



**DCHC MPO Board  
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

9:00 AM

Committee Room  
2nd Floor Durham City Hall  
101 City Hall Plaza  
Durham, NC 27701

**1. Roll Call****2. Ethics Reminder**

It is the duty of every Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

**3. Adjustments to the Agenda****4. Public Comments****5. Directives to Staff**[15-111](#)

**Attachments:** [2015-08-12 MPO Board Directives to Staff I-5.pdf](#)

**CONSENT AGENDA****6. June 10, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**[15-225](#)

A copy of the June 10, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes is enclosed.

**Board Action:** Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2015 Board Meeting.

**Attachments:** [2015-08-12 Minutes 06-10-2015 I-6.pdf](#)

**7. Resolution to Request Transfer of STPDA Funds from FHWA to FTA (5 minutes)**[15-218](#)

**Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

On behalf of transit agencies, the Lead Planning Agency is requesting the transfer of STPDA funds from FHWA to FTA for use on transit projects. This resolution supports the transfer for the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro urban area.

**TC Action:** Recommended the MPO Board approve the resolution to transfer STPDA funds from FHWA to FTA.

**Board Action:** Approve the Resolution to Request Transfer of STPDA Funds from FHWA to FTA.

**Attachments:** [2015-08-12 Resolution to transfer 2015 2016 STPDA funds - 081215 I-7.pdf](#)

**ACTION ITEMS**

8. **Public Hearing for the 2040 MTP Amendment, draft FY16-25 MTIP, and CDR (20 min)**

[15-219](#)

**Lindsay Smart, LPA staff**

**Andy Henry, LPA staff**

FY2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

The draft FY2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) was developed by the MPO LPA in the Spring 2015. The draft FY2016-2015 MTIP was developed in accordance with Federal and State laws and is consistent with the recently adopted State of North Carolina Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The FY2016-2025 MTIP must be adopted prior to October 1, 2015 for the MPO to remain in compliance with Federal regulations for MPOs. The chapters and appendices of the FY2016-2025 MTIP are available on the MPO's website using this link:

<http://www.dchcmpo.org/programs/improvement/2025tip/default.asp>

2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The MPO's MTIP must be a subset of the MPO's 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). In order to maintain this relationship, some MTIP projects needed to be added to the 2040 MTP and several 2040 MTP projects needed to have the air quality threshold year, cost, project length or other data adjusted to match the FY2016-2025 MTIP. The proposed additions and changes to the 2040 MTP are listed in the attachment. This action was the first amendment to the 2040 MTP.

Conformity Determination Report (CDR)

In addition, federal regulations require the MPO to approve a Conformity Determination Report (CDR) for the amended 2040 MTP and the FY2016-2025 MTIP. This CDR is a short form because the MPO is not required to complete a corresponding regional emission analysis. See the 2040 MTP attachment, it contains information for the CDR. On June 10, 2015, the DCHC MPO Board approved the release of the three planning documents (discussed above) for public review and comment until July 31, 2015. An advertisement announcing the public comment period for the planning documents was run on June 14, 2015 in the Herald Sun and in the Triangle Tribune. On June 25, 2015, the City of Durham ran a Press Release inviting citizens to review the three planning documents and submit comments. Announcements for the release of the three planning document were also made in early June 2015 on the DCHC MPO's website, Facebook page, and Twitter feed. Several public comments were received during the comment period. See the attachment for a compilation of public comments that were received during the public comment period. The three planning documents will be on the September 9, 2015 MPO Board meeting agenda for adoption.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the MPO Board hold a public hearing for the three planning documents and receive public comments.

**Board Action:** Hold a public hearing for the three planning documents and receive public comments.

**Attachments:** [2015-08-12 2040 MTP Amendment and CDR Report I-8.pdf](#)  
[2015-08-12 PublicComments received by July 31 2015 I-8.pdf](#)

**9. 2014 Mobility Report Card (20 minutes)**[15-221](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff****Kosok Chae, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO released the Congestion Management Process - System Status Report 2014 for public comment in January 2015 and adopted the report in March 2015. That report provided the state of system performance and recommendations for future policy directions. LPA staff has also been developing the 2014 Mobility Report Card with significant input from local partners. The Report Card provides detailed performance, safety and activity data on the specific vehicle, transit, bicycling and pedestrian facilities in the MPO. In cases where consistent historical data is available, the Report Card provides a comparative analysis of the facility. The full report and executive summary for the Mobility Report Card, as well as a short presentation, are attached.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Board release the document for a minimum 21-day public comment period.

**Board Action:** Receive the 2014 Mobility Report Card, provide comments, and release the document for a minimum 21-day public comment period.

**Attachments:**[2015-08-12 Mobility Report Card Presentation I-9.pdf](#)[2015-08-12 Mobility Report Card Draft3\\_ver07142015\\_I-9.pdf](#)[2015-08-12 Mobility Report Card Exec Summary I-9.pdf](#)**10. SPOT 4.0 Existing Projects, New Interchanges/Intersections, and DCHC MPO Local Ranking Methodology Recommendations (30 min)**[15-216](#)**Lindsay Smart, LPA staff**

On July 13, 2015, the DCHC MPO's subcommittee for the SPOT 4.0 process met to review and discuss several topics related to the commencement of SPOT 4.0. Recommendations from the subcommittee were presented to the MPO TC during the July 22nd TC meeting. The MPO TC reviewed the recommendations and provided revisions to the MPO LPA. The attachments for this agenda item present the proposed recommendations from the MPO TC.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the MPO Board approve the lists of proposed project modifications and new intersection/interchange projects and the MPO's project selection methodology.

**Board Action:** Review, discuss, and approve the SPOT 4.0 recommendations from the DCHC MPO TC, with any comments or revisions from the Board incorporated as necessary.

**Attachments:**[2015-08-12 DCHC MPO P4 0 Existing Projects - subcommittee review I-10.pdf](#)[2015-08-12 P4 0 Scoring Criteria Weights and Normalization I-10.pdf](#)[2015-08-12 SPOT4.0 Comparison CriteriaWeights to SPOT3.0 I-10.pdf](#)[2015-08-12 MPOBoardMeeting\\_Spot4.0 PPT I-10.pdf](#)

11. **Public Involvement Schedule & Activity Coordination for D-O LRT (15 minutes)** [15-222](#)

**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

**Tammy Bouchelle, GoTriangle**

The DCHC MPO will conduct public involvement activities to review and approve the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project (D-O LRT). At the same time, GoTriangle will implement a public involvement process for the DEIS in the fall of 2015. The activities of these agencies, as well as those of the local governments, will need to be coordinated to avoid confusing the public and creating barriers or delays in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review process. The TC has forwarded the attached schedule and list of key points for the MPO Board's consideration and discussion.

**TC Action:** Recommended forwarding the D-O LRT public involvement activity and approval schedule to the MPO Board.

**Board Action:** Review the D-O LRT public involvement activity and approval schedule.

**Attachments:** [2015-08-12 D-O LRT Key Points\\_I-11.pdf](#)  
[2015-08-12 D-O LRT Project Approval Schedule\\_I-11.pdf](#)

**REPORTS:**

12. **Report from the Board Chair** [15-116](#)  
**Mark Kleinschmidt, Board Chair**

**Board Action:** Receive the report from the Board Chair.

13. **Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [15-115](#)  
**Mark Ahrendsen, TC Chair**

**Board Action:** Receive the report from the TC Chair.

14. **Report from LPA Staff** [15-117](#)  
**Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

**Board Action:** Receive the report from LPA staff.

**Attachments:** [2015-08-12 LPA staff report\\_I-14.pdf](#)

**15. NCDOT Report** [15-118](#)

Joey Hopkins (Brandon Jones), Division 5 - NCDOT  
Mike Mills (Pat Wilson/Ed Lewis), Division 7 - NCDOT  
Rob Stone (Darius Sturdivant), Division 8 - NCDOT  
Julie Bollinger, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT  
Kelly Becker, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

**Board Action:** Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2015-08-12 NCDOT Progress Report I-15.pdf](#)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****16. Recent News Articles and Updates** [15-100](#)

Attachments: [2015-08-12 news\\_articles I-16.pdf](#)

**Adjourn**

**Next meeting: September 9th, 9 a.m., Committee Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: August 17, 1 p.m.,  
Transportation Conference Room - MPO SPOT 4.0 Subcommittee Meeting**