



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: [Join Virtual Teams Meeting](#)

1. Administrative Items:

- Adoption of agenda
- Review and approval of March 3, 2026, Draft TAC Meeting Minutes
- MPO Project Status Report
- VDOT/DRPT Reports

2. Public Comment Period

3. Smart Scale Resolutions – Taryn Logan, NSVRC

Action: Review and recommendation of approval to the Policy Board.

4. Update: VDOT Project Pipeline Studies – Brad Reed, VDOT

5. Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- Policy Board: Wednesday, May 20, 2026
- Technical Advisory Committee: June meeting potentially canceled

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

A meeting quorum shall be established by two (2) members of the CITY, two (2) members of the COUNTY and one (1) member of the STATE

[Click here for a glossary of acronyms](#)

Winchester-Frederick County MPO
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda - The agenda for the March 3, 2026 TAC meeting was presented for approval. Motion: Justin Hall moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Second: Kenny Johnson Motion approved.

3. Approval of Draft December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes - The minutes from the December 2, 2025 TAC meeting were presented for review. Motion: Justin Hall moved to approve the December 2, 2025 meeting minutes. Second: Tyler Klein. Motion approved.

4. MPO Project Status Report - Staff provided an update on the status of MPO projects, including ongoing planning activities and coordination efforts with regional partners.

5. VDOT/DRPT Reports - Representatives from VDOT and DRPT provided updates on current transportation projects, funding programs, and other relevant state initiatives.

6. Public Comment Period - No public comments were received.

7. Exit 317 Highway TIP Amendment

Adam Campbell (VDOT) presented the proposed Exit 317 Highway TIP Amendment.

Motion: Justin Hall moved to recommend forwarding the amendment to a 20-day public comment period and, pending comments received, recommend final approval to the MPO Policy Board. Second: Kenny Johnson. Motion approved.

8. Draft FY27–30 Highway Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Karen Taylor (NSVRC) and Adam Campbell (VDOT) presented the Draft FY27–30 Highway Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including an overview of proposed transportation projects, funding allocations, and programming timelines.

Motion: Justin Hall moved to recommend forwarding the Draft FY27–30 Highway TIP to a 20-day public comment period and, pending comments received, recommend final approval to the MPO Policy Board. Second: Kenny Johnson. Motion approved.

9. Draft FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Karen Taylor and Taryn Logan (NSVRC) presented the Draft FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), outlining MPO planning activities and anticipated work tasks for FY27.

Motion: Justin Hall moved to recommend forwarding Draft FY27 UPWP to a 20-day public comment period and, pending comments received, recommend final approval to the MPO Policy Board. Second: Tyler Klein. Motion approved.

10. Upcoming Meetings

Policy Board – March 18, 2026; Technical Advisory Committee – April 7, 2026

11. Other Business - No additional business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

WinFred MPO Staff Report

For background information on studies and projects, please visit the individual project pages on the [WinFred MPO website](#).

April-May 2026 (4th Quarter Progress Report)

Task 1: Program Administration

- Prepared agenda packets for May meetings, including compiling reports, coordinating with speakers, and ensuring all materials were distributed in advance.
- Updated the MPO website as needed, routinely every week, to provide the latest information on meetings, projects, and public participation opportunities.
- Prepare and submit quarterly invoices and progress reports to VDOT and DRPT, ensuring accuracy and compliance with financial reporting standards.
- Managing the FY26 Unified Planning Work Program tasks by coordinating activities, tracking progress, and ensuring all deliverables are met on schedule.
- Drafted the FY27 Unified Planning Work Program for presentation and approval.

Task 1.1: Public Participation and Outreach

- Continuously manage and maintain the Title VI and Public Participation Plans to ensure compliance with federal regulations and promote inclusiveness in regional planning.
- Ensuring the WinFred MPO website is updated with the latest meeting information and public document notices, improving transparency and public accessibility to MPO activities.
- Maintaining the social media Facebook page for the WinFred MPO with multiple weekly posts highlighting upcoming meetings, project updates, and public input opportunities.
- Conduct outreach efforts to engage underrepresented communities in planning through direct engagement, public workshops, and digital campaigns.
- Staff is currently coordinating with the Virginia Department of Transportation to complete the Triannual Desk Review. This effort includes compiling and submitting required documentation to demonstrate compliance with applicable federal and state requirements, including Title VI and related civil rights provisions. Staff is working to ensure that all materials are current, complete, and reflect ongoing program activities. The review process is ongoing, and any findings or corrective actions will be addressed promptly upon receipt.

Task 2: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Under 49 U.S.C. 5303(j), each MPO is required to develop a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in cooperation with state and public transit providers. The TIP includes capital and non-capital surface transportation projects, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety projects, and other transportation enhancements. It must be fiscally constrained and align with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

- Maintaining the FY24-27 TIP and processing requested adjustments and amendments in collaboration with local jurisdictions, state agencies, and transit providers.
- Drafted the FY27_30 Highway Transportation Improvement Program (ITP) for presentation and consideration of approval. Prepared final document and submitted to VDOT and DRPT for approval.
- Processed one highway TIP amendment and multiple transit TIP adjustments to maintain alignment with current project schedules and funding.

Task 3: Federal or State Requested Planning Work Program Items

- Serving on the Board of the Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (VAMPO), providing regional perspectives on statewide planning initiatives.
- Attending all executive committee meetings, peer-to-peer meetings, and board meetings to stay informed on industry trends, legislative updates, and best practices.
- Serving as Secretary/Treasurer on the VAMPO Board, managing organizational finances, coordinating meetings, and facilitating strategic discussions.
- Collaborating with other MPOs to share resources, develop joint initiatives, and advocate for regional transportation funding. Attended MPO roundtable in Fishersville hosted by CSPDC.
- Attended all Project Pipeline Meetings, coordinated by VDOT, to provide representation and information for the MPO. Three studies are currently underway in Winchester/Frederick County.

Task 4: Transit Planning

- Working with the Frederick County Transportation Committee, WinTran Staff, and the Frederick County BOS regarding the expansion of microtransit in the County, addressing service gaps and improving accessibility.
- Assisting the Town of Stephens City in exploring and evaluating potential transit service opportunities.

Task 5: Local Technical Assistance

- Assisting local governments with transportation grant applications, data analysis, and project development to enhance regional mobility.

Task 6: Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning

- The Bike and Pedestrian Committee meets monthly, bringing together local advocates, planners, and stakeholders to advance non-motorized transportation projects.
- Reviewing the current bike and pedestrian plan to assess progress and set priorities for FY26, ensuring alignment with community needs and funding availability.
- Identifying opportunities for new bike lanes, trails, and pedestrian infrastructure, leveraging federal and state funding sources.
- Promoting multimodal transportation options through public education campaigns and stakeholder engagement initiatives.

Task 7: System Planning

- **Exits 321-323 Improvements Study (Frederick County):**
 - Staff met with Frederick County and VDOT representatives regarding the project scope, refining objectives, and stakeholder feedback.
 - Frederick County staff have reviewed the project with its transportation committee and directed MPO staff to proceed.
 - Project is a carryover into FY26 UPWP, ensuring continued progress toward implementation.
 - The consultant has been selected, and the project will officially kick off in May.

Task 8: Long-Range Planning, GIS, and Data

- **WinFred Travel Demand Model Update:**
 - Model completion in October following extensive data validation and calibration efforts.
 - Model is ready for use, providing valuable insights for traffic forecasting, scenario planning, and infrastructure investment decisions.
 - Collaborating with local and state partners to integrate model outputs into long-range planning initiatives.

This report outlines the key activities and responsibilities undertaken by MPO staff during the reporting period. Ongoing projects and planning efforts continue to support regional transportation improvements, enhance public engagement, and foster data-driven decision-making for the future.

VDOT District Planning Report to WinFred MPO Policy Board

April 2026

FY2027-2032 Six-Year Improvement Program Spring Meeting on April 28, 2026, at 4 p.m.

Location: Blue Ridge Community College, Plecker Center, One College Lane, Weyers Cave, VA 24486

You are invited to share comments on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2032 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Additionally, pursuant to §33.2-202 of the Code of Virginia, comments will be accepted for new projects valued in excess of \$25 million. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will consider your comments as it develops the FY2027-2032 SYIP. The program allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation projects. All federally eligible projects in the SYIP will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to document how Virginia plans to obligate its federal funds.

SMART SCALE: VDOT District Planning has been working with local staff to identify potential SMART SCALE round 7 applications. 5 pre-applications were submitted within the limits of the WinFred MPO area, 1 by the MPO, 1 by City of Winchester, and 3 Frederick County. Full applications will open for editing June 1- August 3. Please reach out with any questions on the program or application process.

Project Pipeline: These studies have moved into Phase 3, in which conceptual sketches and engineering cost estimates will be developed to support locality grant applications. Study locations are as follows:

1. **Route 7 East – 434 participants.** Running 2.2 miles from Greenwood Road to the eastern Frederick County limits, this effort would pick up at the limits of a previous STARS study to the west. This study would focus on crash reduction and identify treatments to reduce crashes on this high-speed segment of Route 7.
2. **US 522 West, Rural segment – 459 participants.** Spanning 10 miles from Echo Lane to Red Oak Road, this study would focus on high-speed rural road safety and capacity preservation on US 522 west of Route 37. Considerations include high prevailing speeds and a roadway departure crash trend.
3. **US 522 West, Urban segment – 83 participants.** The timing of this survey release was staggered so as not to overlap with the rural segment survey, but still received much lower participation. Our theory is that the urban survey may have received less participation due to participants assuming they had already taken it when they had actually only completed the survey for the rural segment.

Running 1.7 miles from the northern city limits to Echo Lane, this study would focus on crash reduction and multimodal access in the urbanized segment of US 522 adjacent to the City of Winchester. Consideration will also be given to the long-term configuration of the Route 37 interchange.

Background: Led by the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, [Project Pipeline](#) is a performance-based planning program to identify cost-effective solutions to multimodal transportation needs in Virginia. The objective of the program is to focus on the Commonwealth Transportation Board-adopted VTrans priority locations and corridors. This study program has been successfully used to help refine project scopes and enhance competitiveness in grant programs for several locations in the MPO.

DRPT Agency Update – May 2026

27-32 SYIP Approval

The Virginia CTB will be holding hearings throughout the month of May to review the currently presented Six-Year Improvement Plan. Public comment can be submitted until June 1st at this [link](#). Approval is scheduled for the June CTB meeting.

FFY27-30 S/TIP Development

MPOs are encouraged to reach out to DRPT with any questions about developing their draft TIPs. MPOs should have their new TIPs approved by the end of May, ahead of the blackout period, while we submit the STIP with VDOT to FHWA and FTA for review.

Virginia Breeze Lauches Tidewater Current

DRPT will launch its 5th Virginia Breeze line dubbed the Tidewater Current on April 20th. The route will connect Harrisonburg to Virginia Beach via the I-64 corridor with intermediate stops. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit <https://virginiabreeze.drpt.virginia.gov/>

Virginia State Rail Plan

DRPT's update to the statewide rail plan has scheduled its first public meeting for June 1st 2026. This meeting aims to share information about the planning process along with initial data collection results and to engage with the public on rail preferences, strategies and habits.

Register for the virtual meeting here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) NOFO Published

FTA as published the next round of funding for the FY26 SS4A program. More information is available here: [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program | US Department of Transportation](#)

MPOs, Political subdivisions, and Tribal governments may apply to this grant program to develop:

- A comprehensive Safety Action Plan,
- Planning and Demonstration grants, to develop, complete, or supplement an action plan,
- To implement projects, in alignment with an acceptable action plan.

Applications are due to FTA by May 26th, 2026

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* Denotes Voting Members

MPO RESOLUTION

5/20/2026

RESOLVED, that the WinFred Metropolitan Planning Organization supports the following FY 2028 SMART SCALE applications:

WinFred MPO Applications

- Exit 307/Route 277 Improvements

Frederick County Applications

- US 522/Route 37 and Apple Pie Ridge Road Improvements
- US 50 Corridor Improvements at Wardensville Grade, Stony Hill Road, and Dicks Hollow Road
- Gateway Drive Extension and Intersection with Valley Mill Road
- Route 7 and Greenwood Road/First Woods Drive Turn Lanes

City of Winchester Applications

- Amherst Street Safety Improvements

This is to certify that the WinFred Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted the above resolution at its meeting held May 20, 2026.

BY:

WITNESS:

Richard Bell

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