



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Amended)

November 13, 2025

Jacksonville Station, Onslow Room

1300 N Marine Blvd

Jacksonville, NC 28540

Present, In Person: Mr. Carter Metcalf, Mr. Wally Hansen, Mr. Ryan King, Mr. Danny Ferucci, Ms. Adrienne Cox, Mr. Tim McCurry, Ms. Amy Procopio, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Stephen Adams, Mr. Chris Coursey

Present, Remote: Ms. Kim Nguyen, Mr. Gregg Whitehead, Ms. Sofia Schwartz, Mr. Brady Golden, Mr. Wongoo Lee

I. Call to Order

Chairman Metcalf called the TCC meeting to order at 10:37 am.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Metcalf welcomed members to the TCC meeting and acknowledged all who were attending in-person. He then asked for those who were joined virtually to introduce themselves.

III. Public Comment

No requests were received, and no one was present for public comment.

Action Items

IV. July 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Chairman Metcalf requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Whitehead made the motion, and Mr. Hansen seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. 2024-2033 MTIP Amendment 11 & 2026-2035 MITP Amendment 2

Mr. Adams informed members the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has granted the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) permission to adopt amendments to both the 2024–2033 and 2026–2035 State Transportation Improvement Programs (STIPs) until formal federal approval of the 2026–2035 STIP, anticipated at the end of 2025. He noted that additional language has been incorporated into the amendment resolutions to acknowledge the applicability of these actions to both the current and forthcoming STIPs.

Mr. Adams then provided a summary of the proposed amendments, which reflect the project modifications outlined in NCDOT’s November Item N report. The amendments include updates to

project funding allocations for two statewide projects (BO-2426 and M-0417) and one project within the Jacksonville Urban Area (HS-2403B). He explained that Project HS-2403B involves the installation of centerline and edge rumble stripes at various locations along NC-53 and proposed to be modified to include US-701 within the project limits.

Chairman Metcalf asked if there were any questions regarding the amendments; none were received. He then requested a motion to recommend TAC adoption of the amendments. Mr. Hansen made the motion, and Mr. King seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. P8 Local Input Point Methodology Draft

Mr. Adams explained that the local input methodology outlines the process by which the JUMPO will assign points to Regional Impact and Division Needs projects for P8 after state scores are released. He noted that these locally assigned points will help position project priorities within the MPO area. Mr. Adams stated that due to the reduction in project submittals for this prioritization cycle, there was no advantage at this time to modifying the previously used methodology, and the existing core methodology will remain in place. He further noted that even though MPOs are required to have a quantitative methodology for point assignment, MPO boards retain the ultimate authority to deciding which projects receive local input points.

He added that primary updates to the draft methodology include revisions to the P8 schedule dates, the new STIP number currently under approval, and general improvements to the methodology's readability. The P8 Subcommittee is scheduled to meet in June to develop point recommendations, which will be presented to the TCC for consideration in July and the TAC in August 2026.

Chairman Metcalf asked if there were any questions regarding the draft methodology; none were received. He then requested a motion to recommend TAC adoption of the draft. Mr. Hansen made the motion, and Mr. Ferucci seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. 2026 NCDOT Safety Performance Targets

Ms. Kutz opened by explaining that federal law requires the JUMPO to adopt safety performance targets annually. Due to limited resources, JUMPO has historically elected to adopt NCDOT's statewide safety targets. She noted that the most recent Strategic Highway Safety Plan (2024) established a goal in reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries by 50% by 2035, with a long-term objective of reaching zero by 2050. Based on FHWA's review, North Carolina has not met or made significant progress toward achieving its safety targets.

Ms. Kutz stated that JUMPO's safety target performance numbers showed significant progress with respect to the State's targets for serious injuries and injury rate, however, the MPO did not meet targets related to the number of fatalities and non-motorized fatalities or serious injuries. She emphasized that JUMPO has been actively working to improve pedestrian facilities and safety on area roads and identify the most dangerous roadway conditions and that JUMPO will continue to prioritize these efforts wherever possible. She then concluded that the proposed safety targets for 2026 will follow and align with those established by NCDOT.

Chairman Metcalf asked if there were any questions regarding the new safety targets; none were received. He then requested a motion to recommend TAC approval of the targets. Mr. Ferucci made the motion, and Mr. King seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

VIII. Onslow County Orphan Road Program Update

Chairman Metcalf provided an overview of Onslow County's Orphan Road Program, noting that the County has allocated \$2 million to improve public roads within Onslow County that were never accepted into the state-maintained system. He explained that many roads are not recognized as public roads. The County is currently working with seven neighborhoods to submit petitions requesting road improvements, with the first petition received from the Greystone subdivision. Under the program, participating neighborhoods will agree to repay the County for the cost of improvements over a ten-year, interest-free period. Onslow County is the third county in all of North Carolina to adopt a program addressing orphan roads for its jurisdiction. Chairman Metcalf noted that Wake and Durham counties have similar programs, initially funded for ten years, which transitioned into rolling funds after its popularity and success grew.

Chairman Metcalf further discussed the challenges associated with improving these orphaned roads, noting that NCDOT requires roads to meet acceptable standards before assuming ownership. He added that JUMPO staff had provided estimated costs for similar projects to help better gauge the potential expenses associated with the improvements. In the Greystone neighborhood for example, a phased approach may be necessary due to high cost of construction and funding limitations. After further meetings with NCDOT, JUMPO, and stakeholders, initial improvements are planned to focus on repaving Greystone Avenue, with additional streets addressed as funding becomes available. NCDOT has indicated that main roads that connect to state roads must be prioritized before secondary streets.

Members raised concerns regarding hydrology and stormwater management, noting that these factors will significantly influence overall project costs and design considerations. Mr. King stated that Hawes Run was not currently on the program list; however, Chairman Metcalf noted that residents would need to organize and submit signed petitions if they were interested in having the subdivision added to the program for review. Updates to the program will be provided to the TCC as the process moves forward.

Reports/Comments

IX. Report from MPO Secretary

Ms. Kutz reported on several ongoing projects. Paving on East Thompson Street has been scheduled for next week and push button signals will be installed later to complete the project. At the intersection of Western Boulevard and Circuit Lane, a joint project with the Division remains in progress. Five Vulnerable User projects have been confirmed as funded, including intersections at Western & Memorial, Western & Commerce, Western & Liberty, US 258 & Hickory, and Bayshore Drive & Johnson Boulevard. Staff submitted several projects for NCDOT's TAP Funding Call, which closes on November 14th. Staff also coordinated with the towns of Richlands and Swansboro, providing cost estimates for their submissions based on recent similarly scoped pedestrian improvement projects.

Mr. Adams reported that the Gum Branch Road Sidewalks project is finalizing its 60% design plans, with stakeholder utility meetings completed and no issues identified. He also noted that JUMPO staff were invited to give a presentation at the Sneads Ferry Rotary Club, which he enjoyed as an opportunity to share information about JUMPO with local residents. Mr. Adams encouraged attendees to participate in future TCC and TAC meetings.

X. Report from NCDOT Division 3

Ms. Cox began by noting that NCDOT hosted a public hearing for Project U-5791A on October 28. Several members of the public were in attendance, most of whom raised questions and concerns related to residents of the Commons and those living along Drummer Kellum Road. These concerns centered on environmental impacts, the encroachment of a major roadway onto private properties, and right-of-way issues. Additionally, NCDOT will be releasing responses to public comments submitted via email and phone.

Ms. Cox presented slides of projects currently in development and under construction, explaining that some projects show a status of not being started, this status reflects the beginning of construction activity, and work is underway. She also addressed bicyclists' concerns regarding the installation of sinusoidal stripes, noting that stripes impact their means of travel, causing disruptions to bicyclists' travel patterns and raising safety concerns.

Lastly, Ms. Cox provided an overview of ongoing maintenance and resurfacing projects and directed members to visit the NCGOING Portal web page, which features an interactive map displaying the current active projects throughout the JUMPO planning area.

XI. Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Mr. Lee shared several updates from the TPD, highlighting improvements to the public input survey with new bilingual options and ADA-friendly features. He noted the completion of the 2025 functional classifications review and the approval of the Jacksonville MPO update. Looking ahead, TPD will be initiating the next minor update cycle in 2026. Additionally, he announced the release of Q4 2025 GIS data, which will aid in transportation planning and analysis.

Mr. Lee announced that this would be his last JUMPO TCC meeting and he will be transitioning to support the Piedmont and Sandhill planning area. He thanked the committee for the opportunity to work with JUMPO and encouraged members to visit the TPD webpage for updated information.

Chairman Metcalf thanked Mr. Lee for his support of JUMPO initiatives and, on behalf of the TCC, wished him well in his new role.

XII. Report from FHWA Field Officer

FHWA did not attend the meeting, therefore, no report was given.

XIII. Questions, Closing Comments

Chairman Metcalf asked if there were any additional comments not addressed during the meeting. Mr. Whitehead announced that after 27 years as Town Administrator for Richlands that he will be

retiring in December. He thanked everyone for their work together and cooperation over the years.

Chairman Metcalf thanked all attendees for their participation, both in person and virtually, and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. King made the motion, and Mr. Hansen seconded it. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

The next TCC meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2026.