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May 14, 2026

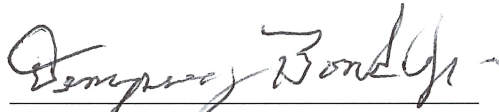
Michael Raynor, E.I.  
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NCDOT Transportation Planning Division  
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**Subject: MERPO Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Planning Work Program**

Dear Mr. Raynor:

The Mid-East Rural Planning Organization's Technical Coordinating Committee and Transportation Advisory Committee met in joint session on May 14, 2026. Upon recommendation by the Technical Coordinating Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee voted to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) Planning Work Program for the Mid-East Rural Planning Organization.

Sincerely,

  
Dempsey Bond, Jr., TAC Chairman

  
Samuel D. Singleton, Secretary

Cc: Bryant Buck, Mid-East Commission  
Pat Harris, Mid-East Commission  
Sherri Bunch, Mid-East Commission  
Dominique Boyd, NCDOT-TPD

FY 2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)  
 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM  
 ANNUAL FUNDING SOURCES TABLE  
 MID-EAST RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TASK CODE	WORK CATEGORY	RPO PROGRAM FUNDS				amount subject to indirect cost rate (ex: NICRA, etc)
		LOCAL	State	FEDERAL	TOTAL	Indirect rate
		5%	15%	80%	100%	42.48%
<b>I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT</b>						
I-1	<b>DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT</b>	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,612
I-1.1	Highway					
I-1.2	Other Modes					
I-1.3	Socioeconomic					
I-1.4	Title VI					
<b>II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING</b>						
II-1	<b>COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT</b>	\$ 20	\$ 60	\$ 320	\$ 400	\$ 289
II-1.1	Develop CTP Vision					
II-1.2	Conduct CTP Needs Assessment					
II-1.3	Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening					
II-1.4	Develop Final Plan					
II-1.5	Adopt Plan					
II-2	<b>PRIORITIZATION</b>	\$ 2,055	\$ 6,165	\$ 32,880	\$ 41,100	\$ 29,694
II-2.1	Project Prioritization					
II-3	<b>PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT</b>	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,225
II-3.1	STIP Participation					
II-3.2	Merger / Project Development					
II-4	<b>GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING</b>	\$ 850	\$ 2,550	\$ 13,600	\$ 17,000	\$ 12,282
II-4.1	Regional and Statewide Planning					
II-4.2	Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings					
II-4.2.1	Special Study #1 - insert name, if there is a special study	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
II-4.2.2		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES</b>						
III-1	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES</b>	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,450
III-1.1	Administrative Documents					
III-1.2	TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance					
III-1.3	Program Administration					
<b>IV. DIRECT COSTS</b>						
IV-1	<b>PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES</b>	\$ 1,260	\$ 3,781	\$ 20,163	\$ 25,204	\$ -
IV-1.1	Program-wide Direct Costs					
IV-2	<b>ADVERTISING</b>	\$ 3	\$ 8	\$ 40	\$ 50	\$ -
IV-2.1	News Media Ads					
IV-3	<b>LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS</b>	\$ 150	\$ 450	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,000	\$ -
IV-3.1	Hotel Costs					
IV-3.2	Meal Costs					
IV-3.3	Incidentals					
IV-4	<b>POSTAGE</b>	\$ 3	\$ 8	\$ 40	\$ 50	\$ -
IV-4.1	Mailings					
IV-5	<b>REGISTRATION / TRAINING</b>	\$ 100	\$ 300	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,000	\$ -
IV-5.1	Conference Registration					
IV-5.2	Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees					
IV-6	<b>TRAVEL</b>	\$ 25	\$ 75	\$ 400	\$ 500	\$ -
IV-6.1	Mileage Reimbursement					
IV-6.2	Car Rental Costs					
IV-6.3	Other Travel Expenses					
<b>V. INDIRECT COSTS</b>						
V-1	<b>INDIRECT COSTS</b>	\$ 1,435	\$ 4,304	\$ 22,957	\$ 28,696	\$ 67,553
V-1.1	Incurred Indirect Costs					\$ 28,696
<b>RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL</b>		\$ 7,650	\$ 22,950	\$ 122,400	\$ 153,000	

Signatures for original PWP approval

Approved by the TAC on: May 14, 2026

s/ Dempsey Bond, Jr.  
 Signature, TAC Chairman

s/ Samuel D. Singleton  
 Signature, RPO Secretary

If using MDTC as the basis for Indirect cost:		Enter Indirect Cost Rate here:		
Local %	State %	Federal	Total	Total Allocation
5%	15%	80%		Indirect
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Can Spend on Direct
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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<b>I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT</b>		
<b>I-1 DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT</b>		<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>I-1.1</b>	<b>Highway</b>	
	Collect AADT and crash data throughout the region. Assess data and use to develop and/or identify potential prioritization and SPOT safety / HSIP projects.	
<b>I-1.2</b>	<b>Other Modes</b>	
	Collect data for non-highway modes. Begin assessing potential Prioritization 9.0 projects.	
<b>I-1.3</b>	<b>Socioeconomic</b>	
	Update socioeconomic and demographic data for all counties. Maintain and update parcel and centerline data for all counties.	
<b>I-1.4</b>	<b>Title VI</b>	
	Affirm RPO compliance with Title VI requirements. Perform LEP assessment where needed.	
<b>II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING</b>		
<b>II-1 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT</b>		<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>II-1.1</b>	<b>Develop CTP Vision</b>	
	Review 2014 Beaufort County CTP for potential update.	
<b>II-1.2</b>	<b>Conduct CTP Needs Assessment</b>	
	N/A	
<b>II-1.3</b>	<b>Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening</b>	
	N/A	
<b>II-1.4</b>	<b>Develop Final Plan</b>	
	N/A	
<b>II-1.5</b>	<b>Adopt Plan</b>	
	N/A	
<b>II-2 PRIORITIZATION</b>		<b>\$ 41,100.00</b>
<b>II-2.1</b>	<b>Project Prioritization</b>	
	Perform all Prioritization 8.0 local input point assignment tasks required by the NCDOT SPOT Office and the Mid-East RPO's P8.0 Local Input Point Assignment Methodology. Coordinate with consulting firms, and NCDOT Division 1, Division 2, and Feasibility Studies Unit on development of project express designs for Prioritization 9.0. Begin preparations for Prioritization 9.0.	
<b>II-3 PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT</b>		<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>II-3.1</b>	<b>STIP Participation</b>	
	Review, and monitor changes to the 2026-2035 STIP and future 2028-2037 STIP. Coordinate with Divisions 1 & 2, STIP Unit and SPOT Office on any actions that need to be taken by MERPO. Keep TCC & TAC members updated on all matters relating to the STIP and MERPO projects within it.	
<b>II-3.2</b>	<b>Merger / Project Development</b>	
	Attend required merger meetings. Attend any local government and/or public meetings for projects in the merger process.	
<b>II-4 GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING</b>		<b>\$ 17,000.00</b>
<b>II-4.1</b>	<b>Regional and Statewide Planning</b>	

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Attend meetings for the following: NCARPO, NCAMPO (As RPO Liason), Annual MPO conference, Annual NC Transportation Summit, Highway 17/64 Association, Southern Albemarle Association, Beaufort Area Transit System TAB, Martin County Transit TAB, Greenville MPO TCC, County Commissioners (as needed), City/Town Council (as needed). Also attend any meetings with local government officials and/or NCDOT when needed.

**II-4.2 Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings**

If not adopted by June 30, 2026, continue development of MERPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Participate in any special studies, projects, or other trainings as necessary.

<b>II-4.2.1</b>	<b>Special Study #1 - insert name, if there is a special study</b>	\$	-
	N/A		

<b>II-4.2.2</b>		\$	-
	N/A		

**III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES**

**III-1 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES** \$ 20,000.00

**III-1.1 Administrative Documents**

Amend FY 2026-2027 PWP as needed. Prepare draft FY 2027-2028 PWP and present to TCC & TAC for preliminary approval and adoption. Prepare and submit quarterly reports and final yearly narrative and report. Update MOU, PIP, and other related documents as needed.

**III-1.2 TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance**

Prepare for and hold TCC & TAC meetings. Inform TAC members of ethics requirements and ensure they remain compliant. Assist TAC members with SEI & RED forms if needed. Inform State Ethics Commission of any TAC membership changes.

**III-1.3 Program Administration**

Provide transportation-related information and data to local governments and members of the public. Contact NCDOT staff concerning questions from officials, citizens, and TAC/TCC members. Includes phone calls, emails, etc. Update MERPO website as needed. Perform any and all tasks related to the administration of MERPO.

**IV. DIRECT COSTS**

**IV-1 PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES** \$ 25,204.00

**IV-1.1 Program-wide Direct Costs**

Office supplies, printing, cost of space, hosted computer & telephone, equipment, subscriptions, ArcGIS software, mobile phone, and other direct costs.

**IV-2 ADVERTISING** \$ 50.00

**IV-2.1 News Media Ads**

Advertising costs for public hearings, workshops, and other meetings.

**IV-3 LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS** \$ 3,000.00

**IV-3.1 Hotel Costs**

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Costs for overnight stays at NCARPO quarterly meetings, annual MPO Conference, annual NC Transportation Summit, and other relevant meetings, conferences and trainings.

<b>IV-3.2</b>	<b>Meal Costs</b>		
	Meal costs while on overnight or extended travel.		
<b>IV-3.3</b>	<b>Incidentals</b>		
	Hotel parking, tips		
<b>IV-4</b>	<b>POSTAGE</b>	\$	50.00
<b>IV-4.1</b>	<b>Mailings</b>		

Costs for mailings associated with MERPO tasks or projects (surveys, notices, etc.)

<b>IV-5</b>	<b>REGISTRATION / TRAINING</b>	\$	2,000.00
<b>IV-5.1</b>	<b>Conference Registration</b>		
	Registration fees for NCAMPO Conference, and other relevant conferences.		
<b>IV-5.2</b>	<b>Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees</b>		
	Registration/class fees for relevant trainings.		
<b>IV-6</b>	<b>TRAVEL</b>	\$	500.00
<b>IV-6.1</b>	<b>Mileage Reimbursement</b>		

Mileage Reimbursement for personal vehicle if Mid-East Commission vehicle is unavailable.

<b>IV-6.2</b>	<b>Car Rental Costs</b>		
	N/A		
<b>IV-6.3</b>	<b>Other Travel Expenses</b>		
	Airfare, other.		

<b>V.</b>	<b>INDIRECT COSTS</b>		
<b>V-1</b>	<b>INDIRECT COSTS APPROVED BY COGNIZANT AGENCY</b>	\$	28,696.00
<b>V-1.1</b>	<b>Incurred Indirect Costs</b>		
	Indirect costs incurred by the Lead Planning Agency (LPA): Mid-East Commission		
	<b>RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	\$	153,000.00