

Integration~ What is it?

...a planning process that provides a seamless connection between long-range transportation planning and project development that ultimately leads to supporting the timely delivery of projects.



Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) *What are the Integration Elements/ Linkages?*

Integration Linkages



<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/Integration-Project.aspx>

- 2) *Where do I find Integration information in for my area?*

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/Comprehensive-Transportation-Plans.aspx>

The file 'Contacts MPOs, RPOs, TPD' under 'Downloads' at the Connect page listed above has the contact information for the TPD staff person that can best help you find information for a project based on what MPO or RPO it is in (by County).

You may also use this page to look up the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Study (CTP) yourself. Click on the state map for the county you need, or use the drop down menus for the County Name (or Plan Type, Plan Status).

3) *Where is the Integration information in the CTP?*

Type of Information	Location in CTP Documentation¹
Problem Statements	Chapter 2, 'Problem Statements'
Alternatives/ Scenarios Analysis	Appendix I, 'Alternatives & Scenarios Studied'
Multi-modal Analysis	Ch.1, 'Public Transportation and Rail' and 'Bicycles and Pedestrians' sections
Land Use related to CTP ²	Ch.1, 'Land Use' section
Community Understanding Report (CUR)	Some info in Ch.2 Problem Statement, Full CUR- request from TPD contact
Public Involvement	Appendix H, 'Public Involvement'
Environmental Considerations & Environmental Features Map	Ch.1, 'Consideration of the Natural and Human Environment' section

¹The numbering of Chapters & particularly Appendices may vary slightly in some CTPs, so refer to the Table of Contents or check with the NCDOT TPD contact for more information.

²If an Indirect & Cumulative Effectives Screening is completed it is likely in an Appendix.

4) *Why is there not a certain Integration Element (ie no Problem Statement, no Alternatives Analysis) for my area or my project?*

Integration products are being developed as plans are updated but update cycles may be 5-10 years, so it will take time before some plans have the new elements. Further, for each CTP, a decision must be made with consideration to time and resource constraints in terms of which Integration elements can be done, as well as to what extent, and for which project proposals. For example, it is the goal to develop at least a minimum Problem Statement for all project proposals in a CTP, but criteria is used to select those that are most impactful and closest to implementation to develop 'full' Problem Statements. Additionally, Alternatives Analysis information is developed in more detailed for only a certain number of project proposals based on resource constraints. Many long range plans have dozens or hundreds of project proposals and focused selection of what to study in greater depth is necessary.