

Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates/Executive Committee MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Information

Board Name: Board of Delegates
Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: 4307 Emperor Boulevard, Durham, NC | Virtual
Chair: Susan Evans

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Meeting Agenda

#	Agenda Item	Presenter/Lead	Time
1.	Call to Order		6:00 pm
	Call to Order	Susan Evans <i>Board Chair</i>	
	Roll Call	Beth Seidel <i>Board Clerk</i>	
	Declaration of Quorum	Susan Evans <i>Board Chair</i>	
	Get to Know CPRC	Susan Evans <i>Board Chair</i>	
2.	Review of Agenda		6:05 pm
	Review of Agenda <i>Chair will approve</i>	Susan Evans <i>Board Chair</i>	
3.	Presentations & Recognition		6:10 pm
	Recognition of Past Chair Byron McAllister <i>Potential Action: None – Information Only</i>	Susan Evans <i>Board Chair</i>	
4.	Public Hearing		
5.	CPRC Program Spotlight		6:20 pm
	CPRC Program Overview & Year End Report <i>Potential Action: None – Information Only</i>	Alana Keegan <i>Local Government Services Director</i>	
6.	Business		

7.	Consent Agenda		6:50 pm
	Consent Agenda Items: a. May 2026 Board Minutes b. Authorization for Triangle West TPO to Procure Remix Transit Planning Software, Resolution #2026-08-01	Susan Evans <i>Board Chair</i>	
8.	Items Removed from Consent Agenda		
9.	Chair's Report		7:00 pm
	Chair's Report <i>Potential Action: None – Information Only</i>	Susan Evans <i>Board Chair</i>	
10.	Executive Director's Report		7:10 pm
	Executive Director's Report <i>Potential Action: None – Information Only</i>	Lee Worsley <i>Executive Director</i>	
11.	Around the Region		7:20 pm
12.	Other Business		
	Other Business <i>Potential Action:</i>	Susan Evans <i>Board Chair</i>	
13.	Adjournment		7:30 pm

Central Pines Regional Council Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board of Delegates/Executive Committee

Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: Recognition of Past Chair Byron McAllister

Meeting Date: August 26 (Board of Delegates)

Agenda Location: Presentations/Recognition

Presenter(s): Susan Evans, Board Chair

Recommendation: None - Information Only

Background Information

Overview/Summary	Selma Delegate Byron McAllister served as Central Pines Regional Council's Board Chair from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The Board would like to thank Past Chair McAllister for serving as CPRC's Board Chair for the last year.
What communities in our region are impacted?	All 50 local governments
Funding (if applicable)	N/A

Supporting Documents

Is there any supporting documentation?

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

Central Pines Regional Council Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board of Delegates/Executive Committee

Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: CPRC Program Overview & Year End Report

Meeting Date: August 26 (Board of Delegates)

Agenda Location: CPRC Program Spotlight

Presenter(s): Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director

Recommendation: None - Information Only

Background Information

Overview/Summary	Each year, Central Pines Regional Council develops a <i>Year in Review</i> to highlight the successes, milestones, and achievements of the past year. This document provides members with a snapshot of the Council’s work across the region, showcasing key projects, initiatives, and partnerships that advanced our mission. In addition, the <i>Annual Member Survey</i> serves as an important tool to gather feedback from our members, partners, and stakeholders. The survey results help guide priorities for the coming year, ensuring that our programs and services remain responsive to member needs and aligned with regional goals. Together, the <i>Year in Review</i> and <i>Annual Member Survey</i> provide both a look back at accomplishments and a pathway forward through member input and engagement.
What communities in our region are impacted?	All 50 of our local governments
Funding (if applicable)	

Supporting Documents

- Is there any supporting documentation?
- ☐ No
 - ☒ Yes: 2025-2026 Year in Review



2025 - 2026

Year in Review



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Our Vision

Central Pines Regional Council is the premier regional organization that addresses the needs of members by leading work focused on comprehensive, innovative, timely, and reliable solutions for the region.

Our Mission

Central Pines Regional Council is a member-driven organization serving as a leading resource to connect communities and enhance their strategic priority outcomes through regional policy, collaboration, and technical assistance at the local, regional, and state level.

Core Values



Integrity & Trustworthiness



Excellent Customer Service



Well-Informed Leadership

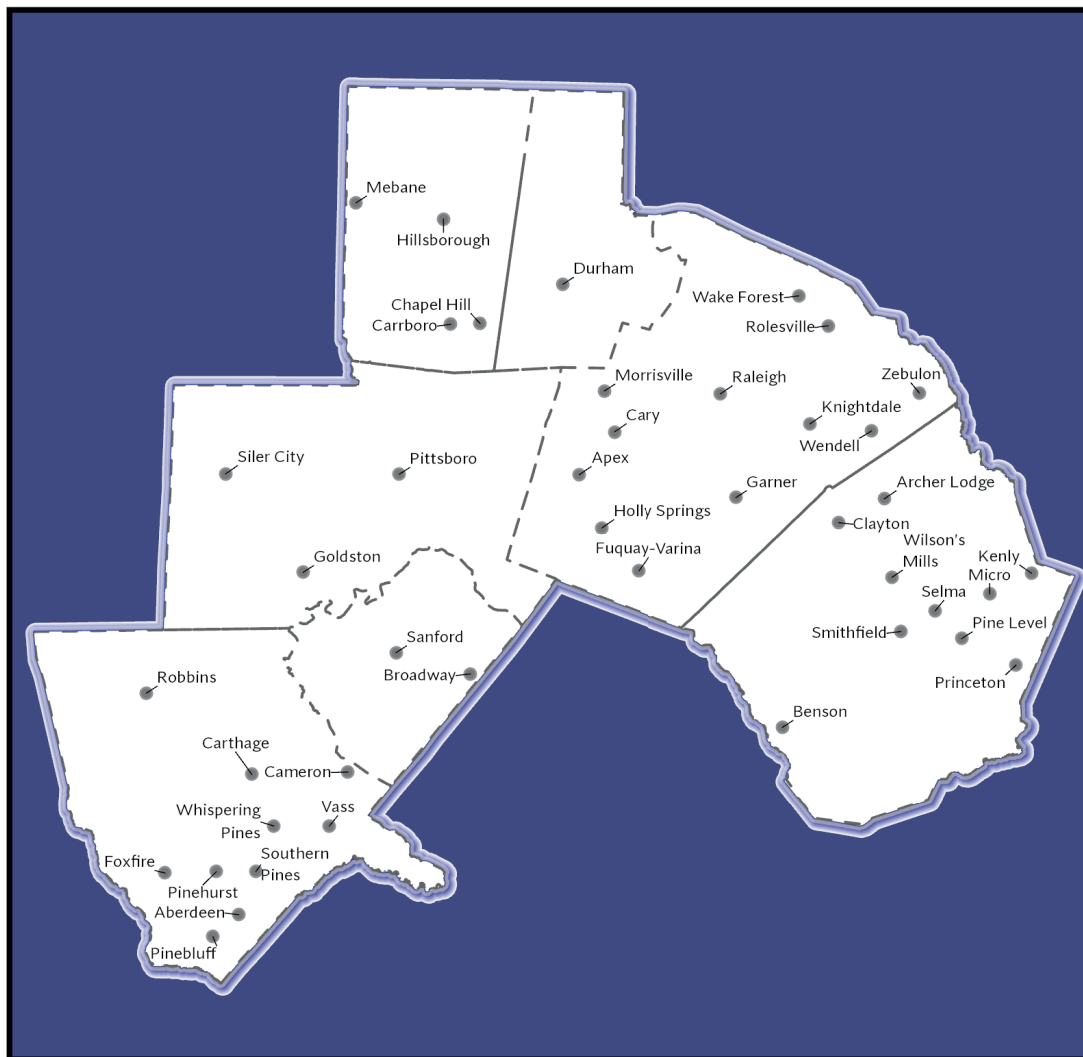


Solutions & Results



Our Region

CPRC is comprised of 50 local governments including 7 counties and 43 municipalities.



CPRC Board Officers

FY 2025-2026



CHAIR
Byron McAllister
Town of Selma



1st VICE CHAIR
Susan Evans
Wake County



2nd VICE CHAIR
Sheveil Harmon
Town of Angier



SECRETARY/
TREASURER
Chris Deshazor
Town of Holly
Springs

CPRC Leadership



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Lee Worsley



DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
Jenny Halsey

BYRON MCALLISTER

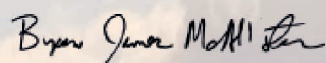
Town of Selma

Board Chair Message

Our region continues to change at an impressive rate as we attract new residents, commerce, and industry. Understanding the need to adjust in a rapidly changing environment, we spent the past year addressing a myriad of challenges and opportunities that are coming to our Central Pines Regional communities. We have in previous years strengthened our connections with each other in the region and we are now using our stronger bonds to take a holistic, outcome-based approach to focus on regional impact.

Central Pines Regional Council is stronger than ever with a team of 50 member governments and a staff that is second to none working through regional concerns together. We remain fully devoted to promoting the resiliency and shared prosperity of our communities through regional collaboration.

The accomplishments outlined in this document would not be possible without an engaged Central Pines Board, committed members, supportive partners, and a diligent staff. Thank you all for the dedication to our Central Pines Regional Council that will continue to propel our communities to new and greater heights.



LEE WORSLEY

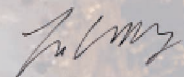
Executive Director Message

The past year has been one of both challenge and opportunity for Central Pines Regional Council. Like many organizations serving local governments, we navigated significant uncertainty as federal funding shifted, programs were paused or restructured, and difficult decisions were required to protect the long-term strength of our organization. Through it all, our staff demonstrated an extraordinary level of professionalism, flexibility, and commitment to serving our members and our region.

At the same time, this year brought important opportunities to strengthen the foundation for our future. We continued expanding our technical assistance and regional partnerships, launched new tools and initiatives, and completed the development of a new financial management system. Most importantly, we adopted our 2026–2029 Strategic Plan—a plan designed to better connect our members' priorities with the resources and investments of Central Pines.

Our five new strategic focus areas reflect a more integrated approach to our work, one that recognizes that the challenges facing our communities rarely fit neatly within a single program or jurisdiction. They provide a shared framework for how we can work together to advance regional priorities and create meaningful outcomes for the people and communities we serve.

I am deeply grateful to our Board of Delegates, our member governments, and our dedicated staff for their partnership throughout a demanding year. Their commitment to regional collaboration is what makes Central Pines strong. As we look ahead, I am confident that this spirit of partnership will continue to guide us as we build a stronger, more connected, and more prosperous region together.





Organization Highlights



2026-2029 STRATEGIC PLAN

Over the past year, the Board leadership, Executive Committee, and CPRC staff collaborated to envision the next phase of the organization and region and the structure needed to meet key goals. The result was the development and adoption of the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan, organized around five strategic focus areas:



This Strategic Plan represents a deliberate shift in how we approach our work, more closely aligning our members' priorities with our budget decisions and focusing our resources on where we believe the region needs us most. The Plan establishes five new strategic focus areas designed to encourage greater collaboration across programs and reduce silos. While this annual report is organized around our previous focus areas, you will see that many projects support multiple strategic focus areas and reflect the more integrated approach outlined in the new Plan. The Strategic Plan was adopted by the Board of Delegates in April 2026 and will guide our work for the years ahead.

NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

As an organization that receives and administers a substantial amount of federal and state funding, a new financial management system was needed. Thanks to the hard work and time of the Central Pines finance team, a new system launched July 1, 2026, marking the culmination of an intensive development process during Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Their dedication to this project, on top of their day-to-day responsibilities, deserves special recognition. This modern system will bring new efficiency, transparency, and capability to our fiscal operations.

MEMBERSHIP & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Central Pines is an independent, public organization with membership open to all local governments in our region. As a mission and member-driven organization, we prioritize the sustainability and success of our local governments above all else. We're also legally recognized as a type of local government under State law. That gives us unique flexibility: we can step in and help local governments directly, acting like an extension of their own staff.

CPRC is proud to have all seven counties and the majority of our region's cities and towns as participating members. Broad participation is critical to the success and vitality of our work. As members, local governments also receive numerous opportunities to shape regional outcomes and support their local goals.

Staff often ask, "What can you can help us with—and how are others using your assistance?" The examples below highlight the range of requests we've received this year.

Town of Clayton: Planning Support



Village of Foxfire: Finance Policy Reviews & Updates



Wake County: Board Retreat Facilitation



Carrboro & Chapel Hill Public Works: Joint Purchasing



108

CPRC hosted 108 external meetings in our conference space.

66%

of members requested technical assistance.

Areas of Assistance Provided in 2025-2026

- Retreat & Meeting Facilitation
- Current Planning Services
- Code Enforcement
- Financial Management
- Strategic Planning
- Town Manager Searches
- Pay/Class & Market Studies
- Growth Forecasting
- Mapping & GIS
- Grant Administration & Management
- Climate & Resilience Planning

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A photograph of a modern conference room. In the foreground, several ergonomic office chairs with white frames and patterned seats are arranged around a long white table. In the background, a large screen displays a presentation with a blue and orange abstract design. The room has a glass wall on the left and a potted plant. The ceiling is white with recessed lights.

Focus Area Highlights



State Fiscal Recovery Funding Housing & Home Improvement

The **Choosing Home** program is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which provided North Carolina with \$5.4 billion in State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The N.C. General Assembly allocated \$15 million of these funds to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, to provide rapid rehousing and housing assistance for individuals and families at risk of homelessness due to the public health emergency.

Administered by the North Carolina Division of Aging, in partnership with Central Pines Regional Council Area Agency on Aging and the state's other Area Agencies on Aging, the Choosing Home program provides financial assistance for housing-related expenses and critical home improvements for eligible adults age 60 and older. By improving housing stability, safety, and accessibility, the program helps older adults remain safely and independently in their homes, reducing the need for premature placement in long-term care facilities while supporting healthy aging in place.

Choosing Home Impact Story

Ms. Bennett received a full roof repair with Choosing Home. Before the repair, her shingles were falling off, missing, and the fascia and soffit were in need of repair. She was worried about worsening damage and potential pest infestation if the roof was not fixed but did not have the income to get these repairs done on her own.

After receiving a roof repair from Choosing Home, Ms. Bennett noted that the work done was great, commenting: "It's taken a lot of worries off of me, things I couldn't do, and they were able to help me with it. I'm really satisfied." She also noted that the services were timely and was very likely to refer the Orange County Department on Aging and Orange County Housing to a friend or family member. She did not note any negative feedback or criticisms and asked if she could be put on a waiting list for any additional repairs she may need in the future.

Before



After



Aging & Human Services

Community & Economic Development

Environment & Resilience

Housing

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Mobility & Transportation

Veteran Directed Care Program

The **My Care, My Choice** Veteran Directed Care (VDC) Program continues to provide Veterans across North Carolina with the opportunity to remain independent and safely age in place within their homes and communities. My Care, My Choice serves Veterans of any age who are at risk of nursing home placement and prefer to remain in their homes while receiving the support they need.

Since enrolling its first Veteran in 2018, the program remained in a pilot phase and did not see additional enrollments until 2024. Today, 20 Veterans are enrolled across Durham, Granville, Lee, Orange, and Wake counties, demonstrating growing demand for self-directed care options. Through the program, Veterans manage their own services, hire caregivers, and purchase supports that best meet their individual needs and goals.

CPRC's Veteran Directed Care Advisor works closely with Veterans, the Durham VA Medical Center, and the Financial Management Service to ensure a person-centered approach to service planning and delivery. CPRC currently oversees approximately \$1.06 million in Veteran Directed service budgets, with individual annual budgets ranging from \$30,000 to \$265,000 based on assessed needs. As awareness of the program continues to grow, Central Pines Area Agency on Aging is committed to expanding outreach efforts and increasing access for more Veterans throughout the region.



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Blueprint Goldston: The Town of Goldston Land Use Plan

Blueprint Goldston is the Town of Goldston's adopted comprehensive land use plan (adopted April 13, 2026), providing a long-term vision to guide growth, development, transportation, and preservation of the town's rural character while preparing for increasing development pressures in southern Chatham County. Drafted by Central Pines Regional Council's Planning and GIS staff in collaboration with the Town's elected officials and Planning Board, the plan establishes a policy framework for future land use decisions, annexation, transportation, economic development, and updates to the Town's Unified Development Ordinance.

The plan was adopted by the Goldston Board of Commissioners following an extensive planning process and is intended to help the Town grow intentionally while preserving its unique identity. Planning staff have begun plan implementation, including working to establish the Town's first Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and first nuisance ordinance. Further work will occur over the coming year.



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Blueprint Goldston was recently announced as a winner of the **North Carolina Chapter American Planning Association's 2026 Marvin Collins Comprehensive Plan Award**. This plan was created by CPRC Staff Chris Lawson, Abby Manning, Tyler Queen, and Karyl Fuller.

Chatham-Durham Digital Opportunity Grant Award

In 2023, CPRC was awarded \$800,000 from the North Carolina Department of Information and Technology, to support digital access and literacy in Chatham and Durham counties. CPRC collaborated with local governments, nonprofit organizations, libraries, and other community-based partners to hold digital literacy trainings and expand access to technology-related resources for residents of Chatham and Durham counties. Kramden Institute served as the partnering agency who coordinated and delivered digital literacy classes throughout both counties, helping residents develop practical skills to use computers, navigate the internet, communicate electronically, access online services, and more fully and confidently participate in employment, education, health care, and other aspects of daily life.

The original proposal anticipated offering 68 digital literacy classes and serving approximately 1,000 residents. Through Kramden Institute's training model and the support of local partners, the initiative exceeded those goals, with 97 classes held and more than 1,200 individuals reached to date. Populations served included rural, low-income households, English language learners, low literacy individuals, among various other populations. All participants were given their own device upon course completion, so that they can continue their learning and skill development beyond the life of this grant award.

As part of this effort, CPRC also created a Regional Opportunity Hub, which provides a link to each CPRC county's Digital Opportunity Plan, additional resources, case studies, and data specific to the region. This interactive Story Map will continue to be updated on a regular basis and can be found here: [CPRC Digital Opportunity Hub](#).



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97

Digital literacy classes held

1,200+

Individuals reached

Clean Water Education Partnership (CWEP)

The Clean Water Education Partnership (CWEP) is a regional collaboration among 42 local governments extending beyond the Central Pines Region, state agencies, and nonprofit organizations working to protect water quality in the Tar-Pamlico, Neuse, and Cape Fear River Basins. Administered by CPRC, the program develops and delivers coordinated stormwater education and outreach. During FY26, CWEP continued to provide high-quality, cost-effective education and outreach materials and campaigns that enabled partner communities to achieve more collectively than they could have individually.

The program's annual Stormwater awareness mass media campaign generated more than 10.1 million impressions across participating communities, reaching residents through a coordinated mix of digital, streaming, social media, and traditional media. This year's campaign focused on how to dispose of household hazardous waste. One of the campaign's promotional videos can be viewed here: [CWEP Commercial](#). Additionally, CPRC's staff appeared on a CBS 17 news segment to discuss CWEP and talk about ways individuals can protect our water.

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Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Grant

CPRC administers a \$1.6 million Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to create a more coordinated system of care for youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness across the region. A key component of this work has been ensuring that youth voices are at the center of planning and decision-making through the creation of a Regional Youth Action Board (YAB), where young people with lived experience serve as equal partners alongside professionals.

YAB members have shared their experiences, identified barriers within existing systems, and helped shape recommendations for meaningful system improvements. These recommendations provide a practical roadmap for strengthening services throughout the remainder of the grant and beyond. The YHSI initiative's lasting impact will be a stronger, more collaborative regional network that values youth leadership and ensures solutions are informed by the real experiences of the young people they are designed to serve.

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[Read the YHSI Report](#)



Durham Senior Home Repair Program

The Durham Senior Home Repair Program (DSHR), administered by CPRC in partnership with Durham County through an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund award, continues to advance its goal of enabling low-income senior residents to age in place safely. Backed by a \$750,000 ARPA allocation, the program targets homeowners aged 60 and older who are at or below 80% of the County's Area Median Income. The program provides comprehensive minor home modifications, including critical plumbing, roofing, accessibility ramp, and structural repairs, ensuring zero financial burden to participating seniors.

The program demonstrated strong momentum this year, receiving 73 total applications and carrying out initial home assessments for 33 priority properties. CPRC made significant progress, completing 21 home repairs, addressing critical safety hazards for cost-burdened senior households. CPRC remains focused on completing approved repair projects and delivering targeted assistance to households with the most urgent safety and accessibility needs. The program will be completed by September 30, 2026 having served nearly 40 seniors across Durham County.

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New Roofing



New Siding

Financial Assistance for Small Towns

After falling behind on required audits and landing on the state's local government watch list, Micro turned to Central Pines Regional Council for support. CPRC worked side-by-side with Town leadership—providing temporary staff to help manage day-to-day operations, establishing structured budget meetings, and helping Town staff comb through years of financial records. Thanks to this sustained partnership, Micro has been removed from the state's watch list and is back on solid footing.

In their own words:

"Central Pines Regional Council was essential in the effort to get the Town of Micro caught up on long-overdue audits.. CPRC also helped us establish structured meetings around our budget and provided temporary staff to assist with day-to-day operations while we worked together to comb through the Town's finances. They also connected our staff with other mayors and commissioners, helping us build a network outside of Town and stay connected to the region. CPRC's diligence and care has put Micro back on track. We couldn't be more thankful for their assistance."

-Katy Garcia
Town of Micro Commissioner



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Pathways to Government Report & Advancing Workforce Grant

A new Pathways to Government Report – commissioned by the United Way of the Greater Triangle (UWGT) and carried out in collaboration with the Raleigh Innovation Team (i-Team) and Central Pines Regional Council – identified four high-demand, hard-to-fill career paths in local government that offer livable wages, advancement potential, and strong alignment with skills workers already carry from adjacent industries:



Utilities & Wastewater Technicians



Maintenance & Land Management



Social Work & Human Services



Electric Line Workers & Inspectors

These roles meet a clear standard: they are in high demand, difficult to fill, offer competitive compensation with upward mobility, and draw on transferable skills from fields already feeding into public service.

Central Pines Regional Council has been awarded \$200,000 through the Advancing Workforce Mobility Initiative, a \$3.5 million national effort led by Education Design Lab in partnership with Credential Engine and supported by Walmart. Selected as 1 of 10 grantees from more than 400 applicants nationwide, this work responds to a challenge we continue to hear across our region: local governments are struggling to fill critical roles, even as many individuals already have the skills to succeed through work experience, community college, military service, or other non-degree pathways. Through 2028, CPRC will be working with our local governments to develop resources that increase transparency of necessary job skills for high-vacancy roles, and map to existing continuing education or credential programs in the region, so a candidate's real experience can show up in hiring, not just their diploma.



Member Support & Services



CPRC was awarded

\$200K

through Education Design Lab's
Advancing Workforce Mobility
Initiative

Destination 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

One of the projects that CPRC is always working on “in the background” is ongoing facilitation and technical assistance to the Capital Area MPO and Triangle West TPO on joint planning activities. Most visibly, this culminates every four years in the adoption of a new jointly-developed Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the region’s central urban core - the most recent MTP, Destination 2055, was adopted in February 2026 and represents the culmination of about three years of technical work necessary to create the plan. In addition to facilitating the joint planning process and managing the project schedule, CPRC also performed a number of technical tasks in the plan development such as leading the efforts related to land use forecasting, revenue forecasting, and performance measurement.

The combined MPO region
is anticipated to add

1.3M

additional residents
between 2020 and 2055

The MTP includes about

\$80B

in planned transportation
project spending over the
next 30 years

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Safe Streets for All

Throughout 2025, CPRC worked with the Town of Morrisville, City of Sanford, Town of Broadway, and Lee County on the development of two Safety Action Plans – one focused on a rural area and one focused on an urban/suburban area. These plans were locally adopted in late 2025 and will serve as guidance for these communities as they work on ways to improve roadway plans as case study examples to develop a set of data tools and templates for other communities in our region to use in developing their own Safety Action Plans – these tools can be found at centralpinesnc.gov/safestreets.

We plan to keep the data tools updated from year to year as part of an ongoing safety data dashboard, as a tool for our member communities. CPRC's work on this project was recognized with a 2026 NADO Excellence in Regional Transportation Award.

In 2025, there were 218 lives lost due to roadway crashes in the CPRC region. Between 2020 and 2025, there was an average of 938 fatal and/or serious injury crashes that occurred in the CPRC region each year. Of these fatal and serious injury crashes:



Public engagement event at Sanford Farmers Market



138

crashes per year involved bicycles or pedestrians



183

crashes per year involved alcohol



192

crashes per year involved unbelted drivers/passengers



156

crashes per year involved speeding



93

crashes per year involved distracted driving



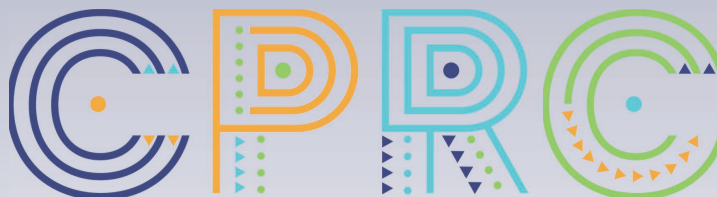
61

crashes per year involved young drivers under age 20





Have you taken our
Member Survey yet?



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BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Central Pines Conference Room & Virtual

Chair Byron McAllister Presiding

Delegates & Alternates Attending:

Fallon Brewington, Aberdeen
Sheveil Harmon, Angier
Terry Mahaffey, Apex
Donald Andrews, Broadway
Amanda Robertson, Chatham County
Elmo Vance, Garner
Kathleen Ferguson, Hillsborough
Chris Deshazor, Holly Springs
Butch Lawter, Johnston County
LaWanda Neal, Kenly
Katy Garcia, Micro
Sally Greene, Orange County
Kevin Fitzpatrick, Pinehurst
Barb Ficklin, Pinehurst (A)
Stacy Johnston, Princeton
Mitchell Silver, Raleigh
Ronnie Currin, Rolesville
Rebecca Wyhof Salmon, Sanford
Byron McAllister, Selma
Amy West Whitley, Selma (A)
Norma Boone, Siler City
Ann Petersen, Southern Pines

Nadine Moody, Taylortown
Susan Evans, Wake County
Joe DeLoach, Wendell
Braxton Honeycutt, Wendell (A)
Rick Hutchinson, Whispering Pines
Doris Riley, Wilson's Mills
Shannon Baxter, Zebulon

CPRC Staff Attending:

Grace Berry, Lead for NC Fellow
Jenny Halsey, Assistant Executive
Director
Jenisha Henneghan, Area Agency on
Aging Director
Alana Keegan, Local Government
Services Director
Doug Plachcinski, TWTPo Executive
Director
Hannah Schuette, Management
Analyst
Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board
Hope Tally, Chief Finance Officer
Lee Worsley, Executive Director

A = Alternate

1. Call to Order 6:00 pm

- a. Call to Order
Byron McAllister, Chair
- b. Roll Call
Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board
- c. Declaration of Quorum
Byron McAllister, Chair

Chair Byron McAllister called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and reviewed the process for hybrid meetings. Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board, completed the Roll Call and it was determined there was a

quorum present at the meeting.

d. Get to Know CPRC
Byron McAllister, Chair

Chair McAllister shared that in April 1974 the Triangle J Council of Governments produced a “North Carolina Region J Inventory and Atlas.” He passed around the document that lives in the Pine Preserves Library. The Atlas listed topics such as Regional History, Population, Housing, and Economic Data. It also included Government Financial Data and a Zoning and Subdivision Survey.

Regional data and information are interesting and very helpful as local governments consider growth and other decisions. That is why it is important that this Board recently adopted a Strategic Plan that directs CPRC staff to continue investing in its data center and the Connected Region Clearinghouse. Through these efforts, regional data like this should soon be at the fingertips of our local government members in an easy-to-access digital format.

2. Review of Agenda

a. Review of Agenda
Byron McAllister, Chair
Potential Action: Chair McAllister will approve

There were several items that were added to the agenda, which included:

- 2026-2027 CPRC Officer Nominating Committee Report (under Business)
- Revised Budget Resolution #2026-05-02
- New Project Budget Resolution #2026-05-09
- Switching items 3 and 6

Chair McAllister reviewed the agenda and declared that the agenda was approved with the aforementioned changes.

3. Presentations & Recognition

a. Recognition of CPRC Board Clerk, Beth Seidel
Presenter: Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director
Potential Action: Place on Consent Agenda

Beth Seidel has served as Board Clerk to the Board of Delegates since 2023, providing vital and appreciated services to ensure the governing board and organization can operate efficiently and make critical decisions in a timely manner, comply with all state regulations and

ensure transparency, and act as a trusted resource for elected officials and board members across the region. In accordance with County and Municipal Clerk Weeks taking place in the month of May, CPRC would like to recognize Beth for her diligence, enthusiasm, and continued professionalism as Board Clerk.

Executive Director Lee Worsley and Chair Byron McAllister also thanked Ms. Seidel for her service to the Board.

4. Public Hearing

5. CPRC Program/Service Spotlight

a. CPRC's Public Workforce Initiative

Presenter: Alana Keegan, Local Government Services Director

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Over the past few years, Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC) has led a regional public workforce initiative focused on addressing local government workforce challenges related to recruitment, retention, and talent pipeline development. Using data gathered through surveys conducted by CPRC and RTI International, the initiative has supported several regional efforts, including the creation of a compensation and benefits consortium, the Local Government (LOGO) Career Expo, and ongoing work to identify workforce needs and opportunities to strengthen local government workplaces.

This work directly benefits local governments across the region and provides opportunities for member organizations to participate through both fee-based and no-cost programs and services. New grant funding awarded in 2026 will also create pilot mini-grant opportunities for local governments to assess and address workforce needs. Through partnerships with organizations such as United Way of the Triangle and the Raleigh Innovation Team, CPRC continues to expand this work and will help convene regional leaders later this year to explore the future of work in local government. The presentation provided board members with a high-level overview of progress, current efforts, and opportunities that may benefit their communities and organizations.

Alana Keegan, CPRC Local Government Services Director, led the Board in a group activity on the challenges they see as the biggest priority in workforce.

6. Business

a. Consideration of Central Pines Regional Council FY 2026-2027 Budget

Presenter: Lee Worsley, Executive Director

Potential Action: Place on Consent Agenda

On April 15, 2026, Central Pines Executive Director Lee Worsley submitted the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Recommended Budget to members and alternates of the Board of Delegates and the managers of CPRC's member governments.

The Executive Director presented the Recommended Budget during the April 22, 2026 meeting, and the Board held the required Public Hearing. No members of the public spoke during the Public Hearing, and the Board did not request any changes to the Budget.

Since the presentation of the Recommended Budget, several changes have been made to the budget document to reflect additional information received since the April 22nd meeting.

One significant change coming in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is the implementation of CPRC's new financial system. As a result, the CPRC will be able to start moving multi-year projects from the yearly Budget Resolution to individual Project-Related Budget Resolutions. The Recommended Budget for the Board's consideration includes five project-specific Budget Resolutions for new multi-year fiscal-year projects beginning July 1, 2026. These include:

- Chatham County Urgent Repair Program (URP) 2026 Project totaling \$165,000
- Lee County Urgent Repair Program (URP) 2026 Project totaling \$33,000
- Wake County Urgent Repair Program (URP) Project totaling \$165,000
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Weatherization Grant totaling \$10,707,519
- US Housing and Urban Development Lead Grant totaling \$1,583,300
- Triangle West TPO totaling \$5,735,308

Since these projects can now be set up as Project Resolutions in our new Finance System, the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 portions of these projects have been moved out of the primary CPRC FY 2026-2027 Budget Resolution. These shifts are the primary reason why the total budget in CPRC's primary Budget Resolution has gone from the \$36,388,094 presented on April 22nd to \$34,672,554.

The new Finance System will enable CPRC to enter an entire multi-year project into the system, which is a significant improvement for staff and our finance team. The ability to track a Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates Meeting Agenda Cover Sheet project's total will reduce estimates and manual year-over-year tracking, which many of

our project directors had to do with the old system.

It's important to note that our ability to afford a new system of this sophistication, while maintaining our indirect rate at the same percentage, is a direct example of how focusing regionalization opportunities within Central Pines lowers costs for all programs and enables us to provide higher-level service internally to our programs.

Triangle West TPO Executive Director Doug Plachcinski gave an overview of the Triangle West TPO Budget. Mr. Plachcinski also mentioned that they were working on their Strategic Plan.

Delegate Kathleen Ferguson (Hillsborough) recommended that Triangle West TPO incorporate the Connected Region effort into their Strategic Plan.

Delegate Ronnie Currin (Rolesville) recommended that these resolutions be placed on the Consent Agenda.

- b. 2026-2027 CPRC Nominating Committee Report
Presenter: Butch Lawter, Nominating Committee Chair
Potential Action: Consider recommendations of Nominating Committee, solicit any nominations from the floor, vote on FY 26-27 Board Officers

Nominating Committee Chair Butch Lawter presented the Board of Delegates with the slate of officers for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The slate is as follows:

- Chair: Susan Evans
- First Vice Chair: Sheveil Harmon
- Second Vice Chair: Chris Deshazor
- Secretary/Treasurer: Katy Garcia

Delegate Donald Andrews (Broadway) recommended this item be placed on the Consent Agenda.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Draft Minutes: April 22, 2026
- b. Recognition of CPRC Board Clerk, Beth Seidel, Resolution #2026-05-01
- c. FY 2026-2027 CPRC Recommended Budget, Resolution #2026-05-02
- d. Project Resolution – Lee Co. URP 2026, Resolution #2026-05-03
- e. Project Resolution – Chatham Co. URP 2026, Resolution #2026-05-04
- f. Project Resolution – Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Grant, Resolution #2026-05-05
- g. Project Resolution – Wake Co. URP 2026, Resolution #2026-05-06
- h. Project Resolution – HUD Lead Grant, Resolution #2026-05-07

- i. Pay & Class Resolution, Resolution #2026-05-08
- j. Project Resolution – TWTPO Project Prioritization Pilot Program, Resolution #2026-05-09

Action: Adoption of Consent Agenda

Motion: Delegate Sheveil Harmon

Second: Delegate Ann Petersen

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

9. Around the Region

10. Chair's Report

- a. Chair's Report

Presenter: *Byron McAllister, Chair*

Potential Action: None – Information Only

The Chair shared that he recently visited Washington DC to chat about economic development. The federal government is very excited about data centers in our communities. The Chair encouraged everyone to keep their ears to the ground on this topic.

Chair McAllister mentioned that he and Executive Director Lee Worsley had a good conversation about the budget and how intertwined Triangle West TPO and Central Pines are with the LPA. In our meetings going forward, we need to discuss how we interact and engage with Triangle West TPO, especially over the next six months.

11. Executive Director's Report

- a. Executive Director's Report

Presenter: *Lee Worsley, Executive Director*

Potential Action: None – Information Only

Lee Worsley shared the Executive Director's report with the Board, including printed and digital versions. He mentioned that they recently visited the General Assembly, but they weren't able to visit with many representatives. There was some good conversation that was had, and Mr. Worsley thanked Delegate Ferguson for attending as well.

Mr. Worsley made the Board aware that the Town of Benson reached out about some assistance in finding an interim Town Manager, and Mr. Worsley was able to provide some possibilities.

Mr. Worsley thanked the Board for adopting the Strategic Plan at the April meeting. Now the hard work begins by assigning owners to

strategies and goals in the next three years. This also includes determining Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Earlier today at the Manager's Meeting, the property tax debate was discussed, and how Central Pines could be of assistance on this topic. A survey was sent out on this topic to Managers, but Alana Keegan will send this to the Board as well.

Mr. Worsley thanked Chair Byron McAllister for his leadership over the past year. He will be formally recognized at the August meeting.

12. Other Business

a. Other Business

Presenter: Byron McAllister, Chair

13. Adjournment

With there being nothing further, Chair McAllister adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Duly adopted this 26th day of August while in regular session.

Byron McAllister, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board
Central Pines Regional Council

Central Pines Regional Council Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board of Delegates/Executive Committee

Agenda Item Information

Agenda Item Title: Authorization for Triangle West TPO to Procure Remix Transit Planning Software

Meeting Date: August 26, 2026 (Board of Delegates)

Agenda Location: Consent Agenda

Presenter(s): Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager, Triangle West TPO

Recommendation: Place on Consent Agenda

Background Information

Overview/Summary	Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization requests approval for a one-year Remix Transit Planning subscription from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. Updated Renewal #4 confirms a total contract value of \$74,600 for the Transit Planning Platform License. The proposed renewal retains Transit Planning and discontinues Streets. The purchase will be processed as a sole-source procurement consistent with Central Pines Regional Council requirements.
What communities in our region are impacted?	Triangle West TPO staff and participating member-jurisdiction users engaged in regional and local transit planning.
Funding (if applicable)	Contract value: \$74,600 for FY2027, plus any legally applicable taxes if invoiced. Remix confirmed that tax invoicing will remain consistent with prior practice. The final funding source, project, and account code will be confirmed with Central Pines Regional Council Finance before contract execution.

Supporting Documents

Is there any supporting documentation?

- ☒ Yes - Proposed resolution; sole-source memorandum and justification form; technical/continuity sole-source support; updated unsigned Remix Renewal #4 agreement; and price/scope summary.

TRIANGLE WEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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TO:	Central Pines Regional Council Board of Delegates
FROM:	KC Chae, Systems & Operations Manager, Triangle West TPO
DATE:	August 10, 2026
SUBJECT:	Procurement of Remix Transit Planning as a Sole Source
REQUESTED ACTION:	Approve a one-year Remix Transit Planning subscription for September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 at a contract value of \$74,600, plus any legally applicable taxes if invoiced, using CPRC's sole-source procurement process.

Summary

Triangle West TPO seeks approval to continue using Remix Transit Planning for September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. The proposed procurement retains the Transit Planning module and discontinues the Streets module. Updated Renewal #4 states a total contract value of \$74,600 for one year. Remix separately confirmed that tax invoicing will remain consistent with prior practice; any legally applicable taxes, if invoiced, will be handled through CPRC Finance.

Need and continuity

Triangle West TPO has used Remix for several years to support transit route and service planning, accessibility and demographic analysis, collaborative mapping, and data export. Existing project work, configurations, data layers, and staff workflows are maintained within the Remix platform. Continued access avoids interruption of active planning work and the time and cost required to migrate or recreate projects and retrain staff and participating users.

Sole-source basis

The requested procurement is for continued access to the existing Remix Transit environment, not for a generic new software platform. Remix Technologies, LLC is the provider and licensor of the existing platform used by Triangle West TPO, and continued access to that proprietary environment, existing project work, and vendor support is available only from Remix. The accompanying technical and continuity justification documents why continued access to Triangle West TPO's existing hosted Remix environment can be provided only by Remix Technologies, LLC.

Contract documentation

Remix provided an updated Renewal #4 confirming a Remix Transit Planning Platform License for September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 at a total contract value of \$74,600. The agreement includes unlimited organizational users, cloud-based SaaS hosting, platform functionality with continuous improvements, dedicated Customer Success staff, Premium Enterprise Support with a three-business-day response time, and annual advance invoicing payable within 30 days. Pricing is valid if signed by September 15, 2026. The attached Renewal #4 is the current unsigned vendor agreement and will be routed for execution after Board approval and completion of CPRC procurement and contract review.

Price reasonableness

Remix initially proposed \$85,600 for Transit Planning only. Following negotiation, the vendor reduced the one-year price to \$74,600. This is \$20,500 less than the earlier \$95,100 proposal for Transit Planning and Streets and \$15,100 less than the current \$89,700 annual Transit Planning and Streets subscription. The scope reduction and negotiated decrease support the reasonableness of the proposed price.

REMIX TRANSIT PLANNING TECHNICAL AND CONTINUITY SOLE-SOURCE SUPPORT

Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization | FY2027

Purpose of this supporting document

This document supports the request to continue the Remix Transit Planning subscription as a sole-source procurement. The procurement requirement is continued access to Triangle West TPO's existing Remix-hosted Transit Planning environment and associated vendor support, rather than acquisition of a new generic transit-planning software platform.

Existing environment and continuity requirement

- Triangle West TPO has used Remix for several years for transit route and service planning, accessibility and demographic analysis, collaborative mapping, and data export.
- Existing planning work, project configurations, data layers, and staff workflows are maintained in the Remix platform and are used by Triangle West TPO and participating member-jurisdiction users.
- Renewal #4 continues only the Remix Transit Planning Platform License; the Streets module is not included in the proposed FY2027 renewal.
- A change to a different software platform would constitute a separate replacement effort requiring evaluation, data/project migration or recreation, user transition, and retraining rather than a continuation of the existing hosted Remix environment.

Why the continued subscription is source-specific

Remix Technologies, LLC is the licensor and service provider for the Remix platform currently used by Triangle West TPO. Only Remix can renew access to the existing proprietary Remix-hosted environment and provide platform-specific updates, customer-success services, and support associated with that environment. Other transit-planning products may exist in the market, but they cannot renew or license Triangle West TPO's existing Remix environment.

Transit Planning capabilities relevant to the continued use

- Cloud-based transit route design and evaluation with operational and demographic analysis.
- Use of General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) data and existing bus-stop infrastructure.
- Customizable timetables, trip variants, and vehicle blocking for planning and cost analysis.
- Accessibility and travel-time analysis, including Remix's Jane isochrone functionality.
- Demographic and equity-oriented analysis, mapping, and presentation functions.
- Import/export and collaborative workflows that support continued use of existing projects and organizational data.
- Hosted Software as a Service access for unlimited users within the organization, dedicated Customer Success staff, and Premium Enterprise Support with a three-business-day response time, as stated in updated Renewal #4.

Price and scope

The proposed one-year contract value is \$74,600 for Remix Transit Planning. This reflects a negotiated reduction from the vendor's initial \$85,600 Transit-only proposal and is \$20,500 below the earlier \$95,100 Transit Planning + Streets proposal. The current FY2025-26 Transit Planning + Streets subscription is \$89,700.

Conclusion

For the defined requirement - continued access to Triangle West TPO's existing Remix Transit Planning environment - Remix Technologies, LLC is the only source able to provide the required license renewal and platform-specific service continuity. The proposed procurement therefore supports use of CPRC's sole-source process, subject to required Board approval, budget availability, and contract execution procedures.

Source documents used for this justification

- Updated Remix Renewal #4 of the Service Agreement for Triangle West TPO (received August 10, 2026).
- Remix August 3, 2026 pricing communication and Transit-only pricing proposal.
- FY2025-26 Remix sole-source package, including Remix documentation of product functionality and features.
- FY2025-26 signed Remix Transit Planning and Streets renewal agreement.

Renewal #4 of the Service Agreement for Triangle West TPO

Remix Technologies LLC ("Remix") and Central Pines Regional Council (on behalf of Triangle West) ("Customer" and together with Remix, the "Parties") have entered into an agreement titled Service Agreement Amendment for DCHC MPO (the "Agreement") dated as of September 1, 2020 and extended by (i) the Reassignment and Renewal of the Service Agreement Amendment for DCHC MPO dated as of September 1, 2023, (ii) the Service Agreement Amendment for DCHC MPO dated as of September 1, 2024, and (iii) Renewal #3 of the Service Agreement for Triangle West TPO dated as of September 1, 2025. Upon execution of this Renewal #4 (the "Renewal"), the Parties agree to the following:

1. **Renewal.** With effect from September 1, 2026 (the "*Effective Date*") the Parties hereby agree to extend the duration of the Agreement beyond its original duration from the Effective date for a period of 1 year from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.
2. **Price.** The Parties hereby agree to the following price structure:

Remix Transit Planning Platform License	Total Contract Value: \$74,600 USD / 1 year • 2026: \$74,600 USD per year Pricing valid if signed by September 15, 2026. Includes: • Remix licenses for an unlimited number of users within organization. • Software as a Service (SaaS): fully hosted, cloud-based web platform. • Platform functionality as described in the Agreement with continuous improvements released throughout the course of the contract • Dedicated Customer Success staff • Premium Enterprise Support: response to requests in 3 business days
Marketing Terms	Willingness to work with Remix to develop a case study, mutually agreeable press release, ability to use Customer as a reference.
Additional Services	Customer acknowledges that additional services, such as access to Company's (including its affiliates) proprietary technology platform used to establish, monitor, operate and/or manage fixed-route and demand responsive transit networks, may be added to this Agreement at an additional cost during the Term.
Payment Terms	Fees invoiced annually in advance of access, payable in 30 days from the date of invoice.

3. **Conflicts, Use of Terms, Governing Law.** Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Agreement. Except as expressly provided herein, the terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged. This Renewal will be governed by the same law as the Agreement.

REMIX TECHNOLOGIES LLC

By:

Name:

Title:

Date:

**CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL on
behalf of TRIANGLE WEST**

By:

Name:

Title:

Date:

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Customer Billing Information

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REMIX TRANSIT PLANNING - PRICE AND SCOPE SUMMARY

Proposed procurement

One-year Remix Transit Planning subscription for September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. The proposed renewal does not include the Streets module. Updated Renewal #4 states a total contract value of \$74,600 for one year. Remix separately confirmed that tax invoicing will remain consistent with prior practice; any legally applicable taxes, if invoiced, will be handled through CPRC Finance.

Reference	Scope	Price	Comparison
Current FY2025-26 contract	Transit Planning + Streets	\$89,700	Current annual subscription
Earlier FY2026-27 proposal	Transit Planning + Streets	\$95,100	\$20,500 above proposed option
Initial July 2026 proposal	Transit Planning only	\$85,600	\$11,000 above negotiated price
Negotiated August 3, 2026 proposal	Transit Planning only	\$74,600	Recommended option

Price-reasonableness considerations

- The proposed Transit-only price is \$20,500 lower than the earlier proposal for Transit Planning and Streets.
- The negotiated Transit-only price is \$11,000 lower than the vendor's initial Transit-only proposal.
- The proposed price is \$15,100 lower than the current annual Transit Planning and Streets contract.
- The vendor reduced the scope by removing Streets and reduced the price following negotiation.
- Remix confirmed that tax invoicing will remain consistent with prior practice; CPRC Finance will handle any legally applicable tax treatment before payment.

Documentation status

Updated Renewal #4 was received August 10, 2026 and is included as the unsigned vendor agreement for the Board package. It confirms a Remix Transit Planning Platform License for September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, with a total contract value of \$74,600, unlimited organizational users, cloud-based SaaS hosting, platform functionality with continuous improvements, dedicated Customer Success staff, Premium Enterprise Support with a three-business-day response time, and annual advance invoicing payable within 30 days. Pricing is valid if signed by September 15, 2026.

CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Vendor	Remix Technologies, LLC
Item	Remix Transit Planning subscription
Estimated expenditure	\$74,600, plus any legally applicable taxes if invoiced

Initial all entries below that apply to the proposed purchase. Attach a memorandum containing the justification and supporting documentation.

- ☒ 1. Sole source is for the original manufacturer or provider; there are no area distributors.
- ☐ 2. The parts/equipment are not interchangeable with similar parts of another manufacturer.
- ☒ 3. This is the only known item or service that will meet the specialized needs or perform the intended function.
- ☐ 4. The parts/equipment are required from this source to permit standardization.
- ☐ 5. None of the above apply. A detailed explanation and justification is contained in the attached memorandum.

Supporting documentation: Sole-source memorandum; technical and continuity justification; updated unsigned Renewal #4; and price/scope summary.

The undersigned requests that competitive procurement be waived and that the vendor identified above be authorized as the sole source for the material or service described.

Supervisor

Date

Chief Finance Officer

Date

Board Chair (\$30,000+)

Date

Resolution #2026-08-01

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF SOLE-SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF REMIX TRANSIT PLANNING

WHEREAS, Central Pines Regional Council requires Board approval for any proposed sole-source contract that exceeds \$30,000; and,

WHEREAS, Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization requests approval to procure a one-year Remix Transit Planning subscription for September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027; and,

WHEREAS, Remix Technologies, LLC is the provider and licensor of Triangle West TPO's existing Remix Transit platform, and continued access to that proprietary environment, existing project work, and vendor support is available only from Remix; and,

WHEREAS, continued use preserves existing planning work and staff workflows and avoids disruption and the migration, recreation, and training costs associated with changing platforms; and,

WHEREAS, Triangle West TPO reduced the scope to Transit Planning only and negotiated a one-year contract value of \$74,600, plus any legally applicable taxes if invoiced;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DELEGATES that Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization is authorized to procure a one-year Remix Transit Planning subscription at a contract value of \$74,600, plus any legally applicable taxes if invoiced, subject to completion of Central Pines Regional Council procurement, budget, and contract review.

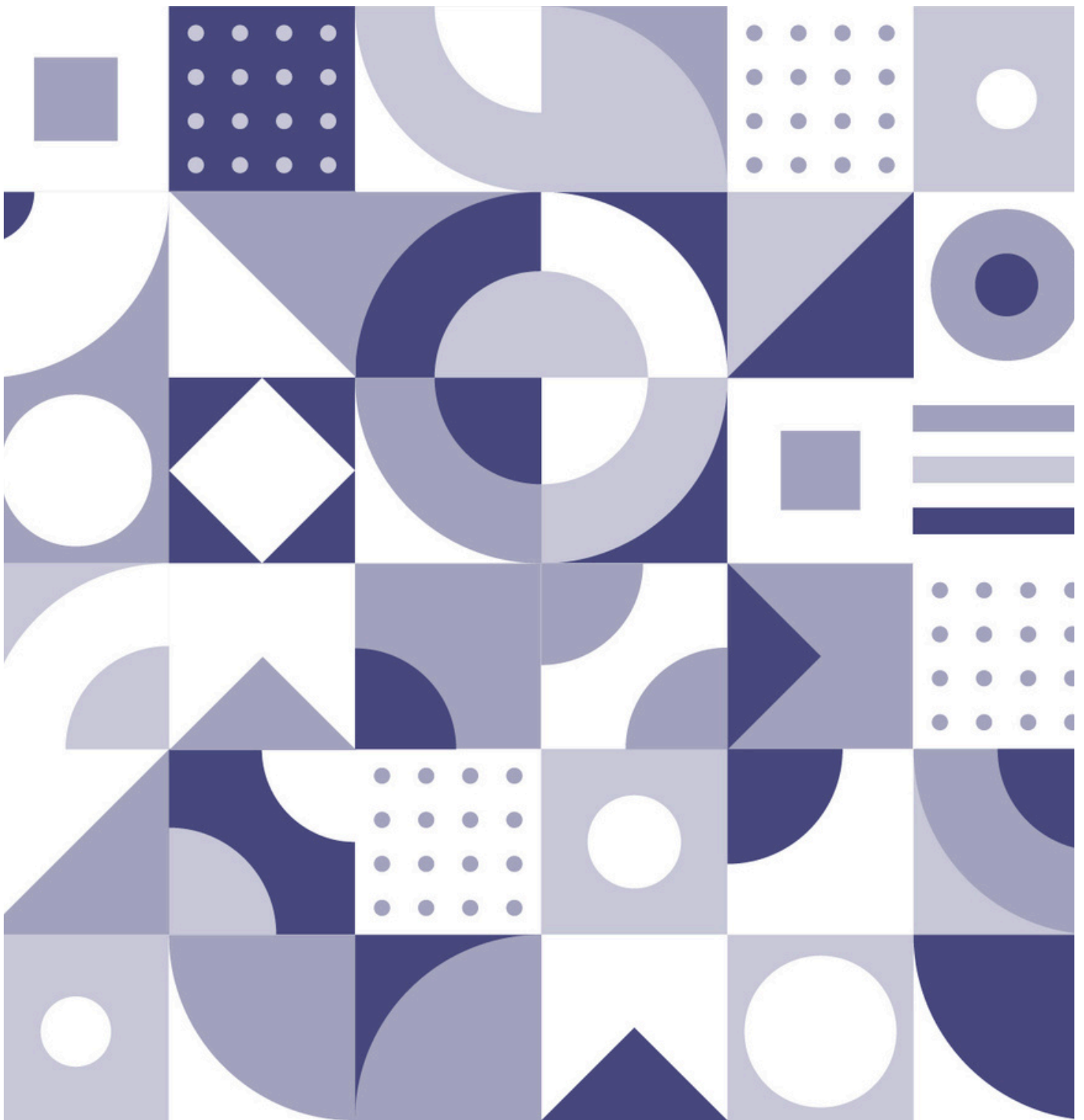
Adopted and approved this 26th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

Beth Seidel
Clerk to the Board

Susan Evans
Chair





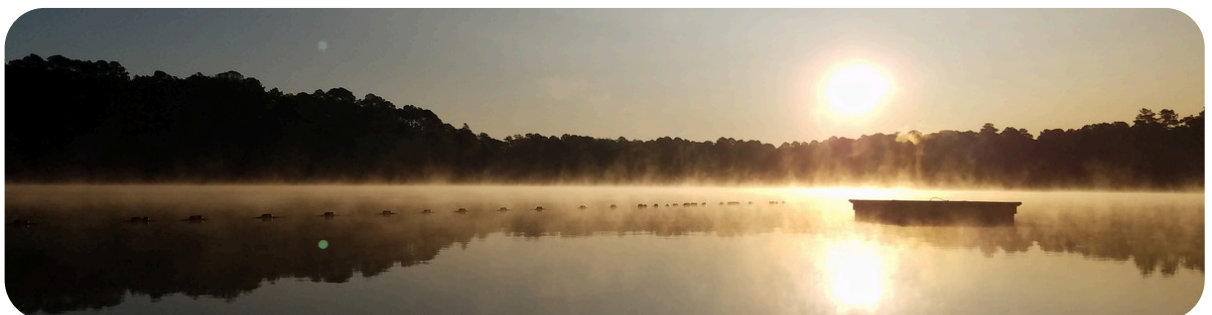
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lee Worsley, Executive Director
Central Pines Regional Council



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Message from Lee



Lee Worsley

CPRC Executive Director

The new fiscal year brings lots of excitement at Central Pines Regional Council around our new 2026-2029 Strategic Plan. The plan was adopted by our Board and was informed over the last year by numerous conversations and input from our Board Officers, Executive Committee, and staff. Please take a look at the plan at <https://www.centralpinesnc.gov/news/2026-2029-strategic-plan>.

I wanted to highlight one strategy that we have already begun working on this year. Our Area Agency on Aging plays an important role in connecting the State of North Carolina's Division on Aging with our counties and then to the aging provider network through the region. That can be through the distribution and monitoring of Home and Community Care Block Grant funding or through our Ombudsman, Health Promotion or Veterans Directed services.

We want to make sure that our counties can maximize the use of these important dollars and to raise awareness of the pressure our region is under over the next couple of decades with anticipated increases in the aging population. As examples:

- Our region will see a 72,575 increase (218%) in the 85+ population by 2044
- Nearly 1 out of 4 of the increase in the entire 85+ population growth for the entire State of North Carolina will occur within OUR region.

Due to this, a strategy in our new Strategic Plan is to convene the Central Pines Regional Council County Delegate, the County Manager, and our AAA and CPRC staff leadership twice a year to talk about aging program issues. An invitation for our first meeting went out last week, and our Strategic Plan identifies 100% attendance at these meetings from our counties as a Strategic Plan measure. We look forward to engaging with our county members on this important topic.



Major Metro Regional Council Highlight

Plan Bulldozer

Mid-American Regional Council (MARC)

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) represents municipal and county governments in the Kansas City bi-state region. They serve nine counties and 119 municipalities. One of MARC's signature work areas is in public safety and emergency management.

One interesting initiative lead by MARC are around emergency services plans and specifically Plan Bulldozer.

MARC's explanation for Plan Bulldozer is:

Plan Bulldozer is a regional mutual aid agreement with the heavy contractors in the metropolitan area. Plan Bulldozer describes the types of heavy equipment resources potentially available to local jurisdictions and provides 24-hour contact information for accessing these resources.



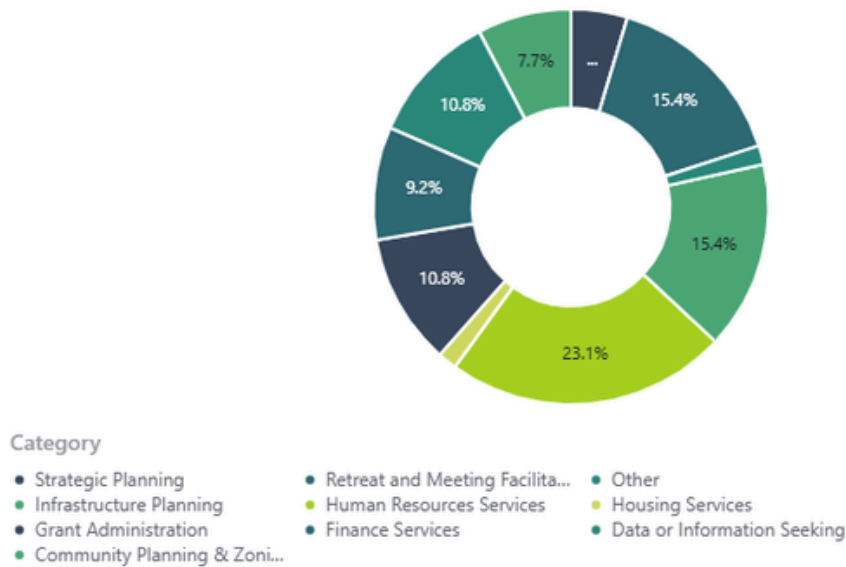
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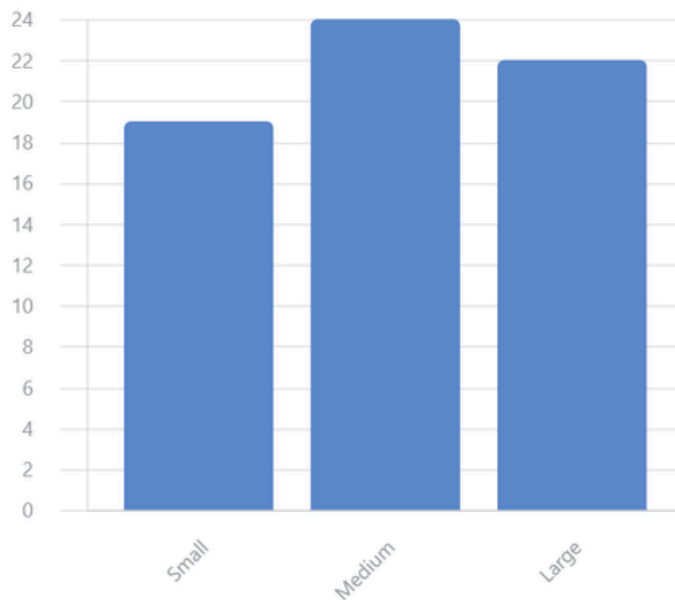
Local Government Member Request Dashboard

Our Member Services Team maintains a real-time Member Request dashboard that helps to track incoming requests from our local governments, rate of utilization by members, and emerging areas of need.

Request by Category ⓘ



Requests by Size



Member Requests

25-26 Requests

65

25-26 Space Reservations

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Updates

NCDOT Projects Near Me Tool



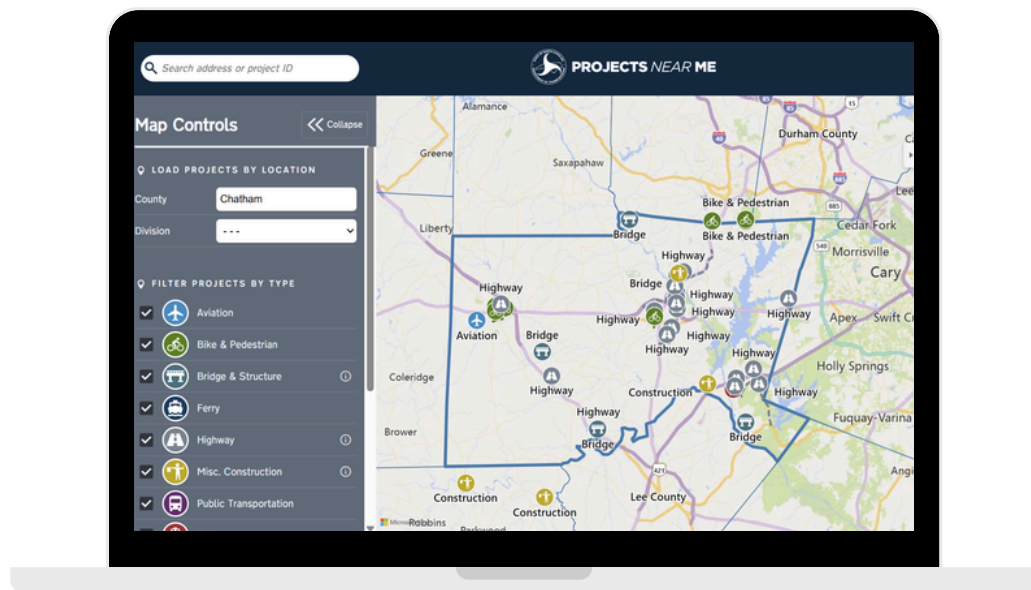
The public has a new way to keep tabs on transportation projects that are underway or upcoming, whether they are in a nearby neighborhood or across the state.

The NC Department of Transportation recently launched an interactive online tool called Projects Near Me, where people can explore a map featuring a wide range of state transportation project data. The map is searchable by address, making it easy to find projects near any location, and by project identification number in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It can also display projects by county or NCDOT Highway Division.

Additional filters allow users to search the map by project type – aviation, bicycle and pedestrian, bridge and structure, ferry, highway, public transportation, rail, and other miscellaneous projects. The map can also display indicators for projects that are of high public interest, have public engagement, or are future projects.

Users can click on any map pin to display more project information, including a local map and description of the work, milestones for those that are committed for funding in the current STIP, and contact information.

The data behind the Projects Near Me map is subject to change as projects evolve. The map does not feature data on travel impacts associated with current transportation projects. People should continue to use DriveNC.gov as the trusted source for real-time traffic information across North Carolina.





Updates

Senators Kelly & Curtis Introduce Act to Promote Transit Funding in High-Growth Cities



Senators Mark Kelly (D-Arizona) and John Curtis (R-Utah) recently introduced the Promoting Access to Transit in High-Growth Communities (PATH) Act to provide growing American cities with easier access to capital transit funding. This act would instruct the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to consider projected population growth and local transportation planning efforts alongside current transit ridership in its evaluations for the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program. Senator Curtis said in a press release that the change would give “fast-growing regions a fairer opportunity to compete for federal transit investments.” A bipartisan group of lawmakers introduced companion legislation in the House. Dawn Ramsey, mayor of South Jordan, Utah and NARC board member, penned an [op-ed](#) in support of the legislation and in recognition of the value of planning.

USDOT Launches Public Transit Safety & Performance Dashboard



The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) unveiled its new "[Transit Moves America](#)" online [dashboard](#) displaying safety and performance data for transit systems across the country. The dashboard displays information such as number of trips, safety incidents, ADA accessible stations, and more, to help the public make better-informed travel decisions and "see which transit agencies are enhancing safety and the customer experience and which ones are failing to deliver tangible improvements for their customers," according to FTA Deputy Administrator Matthew Cahill. The dashboard is part of USDOT's wider efforts aimed at improving transit safety and complements a [Request for Information](#) from the transit industry about best practices for evaluating public transit quality, which closes on August 3.

Data Center Bill Advances from House Committee



The House Energy and Commerce Committee unanimously passed the Ratepayer Protection Act, which seeks to prevent data centers from raising consumer electricity bills. The bill would require states to consider standards ensuring data centers pay for generation and transmission upgrades necessary for their operation. Committee Chairman Brett Guthrie (R-Ky.) praised the bipartisan provisions to protect communities while continuing to support AI development. Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-N.J.) said the bill was a "[good start](#)" in addressing the impact of data centers on consumers but does not go far enough, maintaining that a national moratorium may be necessary in the absence of sufficient guardrails.

Updates

How Communities Can Fight “Disaster Fatigue”



As communities across the country face increasingly frequent severe weather events, they might encounter what researchers refer to as "disaster fatigue," a state of repeated, compounding disasters that complicate recovery and preparedness efforts. The inability to quickly bounce back from a disaster can lead to long-term economic issues and cascading infrastructure disruptions. In an opinion piece for *Governing*, Lee Ann Rawlins, a researcher at the University of North Dakota who works on disaster planning, advises communities to strategize for long-term, sustained recovery efforts rather than temporary measures to combat "disaster fatigue." Rawlins argues that this approach requires leaders to take the long-term needs of residents, such as housing assistance and healthcare, into account to build truly resilient systems prepared for ongoing disruptions.

MARC's Co-Responder Program Improves Mental Health Care, Builds Trust Between Community & Police



Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), in partnership with some of its member municipalities, launched the "co-responder" program to connect those experiencing mental health crises with resources, avoid unnecessary incarcerations, and build trust between law enforcement and local communities. Funded in part by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program, the initiative pairs police officers with trained mental health professionals to better respond to mental health emergencies. Since the program's launch in Independence, Missouri, co-responders in the city accompanied officers on 553 calls, 30% of which responders resolved on scene through deescalation and support services.



Upcoming Events

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

→ **LOGO Career Expo**
Sat., August 29,
1-4 pm | Raleigh

LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
career expo

Participating Local Governments:

Apex | Cary | Carrboro | Central Pines Regional Council | Chatham County
Clayton | Durham | Fuquay-Varina | Garner | Harnett County | Hillsborough
Johnston County | Morrisville | Pittsboro | Raleigh | Rolesville | Selma
Wake County | Wake County Public Health | Wake County Social Services
Wake Forest | Wendell | Zebulon

→ **CPRC Executive Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, September 23
6:00 - 8:00 pm | Virtual

→ **CPRC Board of Delegates Meeting**
Wednesday, October 28
6:00 - 8:00 pm | CPRC Office & Virtual

→ **CPRC Executive Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, November 18
6:00 - 8:00 pm | Virtual

→ **End of Year Celebration & Golden
Pinecone Awards**
Wednesday, December 2
5:00 - 7:00 pm | CPRC Office

FTZ 93 Board

The Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) Board's bylaws call for two Central Pines Board delegates or alternates. Currently, Delegate Rebecca Salmon is serving as CPRC's delegate. Lori Bush, a Cary Councilmember, is also serving on the FTZ Board but is no longer a CPRC Delegate or alternate, so the FTZ Board needs an additional CPRC Board delegate or alternate. If you are a CPRC Board delegate or alternate and are interested in serving, please contact Beth Seidel no later than September 10.

