



**DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, November 11, 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: [2015-11-11 MPO Board Directives to Staff.pdf](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**6. October 14, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**[15-243](#)

A copy of the October 14, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes is enclosed.

Board Action: Approve the minutes of the October 14, 2015 Board Meeting.

Attachments: [2015-11-11 MPO Board Meeting Minutes 10 14 15.pdf](#)

ACTION ITEMS

7. NCDOT SPOT P4.0 New Project Recommendations[15-233](#)**(20 minutes)****Lindsay Smart, LPA staff****Dale McKeel, LPA staff**

The DCHC MPO subcommittee and the MPO LPA staff met on Monday, October 26, 2015 to review the 32 highway, 31 bicycle and pedestrian, 21 transit, and 10 rail projects on the MPO's lists of new projects for submittal to NCDOT SPOT during P4.0. The subcommittee and LPA staff reviewed and discussed the lists and identified the 14 top priority projects per mode for recommendation to the DCHC MPO TC.

On Wednesday, October 28, 2015 the DCHC MPO Technical Committee (TC) reviewed and discussed the subcommittee's recommendations for the 14 top priority projects per mode. After discussing the new projects the MPO TC approved the top priority projects as recommended by the MPO subcommittee. The attachments for this agenda item include a memorandum that more fully explains the MPO's process to-date and the lists of top priority projects that have been approved by the MPO TC.

These spreadsheet files have been saved as meeting details under the link to the agenda packet at: <http://bit.ly/20ucMGk>

2015-11-11 P4.0 Top Priority Highway Projects

2015-11-11 DCHC MPO P4 0 New Public Transit ProjectsB

2015-11-11 P4.0 Top Priority Bike-Ped Projects

2015-11-11 DCHC MPO P4 0 New Rail ProjectsB

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board approve the 14 new projects in each mode as presented in the attachments.

Board Action: Review and discuss the recommendations from the MPO TC for the top priority new highway, bicycle/pedestrian, and transit project submittals and approve the 14 new projects in each mode for submission to the NCDOT SPOT On!ine tool for P4.0.

Attachments: [2015-11-11 MPO TC Memo - SPOT P4.0.pdf](#)

8. **Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project**
(25 minutes)

[15-238](#)

Mark Ahrendsen, DCHC MPO TC Chair

Patrick McDonough, GoTriangle

Lindsay Smart, LPA staff

GoTriangle staff have provided three sets of written responses to typical comments received to-date on the D-O LRT during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement public comment period. The three sets of responses were forwarded by MPO LPA staff to Board members. The official comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) ended on October 13, 2015. The DCHC MPO LPA staff have received copies of actions taken by local jurisdictions and the actions are included as attachments to this agenda item. On November 4, 2015, MPO LPA staff is anticipating GoTriangle providing a full compilation of all comments received on the DEIS and the compilation will be circulated to all DCHC MPO Board members. On November 11, 2015, the DCHC MPO Board will vote on a resolution to support the NEPA preferred alternative in the DEIS for the D-O LRT project. The draft resolution is an attachment to this agenda.

TC Action: Recommended the MPO Board approve the attached resolution of endorsement for the NEPA preferred alternative for the D-O LRT project.

Board Action: Recieve status report, review draft resolution, and vote on the resolution of endorsement for the NEPA preferred alternative for the D-O LRT project, with any comments from the MPO Board incorporated as necessary.

Attachments:

[2015-11-11 DCHC MPO resolution of endorsement.pdf](#)

[2015-11-11 DurhamCityCouncilDEISComments10-5-15.pdf](#)

[2015-11-11 DurhamCountyLetter10-8-15.pdf](#)

[2015-11-11 OrangeCountyLetter6-2-2015.pdf](#)

[2015-11-11 ChapelHillStaffComments9-28-15.pdf](#)

[2015-11-11 ChapelHillResolution9-28-15.pdf](#)

[2015-11-11 CarrboroLetter10-13-15.pdf](#)

9. Triangle Air Quality Conformity (10 minutes)[15-242](#)**John Hodges-Copple, TJCOG**

This agenda item will briefly cover five issues:

1. The completion of air quality conformity for the amended 2040 MTP and 2016-2025 TIP
2. The termination of air quality conformity requirements in the Triangle
3. The new federal ozone standard
4. Air quality treatment in future plans
5. Air quality monitoring stations

Federal agencies recently accepted the air quality conformity for the amended 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FY2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The 20-year maintenance requirement for carbon monoxide (CO) in Wake and Durham counties ended as of September 18, 2015. The Triangle Area is now in attainment for all the National Ambient Air Quality Standards including CO and Ozone (O3). As a result, Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) will no longer need to demonstrate conformity with Air Quality (AQ) standards. In addition, the MTP can be updated on a five-year schedule rather than a four-year schedule, if desired. Practically, the two MPOs plan to continue to use the existing four-year schedule to match TIP cycles and account for rapid growth and change. There is a new, more strict federal ozone standard that reduces the threshold from 70ppm (parts per million) to 65ppm, however the Triangle area is not expected to fail this new standard in the near future.

TC Action: Received Air Quality presentation.**Board Action:** Receive Air Quality presentation and provide comments, if desired.**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: [2015-11-11 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: [2015-11-11 NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

14. **Recent News Articles and Updates** [15-100](#)

Attachments: [2015-11-11 news articles.pdf](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: December 9th, 9 a.m., Committee Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None