehicles.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Project has received Supplemental Funding for construction. Agreement was approved by WMPO, NCDOT and City Council. Contracts are executed.

- Project has received a 2-year extension to April 30, 2027, from NCDOT to allow additional funding requests, bidding, construction, and closeout.
- Project was advertised January 12 and opened February 10th, 2026. 3 bids were received.
- A low responsive bid was received from Terry Spell Mechanical Services, Inc for \$1,190,000 which is within 10% of engineers estimate.
- Staff is working to verify the budget and develop a Resolution to present to the City Council.
- A contract is expected in April with construction starting in late May or early June.

EB-6039 – CAROLINA BEACH – Multimodal Improvements

Project Description/Scope: Construct an 8’ multi-use path along St. Joseph Avenue from Lake Park Blvd to Hidden Hills Drive and sharrow improvements to Access Drive in Carolina Beach

Project Status and Next Steps:

- 90% Plans have been uploaded to EBS.
- On April 29, 2025, the Town and Kimley Horne held a community meeting to discuss the plans and specifically Temporary Construction Easements (TCE) for property owners who will be directly impacted by the project.
- Categorical Exclusion documents revised, fully executed and submitted.
- Met with Kimley Horn and PPS to discuss TCE progress.
- Held a meeting with NCDOT on February 24 to discuss project progress and next steps.
- Tentative Construction bid date is expected in July/August 2026.

EB-6027 – Signal Installation at Sloop Point and Country Club Road

Project Description: This project includes a signal installation at the intersection of Sloop Point Road and Country Club Drive in Pender County. This project also includes the construction of a right-turn lane from Sloop Point Road onto Country Club Drive and the implementation of a signalized pedestrian crossing.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Awaiting Finalized Agreement Before Proceeding.

EB-6027 – Signal Installation at Lanvale Road and Fletcher Road NE/Village Road

Project Description: This project includes the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Lanvale Road and Fletcher Road NE/Village Road in Leland. The project also includes railroad signals with gates to improve safety at this multimodal intersection. Roadway improvements are included for both the northbound and southbound directions of Lanvale Road.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Awaiting Finalized Agreement Before Proceeding.

EB-6027 – Signal Installation at Lake Park Boulevard and Federal Point Driveway

Project Description: This project includes signal installation of Lake Park Boulevard and Federal Point Driveway in Carolina Beach to create a four-legged intersection. The project will also install signalized pedestrian crossings and crosswalks.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Awaiting Finalized Agreement Before Proceeding.

BL-0181 – South College and 17th Street to Piner Road Multi-use Path

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a ten-foot wide (10'), multi-use path along South College Road from Piner Road and Carolina Beach Road to South 17th Street Extension. The project also includes the implementation of additional pedestrian safety measures and a signalized pedestrian crossing.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Project design has been finalized, pending final approval from NCDOT.
- Awaiting a finalized agreement with NCDOT to authorize funds to begin construction.

BL-0180 – Kerr Avenue Trail

Project Description: The 0.7-mile Kerr Avenue multi-use path will connect UNCW to nearby commercial areas and existing sidewalk and trail networks. The north end of the trail will connect to existing sidewalks, and the south end of the trail will connect to an existing signalized crosswalk along College Road.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- Project feasibility study and design have been completed.
- Awaiting a finalized agreement with NCDOT to authorize funds to begin ROW acquisition and construction.

BL-0154 – Pender County Country Club Multi-use Path

Project Description: This project includes the design phase only for the 3.91-mile-long, 10'-12' wide multi-use path. Along Country Club Drive and Jenkins Road in Pender County.

- Agreement is in place as of January 8, 2026.
- RFLOI is currently under review by the state.

TC – 0021 WAVE PASSENGER AMENITIES AND UPGRADES

Project Description/Scope: Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (WAVE transit) currently has a total of 440 bus stops, 24 benches, and 27 shelters. Shelters account for only 6% of our passenger amenities, while other NC agencies average 14%. To meet the peer average for statewide systems, CFPTA needs to install an additional twenty-six (26) benches and twenty (20) shelters. This project will support the installation of a total of nineteen (19) bus stop benches and nineteen (19) bus stop shelters along eight (8) transit routes located within the City of Wilmington. The project includes engineering and design, construction of concrete pads, ADA ramps, ADA access, and purchase and installation of durable bench and/or shelter, waste receptacle, and solar lighting, where applicable.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The project was awarded funds in November 2021
- NC Board of Transportation approved the flex request in January 2023
- Flex request confirmed end of April 2023
- Letters from NCDOT transmitted May 23, 2023
- FTA Grant #NC-2026-006 executed for shelter and bench project. Wave Board approved a resolution at its February 26, 2026 meeting to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Tolar Manufacturing for \$236,782.94 for nineteen (19) new bus shelters. Purchase order subsequently issued to Tolar March 2, 2026 with an estimated delivery timeframe of 5 months.

TC-0027 WAVE PASSENGER AMENITIES AND UPGRADES

Project Description: Passenger Facilities and amenities replacement, security, and improvement: acquire, construct, or replace structures, equipment, and systems that provide passenger facilities and amenities for fixed route bus service in the Wilmington, NC UZA. Projects include acquisition and installation of bus shelters, lighting and landing platforms along existing routes; evaluation of a new customer service enclosure at Forden Transfer Station; and extension of fencing at Padgett Transfer Station.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The fencing at Padgett was completed in May 2023 (132 linear feet at Padgett for \$3,565.00)
- Proposals were received as part of an Invitation to Bid for the shelters and benches in Spring 2023. Tolar Shelter Manufacturing Company was selected; however, Tolar's bid submission and pricing has expired. A new Invitation to Bid for shelters to be issued Q2 FY26
- The Forden Station Customer Service Desk Project has been completed resulting in a fully enclosed and secure area for Wave Customer Service Representatives while maintaining a high level of convenience for passengers.
- Phase I completed the week of August 11, 2025, with bus shelter installations completed at Independence Mall, Greenfield St at 16th St across from New Hanover County Health and Human Services Facility and on Nixon St at 5th Ave next to The Pointe at Taylor Estates. Project also included removal of unused and old shelters in disrepair on N. 2nd St between Princess St & Market St and on Columb Dr.

U-5534U – TOWN OF NAVASSA – Navassa Park Multi-Use Path

Project Description/Scope: This project will construct bike lanes on both sides of Brooklyn Street, a multi-use path connecting Brooklyn Street to the Navassa Park, and a multi-use path through the Navassa Park forming a loop within the park. Upon completion, the Navassa Park Multi-Use Path will provide a safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle route connecting Navassa Park, surrounding neighborhoods, and key civic destinations, supporting local and regional goals for active transportation, connectivity, and equitable access.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- No Response Provided

BL-0045 – CITY OF WILMINGTON - Downtown Trail Ph. 1 Design

Project Description/Scope: design and engineering for an approximately 1.7 mile long, 10' to 12' in width portion of the trail beginning at 3rd street in the Downtown within the NCDOT owned rail corridor to McRae St (defined in the Wilmington Rail Trail Master Plan); abutting the Dorothy B. Johnson Elementary School western parcel line; traversing east along CSX right-of-way to Archie Blue Park; and continuing north through Archie Blue Park, parallel to the creek and terminating at the Love Grove Bridge multi-use path facility.

Project Status and Next Steps:

- The WMPO Board approved the City of Wilmington's request and awarded an additional \$431,200 in federal funding to complete the design for Phase 1 on March 26, 2025.
- Scope change request to utilize remaining originally awarded funds and bring design to 60% plans approved by NCDOT on July 22, 2025.

- Supplemental agreement for an additional \$431,200 in Direct Attributable funding executed on July 23, 2025.
- WSP Supplemental Scope 3 (60%-100% design) approved by NCDOT on October 30, 2025.
- 25% plans were submitted for review by the City on October 17, 2025, and comments were returned on November 14.
- WSP Supplemental Scope 3 (60%-100% design) executed by City and WSP on February 20, 2026.
- Monthly coordination meeting with NCDOT Rail Division on March 11, 2026, to discuss the trail cross-section along NCDOT's recently acquired right-of-way.
- 60% plan milestone anticipated in early April 2026.



TCC Update April 2026

Wave Awarded \$3.4M in Federal Transit Operating Funds

Wave Transit has been awarded more than \$3.4M in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funding made available under the Full-Year Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026. Formula grant programs allocate funding to states, urbanized areas, and transit agencies based on formulas set by Congress, and state governments and urbanized areas decide how much to provide to specific transit agencies and other providers. Wave will begin using these funds in Fiscal Year 2027 beginning July 1, 2026 to cover routine operations and maintenance expenses.



FY 2026 Section 5307

Making Waves Foundation Receives \$15,000 Endowment Community Agency Grant

The Making Waves Foundation is pleased to announce the New Hanover County Endowment awarded the Foundation Board \$15,000 for free and discounted bus passes for local nonprofit agencies. This was the maximum allowable award by the Endowment and these funds will help replenish the Foundation's account so that nonprofits can apply for grants to receive bus passes for their clients. Organizations are eligible to apply a maximum of twice per fiscal year for a maximum amount totaling \$1,500. Local match of up to \$750 can be used to purchase up to an additional \$1,500 worth of tickets per fiscal year. More information will be posted soon on the application process once the Endowment funds are transferred to the Making Waves account.



Wave Partners with New Hanover County Sheriff's Office on Violent Critical Incident Training

On March 3, 2026, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office conducted Violent Critical Incident Training for Wave's management team, supervisors and operations staff. The training was conducted over two sessions in the morning and afternoon so the maximum number of Wave bus operators could participate. The training focused on the A.L.I.C.E. method which includes Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate designed to equip individuals and organizations to handle violent incidents effectively. Classroom instruction was provided and the Sheriff's officers also included mock situational exercises to represent the various aspects and responses during violent incidents.



Wave Hosts Career Leadership Development Academy 7th Grade Students from Roland-Grise Middle School

Wave partnered with the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce to host students in the Career and Leadership Development Academy (CLDA). This Program is a collaboration with New Hanover County Schools and local industry partners such as Wave to provide local students an opportunity to acquire career, leadership, and education pathway knowledge.

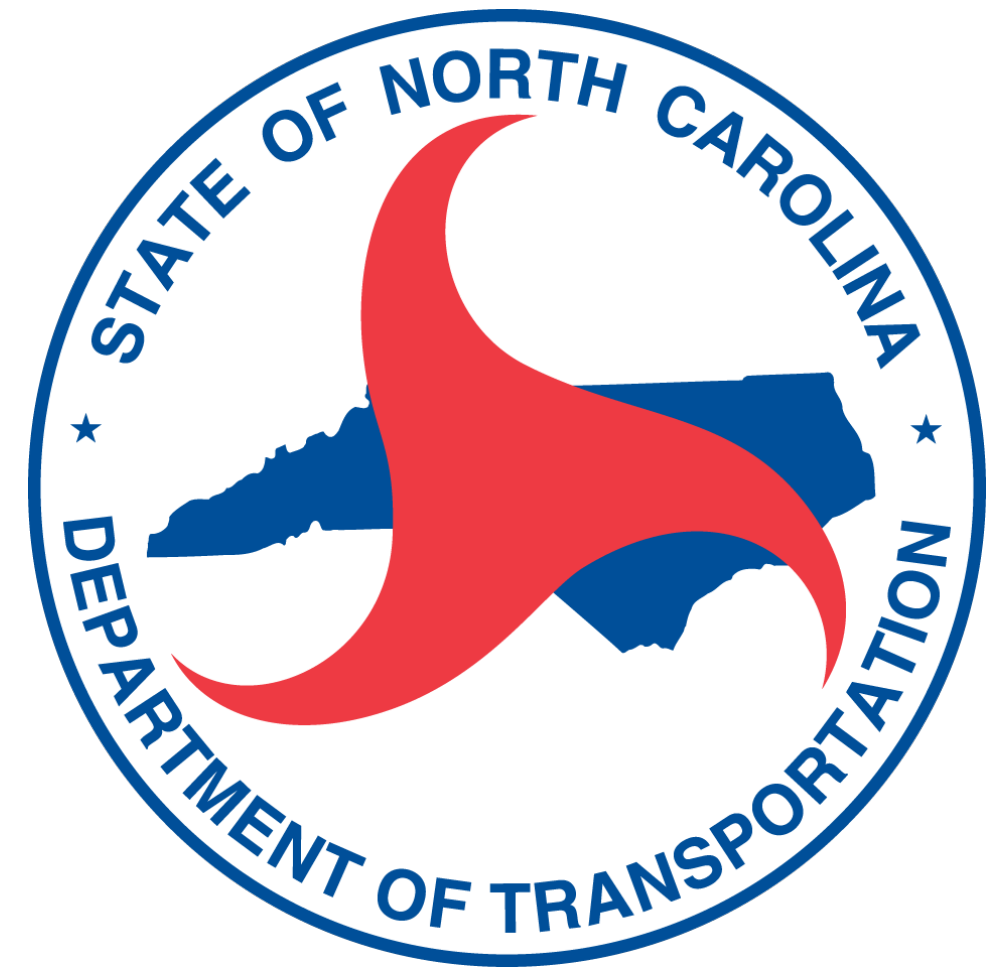
One of the career clusters targeted is Warehouse, Logistics, Supply Chain, and Transportation, which is obviously where WAVE Transit fits in. During the Program at Wave, student learned more about the community's public transit system, how people are employed with WAVE (drivers, mechanics, business office, customer service staff, planners, accountants) and how they came to be in that role. Wave also set up four different stations that the students rotated through including a mock transit board meeting where they had to decide whether to approve a route change, an exercise in determining different tradeoffs in developing bus routes, a hands-on session on a transit bus so they could experience first-hand being a bus driver and a Human Resources session to learn about careers and preparing for the hiring process.



Ridership

For the month of March, Wave Transit recorded approximately 75,413 fixed-route trips. Additionally, RideMICRO provided 3,739 trips, marking an all-time high.

Division 3 Project Update APRIL 2026



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WMPO APRIL PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT					
Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	Description	County	*SAP Let Date (year.month.date)
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	U-5534U	NAVASSA MUP; BROOKLYN STREET; NAVASSA PARK WATER STREET TO SR 1435 (S NAVASSA ROAD) ; BROOKLYN STREET TO NAVASSA PARK. ADD BIKE LANES ON BROOKLYN STREET AND CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH CONNECTING BROOKLYN STREET TO NAVASSA PARK.	NEW HANOVER	2026.03.18
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	BL-0074	US 17 INSTALLATION OF SIGNALIZED ZEBRA-TYPE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT PLOOF ROAD AND OLDE WATERFORD WAY IN LELAND.	BRUNSWICK	2026.04.09
Brian Harding	Division POC Let (DPOC)	W-5703C	US 117 / NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) TO 200 FEET NORTH OF WILLOUGHBY PARK. INSTALL CURB AND GUTTER, MULTI-USE PATH, SIDEWALK, PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS, CROSSWALKS, AND LIGHTING.	NEW HANOVER	2026.04.16
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	EB-6039	CAROLINA BEACH CONSTRUCT BIKE LANES ALONG ST. JOSEPH AVENUE AND LEWIS DRIVE FROM LAKE PARK BOULEVARD TO ACCESS DRIVE IN CAROLINA BEACH.	NEW HANOVER	2026.06.01
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BP3-R012	BRIDGE 208 OVER STURGEON CREEK ON SR 1472 (VILLAGE ROAD).	BRUNSWICK	2026.06.18
Brian Harding	On Call Contract (OCC)	HS-2003P	US 117 (SHIPYARD BOULEVARD) FROM CONVERSE ROAD/LONGSTREET DRIVE. UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND ADD PEDESTRIAN ACCOMODATIONS.	NEW HANOVER	2026.06.19
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	HB-0040	REPLACE BRIDGE 21 OVER BANKS CHANNEL ON US 76 (CAUSWAY DRIVE); REPLACE BRIDGE 22 OVER LEES CUT ON US 74 (W SALISBURY STREET); AND REPLACE BRIDGE 24 OVER BANKS CHANNEL ON US 74 (W SALISBURY STREET) IN WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH.	NEW HANOVER	2026.06.30
Colver Krietemeyer	On Call Contract (OCC)	50898	SIDEWALK LAKE PARK BOULEVARD. MOBILITY MODERNATION.	NEW HANOVER	2026.09.17
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	EB-5600	SR 1219 (SOUTH 17TH STREET) FROM HARBOUR DRIVE TO SHIPYARD BOULEVARD. CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH.	NEW HANOVER	2026.11.26

WMPO APRIL PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT					
Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	Description	County	*SAP Let Date (year.month.date)
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	HL-0131	NC 133 BELVILLE RIVERWALK PARK ENTERANCE. CONSTRUCT TRAFFICSIGNAL AND RELATED PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE.	BRUNSWICK	2026.12.15
Brian Harding	Division POC Let (DPOC)	HE-0018	SR 1302 (NORTH 23RD STREET) FROM US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARKWAY) TO AIRPORT BOULEVARD. WIDEN NORTHBOUND LANE.	NEW HANOVER	2027.05.20
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BP3-R004A	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ LANVALE AND VILLAGE.	BRUNSWICK	2027.05.20
Tim Sherrill	Raleigh Letting (LET)	15BPR.142	BRIDGE PRESERVATION 090096 OVER US 74 & US 76 ON US 17; BRIDGE 090198 OVER ICW & NC 179 ON SR 1172. LONG BEACH ROAD.	BRUNSWICK	2027.08.17
Aaron LeBeau	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5710	US 74 (EASTWOOD ROAD) AND SR 1409 (MILITARY CUTOFF ROAD) INTERSECTION - CONVERT AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO AN INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2027.09.21
Ron Van Cleef	NON - DOT LET (LAP)	EB-5982	NC 211 (NORTH HOWE STREET) FROM EAST OWEN STREET TO DOSHER HOSPITAL. CONSTRUCT 5-FOOT WIDE SIDEWALK IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT.	NEW HANOVER	2027.09.30
Eric Murray	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BP3-R004	BRIDGE 181 OVER STURGEON CREEK ON SR 1437 (OLD FAYETTEVILLE ROAD).	BRUNSWICK	2027.12.11
Nate Tew	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	I-6037	I-140 NEWHANOVER COUNTY FROM US 421 TO 1.45 MILES EAST I-40. PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE REHABILITATION.	NEW HANOVER	2028.02.15
Alex Stewart	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5790	US 421 (CAROLINA BEACH ROAD) FROM NC 132 (SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD) TO SANDERS ROAD IN WILMINGTON. WIDEN EXISTING ROADWAY AND CONTRUCT FLYOVERS AT US 421 AND NC 132. INCLUDES U-5859.	NEW HANOVER	2029.03.20

WMPO APRIL PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT					
Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	Description	County	*SAP Let Date (year.month.date)
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5734	US 421 (SOUTH FRONT STREET) FROM US 17 BUSINESS/US 76/US 421 (CAPE FEAR MEMORIAL BRIDGE) TO US 421 (BURNETT BOULEVARD) WIDEN TO MULTI-LANES.	NEW HANOVER	2029.06.19
Alex Stewart	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5792	US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARKWAY) AT US 117/NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD). CONVERT AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2029.06.19
David Stutts	Division POC Let (DPOC)	BR-0008	BRIDGE PRESERVATION. BRIDGE 7 ON US 17 OVER US 76. THIS IS PART OF THE INTERCHANGE WEST OF THE CFMB.	BRUNSWICK	2029.09.18
David Leonard	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-6199	VARIOUS, WILMINGTON CITYWIDE SIGNAL SYSTEM.	NEW HANOVER	2030.01.15
Derek Pielech	Division POC Let (DPOC)	B-5653	REPLACE BRIDGE 14 OVER TURKEY CREEK ON NC 133.	PENDER	2030.01.17
Alex Stewart	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-3338C	SR 1175 (KERR AVENUE) INTERCHANGE AT US 74 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PARKWAY).	NEW HANOVER	2030.06.18
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5731	US 74 AT US 17/US 421, CONSTRUCT A FLY-OVER AND FREE FLOW RAMP AT INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2030.06.18
Colver Krietemeyer	Division POC Let (DPOC)	U-6128	US 76 (OLEANDER DRIVE) NEW HANOVER COUNTY AT GREENVILLE LOOP ROAD AND GREENVILLE AVENUE. UPGRADE INTERSECTION.	NEW HANOVER	2030.06.20
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5732	US 17 FROM SR 1582 (WASHINGTON ACRES ROAD) TO VISTA LANE. ACCESS MANAGEMENT.	PENDER	2032.01.20

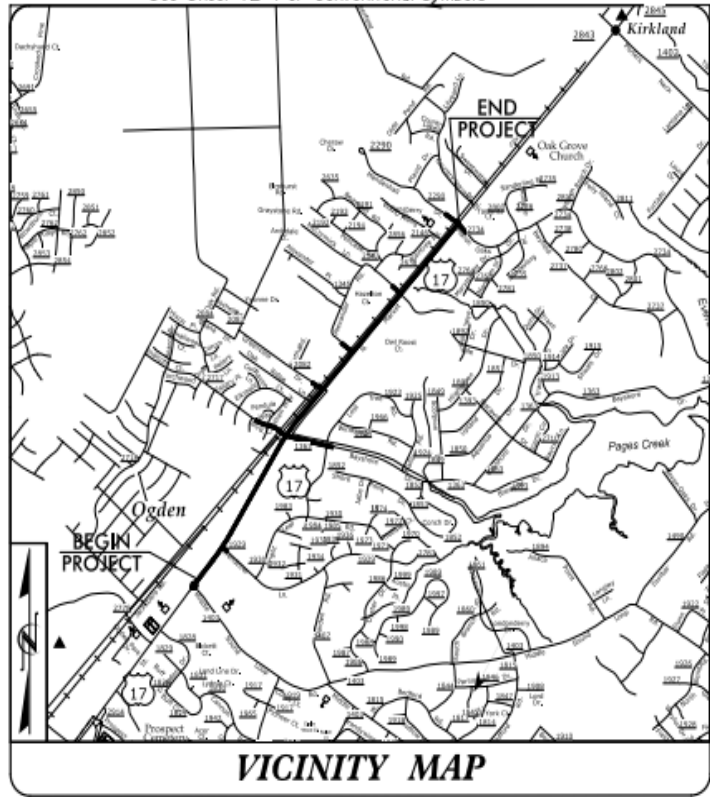
WMPO APRIL PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT					
Project Manager	Contract Type	TIP	Description	County	*SAP Let Date (year.month.date)
Zach Howard	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-4902C	US 17 BUSINESS (MARKET STREET) FROM NORTH OF US 117/NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) TO STATION ROAD. CONVERT AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO INTERCHANGE.	NEW HANOVER	2032.08.17
Brian Harding	Division Design Raleigh Let (DDRL)	U-5702A	NC 132 (COLLEGE ROAD) FROM SR 1272 (NEW CENTRE DRIVE) TO US 117 (SHIPYARD BOULEVARD).	NEW HANOVER	2033.02.15

WMPO APRIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS						
Contract Number	Resident Eng	TIP/WBS /Program	County	Description	*Estimated Completion (year.month.date)	Percent Complete
C204319	Joshua Pratt	U-4902D	NEW HANOVER	SUPERSTREET MEDIAN ON MARKET STREET (US 17 BUS) FROM MARSH OAKS DRIVE TO LENDIRE DRIVE.	2026.06.30	92.88%
C204724	Brad Haste	B-5156	PENDER	BRIDGE #28 OVER LONG CREEK ON NC 210	2026.06.12	90.89%
C204553	Brad Haste	R-3300B	PENDER	NC 417 (HAMPSTEAD BYPASS) FROM SOUTH OF NC 210 TO NORTH OF SR 1563 (SLOOP POINT ROAD).	2027.12.11	66.67%
C204942	Joshua Pratt	U-6202	NEW HANOVER	SR 2048 (GORDON ROAD) FROM US 17 (MARKET STREET) TO I-40. WIDEN ROADWAY.	2029.12.12	21.93%
C205072	Joshua Pratt	R-3300A	PENDER	US 17 HAMPSTEAD BYPASS FROM US 17 BYPASS SOUTH OF HAMPSTEAD TO NC 210	2030.03.30	12.43%

TIP PROJECT: U-4902D

CONTRACT: C204319

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VICINITY MAP

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS NEW HANOVER COUNTY

LOCATION: US 17 (MARKET STREET) FROM
SR 1403 (MIDDLE SOUND LOOP ROAD)
TO SR 2290 (MENDENHALL DRIVE)
SR 2734 (MARSH OAKS DRIVE)

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, PAVING, DRAINAGE, SIGNALS,
AND RETAINING WALL

STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
N.C.	U-4902D	1	
STATE PROJ. NO.	F.A. PROJ. NO.	DESCRIPTION	
40238.1.4		P.E.	
40238.2.4		R/W/UTIL	
40238.3.5		CONST	



Project Details:

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 Rev. Completion: 06/2026*
 Contractor: Sealand Contractors
 NCDOT Contact: Joshua Pratt
 Contract: \$24,654,091

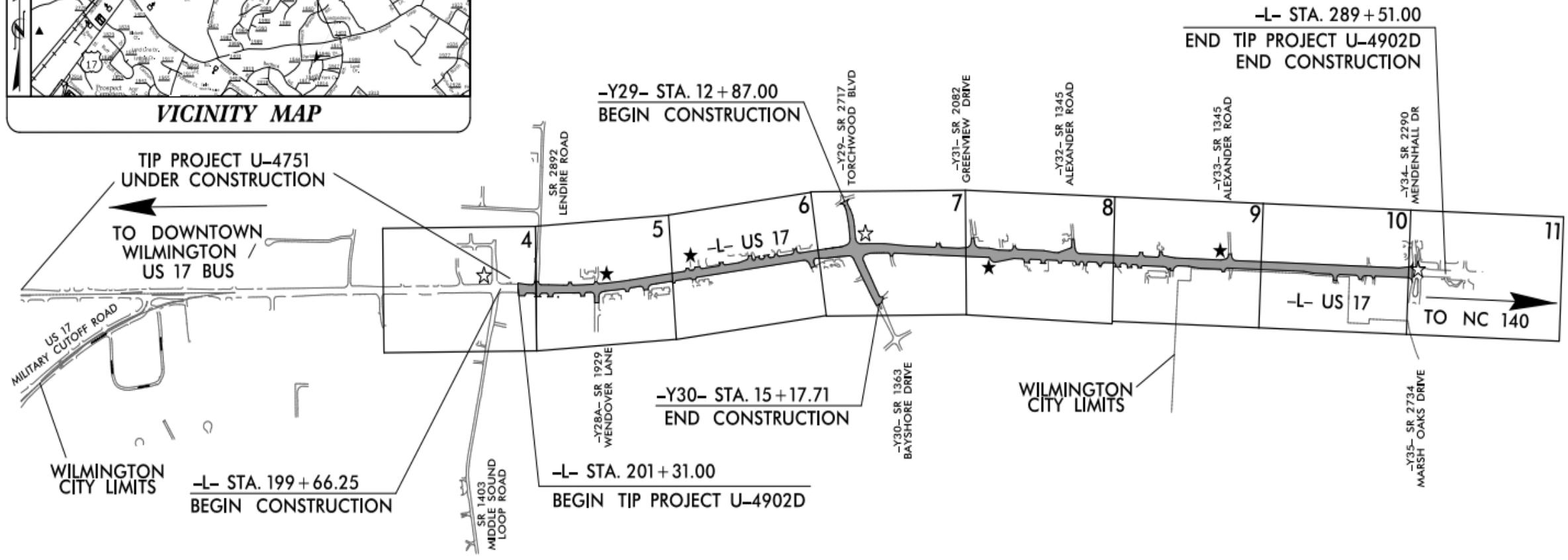
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US 17 (MARKET STREET)

FROM SR 1403 TO SR 2734
IN WILMINGTON.

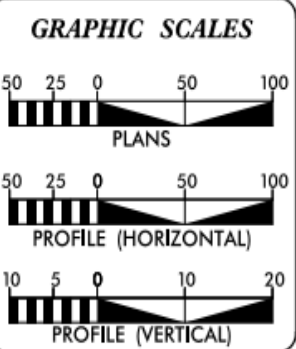
Driveway tie-in paving;
 Medians seeded;
 Drainage and sign
 installation 90% complete



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 ★ PROPOSED SIGNAL

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DESIGN DATA

ADT 2018	=	52,130
ADT 2038	=	65,390
K	=	11 %
D	=	55 %
T	=	6 % *
V	=	50 MPH
* TTST = 2% DUAL 4%		
FUNC CLASS = PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL		
STATEWIDE TIER		

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH OF ROADWAY T.I.P. PROJECT U-4902D	=	1.670 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH OF T.I.P. PROJECT U-4902D	=	1.670 MILES
LENGTH BASED ON -L- CENTERLINE		

PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF
HNTB
 FOR DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
 2018 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS
 RIGHT OF WAY DATE: JANUARY 30, 2017
 LETTING DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2019

DOUGLAS M. WHEATLEY, PE
PROJECT ENGINEER
 ROY TELLIER, PE
PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER
 KRISTA KIMMEL, PE
NCDOT CONTACT

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER
 ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

James A. Byrd
1/7/2019
SIGNATURE:

Roy Tellier
1/4/2019
SIGNATURE:

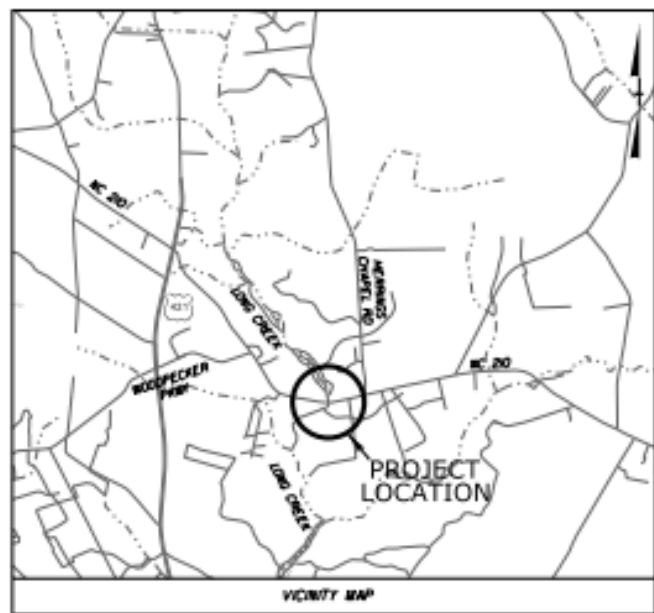


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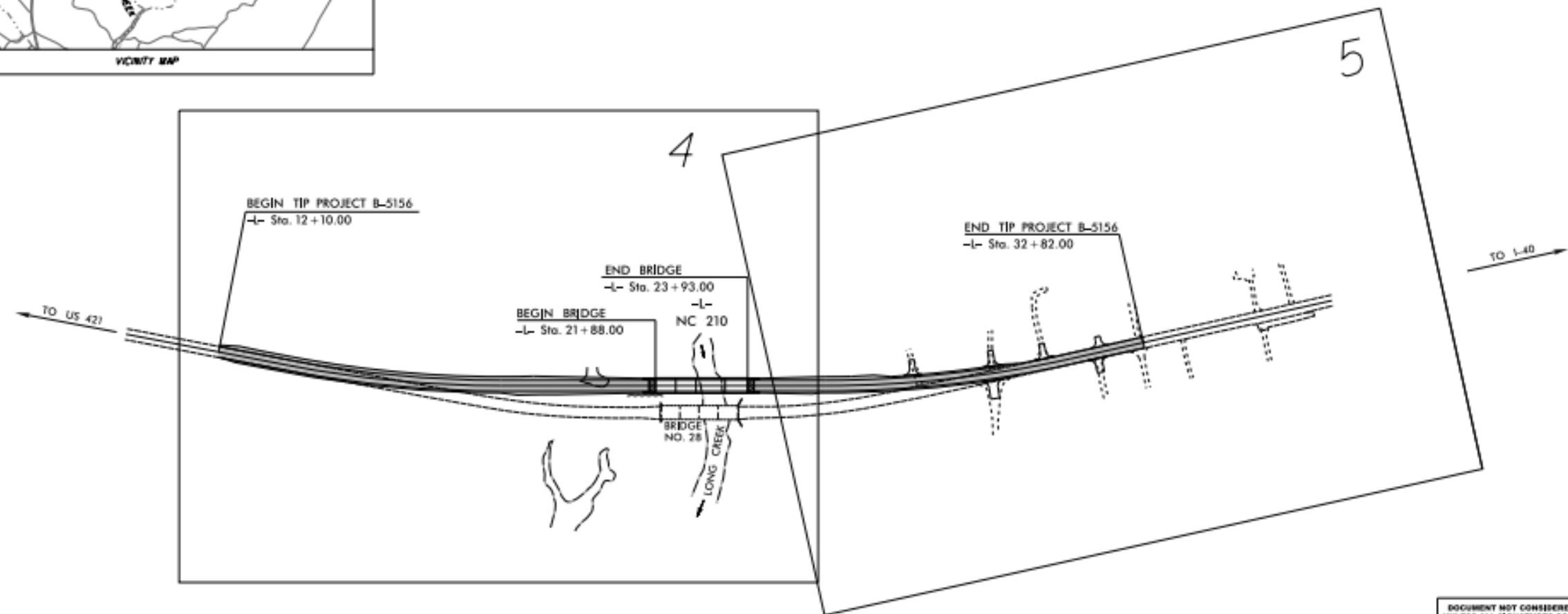
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DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
PENDER COUNTY

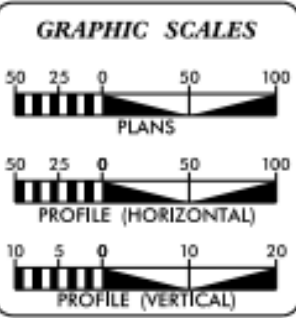
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42331.2.1		UTILITIES
42331.3.1		CONSTRUCTION

LOCATION: BRIDGE 28 OVER LONG CREEK ON NC 210
TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, AND STRUCTURES



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DESIGN DATA

AADT 2020 = 3,000
AADT 2040 = 3,600
K = 10%
D = 55%
T = 12%*
V = 60 MPH

* (TTST 4% + DUAL 8%)
FUNCTIONAL: RURAL MAJOR
CLASSIFICATION: COLLECTOR
REGIONAL TIER

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT B-5156 = 0.353 MILES
LENGTH STRUCTURES TIP PROJECT B-5156 = 0.039 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT B-5156 = 0.392 MILES

PLANS PREPARED FOR THE NCDOT BY:

2014 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE: AUGUST 28, 2019

LETTING DATE: APRIL 16, 2024

Kimley Horn

JEFFREY W. MOORE, P.E.
PROJECT ENGINEER

SETH DENNEY, P.E.
PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

DAVID STUTTS, P.E.
STRUCTURES MANAGEMENT UNIT
PROJECT ENGINEER-
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

Developed by: David Heston 7/2024
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

Developed by: Jeffrey D. Moore
SIGNATURE



Project Details:

Work Begin: 06/2024
Est. Completion: 03/2026
Rev. Completion: 06/2026
Contractor: SMITH-ROWE, LLC
NCDOT Contact: Brad Haste
Contract: \$5,022,225.46

Project Comments:

B-5156
NC-210

BRIDGE 28 OVER LONG CREEK

Facility opened
Reforestation completed
Sediment loss fixed in March
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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

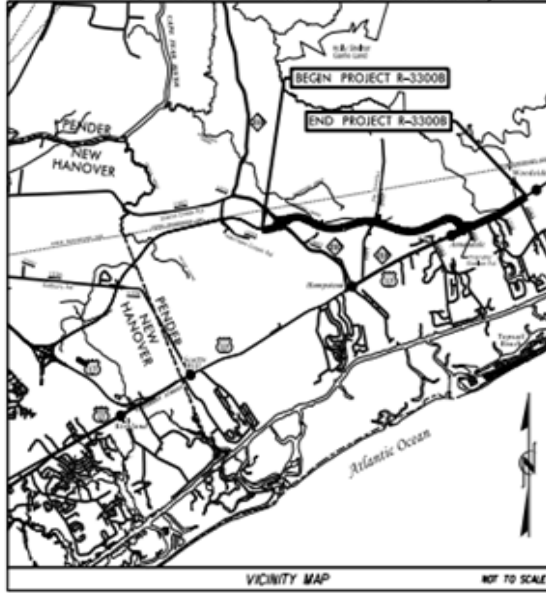
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CONTRACT: C204553

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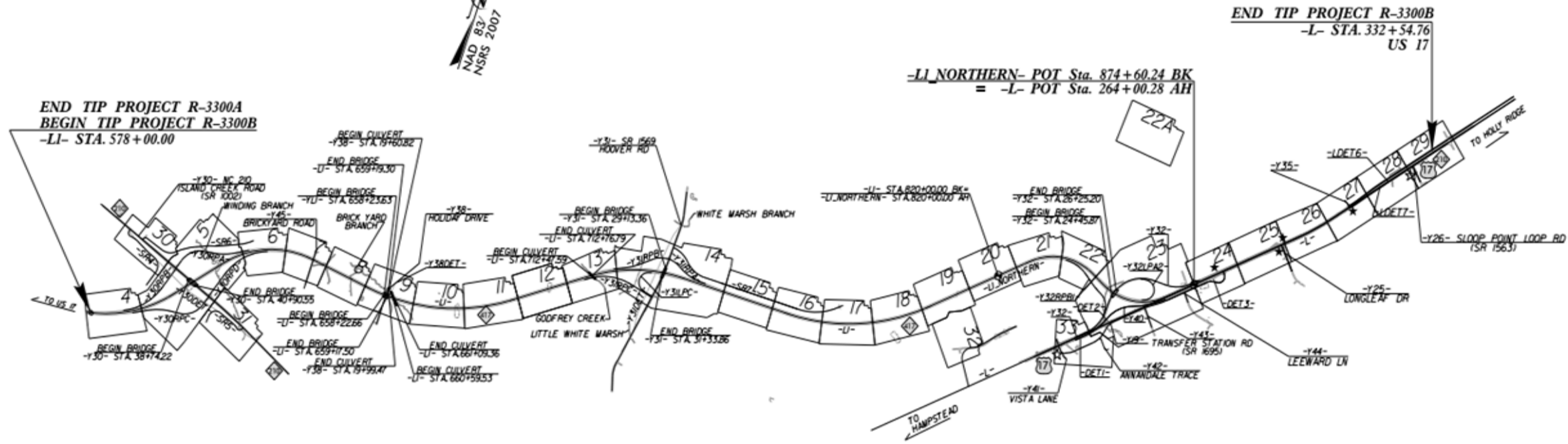
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

PENDER COUNTY

LOCATION: NC 417 (HAMPSTEAD BYPASS) FROM SOUTH OF NC 210
TO NORTH OF SR 1563 (SLOOP POINT LOOP ROAD).

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, STRUCTURES,
SIGNALS, ITS, NOISE WALLS, RETAINING WALLS,
AND CULVERTS

STATE	STATE PROJECT REFERENCE NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
N.C.	R-3300B	1	
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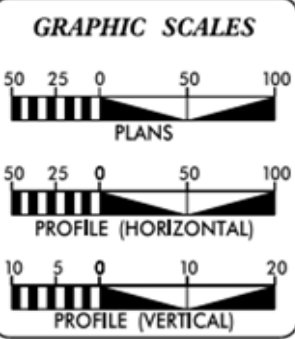
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RAVENA, NORTH CAROLINA 27853
NC COA No. C-0890

Dewberry
2405 WISSEFF ROAD
RTE 2003, BOX 1000
RAVENA, NORTH CAROLINA 27853
NC COA No. F-2629

★ UPDATE EXISTING SIGNAL -THIS IS A CONTROLLED-ACCESS PROJECT WITH ACCESS BEING LIMITED TO INTERCHANGES.
★ PROPOSED SIGNAL

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DESIGN DATA

ADT 2016 = N/A
ADT 2040 = 55,400

K = 8 %
D = 60 %
T = 6 % *
V = 70 MPH

* (TTST 2% + DUALS 4%)
FUNC CLASS = FREEWAY
REGIONAL TIER

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT R-3300B = 6.898 MILES
LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT R-3300B = 0.018 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT R-3300B = 6.916 MILES

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FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
304 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE: MARCH 16, 2018
LETTING DATE: JANUARY 18, 2022

MICHAEL D. LINDGREN, P.E.
PROJECT ENGINEER

TRACE HOWELL, P.E.
NCDOT DIVISION 3 CONTACT

HYDRAULICS ENGINEERS

Seals and signatures for John G. Datta, Steve Bender, and Mike Lindgren.

ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER



Project Details:

Work Begin: 03/2022

Est. Completion: 03/2027

Rev. Completion: 12/2027

Contractor: CONTI CIVIL

NCDOT Contact: Brad Haste

Contract: \$185,680,442

Project Comments:

R-3300B
HAMPSTEAD BYPASS

FROM SOUTH OF NC 210 TO
NORTH OF SR 1563 (SLOOP
POINT ROAD)

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PROGRESS**

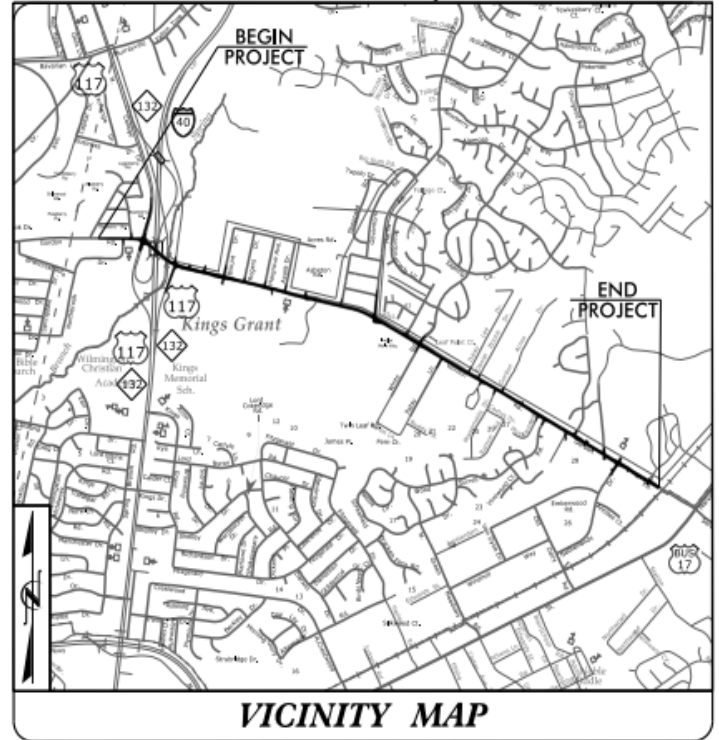
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TIP PROJECT: U-6202

CONTRACT: C204942

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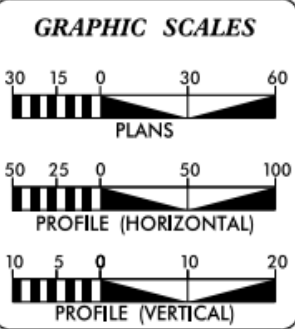
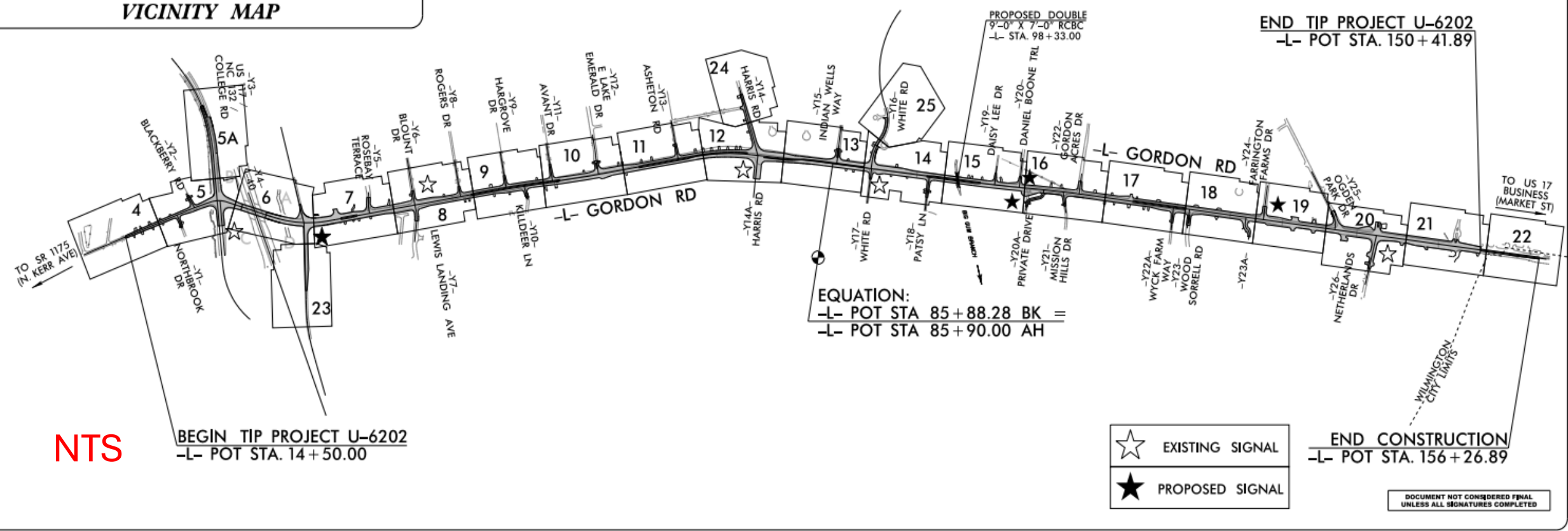
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

LOCATION: SR 2048 (GORDON ROAD) FROM
WEST OF INTERSTATE-40 TO
WEST OF US 17 BUS (MARKET STREET)

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, CULVERT, AND SIGNALS

STATE	STATE PROJECT NUMBER	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
N.C.	U-6202	1	
STATE PROGRAM	F.A. PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	
48662.1.1		PE	
48662.2.1		ROW	
48662.2.2		UTILITY	
48662.3.1		CONSTRUCTION	



DESIGN DATA

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ADT 2044 =	35,300
K =	8 %
D =	55 %
T =	4 % *
V =	50 MPH
* TTST = 1% DUAL 3%	
FUNC CLASS = URBAN ARTERIAL	
REGIONAL TIER	

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH OF ROADWAY T.I.P. PROJECT U-6202 =	2.574 MILES
TOTAL LENGTH OF T.I.P. PROJECT U-6202 =	2.574 MILES
LENGTH BASED ON -L- CENTERLINE	

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FOR NCDOT DIVISION 3

2024 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
JUNE 17, 2022

LETTING DATE:
NOVEMBER 19, 2024

HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

8/23/2024
SIGNATURE: [Signature]
ROADWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

8/23/2024
SIGNATURE: [Signature]
P.E.



Project Details:

Work Begin: 03/2025

Est. Completion: 12/2029

Contractor: ST WOOTEN

NCDOT Contact: Josh Pratt

Contract: \$50,843,005

Project Comments:

U-6202
GORDON ROAD WIDENING

SR 2048 (GORDON ROAD) FROM US 17 (MARKET STREET) TO I-40. WIDEN ROADWAY.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

22%

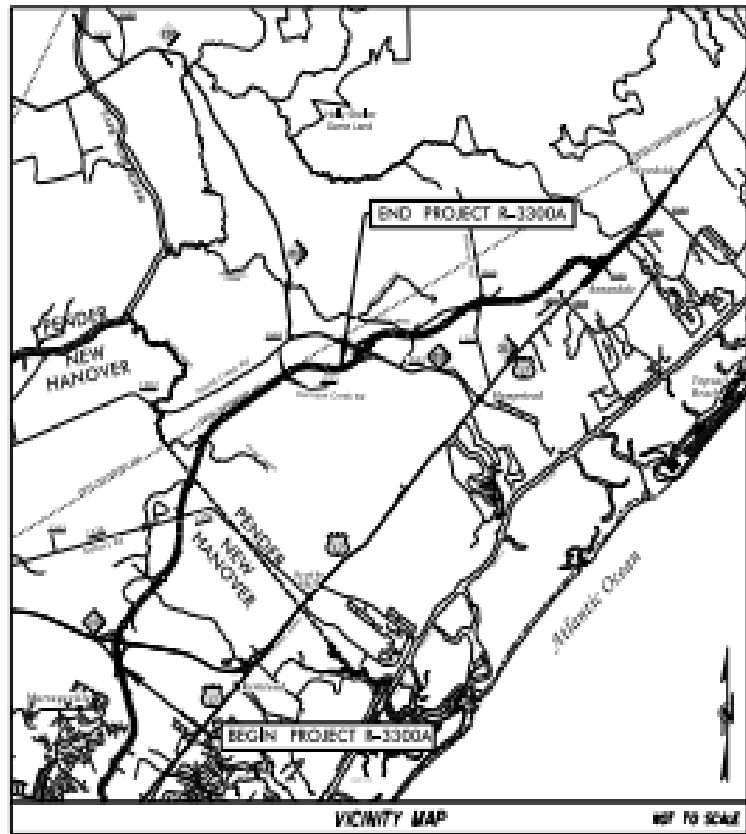
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TIP PROJECT: R-3300A

CONTRACT: C205072

See Sheet 1A For Index of Sheets See Sheet 1B for Conventional Symbols



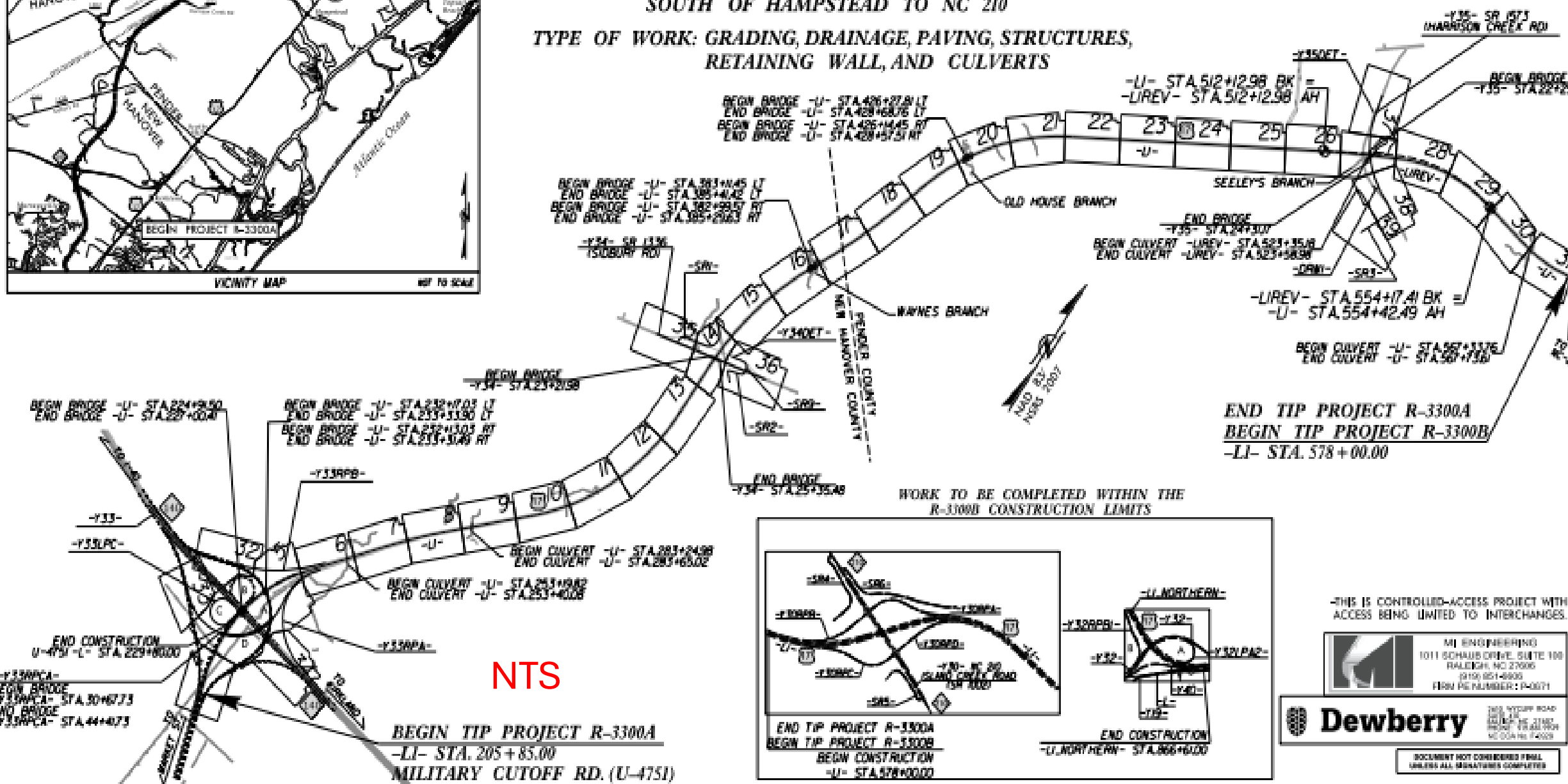
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NEW HANOVER & PENDER COUNTIES

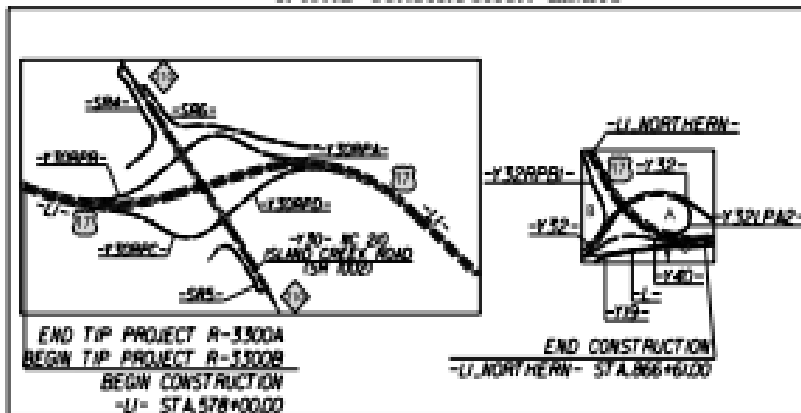
LOCATION: US 17 HAMPSTEAD BYPASS FROM US 17 BYPASS
SOUTH OF HAMPSTEAD TO NC 210

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, STRUCTURES,
RETAINING WALL, AND CULVERTS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY	CHK
N.C.	R-3300A	1	
40237.1.3	N/A	PE	
40237.2.4	N/A	BW	
40237.2.6	N/A	UTILITIES	
40237.3.3	N/A	CONST	



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THIS IS CONTROLLED-ACCESS PROJECT WITH ACCESS BEING LIMITED TO INTERCHANGES.

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Project Details:

Work Begin: 07/2025
Est. Completion: 10/2029
Rev. Completion: 03/2030
Contractor: S.T. Wooten
NCDOT Contact: Brad Haste
Contract: \$182,389,503

Project Comments:

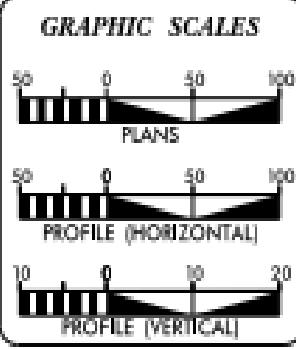
R-3300A
(HAMPSTEAD BYPASS)

MORE BUILD-UP

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

12%

04/2026



DESIGN DATA

ADT 2016	=	N/A
ADT 2040	=	54,800
K	=	8 %
D	=	60 %
T	=	6 % *
V	=	70 MPH
*(TTST 2% + DUALS 4%)		
FUNC CLASS	=	FREWAY
REGIONAL TIER	=	

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT R-3300A	=	6.869 MILES
LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT R-3300A	=	0.175 MILES
[NORTHBOUND LANES STATIONS USED]		
TOTAL LENGTH TIP PROJECT R-3300A	=	7.044 MILES

FORWARDED BY THE OFFICE OF
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FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BY STANDARD SIGNATURES

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
APRIL 1, 2019

LETTING DATE:
JULY 15, 2025

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HYDRAULICS ENGINEERS

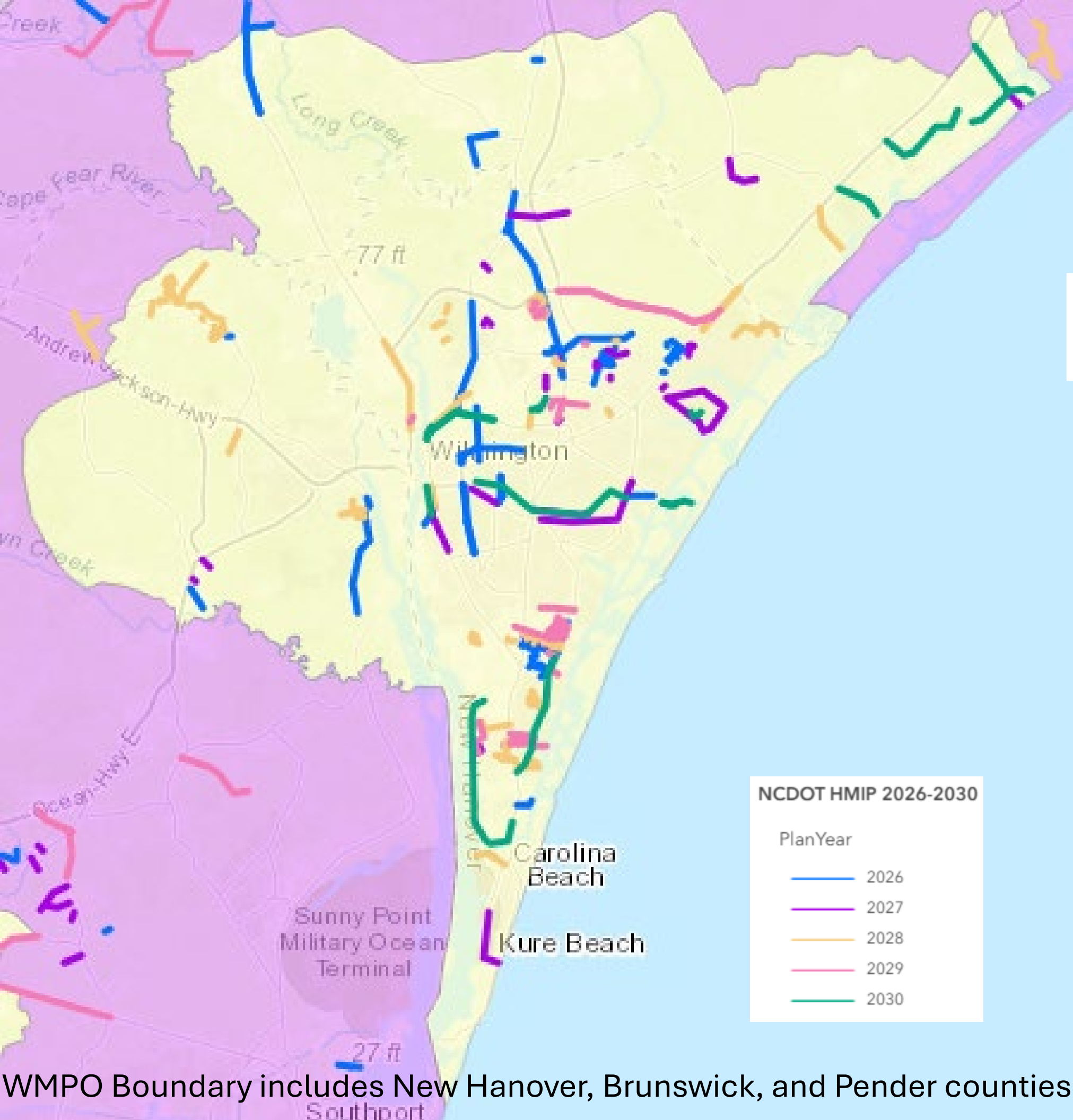
ROADWAY DESIGN
ENGINEER



WMPO APRIL RESURFACING/PRESERVATION PROJECTS					
Contract Number	Contract Year	County	Routes	*Estimated Completion (year.month.date)	Percent Complete
C204833	2023	NEW HANOVER, PENDER	I-40 RESURFACING FROM MM-420 TO MM-408 AT NC-210 (I-6039)	2025.11.23	99.00%
C204964	2024	BRUNSWICK	1 SECTION OF NC-87, AND 8 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS.	2026.05.06	89.07%
DC00457	2024	NEW HANOVER	VARIOUS ROUTES IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY	2025.11.21	83.42%
DC00467	2024	BRUNSWICK	VARIOUS ROUTES IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY	2026.06.26	77.11%
DC00473	2025	NEW HANOVER	VARIOUS ROUTES IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY	2026.05.16	50.82%
C204866	2023	BRUNSWICK	I-140 RESURFACING FROM US-17 TO NORTH OF US-74 (I-6036)	2026.04.22	36.01%
DC00464	2024	NEW HANOVER, PENDER	NC 210 AND 5 SECONDARY ROUTES	2026.05.29	27.13%
C205101	2025	PENDER	A SECTION OF US-421, AND 2 SECTIONS OF SECONDARY ROADS	2026.12.15	25.26%

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NCDOT HMIP 2026-2030

- PlanYear
- 2026
 - 2027
 - 2028
 - 2029
 - 2030

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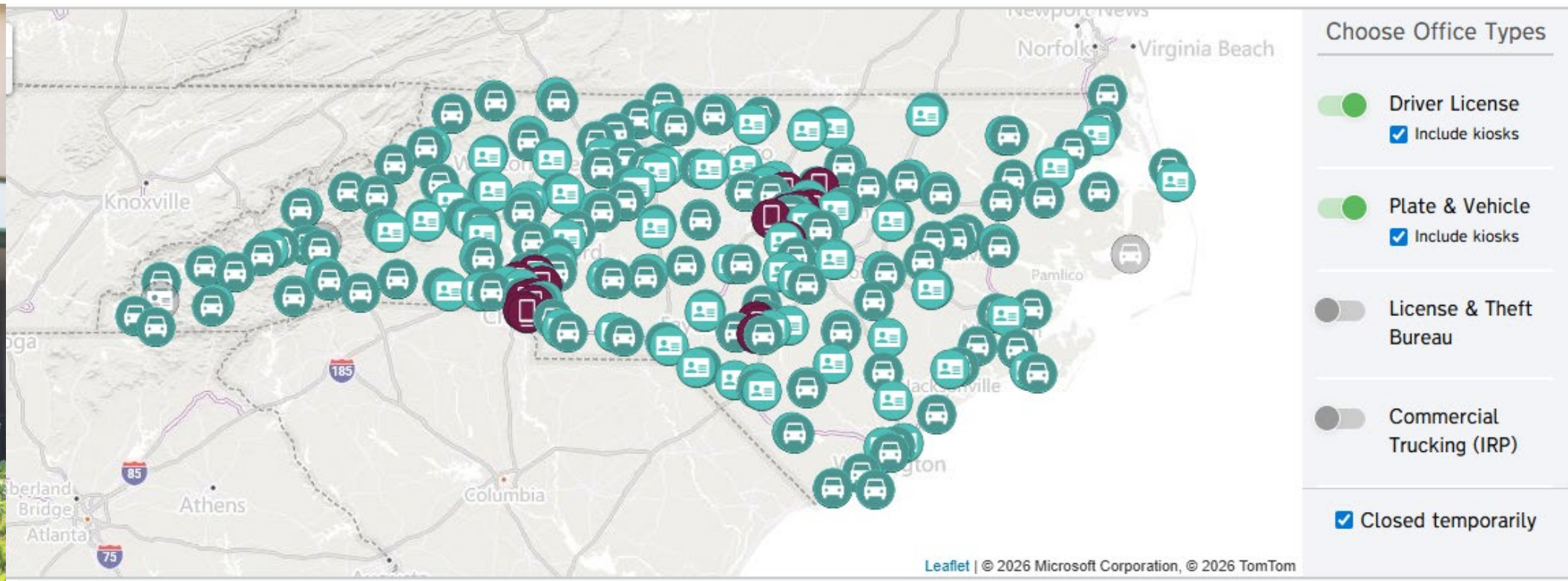
NCDOT 2023-2027 HMIP (Highway Maintenance Improvement Program) as approved by the

SCAN QR CODE FOR LINK



NOTE: Projects details are subject to change

APRIL NCDOT Resource Feature



The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles offers appointments at driver license offices. Appointments can be made up to seven days in advance, with new ones released each weekday, unless the seventh day falls on a state holiday. Appointments are not available at license plate agencies. Driver license offices also accept walk-ins all day, from open to close (or until the location reaches capacity). You do not need to wait until noon to be seen.

Most driver license offices are generally open from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Office hours and available services may vary by location. To confirm whether a specific office is open today, view current hours, and see services offered, use the **DMV Office Locator** below.

Please note: Road tests are not available after 4 p.m.

<p>Leland Driver License Office</p> <p>Driver License</p> <p>Located in Leland. This office is currently <i>Open until 5:00 PM.</i></p> <p><i>This office accepts both customers with appointments and walk-in customers. This office does not conduct CDL or motorcycle skills testing. Online services are also available at NCDMV.gov.</i></p> <p>✓ Accepting walk-ins & appointments</p> <p>Estimated Wait 20-40 minutes</p> <p>Show on Map</p>	<p>License Plate Agency at the Market Plaza Shopping Center</p> <p>Plate & Vehicle Registration</p> <p>Located in Wilmington. This office is currently <i>Open until 5:00 PM.</i></p> <p>Show on Map</p>	<p>South Square Plaza Driver License Office</p> <p>Driver License</p> <p>Located in WILMINGTON. This office is currently <i>Open until 5:00 PM.</i></p> <p>⚠️ Busy – longer waits expected</p> <p>Estimated Wait 125-145 minutes</p> <p>Show on Map</p>	<p>License Plate Agency at South Square Plaza</p> <p>Plate & Vehicle Registration Commercial Trucking (IRP)</p> <p>Located in Wilmington. This office is currently <i>Open until 5:00 PM.</i></p> <p><i>This office provides instant title service.</i></p> <p>Show on Map</p>
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April 2026

Nazia Sarder
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NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
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APRIL TPD UPDATES WILMINGTON MPO

APRIL 2026

PENDER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP): The Pender County CTP is under study. The TPD engineers are working on putting the report and maps together for internal and steering committee review before starting to set up public involvement sessions.

WILMINGTON TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL (TDM): the Wilmington TDM was adopted at the end of October along with Wilmington MPO's MTP ([Cape Fear Navigating Change 2050](#)).

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION: [The statewide functional classification](#) requests have been approved by FHWA as of December of 2025. The approval letters and final datasets were sent to the MPOs and RPOs by NCDOT TPD on behalf of FHWA.

NEVI: North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has been certified by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as having its alternative fuel corridors (AFCs) "fully built out" under the [revised NEVI Guidance](#) issued in October of 2025. The revised guidance allows existing [NEVI-compliant stations](#) to count toward certification of FBO.

Despite the certification, NCDOT is proposing to fund the buildout of *additional* stations along these corridors to provide a more robust EV charging network. NCDOT will be releasing NEVI Round 2 Request for Proposals (RFP) in the first quarter of 2026.

To support planning for Round 2 RFP of NEVI Program funding, NCDOT has released an **updated GIS-based map** showing the proposed locations for 16 new charging stations at [NCDOT: National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) Program](#)
Information about the map.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: CLEAN WATER ACT-SECTION 319(H)

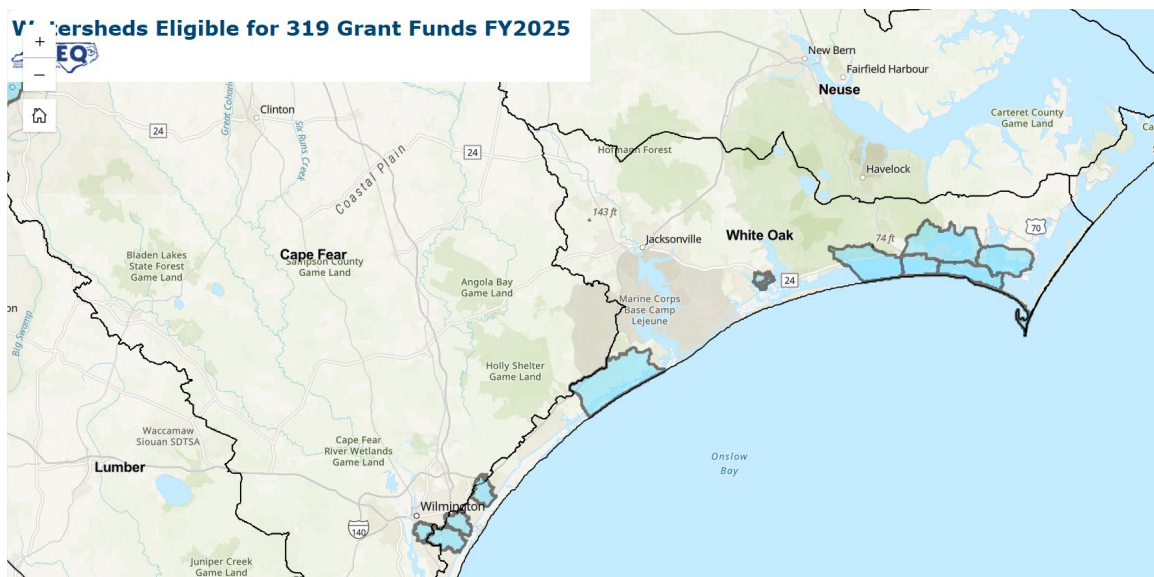
NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT FUNDING FOR FY 2026: Fiscal Year 2026 319(h) Grant RFP - the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Division of Water Resources (DWR) is soliciting proposals for Fiscal Year 2026 Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Funding. Eligible projects must implement a DWR-approved watershed restoration plan to improve waters impaired by nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. Funding is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act.

[Eligible applicants](#) include state and local governments, interstate agencies, public and private nonprofit organizations (including academic institutions), and Tribal entities with a current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-approved Tribal NPS management program plan.

Applications are now open and must be submitted by midnight on May 29, 2026.

Grant awards and funding amounts are contingent upon the availability of funds. DWR reserves the right to fully fund, partially fund, or decline to fund any proposal or any component of a Section 319 grant proposal.

Eligible areas within the basin are in blue (there are basins within Wilmington MPO):



Click on links below to learn more:

- NCDOT home page—ncdot.gov
- Real-Time Traffic—DriveNC.gov | [North Carolina Traffic & Travel Information](#)
- Report a pothole—[NCDOT Contact Us Form](#)
- NCDOT: State Transportation Improvement Program— ncdot.gov/sti
- Interactive Bicycle Routes Map—<https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/ncbikeways/default.aspx>
- Links to all traffic count data information—[Traffic Survey Group \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
- NCDOT Interactive Traffic Volume Map—[Interactive Traffic Volume map \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
- Traffic Safety Data & Engineering—[NCDOT: Traffic Safety Data & Engineering](#)
- NCDOT Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTPs) – [Connect NCDOT - CTPs](#)

NCDOT Statewide Plans:

To learn more, click on the following links:

- [NC Moves 2050 Plan](#) (or go to ncdot.gov/ncmoves)
- [NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: Strategic Transportation Corridors)
- [NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan \(25-Year Vision\)](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: rail plan)
- [NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan \(2015-2040\)](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: public transportation plan)
- [IMD Great Trails State Plan](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: Great Trails)
- [Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities](#) (Public Transportation strategic Plan—2018) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: public transportation plan)
- [NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report \(2021\)](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: resilience strategy report)
- [Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan \(2013\)](#) (or go to ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc)