

Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) & Survey Overview

- **What is a CTP?**
 - A Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) needs based multi-modal transportation plan. A CTP represents a community's consensus on the future transportation network including the existing system and improvements needed to support anticipated growth and development over a 25-30 year timeframe. A CTP is a mutually adopted plan between the state and the local governments. When a CTP is adopted by local governments and the NCDOT Board of Transportation, it represents the state's concurrence with the identified transportation needs and proposed recommendations but does not commit the NCDOT to funding or constructing all project proposal recommendations in a CTP.
- **CTP Survey**
 - **What is it?**
 - The CTP survey is a public involvement tool used by the NCDOT to get an idea of how people feel regarding what their vision and priorities are for a future transportation network. It gives the public an opportunity to share their comments and concerns regarding the transportation network.
 - **How long will it be open?**
 - Following the advertisement period the survey will be available for approximately 30 days from August 31st – September 30th 2026
 - **How will the survey data be used?**
 - This data will be used throughout the CTP planning process and will help guide and develop CTP recommendations.
- **What is a Metropolitan/Rural Planning Organization (MPO/RPO)**
 - An MPO is established for all urban areas over 50,000 in population.
 - An RPO is established when a contiguous area of three to fifteen counties or a total population of the entire area represented of at least 50,000.
 - MPO's and RPO's partner with local governments and the NCDOT Transportation Planning Office (TPO) to develop and update CTP's.
 - MPO's and RPO's are governed by a Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC) and a Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) which are comprised of local government staff, elected officials, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) representatives, and others.

