

Meeting Summary

Subject: ACEC/NC - NCDOT Multimodal Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Location: NCDOT Highway Building Rail Conference Room # 509 / Microsoft Teams Virtual

Invitees	Julie White	Christine Goins*
	Brennon Fuqua	Allison Anolik
	Greg Keel	Betty White
	Jason Orthner	Emily Poole
	Cat Peele*	Robert Kirk*
	Jeremy Remme*	Steve Karnis
	Nick Short*	Suzanne Young
		Bob Deaton*
		Katharine Mather
		Erin Musiol*

* indicates virtual attendance

Discussion Topics:

- Recap of July 29 subcommittee meeting
- Division Updates (Contracts, Projects, etc)
 - Rail
 - Corridor ID – potential to advertise in Q1 2026
 - May use Rail Planning LSC for this work
 - Rail Division is coordinating with FRA
 - FRA is looking to do regulatory streamlining
 - Projects are caught up in legal reviews
 - Other states are looking at opportunities to move rail projects forward without federal funding
 - NCDOT is talking to CAMPO
 - NCDOT is waiting to schedule a meeting in DC until after the government shutdown ends
 - Ferry
 - Renewed LSC's for Marine and Environmental
 - No new upcoming advertisements
 - Aviation
 - Selected consultants for Innovations LSC

- IMD
 - IMD Multimodal Planning Grants – notice of award coming soon
 - Received 94 applications for 15 projects
- LAP Discussion
 - Other southeastern states LAP
 - RS&H is working on evaluation of other southeastern states on LAP support approach
 - Discussed Toll credit pilot project
 - NCDOT put out request and reviewed \$15M worth of project needs requests, asked Sec to fund all of them, Sec agreed to fund everything submitted.
 - IMD helping municipalities deliver these projects, doubled staff for project implementation
 - Identified another 22 projects stuck since SPOT 3.0, need to be assessed and develop action plans
 - AECOM is helping with program administration (identifying additional projects, assessing needs, looking at project viability)
 - NCDOT is looking to get 2 projects over the finish line ASAP
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Discussion
 - Local agencies are facing ROW and utility challenges
 - Need to emphasize documentation; keeping the history of decision making
 - Work group currently developing a guide book for BRT projects that use state roads
 - To include design guidance, right-of-way maintenance guidance
 - Looking at and visiting BRT systems (Richmond, Chapel Hill), preferably built on state roads
 - DOH and NCDOT working jointly on this
- Misc.
 - Federal Government Shutdown
 - Briefly discussed impacts to Federal grant funding/reimbursement
 - Transportation sales tax referendum
 - Julie to send subcommittee ITRE 3 pager on tax referendum comparison for other counties in NC
 - SPOT 8.0
 - Multimodal projects
 - IMD should have final list of STIP projects in the next week
 - Focusing on bike, ped, and transit projects
 - IMD Multimodal Grant Program Feedback
 - Discussed costs to respond to Supplemental RFLOI and overall LSC could be more than potential profit on assigned project work
 - S. Young to provide NCDOT with municipality on-call e-mail request
 - NCDOT noted that IMD wanted to give opportunities to firms they have not worked with; do not intend to make firms recompile in future
 - NCDOT mentioned state audit and justifying selections

- NCDOT open to looking at how others do on-call contracts/RFOs; City of Durham Transportation On-Call was noted as a good example
- Discussed \$ assigned to each multimodal plan
 - Subcommittee to discuss internally and provide additional feedback on a potential \$ range for plans
- Decrease in IMD MMPG Grant applications from municipalities
 - Focus is on projects that have funding with a timeframe on when funding needs to be used
- Status of DBE Goals for NCDOT Contracts
 - NCDOT is evaluating current DBE policy; want to make sure DBE partnering is possible

Action Items:

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