

# Executive Director's REPORT

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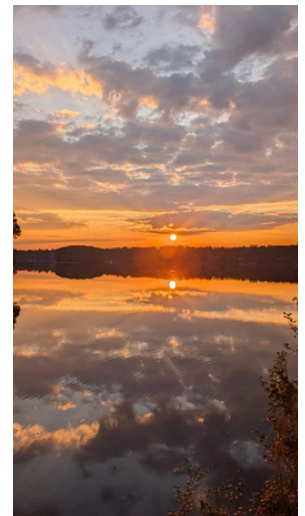
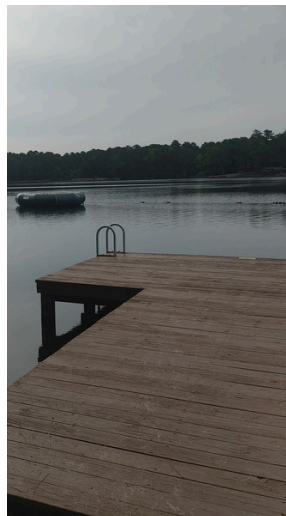
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# Message from Lee



## Lee Worsley

CPRC Executive Director

I am pleased to present my Executive Director's report for April 2026. The purpose of the Executive Director's Report is to highlight CPRC activities and offer insights into how other regional councils in similar-sized regions across the United States operate. I ask that you share this report with your colleagues in your respective Boards for your jurisdiction. I will also send this to the local government managers and assistants.

I was recently appointed to be the National Association of Regional Council's representative on the FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee. In recent weeks, some very significant news has developed regarding FirstNet. Here is an article from the NARC eRegions newsletter regarding this major investment.

### **NTIA, AT&T Reach \$2 Billion FirstNet Agreement for Public Safety**

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced a new agreement with AT&T that secures \$2 billion in additional value for the FirstNet public safety broadband network. Under the revised framework, AT&T will reduce FirstNet costs by approximately \$1 billion, freeing funds for further investments, and will contribute an additional \$1 billion toward coverage and capacity enhancements. The agreement will accelerate deployment of the Dedicated Public Safety 5G Core and expand network capabilities. The changes are designed to strengthen long-term connectivity and reliability for first responders nationwide.



# Major Metro Regional Council Highlight

Rather than highlight just one regional council highlight, for this edition, I thought I would highlight a host of great programs that regional councils in California are implementing. Why? Because these programs were just awarded Eureka! Awards from California's Regional Leadership Forum. Several of these programs jumped out to me as opportunities that Central Pines could fairly easily develop and implement, with our local government's support and adequate capacity. Those have been highlighted in orange.



## FRESH SGV

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

The FRESH SGV initiative works with cities across the region to recover edible food from businesses that would otherwise go to waste and redistribute it to residents facing food insecurity. While the program primarily serves those most in need, it also helps communities reduce organic waste.

[Read About FRESH](#)



## South Bay Local Travel Network

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

The South Bay Local Travel Network reimagines neighborhood streets as a connected system for micromobility, helping residents use e-bikes, scooters, and other small electric vehicles for short everyday trips. By focusing on practical, lower-cost infrastructure improvements, the network connects neighborhoods to schools, parks, and job centers while improving safety and reducing congestion.

[Read About the Local Travel Network](#) →

## Equity Through Participatory Budgeting

Transportation Agency for Monterey County

This program places community voices at the center of transportation planning by using participatory budgeting to fund Safe Routes to School improvements. Residents across the Salinas Valley helped identify and vote on projects designed to improve safety for students traveling to school, demonstrating how inclusive engagement can shape better public investments.

[Read About Participatory Budgeting](#) →

## Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project

Imperial County Transportation Commission

This complex infrastructure effort modernizes a critical international crossing at California's southern border. By coordinating across multiple levels of government and maintaining operations during construction, the project improves freight mobility, reduces congestion, strengthens trade, and enhances safety for travelers moving between the United States and Mexico.

[Read About Bridge Expansion Project](#) →



## Doorway Housing Portal

Metropolitan Transportation Commission & Association of Bay Area Governments

The Doorway Housing Portal is a regional digital platform that simplifies the process of searching and applying for affordable housing across the Bay Area. By allowing residents to determine eligibility and apply for multiple listings through a single system, the platform helps thousands of households' access housing opportunities while providing valuable regional data.

[Read About the Doorway Housing Portal](#)



## Engage, Empower, Implement Program

Sacramento Area Council of Governments

This regional funding initiative partners with local governments and community-based organizations to co-create transportation and infrastructure projects. By incorporating lived experience and local priorities into project development, the program strengthens community engagement and builds a pipeline of equitable projects with broad public support.

[Read About Engage, Empower, Implement](#)



## Inland Regional Energy Network

Western Riverside Council of Governments

The Inland Regional Energy Network helps local governments improve energy efficiency, strengthen public infrastructure, and develop workforce pathways in the clean energy economy. Through technical assistance, workforce training, and regional partnerships, the program connects sustainability goals with economic opportunity.

[Read About Energy Network](#)



## Madera County Triage Center

Madera County Transportation Commission

The Madera County Triage Center creates a coordinated pathway from crisis to stability for individuals experiencing homelessness. By combining modular bridge housing with supportive services and case management, the project strengthens the region's continuum of care and expands access to housing solutions.

[Read About Triage Center](#)



## CV Link

Coachella Valley Association of Governments

CV Link transforms an underutilized corridor into a regional network for walking, biking, and low-speed electric mobility. Spanning multiple communities across the Coachella Valley, the corridor connects residents and visitors to jobs, schools, parks, and destinations while promoting cleaner air and healthier lifestyles.

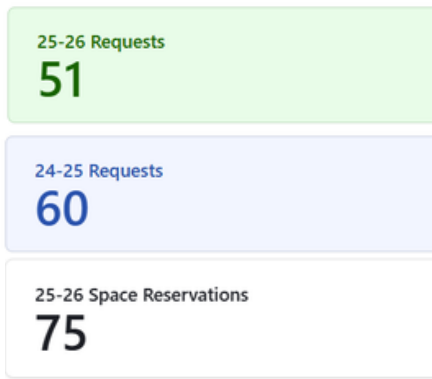
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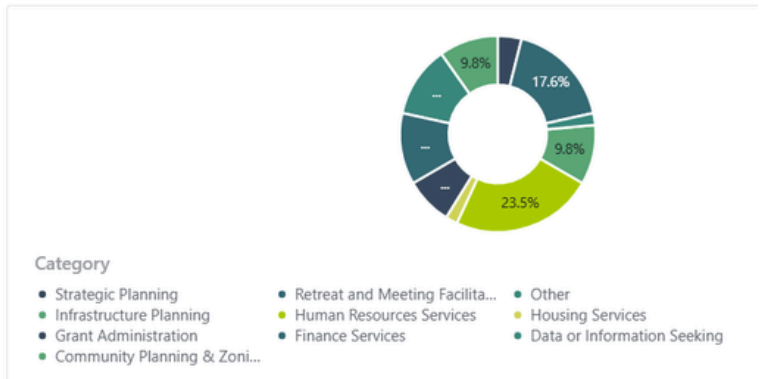
# Local Government Member Request Dashboard

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.

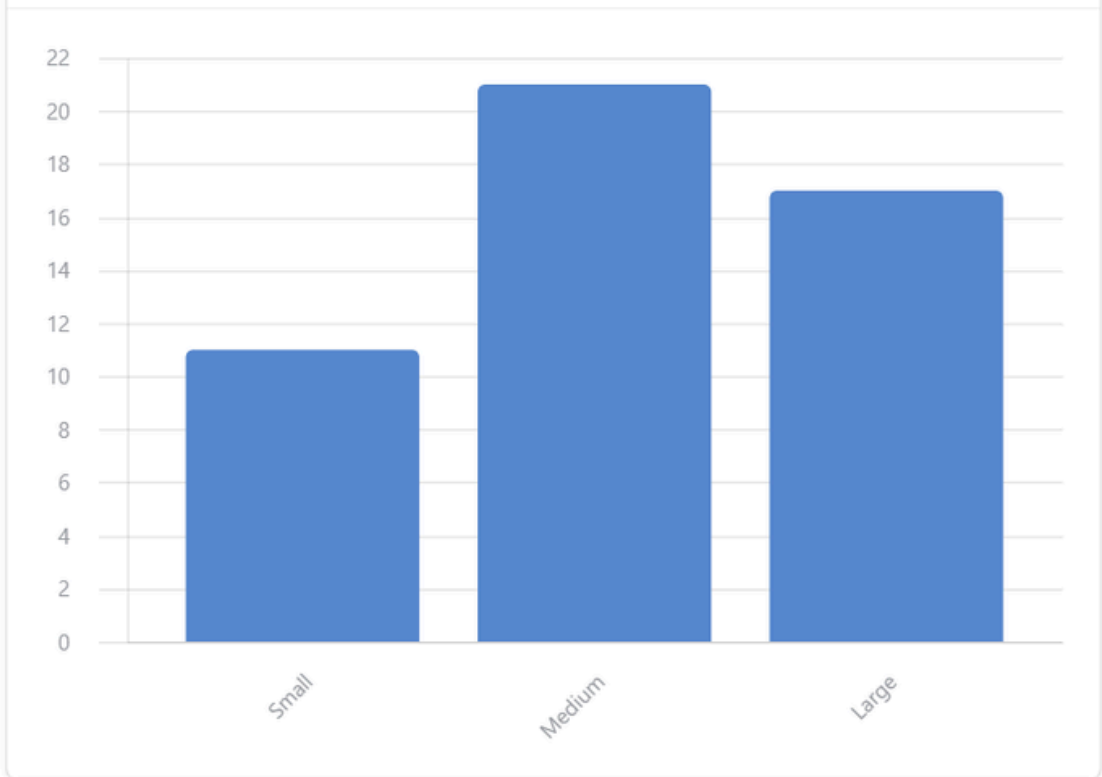
## Member Requests



## Request by Category <sup>Ⓢ</sup>



## Requests by Size



# NARC Updates



The National Association of Regional Councils publishes a Transportation Thursdays and an eRegions Update each week. Here is a selection of items from those newsletters that may be of interest.

**Representatives McDonald Rivet and Bresnahan Introduce BASICS Act**



**USDOT Proposal Would Require Transit Agencies to Charge Fare**



**Census Funding Cuts Raise Concerns About Reliability of the 2030 Census**



**New Delaware Bill Proposals Would Require Data Centers to Pay More for Electricity**



**EPA Hosts a Roundtable with the Data Center Coalition**



**Treasury, IRS Clarify Opportunity Zone Incentives for Rural Areas**



**New Roadmap Released for 2030 Census Organizing**



**Data Center Growth Complicates New Jersey's Affordability Goals**



**AI Adoption in Local Government Brings New Cybersecurity Risks**

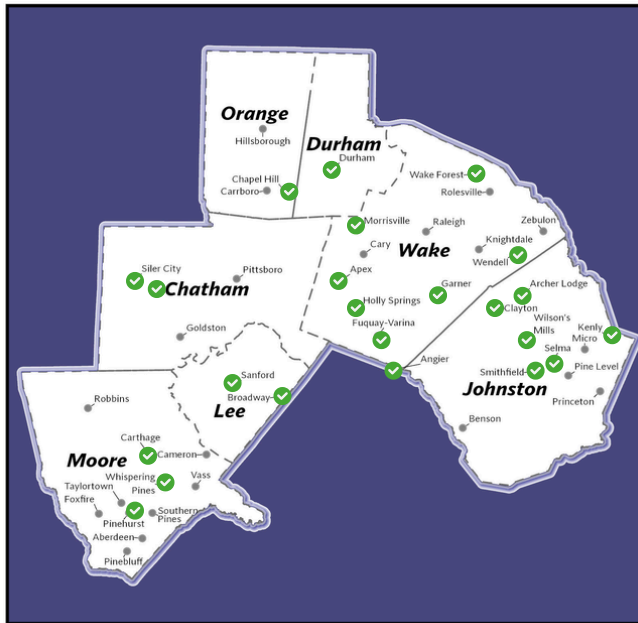


**Lawmakers Split on Surface Transportation Reauthorization Timeline**



# CPRC with Lee Tour

As many of you know, I have a goal to visit all fifty local governments this year. I am beginning my tour by scheduling visits with local governments with a manager or administrator, and then will be turning to our Mayor-Council local governments next. You can follow along with the hashtag #CPRCwithLee.



Up to this point, I have visited:

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| Morrisville    | Archer Lodge     |
| Selma          | Apex             |
| Pinehurst      | Wake Forest      |
| Holly Springs  | Garner           |
| Kenly          | Chatham County   |
| Chapel Hill    | Wilson's Mills   |
| Sanford        | Wendell          |
| Broadway       | Clayton          |
| Carthage       | Angier           |
| City of Durham | Smithfield       |
| Siler City     | Whispering Pines |
|                | Fuquay-Varina    |

I also have upcoming visits scheduled with Hillsborough, Wake County, Cary, Johnston County, and Raleigh.



# Financial Report

Below you will find the Board Financial Reports for the month of March.

Month Ending: March 2026			
Central Pines Regional Council			
Revised Budget	Revenue Collected	Expense Disbursed	Rev Over(Under) Exp
32,928,173	15,332,854.21	15,363,729.97	(30,875.76)
Member Dues Budgeted	Member Dues Collected	% Collected	% Remaining
928,000	877,815.16	95%	5%
Q3 Top Funding Agencies			
1. NC Dept of Aging & Adult Services			
2. NC Department of Transportation			
3. City of Raleigh			
4. Durham VA Medical Center			
5. NC Housing Finance Agency			
6. City of Durham			
7. Housing for New Hope			
8. Town of Cary			
9. Wake County			
10. Environmental Protection Agency			

Month Ending: March 2026			
Triangle West TPO			
Revised Budget	Revenue Collected	Expense Disbursed	Rev Over(Under) Exp
6,496,071	1,640,123.39	3,036,939.49	(1,396,816.10)
Member Dues Budgeted	Member Dues Collected	% Collected	% Remaining
905,937	787,950.00	87%	13%
Q3 Top Funding Agencies			
1. NC Department of Transportation			
2. City of Durham			
3. Town of Chapel Hill			
4. Durham County			
5. Orange County			



# Core Value Highlights

Each month during our All Staff meeting, we recognize employees who have exhibited one of our Core Values. These nominations come from members of our leadership team during our Leadership Team meeting a few weeks prior to the All Staff meeting. Staff members recognized during April included:



## EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE

### Tracy Burton

Tracy Burton recently demonstrated excellent customer service while assisting a resident at Treyburn Rehabilitation Center in Durham County.

The resident was likely only expecting a phone call that day, but Tracy went the extra mile and visited him in person to follow up on his concerns.

The resident was very appreciative and shared that he wanted to give Tracy a star and joked that if he ever won the lottery, he would give her \$3.

Thank you, Tracy, for going above and beyond to provide thoughtful customer service.

-Jenisha Henneghan  
Area Agency on Aging Director

# Upcoming Events

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

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

We are currently accepting registration for County & Municipal Employers for the 2026 Local Government Career Expo.

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**GOVERNMENT**  
career expo

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