



**Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization
September 18, 2024, 10:00 AM
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88069593341?pwd=wqBteap2sVTb6AJK49EvH27mG7NIQ9.1>

1. Call to Order

2. Ethics Reminder

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Governing Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Governing Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

3. Public Comments

4. Adjustments / Approval of the Agenda

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes from August 21, 2024

6. Report from TCC

7. Regular Business

A. NCDOT Traffic Demand Model Presentation

B. Approve Prioritization 7.0 Division points.

8. Division 8 Update

A. September 2024 Update

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting Date

A. October 23, 2024

11. Motion to Adjourn



Minutes from August 21, 2024
ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO);
DATE OF MEMO: 09/12/2024
MEMO DETAILS

ATTACHMENTS

1. 08.21.2024 SMPO Draft Minutes



**Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO)
 Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2024
 Assembly Hall
 395 Magnolia Road
 Pinehurst, North Carolina
 10:00 a.m.**

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| <p>Village of Pinehurst: Voting Member: Patrick Pizzella *</p> <p>Town of Southern Pines: Voting Member: Taylor Clement, Chair</p> <p>Town of Aberdeen: Voting Member: Robert Farrell</p> <p>Village of Whispering Pines: Voting Member: Pamela Harris</p> | <p>Town of Taylortown: Voting Member: Sidney Gaddy *</p> <p>Town of Pinebluff: Voting Member: Ronald McDonald, Vice Chair</p> <p>Moore County Voting Member: Frank Quis</p> <p>NCDOT Board Member At-Large: Pat Molamphy</p> |
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* = Absent

Mr. John Taylor, Village of Pinehurst Voting Alternate; Ms. Karyl Fuller, Principal Planner / RPO Director for the Central Pines Regional Council; and Ms. Liamcy Hogan-Rivera, NCDOT Transportation Engineer II were in attendance via Zoom.

Approximately 6 audience members in attendance, including 1 press.

- I. Call to Order.**
 Chair Clement welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- II. Ethics Reminder.**
 Chair Clement verified the Board Members present had reviewed the Ethics Statement and did not have any conflicts.
- III. Public Comments.**
 None.
- IV. Adjustments / Approval of the Agenda.**
 Upon a motion by Board Member Harris, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, the Governing Board unanimously approved the August 21, 2024, Regular Meeting agenda by a vote of 6-0.
- V. Approval of Minutes.**
 - a. Approval of SMPO Meeting Minutes**
 - June 19, 2024, Regular Meeting

Upon a motion by Board Member Farrell, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, the Governing Board unanimously approved the past meeting minutes as listed by a vote of 6-0.
- VI. Report from the TCC**
 - a. Report from TCC Chair.**

Mr. Paul Sabiston, TCC Chair and Town Manager for the Town of Aberdeen, provided an update on the August 03, 2024, TCC Regular Meeting, highlighting the Committees discussion of the projects and timelines for the remainder of 2024, the ranking of committed projects, and the Safe Streets Grant.

VII. General Business

a. Projects and Timeline through the end of the Calendar Year

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed a memo outlining a timeline for SMPO projects for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year and noted important deadlines the SMPO must meet.

b. Review and Recommend Approval of the draft RFQ for MTP Consultant

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation detailing the upcoming tasks and process for the Request for Qualifications for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Consultant.

Upon a motion by Board Member Farrell, seconded by Board Member Quis, the Governing Board unanimously approved the proposed Request for Qualifications for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Consultant by a vote of 6-0.

c. Ranking of Committed Projects

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed a memo containing a table of both region and division projects.

Upon a motion by Board Member Quis, seconded by Board Member Harris, the Governing Board unanimously approved the proposed ranking of committed projects by a vote of 6-0.

d. Safe Streets Grant Opportunity Discussion

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst; Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst; and Mr. Reagan Parsons, Town Manager for the Town of Southern Pines, discussed the potential need for additional funding from member municipalities to meet the required contribution amount for the Safe Streets Grant, the quickly approaching submission deadline of August 29, 2024, and the belief that applying as an MPO would make for a stronger application than applying as individual communities.

Ms. Karyl Fuller, Central Pines Regional Council, discussed the application deadline being feasible and funding match options for the member municipalities.

The Board deliberated on whether to apply for the Safe Streets Grant as an MPO for 2024.

Upon a motion by Board Member Molamphy, seconded by Board Member Quis, the Governing Board unanimously agreed to apply for the Safe Streets Grant as an MPO by August 29, 2024, and to have each Board Member discuss funding contributions with their respective municipality Governing Boards by a vote of 6-0.

VIII. Division 8 Update

a. Division 8 Update

Mr. Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Division 8 Engineer, reviewed a table detailing the active and upcoming projects for Division 8 and discussed the impact and timeline of various projects with the Board.

IX. Next Meeting Date
a. September 18, 2024

The Board received an update on the SMPO Director recruitment efforts from Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, and agreed to have Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, research hiring a part-time consultant or contractor to fill the role of SMPO Director and present his finding to the Technical Coordinating Committee at the September 04, 2024.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion by Board Member Molamphy, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, the Governing Board unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting by a vote of 6-0 at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Konstantinou
Village Clerk
Village of Pinehurst

The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions.
Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.
Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement.



**NCDOT Traffic Demand Model Presentation
ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:**

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO);
DATE OF MEMO: 09/12/2024

MEMO DETAILS

Mr. Amar Pillai, NCDOT Transportation Engineer III, will present an Introduction to Travel Demand Modeling PowerPoint.

ATTACHMENTS

None



**Approve Prioritization 7.0 Division points.
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MEMO DETAILS

As a reminder, in June we allocated our 400 points (from Central Pines RPO) for the Prioritization 7.0 Regional process as follows:

- 100 points each to projects M12, M13, and M16
- 25 points to project M10 (R5827)
- 75 points to project M24
- Any remaining points were to be returned to the Central Pines Regional Council RPO

We now need to prioritize our points at the division level, with a maximum of 100 points allowed per project. The projects are listed on the attached spreadsheet. Projects typically need a score of 25 or higher to be competitive.

The TCC unanimously approved recommending the Governing Board allocate the prioritization 7.0 division points as follows by a vote of 7-0:

- 100 points to H192131: NC 211
- 100 points to H171781: NC 211 (New Route)
- 100 points to H090669: US15, US 501
- 100 points to H171727: US 1

ATTACHMENTS

1. SMPO projects

| SPOT ID | Mode | TIP | Project Category | Route / Facility / Project Name | From / Cross Street / Location | To / Cross Street | Description | Specific Improvement Type | Cost to NCDOT | Statewide Mobility Quantitative Score (Out of 100) | Regional Impact Quantitative Score (Out of 70) | Division Needs Quantitative Score (Out of 50) | Funding Region(s) | Division(s) | MPO(s) / RPO(s) | County(ies) |
|---------|----------------------|---------|--------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|---|--|----------------|--|--|---|-------------------|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| A170962 | Aviation | | Division Needs | SOP - Moore County Airport: Runway Pavement Strengthening | Runway 5-23---- airport Ranked this # 1 | N/A | Strengthen runway pavement (Partner Connect Project 3229 | 0600 - Pavement Strength | \$ 12,110,000 | N/A | N/A | 35.53 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| A193023 | Aviation | | Division Needs | SOP - Moore County Airport: Taxiway Pavement Strengthening | parallel taxiway and stub taxiways ---- airport Ranked this # 2 | N/A | Rehabilitate and strengthen taxiways to support 100,000 lb DWG aircraft loads (Partner Connect ID 3396) | 0600 - Pavement Strength | \$ 5,565,000 | N/A | N/A | 35.66 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| B170789 | Bicycle & Pedestrian | EB-6005 | Division Needs | Aberdeen Downtown Pedestrian Improvements | Multiple | | Construct pedestrian improvements at five intersections and one mid-block location in downtown Aberdeen including stamped crosswalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps and necessary sidewalk improvements, including in-fill and necessary new sidewalk to connect to existing system and allow crosswalks to be constructed. At any signalized intersection, add or upgrade pedestrian signals. For the mid-block crossing, consider a flashing beacon. | 8 - Multi-Site Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian) | \$ 533,600 | N/A | N/A | 32.34 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| B171638 | Bicycle & Pedestrian | | Division Needs | SR 1843 (Airport Road) | NC 2 (Midland Road) | Existing Forest Creek Greenway | Construct greenway sidepath along road | 2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle) | \$ 3,081,000 | N/A | N/A | 18.71 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| B171644 | Bicycle & Pedestrian | | Division Needs | NC 2 (Midland Road) | SR 1843 (Airport Road) | SR 1847 (Dr Neal Road) | Construct greenway sidepath along road | 2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle) | \$ 2,518,000 | N/A | N/A | 17.98 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| B171838 | Bicycle & Pedestrian | | Division Needs | Pee Dee Road Greenway | Pine St | NC 22 (Central Dr) | Construct sidepath | 2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle) | \$ 3,873,400 | N/A | N/A | 21.57 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| B171839 | Bicycle & Pedestrian | | Division Needs | NC 22 (Central Drive) | SR 1848 (Pee Dee Road) | Reservoir Park/Mill Creek Greenway | Construct greenway sidepath along road | 2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle) | \$ 1,852,400 | N/A | N/A | 15.50 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| B171859 | Bicycle & Pedestrian | | Division Needs | SR 1326 (Mikes Place) | SR 1203 (Johnson Street) | SR 1311 (Magnolia Drive) | Construct sidewalk | 7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian) | \$ 188,200 | N/A | N/A | 29.94 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| H171727 | Highway | | Statewide Mobility | US 1 | NC 2 (Midland Road) | SR 1853 (Camp Easter Road) | Convert to superstreet intersections along corridor | 4 - Upgrade Arterial to Signalized RCI Corridor | \$ 29,200,000 | 56.23 | 36.24 | 25.37 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| H171781 | Highway | | Regional Impact | NC 211 (New Route) | SR 1112 (Roseland Road) | NC 211 (Raeford Road) | Construct two lane roadway on new location between SR 1112 and NC 211 in Aberdeen. Includes a new bridge over the railroad. | 5 - Construct Roadway on New Location | \$ 22,500,000 | N/A | 45.83 | 29.03 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| H185146 | Highway | | Regional Impact | US 15, US 501 | NC 73 | NC 24, NC 27 | Widen to multilanes | 1 - Widen Existing Roadway | \$ 166,440,000 | N/A | 38.37 | 28.79 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| H185147 | Highway | | Regional Impact | US 15, US 501 | NC 24, NC 27 in Carthage | US 1 near Tramway | Widen to multilanes | 1 - Widen Existing Roadway | \$ 265,504,000 | N/A | 37.73 | 28.01 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore, Lee |
| H192131 | Highway | | Regional Impact | NC 211 | Rattlesnake Road, Gun Club Drive | N/A | Improve intersection, add turn lanes. Both Rattlesnake Road and Gun Club Drive are municipal roadways that are not maintained by NCDOT. | 10 - Improve Intersection | \$ 6,899,000 | N/A | 44.79 | 33.58 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| H192608 | Highway | | Division Needs | SR 1209 (Murdockville Road) | NC 211 | NC 73 | 3-lane and Modernize SR 1209 (Murdockville Road). 3-lane from NC 211 to Centennial Blvd. Modernize from Centennial Blvd to NC 73. Include pedestrian accommodations between NC 211 and Centennial Boulevard. | 1 - Widen Existing Roadway | \$ 32,000,000 | N/A | N/A | 10.03 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| H231311 | Highway | | Regional Impact | NC 22 | SR 1838 (McCaskill Road) | N/A | Convert all-way stop intersection to roundabout | 10 - Improve Intersection | \$ 4,580,000 | N/A | 28.95 | 21.99 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| H231320 | Highway | | Regional Impact | NC 2 (Midland Road) | SR 1843 (Airport Road) | N/A | Convert conventional intersection to roundabout | 10 - Improve Intersection | \$ 7,732,000 | N/A | 21.19 | 15.44 | E | 08 | Triangle Area RPO | Moore |
| R231329 | Rail | | Regional Impact | NCRR/CSX S Line, NCRR/NS NC Line, & CSX S Line (Raleigh to Hamlet Passenger Service) | Raleigh to Hamlet | N/A | Upgrade rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Raleigh to Hamlet on the NCRR NC Line and CSX S Line. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day. | 5 - Passenger rail service (line) | \$ 516,151,000 | N/A | 17.18 | 14.89 | C, E | 08, 05 | Triangle Area RPO, Lumber River RPO, Capital Area MPO | Moore, Richmond, Lee, Wake, Chatham |



September 2024 Update
ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO);
DATE OF MEMO: 09/12/2024
MEMO DETAILS

ATTACHMENTS

1. Division 8 Project List Sandhills MPO September 2024.xlsb (1)

Moore County - Sandhills MPO - Active Projects - Division 8--September 2024

| Contract # or WBS # or TIP # | Route | Description | Let Date | Completion Date | Contractor | Project Admin. | Project Cost | Notes |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| R-5709A C204661 | NC 211 | Clear/Grub/Prep for Widen to Multilanes from Aberdeen to Raeford | 9/21/2021 | 11/26/2024 | Fred Smith Co. | James Dietrich (910) 944-2344 | \$15,325,970 | Project 63% complete |
| U-5814 & U-5815B | US 15-501 and US 1 | Access Management improve - Reduced Conflict Intersections | 7/17/2024 CMGC | TBD | Flatiron/Fred Smith Co. | James Dietrich (910) 944-2344 | \$44,130,000 | Project just starting |
| DH00528 SM-5708C and D | US 15-501 | Realign SR 1208 (Page Rd) at US 15-501. Construct turn lanes | 8/22/2023 | 11/11/2024 | Fred Smith Co. | James Dietrich (910) 944-2344 | \$2,875,578 | Project 95% complete |

Moore County - Sandhills MPO -Upcoming Projects - Planning & Design, R/W, or not started - Division 8--September 2024

| Contract # or WBS # or TIP # | Route | Description | Let Date | Completion Date | Contractor | Project Admin. | Funds Needed | Notes |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| R-5709B | NC 211 | Widen to Multilanes from US 15 / US 501 In Aberdeen to 0.4 miles N of SR 1225 (Ashemont Road) | 6/19/2029 | TBD | TBD | Terry Farr (919) 707-6017 | \$114,000,000 | Right of Way in progress 9/2021 Clear/Grubb R-5709A |
| R-5709C | NC 211 | Widen to Multilanes from 0.4 miles N of SR 1225 (Ashemont Road) to E of SR 1244 (W. Palmer St) in Raeford | 1/21/2025 | TBD | TBD | Terry Farr (919) 707-6017 | \$115,900,000 | Right of Way in progress 9/2021 Clear/Grubb R-5709A |
| R-5726 | NC 211 | Widen to Multilanes from SR 1241 to NC 73 in West End | 11/15/2024 | TBD | TBD | John Conforti 919-707-6075 | \$49,200,000 | Right of Way in progress R-5726A Clear & Grub \$5M |
| R-5891 | US 15-501 & NC 211 Southern Pines | Convert to Interchange at SR 1205/SR 1309 (Morganton Rd) | 9/17/2030 | TBD | TBD | Greg Davis (910) 773-8022 | \$32,870,000 | Right of Way 10/15/2027 |
| R-5892 | NC 5 (Beulah Hill Rd) | Modernization from Trotter Drive to NC 211 in Pinehurst. | 3/19/2030 | TBD | TBD | Greg Davis (910) 773-8022 | \$39,497,000 | Right of Way 11/2027 |
| R-5927 | US 15-501 | Widen to Multi-lanes from the Pinehurst Traffic Circle to NC 73 Realign McCaskill Rd with NC 73 | 8/20/2030 | TBD | TBD | Morgan DeWit (910) 773-8037 | \$53,300,000 | Right of Way 1/2027 |
| U-5756 | NC 5 in Aberdeen | Improve NC 5 from US 1 in Aberdeen to Pinehurst | 12/1/2024 CMGC | TBD | TBD | Greg Davis (910) 773-8022 | \$48,300,000 | Right of Way in progress |
| U-5815A | US 1 (Sandhills Blvd) | Improve from SR 1112 (Roseland Rd) to Knight St in Aberdeen | 1/26/2027 | TBD | TBD | Jeffrey Teague (910) 773-8025 | \$6,701,000 | Right of Way 6/2025 |
| U-5976 | US 15-501 Pinehurst Traffic Circle | Improvements from Voit Gilmore Lane to Page Rd. | 8/20/2030 | TBD | TBD | Greg Davis (910) 773-8022 | \$57,401,000 | Right of Way 2/2027 Public Meetings 7-16, 18, 23 |
| HS-2008F | NC 5 at SR 1205 (Morganton Road) | Realign intersection and add turn lanes | FY 2028 | TBD | TBD | Michael Ricketts (910) 773-8033 | \$1,650,000 | Right of Way FY 2026 |