



**DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers 1st 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: [2015-09-09 MPO Board Directives to Staff.pdf](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**6. August 12, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**[15-229](#)

A copy of the August 12, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes are not ready for release. They will be posted as soon as they are available.

Board Action: Approve the minutes of the August 12, 2015 Board Meeting.

7. Amendment #25 to the FY2012-2018 MTIP[15-224](#)**Lindsay Smart, LPA Staff**

Amendment #25 proposed changes to five projects and the addition of two new projects for the FY2012-2018 MTIP. This amendment includes the projects listed below. The proposed changes to these projects are fully described in the attachment for this agenda item.

TIP Project: #TA-4923 GoDurham Replacement Bus: Proposed Change: Add additional STP-DA funding allocation for FY 16.

TIP Project: #U-3308 NC 55 (Alston Avenue): Proposed Change: Delay construction from Prior Year/FY 15 to FY 16 to allow additional time for utility relocation and railroad coordination.

TIP Project: #C-4924 B TJCOG TDM: Proposed Change: Add implementation phases in FY 16 and FY 17, these phases were not previously programmed in the TIP.

TIP Project: #U-4724 Cornwallis Road Bike/Ped Project: Proposed Change: Revise description of project termini to describe termini as from S. Roxboro Street to Chapel Hill Road (instead of University Drive).

TIP Project: #ER-2971 NCDOT Sidewalk Program: Proposed Change: A new TIP number has been created for the City of Durham's STP-DA funding for sidewalks along NC 751 and NC 54. The STP-DA funding is being removed from ER-2971 and applied to new TIP #U-4726 HJ.

TIP Project: #I-5729 I-85 Pavement Rehabilitation: Proposed Change: Add new project to FY12-18 MTIP. Adding the construction phase in 2016 to allow engineering for the project to commence.

TIP Project: #M-0505 Transportation Program Management Unit (TPMU) Oversight: Proposed Change: Add implementation in FY16 through FY18 at request of NCDOT Transportation Program Management Unit.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board approve Amendment #25 to the FY2012-2018 MTIP.

Board Action: Approve Amendment #25 to the FY2012-2018 MTIP.

Attachments: [2015-09-09- Amendment 25 - FY12-18 TIP.pdf](#)

[2015-09-09-Resolution - Amendment 25 - 12-18 MTIP.pdf](#)

ACTION ITEMS

8. **Adoption of 2040 MTP Amendment, FY16-25 MTIP, and CDR (20 minutes)**

[15-219](#)

Lindsay Smart, LPA staff

Andy Henry, LPA staff

On June 10, 2015, the DCHC MPO Board approved the release of three planning documents, the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan amendment, the FY16-25 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, and the Conformity Determination Report, 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 documents 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.

On August 12, 2015, the DCHC MPO Board held a public hearing to receive public comments on the three planning documents. The DCHC MPO Board also reviewed the written public comments that were received by the MPO during the public comment period. Since August 12th, MPO LPA staff and the MPO Technical Committee have provided a response to all public comments that were received. The attachment, "2015-09-09 FY16-25 MTIP Public Involvement Appendix" includes a compilation of public comments and the MPO's responses. The remaining chapters and appendices of the FY16-25 MTIP are available on the MPO website using this URL:

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

Resolutions for the adoption of the 2040 MTP amendment, the FY16-25 MTIP, and the CDR are also provided as attachments. The MPO Technical Committee (TC) has reviewed the three planning documents, all public comments received, and the three Resolutions and the TC has recommended that the MPO Board adopt the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan amendment, the FY16-25 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, and the Conformity Determination Report.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board adopt the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan amendment, the FY16-25 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, and the Conformity Determination Report

Board Action: Adopt the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan amendment, the FY16-25 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, and the Conformity Determination Report

Attachments: [2015-09-09 FY16-25 MTIP Public Involvement Appendix.pdf](#)
[2015-09-09 Resolution for adopting MTIP.pdf](#)
[2015-09-09 Resolution for CDR.pdf](#)
[2015-09-09 Resolution for MTP amendment.pdf](#)

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

At the August meeting, the DCHC MPO Board discussed and released the Mobility Report Card (MRC) for a public comment period from August 12 through September 4. No public comments had yet been received at the time of this current agenda's release, i.e., September 2nd. The Board will conduct a public hearing and vote to adopt the MRC. The full report and executive summary for the MRC are available on the iLegislate site or on the MPO website.

TC Action: Conduct a public hearing and adopt the 2014 Mobility Report Card.

REPORTS:

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

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair.

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

Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair.

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

Board Action: Receive the report from LPA staff.

Attachments: [2015-09-09 LPA staff report.pdf](#)

13. **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: [2015-09-09 NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

14. Presentation on Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Public[15-222](#)**Comments****Patrick McDonough, GoTriangle****Tammy Bouchelle, GoTriangle**

On Friday, August 28, 2015, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation (DEIS) for the proposed Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project was made available for public review and comment. The Federal Register released a Notice of Availability for Environmental Impact Statements (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-28/pdf/2015-21379.pdf>) that includes the DEIS for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project. The DEIS documents the environmental, transportation, social, and economic impacts associated with the transportation improvements in the Durham-Orange (D-O) Corridor, and marks an important milestone in the proposed 17-mile light rail project between Chapel Hill and Durham.

DEIS Review and Comment Opportunities

The release of the DEIS begins GoTriangle's 45-day public review and comment period. The public, project partners, government agencies, and stakeholders can review the document in several ways:

1. The DCHC MPO Board will receive a presentation from GoTriangle on the DEIS and hear public comments at their September 9th meeting. The D-O LRT presentation by GoTriangle will begin at 7PM and will be followed by an opportunity for public comment.
2. Review a copy of the DEIS on the D-O LRT Project web site at www.ourtransitfuture.com.
3. Review a copy of the DEIS at www.gotriangle.org.
4. Review a copy of the DEIS at public libraries in Durham and Orange counties.
5. Review a copy of the DEIS at GoTriangle's Administrative Offices.

There are several ways to comment on the information in the DEIS:

1. By email to info@ourtransitfuture.com.
2. By postal mail to: D-O LRT Project - DEIS, c/o Triangle Transit, P.O. Box 530, Morrisville, NC 27560.
3. By comment card at two public information sessions in September.
4. Through the D-O LRT Project's website at www.ourtransitfuture.com.
5. In person during public hearings held by GoTriangle in Chapel Hill and Durham.

TC Action: Received update on draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Board Action: Receive presentation from GoTriangle on draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and receive public comments.

Attachments: [2015-09-09 D-OLRT DEIS BOT Memo_final from GoTriangle.pdf](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

15. Recent News Articles and Updates

[15-100](#)

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

Adjourn

Next meeting: October 14, 9 a.m., Committee Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None