



Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

In person at the Council's offices
Monday, May 11, 2026
12:00 p.m.

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| I. | Call to Order / Invocation | Mr. Branham |
| II. | Consideration of Minutes from the March 25, 2026, COG Executive Committee Meeting (<i>Attachment</i>) | Mr. Branham |
| III. | Presentation of CRCOG 3/31/2026 (9-month interim) FY26 Operating Statement (<i>Attachment</i>) | Ms. Roddey |
| IV. | Consideration of Revisions to FY26 General Operating, Special Funds, and Passthrough Budgets
(Information to be provided at Executive Committee meeting) | Mr. Imler /
Ms. Roddey |
| V. | Consideration of Preliminary FY27 General Operating, Special Funds, and Passthrough Budgets
(Information to be provided at Executive Committee meeting) | Mr. Imler /
Ms. Roddey |
| VI. | Consideration of Transportation Items (<i>Attachment</i>) | Mr. Allen |
| VII. | Pending State Legislation | Mr. Imler |
| VIII. | Consideration of Format Change for August 27, 2026, COG Board Meeting | Mr. Imler |
| IX. | Other Business | Mr. Branham |
| X. | Adjourn | Mr. Branham |

CATAWBA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Catawba Regional Center
Rock Hill, South Carolina
March 25, 2026

A regular meeting of the Catawba Regional Council of Governments Executive Committee was held in person at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

The following members were present:

Nettie Archie
Joe Branham, Chair
Alston DeVenny
Todd Lumpkin
Charlene McGriff

Stacey Moore
Harold Thompson, Vice Chair
Chad Williams
Leroy Worthy

Others present included the following:

Staff

Steve Allen
Amanda Baker
Randy Imler

Eleanor Mixon
Amy Roddey

Following the Call to Order and Invocation, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2025, COG Executive Committee and CRDC Board of Directors meeting. The motion was duly seconded and approved unanimously.

I. Presentation of CRCOG 2/28/2026 (8-month interim) FY26 Operating Statement

Ms. Roddey reviewed the February 28, 2026, (eight-month interim) FY26 operating statement. As of February 28, current assets were \$11,096,126, and restricted loans receivable equaled \$11,342,361. The resulting total assets equaled \$22,438,487, and total liabilities were \$651,344. The fund balance total was \$21,512,989. Operating revenues were \$2,328,163, and operating expenses were \$2,054,009; revenues exceeded expenditures by \$274,154. There were passthrough revenues and expenditures for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Workforce Housing Study, the SC BEST SCDES grant, and the EPA brownfields grant. Total revenues exceeded expenses by \$274,154. The COG recently hired a lender, so personnel expenses will increase by the end of the fiscal year. A motion was made to approve the 2/28/2026 operating statement. The motion was duly seconded and, following discussion, approved unanimously.

II. WIOA PY 2024 Performance Assessment

Ms. Baker stated that each year, the federal workforce programs are evaluated on agreed upon goals. Performance is measured by activities and the number of people served with the evaluation focused on outcomes, not activities. Ms. Baker announced that according to the WIOA PY 2024 National Performance Assessment, all areas in South Carolina met performance for PY 2024. South Carolina met or exceeded performance expectations across all indicators. The assessment is

reported at the state level but affects local Catawba Region workforce goals. Mr. Imler stated that the COG negotiates annually with the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (SC DEW) for goals that must be met across the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs using the passthrough funds SC DEW provides for the Catawba Region WIOA program. The Catawba Region WIOA program's ability to meet its goals impacts the State's ability to meet the US Department of Labor's goals for the states. This report was received as information by the Executive Committee.

III. Consideration of Adoption of the Annual CEDS Update

Mr. Allen reviewed the Catawba Region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) website (catawba.digitalceds.com). This year, the COG needs to approve the annual update to the CEDS. In 2027, the next five-year strategy will be developed. The CEDS sets goals and objectives for economic development and infrastructure in the region. Maintaining the CEDS is a requirement of receiving planning and infrastructure grant funds from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), and the CEDS is utilized in grant applications to show that proposed projects are consistent with goals / strategies for the region. The COG maintains the CEDS as a website instead of a physical report in order to allow for interactive graphs and regular updates to the incorporated data. The three CEDS goals are as follows, and under each goal are multiple strategies.

- Goal 1 – Promote Diverse Job Creation and Retention
- Goal 2 – Assist Local Governments with Industrial Recruitment Efforts
- Goal 3 – Assist State and Local Governments with Transportation, Land Use, and Environmental Planning Efforts

A motion was made to approve the annual CEDS update. The motion was seconded, and following discussion, the motion passed unanimously

IV. Consideration of Transit Grant Recommendations

Mr. Allen presented Section 5310 Transit Grant rankings and recommendations from the Transit Grants Review Committee. The Section 5310 Program is a federal transit program administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that provides funding to improve mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities. Catawba Regional COG does not run this grant program, but Catawba Regional does facilitate a process to rate / rank proposals from throughout the region as part of the COG's contractual work with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). The SCDOT application deadline was on or before March 6, 2026. Two Catawba Region applications were sent to the COG from the SCDOT Office of Public Transit on March 9, 2026, for review. The applications were for Union County Disabilities and Special Needs (one replacement cutaway van) and York County Disabilities and Special Needs (two new purpose-built vans). The Grants Review Committee met on March 16, 2026, to review and rank the applications. The Union County Disabilities and Special Needs application ranked as number one while the York County Disabilities and Special Needs application ranked second.

A motion was made to approve the Grants Review Committee's recommended rankings for Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Rural funding awards from the South Carolina

Department of Transportation for FY 2026-27. The motion was seconded, and following discussion, the motion passed unanimously. As the COG's rating and ranking of transit grants must be provided to SCDOT before the next COG Board meeting, the Executive Committee's action will be the formal recommendations submitted on behalf of the full Board.

V. Executive Session to discuss Contractual Items per SC Code § 30-4-70 (a)(2)

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously for the Committee to go to executive session with staff invited to remain for the first two items and Ms. Roddey invited to remain for the entire session. At the conclusion of executive session, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to come out of executive session.

VI. Discussion Regarding Board Member Engagement

Discussion was held regarding Board member engagement and regular attendance at Board meetings. The Committee indicated that the existing outreach by COG staff is done well and that no additional communication efforts are needed at this time.

VII. Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Randy Imler
Executive Director

CATAWBA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY2026 OPERATING STATEMENT
3/31/2026

	Original Budget	3/31/2026 COG	3/31/2026 RLF	3/31/2026 SCBLF	3/31/2026 SCALF	Consolidated 3/31/2026
REVENUE						
Participating Local Governments	\$ 225,182	\$ 167,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,875
State Aid to Councils of Governments	144,344	108,258	-	-	-	108,258
Interest and Other Income	45,000	33,421	-	-	-	33,421
	<u>414,526</u>	<u>309,554</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>309,554</u>
Community Development Contracts	230,000	194,851	-	-	-	194,851
Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) Contracts	50,000	33,334	-	-	-	33,334
SC Infrastructure Investment Program	210,000	155,829	-	-	-	155,829
EDA infrastructure Program	35,000	9,457	-	-	-	9,457
Southeast Crescent Regional Commission	15,000	13,382	-	-	-	13,382
SRF Infrastructure Program	10,000	14,367	-	-	-	14,367
ARC Planning Grant and Projects	50,000	78,199	-	-	-	78,199
Union County ARC Planning Grant Match	10,000	9,927	-	-	-	9,927
Neighborhood Initiative Program	5,000	3,470	-	-	-	3,470
	<u>615,000</u>	<u>512,816</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>512,816</u>
EDA Planning Grant	40,000	41,276	-	-	-	41,276
EDA Disaster Grant	100,000	77,067	-	-	-	77,067
	<u>140,000</u>	<u>118,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,343</u>
Technical Assistance Contracts	425,000	314,731	-	-	-	314,731
Technical Assistance - Accounting Contracts	-	111,805	-	-	-	111,805
Transportation Planning	125,000	68,106	-	-	-	68,106
	<u>550,000</u>	<u>494,642</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>494,642</u>
EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) - Interest on Loans	190,000	-	153,057	-	-	153,057
EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) - Interest on Deposits	170,000	-	128,394	-	-	128,394
EDA - COVID19 RLF - Interest on Loans	290,000	-	-	193,797	-	193,797
EDA - COVID19 RLF - Interest on Deposits	120,000	-	-	127,184	-	127,184
SC Agribusiness Loan Fund - Interest on Loans	15,000	-	-	-	6,447	6,447
SC Agribusiness Loan Fund - Interest on Deposits	25,000	-	-	-	21,247	21,247
Other Loan Funds	15,000	9,088	-	-	-	9,088
Intermediary Relending Program	20,000	13,462	-	-	-	13,462
Regional Development Corporation	115,000	73,989	-	-	-	73,989
Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund	115,000	87,496	-	-	-	87,496
EPA Brownfields Assessment Contract	20,000	12,293	-	-	-	12,293
	<u>1,095,000</u>	<u>196,328</u>	<u>281,451</u>	<u>320,981</u>	<u>27,694</u>	<u>826,454</u>
Workforce - WIOA	430,000	338,044	-	-	-	338,044
	<u>430,000</u>	<u>338,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>338,044</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 3,244,526</u>	<u>\$ 1,969,727</u>	<u>\$ 281,451</u>	<u>\$ 320,981</u>	<u>\$ 27,694</u>	<u>\$ 2,599,853</u>

**CATAWBA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY2026 OPERATING STATEMENT
3/31/2026**

	Original Budget	3/31/2026 COG	3/31/2026 RLF	3/31/2026 SCBLF	3/31/2026 SCALF	Consolidated 3/31/2026
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Personnel	\$ 2,775,000	\$ 1,520,184	\$ 222,689	\$ 212,192	\$ 21,525	\$ 1,976,590
Rent	36,000	27,000	-	-	-	27,000
Utilities	20,000	14,360	-	-	-	14,360
Telephone	25,000	17,706	347	820	-	18,873
Travel and Meetings	70,000	50,437	3,422	821	108	54,788
Office Supplies	40,000	12,853	2,511	3,469	-	18,833
Postage	3,000	1,140	64	-	-	1,204
Memberships, Dues, Publications	35,000	23,882	5,951	5,951	726	36,510
Maintenance & Service Contracts	12,000	10,086	-	-	-	10,086
Employee/Board Member Training	15,000	9,530	-	-	-	9,530
Capital Costs	25,000	0	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	40,000	30,981	5,368	1,164	1,001	38,514
Audit	25,000	25,850	-	-	-	25,850
Information Technology Services	62,500	49,945	-	-	-	49,945
Insurance and Bonding	20,000	19,202	2,357	-	-	21,559
Miscellaneous	5,766	3,955	10	20	10	3,995
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,209,266	1,817,111	242,719	224,437	23,370	2,307,637
EXCESS REVENUE (LOSS) BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	\$ 35,260	\$ 152,616	\$ 38,732	\$ 96,544	\$ 4,324	\$ 292,216
WIOA Pass-Thru Revenues	2,000,000	1,557,125	-	-	-	1,557,125
SC BEST DHEC Assessment Grant	500,000	191,857	-	-	-	191,857
EPA Brownfields Pass-Thru Revenues	250,000	141,163	-	-	-	141,163
Workforce Housing Study	200,000	145,773	-	-	-	145,773
WIOA Pass-Thru Expenditures	(2,000,000)	(1,557,125)	-	-	-	(1,557,125)
SC BEST DHEC Assessment Grant	(500,000)	(191,857)	-	-	-	(191,857)
EPA Brownfields Pass-Thru Revenues	(250,000)	(141,163)	-	-	-	(141,163)
Workforce Housing Study	(200,000)	(145,773)	-	-	-	(145,773)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 35,260	\$ 152,616	\$ 38,732	\$ 96,544	\$ 4,324	\$ 292,216

CRCOG Proposed Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan Amendments

Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments

CRCOG 2025-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment			
Project	Location	Improvement Type	Cost
US 521 and Steel Hill Rd S-29-125/Niven Rd	Lancaster County	Intersection	\$3,500,000 est
N. Roosevelt Pedestrian and Streetscape Project	City of York	Pedestrian/Safety	\$833,750
Raile Street Downtown Pedestrian Connectivity Project	City of York	Pedestrian/Safety	\$517,500
Garner Street Neighborhood Sidewalk and Safety Project	City of York	Pedestrian/Safety	\$672,750
US 521 Sidewalk and Bridge Replacement	Town of Heath Springs	Pedestrian/Safety	\$699,780
City of Chester Sidewalk Master Plan	City of Chester	Planning Project	\$75,000

Transportation Improvement Plan Amendments

CRCOG FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment			
Project	Location	Improvement Type	Cost
Project Name: SC 200/ S-29-28 (Shiloh Unity Rd)	Lancaster County	Intersection/Safety	\$3.5 Million
Project Name: SC 522/ S-29-28 (Shiloh Unity Rd)	Lancaster County	Intersection/Safety	\$3.5 Million
Hunter Street Sidewalk Project	York County	Pedestrian/Safety	\$3.7 Million

**CRCOG FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
Section 5310 FY 2026-2027 Transit Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with
Disabilities**

Rank	Organization	Federal Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds	Project
#1	Union County Disability and Special Needs	\$125,000	\$22,059	\$147,059	One Replacement Cutaway Van
#2	York County Disabilities and Special Needs	\$200,000	\$35,294	\$235,294	Two New Purpose-Built Vans

**CRCOG FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
Section 5339 Transit Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities**

Organization	Federal Funds	State Mass Transit Funds	Total Funds	Project
Senior Services of Chester County	\$1,105,000	\$195,000	\$1,300,000	10 new buses