

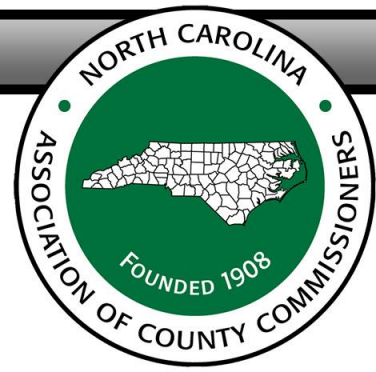


House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions

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NCACC Transportation-related Goals

- Oppose any shift of state transportation responsibilities to counties
- Support new or expanded state funding streams that will provide sufficient revenues to adequately fund the state's transportation infrastructure needs



County Interest in Transportation

Economic Development

- Transportation infrastructure one of main drivers for job growth
- Quandary:
 - Population follows jobs
 - Jobs follow roads/infrastructure
 - Roads follow population



County Interest in Transportation

Secondary Road Paving

- Still unpaved state-maintained roads across state
- Many residents want their roads paved
- Prioritized statewide (funding used to be distributed more evenly)



County Interest in Transportation

Subdivision Roads

- Neighborhoods outside incorporated areas
- Residents expect eventual maintenance by state
- When state responsibility delayed, county commissioners get the calls
- School bus and emergency vehicle access problematic
- Maintenance bond authority limited



Challenges

Funding, funding and funding

- Continued population growth in NC
- Infrastructure is expensive
- Traditional revenue structure can't keep up
- What is sustainable solution?



Challenges

Balancing regional planning needs with local interests

- Changing commuting patterns/business needs/family dynamics
- Communities must think/act regionally to prosper
- Localities still have strong sense of identity; feel need to protect interests



Challenges

Anything else?

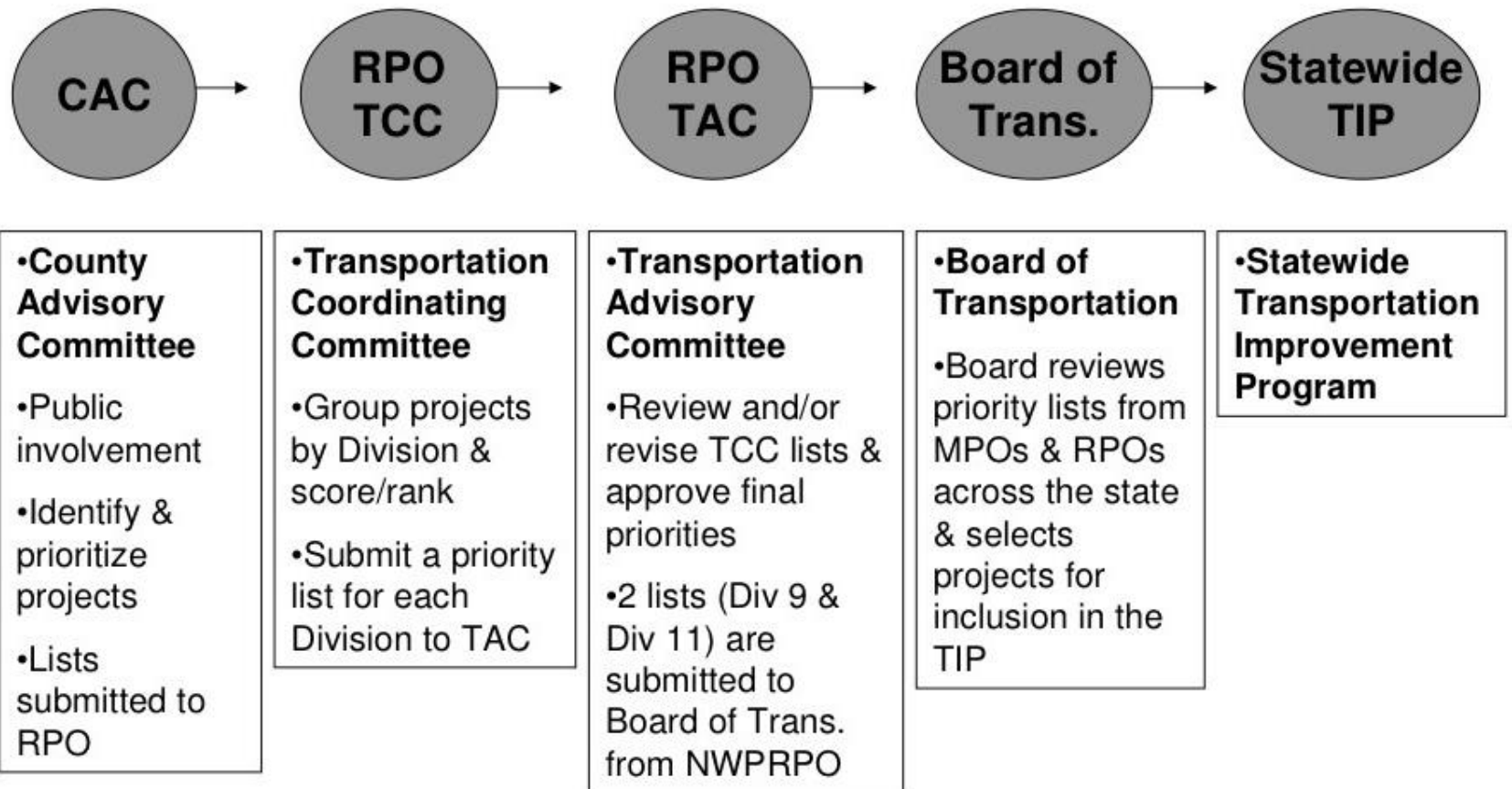


Suggestions for Changes

Local input in prioritization

- For Division-level projects, RPO/MPO has same influence as DOT division engineer
- This dilutes local community say in decisions
- Counties request RPO/MPO have greater input than state staff

Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization
Transportation Project Priorities





Suggestions for Changes

Subdivision Roads

- Allow blanket approval by county commissions for state acceptance
- Reduce density requirements before acceptance into state system
- Authorize counties to require a maintenance bond to ensure roads do not deteriorate before acceptance



Suggestions for Changes

Anything else?



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Thank you!

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