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March 12, 2026

Michael Raynor, E.I.
Transportation Engineer II
NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
1 South Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27699-1554

Subject: MERPO Planning Work Program Amendment, FY 2025-2026

Dear Mr. Raynor:

The Mid-East Rural Planning Organization (MERPO) is seeking Transportation Planning Division approval for the amended FY 2025-2026 Planning Work Program. This amendment was deemed necessary by RPO staff, who reviewed the current fiscal year planning work program and budget, and identified shifts of money that are necessary to reflect actual work demands through the first eight months of the fiscal year. The changes were recommended by the Technical Coordinating Committee on March 12, 2026, and endorsed by the Transportation Advisory Committee on March 12, 2026. There is no change to the RPO's overall budget, and no money is requested of RPO members. The recommended changes are as follows:

I – Data Collection and Assessment

I-1 – Data Collection and Assessment: There are no changes in the deliverables for this line item, but funding is **increased** for Data Collection and Assessment by \$2,000.00 to reflect work related to Highway (I-1.1) and Other Modes (I-1.2) data collection for Prioritization 8.0 Regional Impact local input point assignments, and Prioritization 9.0 project data collection. Total for I-1 – Data Collection and Assessment: **Increased** by \$2,000.00

II – Transportation Planning

II-2 – Prioritization: There are no changes in the deliverables for this line item, but funding is **increased** for Prioritization by \$8,000.00 to reflect work related to Project Prioritization (II-2.1) for Prioritization 8.0 Local Input Point Assignment Methodology development and adoption, Prioritization 8.0 Regional Impact Local Input Point Assignments, H185274 express design tasks, and Prioritization 9.0 express design requests and tasks. Total for II-2 – Prioritization: **Increased** by \$8,000.00

II-3 – Program and Project Development: There are no changes to the specified deliverables, but the amount of money allocated for Program and Project Development is **decreased** by \$20,000.00 due to a lack of work related to STIP Participation (II-3.1) and Merger / Project Development (II-3.2). Total for II-3 – Program and Project Development: **decreased** by \$20,000.00

II-4 – General Transportation Planning: There are no changes to the specified deliverables, but funding is **increased** for General Transportation Planning by \$10,000.00 to reflect work related to Regional and Statewide Planning (II-4.1) for meetings, events and coordination, and work related to Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings (II-4.2) for the MERPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and STIP Project U-5860. Total for II-4 – General Transportation Planning: **Increased** by \$10,000.00

Sincerely,

Dempsey Bond, Jr., TAC Chairman
Mid-East Rural Planning Organization

Sam Singleton, Secretary
Mid-East Rural Planning Organization



MID-EAST RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 Planning Work Program Amendment

2026-03
 3/12/2026
 WBS # 51759.4.10
 PO/C # 7500027279

FY 2025-2026 ALLOCATION

FEDERAL - 80%	STATE - 15%	LOCAL - 5%	TOTAL
\$ 122,400	\$ 22,950	\$ 7,650	\$ 153,000

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Current includes any previous amendment(s)

TASK CODE	WORK CATEGORY	CURRENT	INCREASE	DECREASE	NEW
I-1	Data Collection and Assessment	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
II-1	CTP Development	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400
II-2	Prioritization	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 28,000
II-3	Program and Project Development	\$ 21,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000
II-4	General Transportation Planning	\$ 17,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 27,000
III-1	Administrative Activities	\$ 23,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,000
IV-1	Programmatic Direct Charges	\$ 25,000	\$ -		\$ 25,000
IV-2	Advertising	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50
IV-3	Lodging, Meals, Incidentals	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
IV-4	Postage	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50
IV-5	Registration / Training	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
IV-6	Travel	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
IV-1	Indirect Costs	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000
	TOTAL	\$ 153,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 153,000

JUSTIFICATION

I-1 - Data Collection and Assessment: + \$2,000. Higher expenditures than anticipated due to Functional Classification revisions, NCDOT-TSU Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects, and Prioritization 8.0 project data collection. Additional funds are requested for P8.0 Regional Impact LIP assignments and P9.0 project data collection.

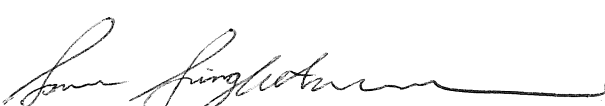
II-2 Prioritization: + \$8,000. Additional funds are requested for P8.0 LIPAM development & adoption, P8.0 Regional Impact LIP assignments, H185274 express design tasks, and P9.0 express design requests & tasks.

II-3 Program and Project Development: - \$20,000. Transfer to I-1, II-2, and II-4 requested. No current/upcoming/anticipated merger/project development tasks.

II-4: General Transportation Planning: + \$10,000. Additional funds are requested for MERPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan tasks and adoption, STIP Project U-5860 tasks, and regional & statewide planning meetings/events/coordination.

Approved by the Transportation Advisory Committee on: 3 / 12 / 20 26


 Dempsey Bond, Jr., TAC Chairman
 Mid-East Rural Planning Organization


 Sam Singleton, Secretary
 Mid-East Rural Planning Organization

FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)
 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
 ANNUAL FUNDING SOURCES TABLE
 MID-EAST RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TASK CODE	WORK CATEGORY	RPO PROGRAM FUNDS			
		LOCAL	State	FEDERAL	TOTAL
		5%	15%	80%	100%
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT					
I-1	DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000
I-1.1	Highway				
I-1.2	Other Modes				
I-1.3	Socioeconomic				
I-1.4	Title VI				
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING					
II-1	COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT	\$ 20	\$ 60	\$ 320	\$ 400
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	PRIORITIZATION	\$ 1,400	\$ 4,200	\$ 22,400	\$ 28,000
II-2.1	Project Prioritization				
II-3	PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
II-3.1	STIP Participation				
II-3.2	Merger / Project Development				
II-4	GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 1,350	\$ 4,050	\$ 21,600	\$ 27,000
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		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES					
III-1	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES	\$ 1,150	\$ 3,450	\$ 18,400	\$ 23,000
III-1.1	Administrative Documents				
III-1.2	TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance				
III-1.3	Program Administration				
IV. DIRECT COSTS					
IV-1	PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES	\$ 1,250	\$ 3,750	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
IV-1.1	Program-wide Direct Costs				
IV-2	ADVERTISING	\$ 3	\$ 8	\$ 40	\$ 50
IV-2.1	News Media Ads				
IV-3	LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS	\$ 75	\$ 225	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500
IV-3.1	Hotel Costs				
IV-3.2	Meal Costs				
IV-3.3	Incidentals				
IV-4	POSTAGE	\$ 3	\$ 8	\$ 40	\$ 50
IV-4.1	Mailings				
IV-5	REGISTRATION / TRAINING	\$ 75	\$ 225	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500
IV-5.1	Conference Registration				
IV-5.2	Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees				
IV-6	TRAVEL	\$ 25	\$ 75	\$ 400	\$ 500
IV-6.1	Mileage Reimbursement				
IV-6.2	Car Rental Costs				
IV-6.3	Other Travel Expenses				
V. INDIRECT COSTS					
V-1	INDIRECT COSTS	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 40,000
V-1.1	Incurred Indirect Costs				
RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL		\$ 7,650	\$ 22,950	\$ 122,400	\$ 153,000

Signatures for original PWP approval

Approved by the TAC on: May 7, 2025

s/ Dempsey Bond, Jr.

Signature, TAC Chairman

s/ Sam Singleton

Signature, RPO Secretary

Q1 Amendment		
Date: N/A		
Original Budgeted Amount	Net Change	New 1st Quarter Budgeted Amount
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT		
\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		
\$ 400		\$ 400
\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000
\$ 21,000		\$ 21,000
\$ 17,000		\$ 17,000
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANS PLANNING & POLICES		
\$ 23,000		\$ 23,000
IV. DIRECT COSTS		
\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
\$ 50		\$ 50
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 50		\$ 50
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 500		\$ 500
V. INDIRECT COSTS		
\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
\$ 153,000	\$ -	\$ 153,000

Signatures for Amendment - Quarter 1

Approved by the TAC on: _____20__

Signature, TAC Chairman

Signature, RPO Secretary

Q2 Amendment		
Date: N/A		
Original Budget With Previous Q Amendment(s)	Net Change	New 2nd Quarter Budgeted Amount
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT		
\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		
\$ 400		\$ 400
\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000
\$ 21,000		\$ 21,000
\$ 17,000		\$ 17,000
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANS PLANNING & POLICES		
\$ 23,000		\$ 23,000
IV. DIRECT COSTS		
\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
\$ 50		\$ 50
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 50		\$ 50
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 500		\$ 500
V. INDIRECT COSTS		
\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
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Signatures for Amendment - Quarter 2

Approved by the TAC on: _____20__

Signature, TAC Chairman

Signature, RPO Secretary

Q3 Amendment		
Date: 3/12/2026		
Original Budget With Previous Q Amendment(s)	Net Change	New 3rd Quarter Budgeted Amount
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT		
\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000
Higher expenditures than anticipated due to Functional Classification revisions, NCDOT-TSU Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects, and Prioritization 8.0 project data collection.		
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		
\$ 400		\$ 400
\$ 20,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 28,000
Additional funds are requested for P8.0 LIPAM development & adoption, P8.0 Regional Impact LIP		
\$ 21,000	\$ (20,000)	\$ 1,000
Transfer to I-1, II-2, and II-4 requested. No current/upcoming/anticipated		
\$ 17,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 27,000
Additional funds are requested for MERPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan tasks		
\$ -		\$ -
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III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANS PLANNING & POLICES		
\$ 23,000		\$ 23,000
IV. DIRECT COSTS		
\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
\$ 50		\$ 50
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
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\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 500		\$ 500
V. INDIRECT COSTS		
\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
\$ 153,000	\$ -	\$ 153,000

Signatures for Amendment - Quarter 3

Approved by the TAC on: 3/12/2026

s/ Dempsey Bond, Jr.

Signature, TAC Chairman

s/ Sam Singleton

Signature, RPO Secretary

Q4 Amendment		
Date:		
Original Budget With Previous Q Amendment(s)	Net Change	New 4th Quarter Budgeted Amount
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT		
\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		
\$ 400		\$ 400
\$ 28,000		\$ 28,000
\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
\$ 27,000		\$ 27,000
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANS PLANNING & POLICES		
\$ 23,000		\$ 23,000
IV. DIRECT COSTS		
\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
\$ 50		\$ 50
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 50		\$ 50
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 500		\$ 500
V. INDIRECT COSTS		
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Signatures for Amendment - Quarter 4

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V. INDIRECT COSTS		
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\$ 153,000	\$ -	\$ 153,000

Signatures for Amendment - Quarter 1

Approved by the TAC on: _____20__

Signature, TAC Chairman

Signature, RPO Secretary

Q2 Amendment		
Date: N/A		
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\$ 21,000		\$ 21,000
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\$ 23,000		\$ 23,000
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\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
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\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
\$ 153,000	\$ -	\$ 153,000

Signatures for Amendment - Quarter 2

Approved by the TAC on: _____20__

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Signature, RPO Secretary

Q3 Amendment		
Date: 3/12/2026		
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\$ -		\$ -
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\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
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\$ 50		\$ 50
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 500		\$ 500
V. INDIRECT COSTS		
\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
\$ 153,000	\$ -	\$ 153,000

Signatures for Amendment - Quarter 3

Approved by the TAC on: 3-12-26

Signature, TAC Chairman

Signature, RPO Secretary

Q4 Amendment		
Date:		
Original Budget With Previous Q Amendment(s)	Net Change	New 4th Quarter Budgeted Amount
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT		
\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		
\$ 400		\$ 400
\$ 28,000		\$ 28,000
\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
\$ 27,000		\$ 27,000
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANS PLANNING & POLICIES		
\$ 23,000		\$ 23,000
IV. DIRECT COSTS		
\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
\$ 50		\$ 50
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 50		\$ 50
\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500
\$ 500		\$ 500
V. INDIRECT COSTS		
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\$ 153,000	\$ -	\$ 153,000

Signatures for Amendment - Quarter 4

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