



JACKSONVILLE URBAN AREA
JUMPO
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2026

**Jacksonville Station, Onslow Room
1300 N Marine Blvd
Jacksonville, NC 28540**

Present, Mr. Wally Hansen, Mr. Ryan King, Mr. Joseph Bauer, Mr. Tim McCurry, Ms. Adrienne
In Person: Cox, Mr. Eric Ritzel, Ms. Kirsten Spirakis, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Stephen Adams,
Mr. Chris Coursey, Mr. Shawn Hayes, Mr. Micajah Anderson, Mr. Campbell Fister

Present, Mr. Larry Faison, Mr. Mitch Sprunger, Mr. Maksym Bezruchko, Ms. Sonia Johnson,
Remote: Mr. Anthony Prinz,

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Hansen called the TCC meeting to order at 10:34 am at Jacksonville Station.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chairman Hansen welcomed members and invited attendees. Members present introduced themselves, followed by those attending virtually.

III. Public Comment

No requests were received, and no members of the public were present for comment.

Action Items

IV. Approval of May 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chairman Hansen called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. King made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bauer. The motion carried and was approved unanimously.

V. Draft 2026-2035 MTIP Amendment #5

Ms. Kutz presented Draft 2026–2035 MTIP Amendment #5, which included updates to several safety projects. The amendments include upgrading a traffic signal and installing pedestrian improvements along NC 24 and Main Street in Swansboro as part of Project HS-2603P. Additionally, Projects HS-2403AJ and HS-2403AK, which include the installation of rumble strips and pavement markings along NC 172, NC 24, US 17, NC 53, and various other routes in Onslow County, have been delayed to allow additional time for project delivery and to incorporate a project break.

Ms. Cox clarified that the project break terminology is a funding designation used to separate individual projects within the HS-2603 funding pool and doesn't represent a change to the overall project scope.

Vice-Chairman Hansen called for questions. Hearing none, he requested a motion to recommend approval to the TAC. Mr. King made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bauer. The motion carried and was approved unanimously.

VI. P8 Regional Impact LIP Assignment

Mr. Adams presented the proposed Regional Impact Local Input Point (LIP) assignments for the prioritization cycle. The MPO has 1,400 LIP points available to allocate among Regional Impact Highway and Aviation projects. The Subcommittee met earlier that day to review the project scores and recommended assigning the maximum 100 points to each of the top 11 Highway projects. The projects were evaluated based on their Regional Impact scores and relative importance within the MPO's transportation network. The 11 recommended projects included H140365 (U-5733) NC 111 Catherine Lake Road Extension to Gum Branch Road and H184405, US 17/McDaniel Drive intersection improvement which received the highest Regional Impact score among the MPO's projects. The MPO's Transportation Project Importance Survey received 41 responses.

Members also discussed H230404 – Widening NC 50 in Holly Ridge, which had a comparatively lower Regional Impact score and a substantial project cost. Ms. Kutz added that given the limited number of available LIP points, the Subcommittee determined that the remaining 100 points could provide greater benefit if assigned to a higher-scoring Aviation project. The Subcommittee also recommended requesting that NCDOT Division 3 consider assigning 100 points to H140365 (U-5733) in addition to the MPO's allocation.

For the Aviation Regional Impact projects, Mr. Adams reviewed the project scores and discussed the airport's priorities with Mr. Sprunger. Mr. Adams noted that several aviation projects received neutral public feedback, likely due to the specialized nature of aviation projects and the general public's familiarity with highway projects. Mr. Sprunger identified A171138 – New Entrance Roadway and A171141 – New Roadway to divert traffic from the main terminal as the airport's primary priorities, consistent with the projects receiving 100 points during the P7 prioritization cycle. He identified A171145 – General Aviation Apron Southern Expansion as the next priority. Based on the project scores and airport input, the Subcommittee recommended assigning 100 points each to A171138, A171141, and A171145. Ms. Kutz explained that the recommendation would use the remaining 100 points for A171145 rather than the lower-scoring NC 50 widening project. Mr. Sprunger confirmed that the recommendation was consistent with the airport's priorities.

Mr. Adams noted the Subcommittee's proposed point assignments balance project scoring with local and agency priorities, directing the MPO's limited LIP allocation toward projects with stronger Regional Impact scores and identified transportation priorities. He then requested that the TCC recommend approval the Subcommittee's proposed LIP assignments to the TAC.

Vice-Chairman Hansen called for questions. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the Subcommittee's proposed LIP assignments and forward the recommendation to the TAC. Mr. King

made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bauer. The motion carried and was approved unanimously.

Reports/Comments

VII. Report from the MPO Secretary

Ms. Kutz reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was recently kicked off with Kimley-Horn serving as the consultant. Staff will coordinate with the individual municipalities and establish a stakeholder group as the plan progresses.

Ms. Kutz also reported that the next Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application window is scheduled for July 13 through August 28, 2026. JUMPO is planning to submit a project in North Topsail Beach addressing pedestrian crossings. She also noted that Projects U-5728, Marine Boulevard/Bell Fork Road/Gum Branch Road and U-5950, Marine Boulevard/Henderson Drive improvements are scheduled to be let during the current fiscal year, resulting in several construction projects along the Marine Boulevard corridor.

Staff provided an update on the Gum Branch Road project. The project is currently awaiting completion of the categorical exclusion documentation. The project scope has been expanded to incorporate the Nottingham Road signal to Plaza Drive highway safety project. Once the environmental documentation is finalized, the project is expected to proceed toward construction bidding.

Vice-Chairman Hansen asked about the level of detail anticipated in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, including whether it would identify smaller neighborhood sidewalk improvements and connections in addition to larger bicycle and pedestrian routes. Staff explained that the plan is intended to identify improvements throughout the entire MPO planning area, including smaller projects that could potentially be advanced through Vulnerable User or other funding opportunities. The plan is also intended to provide a framework that individual municipalities can use to identify and prioritize bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Members discussed the challenges of maintaining bicycle and pedestrian facilities located outside municipal limits, particularly in areas where facilities are being used but no established maintenance program exists. Staff noted that the plan will explore potential strategies for addressing maintenance responsibilities and expanding pedestrian networks beyond municipal boundaries.

Mr. Prinz noted that the Town of Holly Ridge is considering construction of a multi-use path along NC 50 that would extend both within and outside the Town's corporate limits. Holly Ridge would be willing to maintain the portion within its limits, while Onslow County would need to consider accepting maintenance responsibility for the portion outside the Town limits. Members agreed that the outcome of this discussion could help inform future policies regarding maintenance responsibilities for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Mr. Faison asked whether the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan would involve the MPO's other municipalities or focus primarily on Jacksonville. Staff confirmed that the municipalities will be included through a stakeholder group and individual meetings. Staff anticipates holding

approximately three to four stakeholder meetings scheduled throughout the development of the plan, along with public outreach opportunities and participation at events throughout the MPO planning area.

VIII. Report from NCDOT Division 3

Ms. Cox provided an update on NCDOT Division 3 projects. Projects in development include intersection improvements at Marine Boulevard/Henderson Drive and US 17 Business/Bell Fork Road, both anticipated to be let in August or September, as well as a bridge replacement over Jenkins Swamp on Brock Road, anticipated to be let in December. Current construction projects include intersection improvements at Old Folkstone Road/US 17 (37% complete) and Western Boulevard/Jacksonville Parkway (approximately 19–20% complete), representing more than \$10 million in active construction projects.

Ms. Cox also reported that approximately \$13 million in maintenance and resurfacing projects are currently underway through Division 3's open-ended contracts. She highlighted NCDOT's Prioritization Map, which allows the public to review projects and provide comments and priority feedback as part of the P8 prioritization process. The public input will help inform Division 3's Regional Impact LIP allocations, along with input from the MPOs and other planning organizations within the division. Division 3 expects to finalize its point allocation discussions in August and submit its Regional Impact points by the end of August. Ms. Cox concluded by encouraging members to reach out if they have any questions or need to follow up on Division 3 projects.

IX. Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Mr. Bezruchko reported that there was no current updates to provide and directed members to the newsletter for additional links and online resources for more information and updates.

X. Report from NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division

Mr. Pfister introduced himself as the new Coastal Plains Regional Planner with NCDOT's Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) and provided updates on several statewide initiatives. The Safe Routes to School Strategic Plan recently kicked off and will evaluate the current program, review peer-state practices, engage stakeholders, and develop implementation recommendations and performance measures. The Statewide Active Transportation Plan has also begun, with the consultant currently finalizing the scope. Additional information on the public and stakeholder engagement process will be provided as the plan progresses.

Mr. Pfister provided a general update on IMD grant activities, including a special concept grant opportunity that resulted in the selection of 13 projects statewide. The projects are intended to support regional connections between transit agencies.

XI. Report from FHWA Field Officer

No report was provided.

XII. Questions, Closing Comments

Vice-Chairman Hansen thanked all attendees for their engagement and called for questions or comments.

Mr. Faison reported that the North Topsail Beach Board of Aldermen is finalizing the selection of a permanent manager, who is expected to be in place by the next meeting. He noted that this would likely be his final TCC meeting and offered to facilitate an introduction between the incoming manager and JUMPO planning staff.

Hearing no further comments, Vice-Chairman Hansen requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. King made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bauer. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:16am.

The next TCC meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2026.