



Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization
November 20, 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. October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

6. Report from TCC

A. 2025 TCC Meeting Dates

7. Regular Business

A. FTA Transit Funding Discussion (virtually with FTA and NCDOT)

B. Review and Approve a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Consultant Selection

C. Review and Approval of the 2025 SMPO Meeting Schedule

8. Other Business

A. NCDOT Board of Transportation Report

B. NCDOT Division Eight Report

C. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Report

D. SMPO Director Report

9. Next Meeting Date

A. December 18, 2024

10. Motion to Adjourn



October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO);
DATE OF MEMO: 11/13/2024

MEMO DETAILS

Action Requested: Approve 10-16-24 SMPO Draft meeting minutes

ATTACHMENTS

1. 10.16.2024 SMPO Draft Minutes



Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO)
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2024
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
10:00 a.m.

<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

Ms. Liamcy Hogan-Rivera, NCDOT Transportation Engineer II, was present via Zoom.

Approximately 6 audience members in attendance.

- I. **Call to Order.**
Chair Clement welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- II. **Ethics Reminder.**
Chair Clement verified the Board Members in attendance 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 Pizzella, seconded by Vice Chair McDonald, the Governing Board unanimously approved the October 16, 2024, Regular Meeting by a vote of 8-0.
- V. **Approval of Minutes.**
 - a. **Approval of SMPO Meeting Minutes**
 - September 2024, Regular Meeting

Upon a motion by Board Member Harris, seconded by Board Member Pizzella, the Governing Board unanimously approved the past meeting minutes by a vote of 8-0.
- VI. **Report from TCC**
No TCC meeting was held in October. Nothing to report.
- VII. **Regular Business**
 - a. **Introduction of Scott Walston as Director**

Mr. Scott Walston was introduced as the Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO) Director.

b. Presentation from Moore County Transportation Services

The Board discussed the potential impact recovery efforts from the Hurricane Helene destruction in Western North Carolina may have on the services provided and project timelines within the Sandhills area.

c. Review and Approve a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Consultant Selection Process

Mr. Doug Willardson, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reviewed a memo detailing the selection process and criteria and list of proposed Selection Committee members.

Upon a motion by Board Member Harris, seconded by Board Member Pizzella, the Governing Board unanimously approved the Selection Committee members as listed by a vote of 8-0.

d. Division 8 Update

- **September 2024 Update**

Mr. Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Division 8 Engineer, reviewed a table detailing the active and upcoming projects for Division 8 and discussed the new section of the NCDOT website (ncdot.gov) titled Sandhills Area Improvement Projects (search Sandhills from the NCDOT landing page).

The Board and Mr. Walston, SMPO Director, discussed having a calendar or timeline of due dates for SMPO requirements and tasks presented at each meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

a. November 20, 2024

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion by Board Member Harris, seconded by Board Member Gaddy, the Governing Board unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting by a vote of 8-0 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Konstantinou
Village Clerk
As Reported by Mr. Doug Willardson
Village Manager
Village of Pinehurst



**METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION**

**2025 TCC Meeting Dates
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1. 2025 TCC (SMPO) Meeting Schedule



2025 TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

BOARD/COMMITTEE	FREQUENCY	LOCATION	TIME	DATES	
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE	1 st Wednesday	Fallon Council Conference Room	10:00 AM	01/08/2025* 02/05/2025 03/05/2025 04/02/2025 05/07/2025 06/04/2025	07/09/2025* 08/06/2025 09/03/2025 10/01/2025 11/05/2025 12/03/2025

**Date has been changed due to a Holiday*



**FTA Transit Funding Discussion (virtually with FTA and NCDOT)
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As an MPO, SMPO qualifies for certain types of transit funding. Jennifer Hibbert (WSP/FTA), Anne Galamb & Carolyn Freitag (NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division) will join the meeting virtually. They will discuss different types of funding available.

The first step in the process is that SMPO will need to amend their UPWP to reflect this funding, which will be presented at the December meeting.

Action Requested: Receive information. A proposal to amend the UPWP will be presented in December.

ATTACHMENTS

1. SMPO_Transit_Info_2024-10-31_VER2

SMPO Transit Information

October 31, 2024

Section 5303 Funds (Urbanized Planning Assistance) (New \$\$\$)

- Specifically for planning activities (reimbursement)
- Given to MPOs
- Must apply
- Projects must be in United Planning Work Program.
- \$67,047 - 80% from FTA (\$53,637), 10% from NCDOT (\$6705), 10% local match (\$6705).

Actions Required by SMPO

- Apply For Grant
- Add funding to UPWP through amendment
- Finalize agreement (docusign)

Section 5307 (Urban Transit Program) (New \$\$\$)

- Funds allocated by formula based on population
- Funds administered directly by FTA
- Local funds match Federal funds (\$812,525). Available for 5 years.
- Operating and Capital Assistance (50/50 match), capital (80/20), very versatile funds. Vehicle purchases may request "Urban State Match" funds at 10%.
- Can be used for planning at 80/20, if so, must be added to UPWP.

Action Required by SMPO

- None, unless 5307 funds are needed for planning studies. Then the appropriate 5307 funds will need to be added to UPWP.

Section 5311 (Rural Transit Program)

- Moore County has been receiving these funds in the past
- Can pay for Demand Response, Fixed Route, Intercity Bus, etc.

Action Required by SMPO

- Coordination only, since the area is outside of SMPO



Review and Approve a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Consultant Selection

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Every five years, SMPO is required to produce a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in accordance with 49 USC 5303. The first MTP for SMPO is due December 29, 2026. On November 5, a subcommittee consisting of Pam Harris (Mayor – Whispering Pines), Reagan Parsons (Manager – Southern Pines), Debra Ensminger (Moore County Planning Director), Nicholas Morrison (Federal Highway Administration), Liam Hogan-Rivera (NCDOT Transportation Planning Division), and Scott Walston (SMPO) listened to presentations by three consultants. The subcommittee members individually scored each consultant presentation based on metrics listed in the MTP RFQ approved in August. They came to a consensus on the best choice to lead this effort. That choice was approved by the TCC on November 6. Action Requested: Approve consultant selection for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

ATTACHMENTS

None



**Review and Approval of the 2025 SMPO Meeting Schedule
ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:**

FROM: Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk
CC: Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO);
DATE OF MEMO: 10/10/2024
MEMO DETAILS

The monthly 2025 SMPO meeting dates are proposed so members and other attendees can reserve these dates, and the Assembly Hall can also be reserved. All dates are on the third Wednesday of each month.

Action Requested: Approve 2025 SMPO calendar.

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1. 2025 SMPO Meeting Schedule



2025 SANDHILLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SCHEDULE

BOARD/COMMITTEE	FREQUENCY	LOCATION	TIME	DATES	
SANDHILLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	3 rd Wednesday	Assembly Hall	10:00 AM	01/15/2025 02/19/2025 03/19/2025 04/16/2025 05/21/2025 06/18/2025	07/16/2025 08/20/2025 09/17/2025 10/15/2025 11/19/2025 12/17/2025



**NCDOT Board of Transportation Report
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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION**

**NCDOT Division Eight Report
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1. Division 8 Project List SMPO November 2024 TAC.xlsb

Moore County - Sandhills MPO - Active Projects - Division 8--November 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 66% complete
U-5814 U-5815B C204374	US 15-501 and US 1	Access Management improve - Reduced Conflict Intersections	7/17/2024 CMGC	5/6/2029	Flatiron/Fred Smith Co.	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	\$18,389,860	Project just starting
U-5756 C204374	NC 5 in Aberdeen	Improve NC 5 from US 1 in Aberdeen to Pinehurst - Let combined with U-5814	9/09/2024 CMGC	5/6/2029	Flatiron/Fred Smith Co.	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	\$18,389,860	Project just starting

Moore County - Sandhills MPO -Upcoming Projects - Planning & Design, R/W, or not started - Division 8--November 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	\$44,200,000	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-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	\$20,600,000	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	4/8/2025	TBD	TBD	Michael Ricketts (910) 773-8033	\$1,650,000	TBD



**NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Report
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None



**SMPO Director Report
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1. SMPO_Important_Dates_FY25

SMPO Important Dates (as of November 13, 2024)

Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25): July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Date	Staff deadlines	SMPO approvals
November 15, 2024	1 st quarter invoice and work summary due	
January 30, 2025	2 nd quarter 5303 Claim (Oct 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024) due <i>(if applicable)</i>	
January 31, 2025	Draft FY26 UPWP due	
February 10, 2025	2 nd quarter invoice and work summary due	
February 27, 2025		Highway Safety Targets with signed resolution (support NCDOT's or establish SMPO targets)
February 28, 2025	Indirect Cost Allocation for FY 26 due	
March 28, 2025		UPWP with resolution, 5-year planning calendar, MPO self-certification
April 18, 2025		Last day to submit revisions for FY25 UPWP with signatures <i>(if applicable)</i>
April 29, 2025	3 rd quarter 5303 Claim (Jan. 1, 2025 – Mar. 31, 2025) due	
May 12, 2025	3 rd quarter invoice and work summary due	

- This chart only covers November 13, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Beyond FY25

Date	Staff deadlines	SMPO approvals
December 29, 2026		Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)