

Memorandum of Understanding



*Fayetteville Area Metropolitan
Planning Organization
(FAMPO)*

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR
COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND CONTINUING
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

AMONG

THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, THE TOWN OF EASTOVER, THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS, THE TOWN OF PARKTON, THE CITY OF RAEFORD, THE TOWN OF SPRING LAKE, THE TOWN OF ERWIN, THE FORT LIBERTY MILITARY RESERVATION, THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, THE COUNTY OF HARNETT, THE COUNTY OF HOKE, THE COUNTY OF MOORE, THE COUNTY OF ROBESON, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, certain of the parties hereto have previously entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing transportation planning through the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO), which agreement was last amended in December 2014 and amended in May 2021 to add membership for the Fort Liberty Military Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to continue that transportation planning through the FAMPO and amend and expand the agreement to include additional parties and clarify their respective roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to develop a Metropolitan Transportation Plan in cooperation with NCDOT and in accordance with 23 U.S.C. §134, any amendments thereto, and any implementing regulations; and a Comprehensive Transportation Plan in accordance with North Carolina General Statute §136-66.2; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan serves as the basis for future transportation improvements within the Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the parties intend that this Memorandum of Understanding shall supersede all prior memoranda of understanding among any of them pertaining to the FAMPO.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits afforded to each party, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Boundary of the Metropolitan Planning Area

The Fayetteville Urban Metropolitan Planning Area consists of the Fayetteville Urban Area as defined by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, plus that area beyond the existing urbanized area boundary that is expected to become urbanized within a twenty-year planning period. This area is hereinafter referred to as the Metropolitan Planning Area. Per federal regulation, a Metropolitan Planning Organization, in cooperation with the NCDOT and public transit operators, is required to review the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) after each Census to determine if the existing MPA boundary meets the minimum

statutory requirements for new and updated urbanized areas and shall adjust the boundary as necessary. This MOU recognizes the FAMPO's adherence to this regulation and has fulfilled its requirements by completing a formal Boundary Assessment which has involved collaboration and engagement with all agencies within the NCDOT 2050 Travel Demand Model Boundary. Upon adoption of this MOU and its establishment of the FAMPO Boundary, there shall be no additional member agencies of the FAMPO Planning Boundary until the next review of the FAMPO Boundary.

Section 2. Planning Responsibility within the Metropolitan Planning Area

Cooperative, continuing and comprehensive transportation planning shall be undertaken in the Metropolitan Planning Area by the FAMPO in accordance with all applicable federal and state statutes. The FAMPO shall coordinate any transportation planning it undertakes which may have a regional impact with Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization and the Lumber River Rural Planning Organization.

Section 3. Establishment of the FAMPO

The FAMPO shall be governed by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) a.k.a. board of directors which shall be the policy making board for the MPO and shall be constituted as follows:

The voting members of the board of directors of the FAMPO shall consist of the Chief Elected Official, or a single representative appointed by the Chief Elected Official, from the governing boards of each of the General Purpose Local Governments which are parties to this agreement; an additional representative from the City Council of Fayetteville, appointed by the Chief Elected Official, to represent the Transit Operator for the City of Fayetteville; a representative from the Fort Bragg Military Reservation; a representative from Division Six of the North Carolina Department of Transportation; and a representative from Division Eight of the North Carolina Department of Transportation. In addition, the board of directors of the FAMPO shall include a non-voting representative from the Federal Highway Administration-North Carolina Division, and a non-voting representative from the Federal Transit Administration-Region IV. The members representing the Fort Bragg Military Reservation and the state and federal agencies shall be selected as determined by the agencies they are representing.

Section 4. Conduct of Business by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The FAMPO board of directors will meet as often as it deems appropriate and advisable. The board of directors will adopt by-laws and select a Chair and Vice-chair and conduct its business in accordance with its adopted by-laws. All meetings of the board of directors shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law.

Section 5. Role and Responsibilities of the FAMPO

The FAMPO board of directors will be responsible for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. §134 (Federal Highway Administration); and 49 U.S.C. §§5303, 5304, 5305, 5306 and 5307(Federal Transit Administration); including the following duties and responsibilities:

5.1.Review and approval of the annual transportation Unified Planning Work Program and any subsequent amendments;

5.2. Review and approval of the Transportation Improvement Program for multimodal capital and operating expenditures to insure coordination between local and State capital and operating improvement programs and any subsequent amendments;

5.3, Review and approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and subsequent changes thereto, and the Comprehensive Transportation Plan as required by the N.C.G.S. §136-66.2(d). Revisions in the transportation plans must be jointly approved by the FAMPO board of directors and the North Carolina Department of Transportation;

5.4. Endorsement, review and approval of changes to the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification System, the Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary and the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary;

5.5. Endorsement, review and approval of a Prospectus for Transportation Planning which defines work tasks and responsibilities for the various agencies participating in the transportation planning process;

5.6. Establishment of goals and objectives for the transportation planning process reflective of and responsive to such comprehensive plans for growth and development in the Metropolitan Planning Area as are adopted by Boards of General Purpose Local Government.

5.7. Approval and distribution of federal funds designated for the Metropolitan Planning Area under the provisions of MAP-21 and any other subsequent transportation funding authorizations.

Section 6. Establishment of the Transportation Coordinating Committee (the TCC)

6.1. The parties acknowledge that transportation planning is a specialized field. In order to give the FAMPO, through its duly constituted Transportation Advisory Committee (the TAC), access to the technical expertise necessary to meet the requirements of federal and state law, a Technical Coordinating Committee (the TCC) shall be established with the responsibility for advising the FAMPO on the technical aspects of the transportation planning process, performing such technical analysis as necessary to support transportation planning and making recommendations to the FAMPO and local and State governmental agencies for any necessary actions relating to the continuing transportation planning process.

6.2. Membership of the TCC shall include technical representation from all local and State governmental agencies directly related to and concerned with the transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Planning Area and shall consist of the following:

Voting members, serving ex-officio:

1. City Manager, City of Raeford
2. County Manager, County of Cumberland
3. County Manager, County of Hoke
4. County Manager or Director Planning and Inspections, County of Moore
5. County Manager, County of Robeson
6. Town Manager, Town of Eastover Town
7. Manager, Town of Hope Mills Town
8. Manager, Town of Spring Lake
9. Town Manager, Town of Erwin

10. Director, Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department
11. Director, Fayetteville Area System of Transit (FAST)
12. Director, Fayetteville -Cumberland County Parks and Recreation Department
13. Director, City of Fayetteville, Public Services
14. Director, Cumberland County Engineering and Infrastructure Department
15. Director, Fayetteville Regional Airport
16. Director, City of Fayetteville, Development Services
17. City Traffic Engineer, City of Fayetteville
18. Director, Mid Carolina Rural Planning Organization
19. Planner, Lumber River Rural Planning Organization
20. Manager, Harnett County Planning Services
21. Supervisor, Cumberland County Schools Planning Department
22. Supervisor, Hoke County Schools Planning Department
23. Supervisor, Harnett County Schools Planning Department
24. Executive Director, Mid-Carolina Council of Governments
25. Executive Director, Sustainable Sandhills
26. Assoc. Vice-Chancellor for Facilities Management at Fayetteville State University
27. Facilities Director, Methodist University
28. Facilities Director, Fayetteville Technical Community College
29. Directorate of Facilities, Fort Liberty Military Reservation
30. Division Engineer, Division Six, Division of Highways, NCDOT
31. Division Engineer, Division Eight, Division of Highways, NCDOT
32. Fayetteville Metropolitan Area Coordinator, Transportation Planning Branch, NCDOT

At Large Voting Members, selected by the agency they represent:

1. President/C.E.O. of the Fayetteville -Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce
2. Director of Cumberland County Transportation Program

Non-voting members, serving ex officio:

1. Regional Planner, IMD NCDOT
2. Transportation Planner, FHWA, NC Division
3. Region IV, Federal Transit Administration Representative
4. Transportation Planning Branch, NCDOT
5. Planning Engineer, NCDOT Division 6
6. Planning Engineer, NCDOT Division 8

Section 7. Conduct of Business by the TCC

The TCC will meet as often as it deems appropriate and advisable. The TCC will adopt by-laws and select a Chair and Vice-chair and conduct its business in accordance with its adopted by-laws. All meetings of the TCC shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law.

Section 8. Role and Responsibilities of the TCC

The TCC shall be responsible for development, review, and recommendation for approval of the Prospectus, Transportation Improvement Program, Federal-Aid Urban System and Boundary, revisions to the Transportation Plan, planning citizen participation, and documentation reports on the transportation study.

Section 9. Establishment of the Citizens Advisory Committee (the CAC)

There shall also be a Citizens Advisory Committee (the CAC) established consisting of no less than 11 and not more than 17 interested citizens who reside within the Metropolitan Planning Area. The members of the CAC shall be appointed by the FAMPO board of directors and shall be selected to represent areas of interest and interest groups, including traditionally underrepresented members of the community, to address such interests as bicycle paths, pedestrian greenways, environmental concerns, road safety, traffic congestion, freight, rail and transit and with representatives including advocates for the disabled, seniors and minorities.

Section 10. Conduct of Business by the CAC

The CAC will meet as often as it deems appropriate and advisable to make recommendations to the TAC and the TCC. The CAC will adopt by-laws and select a Chair and Vice-chair and conduct its business in accordance with its adopted by-laws. All meetings of the CAC shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law.

Section 11. The Executive Director

Administrative coordination for the FAMPO (TAC), the TCC and the CAC will be performed by an Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be selected by a panel consisting of the Development Services Director and the Public Services Director for the City of Fayetteville, the Director of Planning and Inspections for Cumberland County, and the managers or the designees of the managers of the towns of Hope Mills and Spring Lake. The Executive Director shall become an employee of Cumberland County, subject to the provisions of Cumberland County's personnel rules and policies, assigned to the Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department and report to the county's Director of Planning and Inspections. The Executive Director shall select such other staff as may be budgeted in accordance with the selection and recruitment rules and policies of Cumberland County. All staff selected by the Executive Director shall become employees of Cumberland County assigned to the Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department and subject to the provisions of the County's personnel rules and policies.

Section 12. Role and Responsibilities of the Executive Director

12.1. The Executive Director shall serve *ex officio* as the Secretary of the FAMPO Board of Directors (the TAC), the TCC and the CAC and shall be responsible to arrange the meetings and agendas and maintain the minutes and records of each. In addition, the Executive Director shall prepare the Prospectus, the Unified Planning Work Program (the UPWP), a Transportation Improvement Program in accordance with federal and state regulations and requirements; develop a Transportation Plan in accordance with federal and state regulations; maintain the Transportation Plan; execute the transportation planning process in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations; prepare invoices and progress reports in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements; structure the public involvement process needed to ensure that the UPWP, Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and any transportation conformity determinations meet federal requirements; and consult with the FAMPO TAC, TCC and CAC regarding the best approaches to performing the duties listed above.

12.2. In advance of making any proposal or recommendation to the TAC, the TCC or the CAC, the Executive Director shall provide such recommendation to the chief planning official for every jurisdiction within the Metropolitan Planning Area which may be impacted by such proposal or recommendation in sufficient time for the chief planning official to review and comment on the proposal or recommendation.

Section 13. Additional Responsibilities of Member Governments

13.1. The representative from each Local Government on the FAMPO board of directors shall be responsible for instructing the clerk of his/ her local government to provide to the Executive Director copies of the minutes of any action taken by his/her local government which involves any MPO plan.

13.2. Each member signatory local government shall coordinate zoning and subdivision approval in their respective jurisdictions in accordance with the FAMPO adopted transportation plan.

13.3. As the host agency, the Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department will serve as the Lead Planning Agency for transportation planning in the Metropolitan Planning Area. All other member signatory local governments will assist in the transportation planning process by providing planning assistance, data, and inventories in accordance with the Prospectus for Transportation Planning.

Section 14. Funding and Fiscal Matters

14.1. All transportation and related federal aid planning grant funds available to promote the cooperative transportation planning process will be expended in accordance with the Unified Planning Work Program adopted by the TAC. Administration of funding in support of the Transportation Planning Process on behalf of the TAC will be conducted by the County of Cumberland as the host planning agency. Cumberland County will execute appropriate agreements with funding agencies as provided by the Planning Work Program.

14.2. The local match for the Federal Aid planning funds will be determined based on the current federal matching requirements. The signatory General Purpose Local Governments will contribute to the local match requirement based on their percentage of the population within the Metropolitan Planning Area at the most recent decennial census. Only the non-municipal population of those portions of counties located within the Metropolitan Planning Area shall be counted for counties. Member governments may also be asked to contribute additional local funding for projects wholly within their jurisdictional limits.

14.3. The fair market rental value of the office space provided by the Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department as the host agency will be counted toward Cumberland County's match as an in-kind contribution. The fair market value of the rent shall be figured as the same annual rate per square foot that Cumberland County receives from the State of North Carolina for any other county-owned office space rented by the State.

Section 15. Duration of the Agreement

Any party may terminate its participation in the MPO and remove itself from this Agreement by giving sixty days' advance notice in a writing signed by the Chief Elected Official, if a local government, or by the chief executive officer of the agency, if not a local government. This notice shall be delivered to the Chairman of the FAMPO Board of Directors and to the Executive Director.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding have been authorized by appropriate action to sign the same, the City of Fayetteville by its Mayor, the Town of Eastover by its Mayor, the Town of Erwin by its Mayor, the Town of Hope Mills by its Mayor, the Town of Parkton by its Mayor, the City of Raeford by its Mayor, the Town of Spring Lake by its Mayor, Fort Liberty Military Reservation by its Director of Public Works, the County of Cumberland by its Chair, the County of Harnett by its Chair, the County of Hoke by its Chair, the County of Moore by its Chair, the County of Robeson by its Chair and the North Carolina Department of Transportation by the Secretary of Transportation.

(Seal) _____ Clerk	City of Fayetteville By _____ Mayor
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Approval Date: _____

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(Seal)	Town of Eastover
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Clerk	Mayor

Approval Date: _____

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Town of Hope Mills

Clerk

By _____
Mayor

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(Seal)	Town of Parkton
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Clerk	Mayor

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(Seal)		City of Raeford
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Clerk		Mayor

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Town of Spring Lake

Clerk

By _____

Mayor

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Fort Liberty Military Reservation

By _____

Director of Public Works on behalf of the Garrison Commander

Approval Date: _____

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County of Cumberland

Clerk

By _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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County of Harnett

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County of Hoke

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County of Moore

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County of Robeson

Clerk

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North Carolina Department of Transportation

By _____
Secretary of Transportation

Approval Date: _____