

**Request to Amend the MOU between NCDOT and the Counties of Chatham, Lee, Moore, and Orange
Counties to form the Triangle Area RPO**

TARPO is asking the four counties to amend their Memorandum of Understanding between NCDOT and the four counties, to change the name of the Rural Planning Organization from Triangle Area RPO to Central Pines RPO. In addition, the Lead Planning Organization's name has changed from Triangle J Council of Governments to Central Pines Regional Council.

In addition, a few items in the MOU were updated including recognizing the RPO's role in the Prioritization process, clearly articulating the number of TAC members and that alternates must be elected officials.

Triangle Area RPO has served the four counties since 2002 when it was recognized that the rural sections of North Carolina needed more coordinated planning. The duties of the RPO from General Statute, 136-212, include but are not limited to:

- Developing, in cooperation with the Department [of Transportation], long-range local and regional multimodal transportation plans.
- Providing a forum for public participation in the transportation planning process.
- Developing and prioritizing suggestions for transportation projects the organization believes should be included in the State's Transportation Improvement Program.
- Providing transportation-related information to local governments and other interested organizations and persons.

Sent on behalf of the TCC and TAC Boards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karyl Fuller', written in a cursive style.

Karyl Fuller, Secretary