



**DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

9:00 AM

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

1. Roll Call
2. Ethics Reminder
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Directives to Staff

[15-111](#)

Attachments: [2015-12-09 MPO Board Directives to Staff.pdf](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **November 11, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**

[15-251](#)

A copy of the November 11, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes is enclosed.

Board Action: Approve the minutes of the November 11, 2015 Board Meeting

Attachments: [2015-12-09 MPO Board Meeting - November 11 2015 Meeting Minutes](#)

7. **2016 MPO Board and Technical Committee Meeting Schedule**

[15-254](#)

Lindsay Smart, LPA Staff

The 2016 MPO Board and Technical Committee meeting schedule is provided as an attachment.

Board Action: Adopt the 2016 MPO Board and Technical Committee meeting schedule.

Attachments: [2015-12-09 TAC TCC Meetings 2016-DRAFT.pdf](#)

8. FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1 [15-246](#)**(5 minutes)****Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

The LPA staff is requesting an amendment to the FY2016 UPWP to re-allocate and add funding for the Town of Carrboro and Chapel Hill Transit within several funding programs. The attached memorandum and resolution with tables provides details.

TC Action: Recommended MPO Board approve FY2016 UPWP Amendment #1.

Board Action: Approve the FY2016 UPWP Amendment #1.

Attachments: [2015-12-09 Memorandum FY16 UPWP Amend 1 120915.pdf](#)
 [2015-12-09 2016 UPWP amend 1 Resolution and tables.pdf](#)

ACTION ITEMS

9. **FY2017 STP-DA and TAP Funding for DCHC MPO Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects (20 minutes)**

[15-247](#)

Lindsay Smart, LPA staff

Meg Scully, LPA staff

Felix Nwoko, LPA staff

On October 14, 2015, the DCHC MPO Board approved an updated STP-DA and TAP distribution policy. The policy is guided by a formula that is based on an annual estimated allocation of STP-DA and TAP to the DCHC MPO. The annual estimated allocation is used to project annual funding levels to 2025 to be consistent with the TIP/STIP. Each year, the DCHC MPO receives approximately \$4,469,000 in STP-DA funding and \$350,000 in TAP funding. In 2017, there will be approximately \$853,000 of combined STP-DA and TAP funding available for regional bicycle and pedestrian projects.

There are currently 24 bicycle and pedestrian projects programmed in the FY2016-2025 TIP. Many of these projects have been underway for several years and each of these projects require local staff resources and local matching funds. For these reasons, the MPO LPA staff recommended that any of these existing projects that meet the MPO's policy for regional bicycle and pedestrian projects be considered by the DCHC MPO for the 2017 STP-DA and TAP funding, before new projects are considered for programming and funding.

On November 18, 2015 the DCHC MPO Technical Committee (TC) discussed and supported the recommendation from MPO LPA staff to allocate 2017 STP-DA and TAP funding to existing projects before new projects are considered. The DCHC MPO TC discussed the MPO's current policy, screening criteria, and scoring methodology for regional bicycle and pedestrian projects. Based on this discussion, three projects were identified as priority projects eligible for the 2017 STP-DA and TAP funding. The three projects, listed in no particular, order are:

1. Morgan Creek Greenway (west) (EL-4828)
2. Old Durham/Chapel Hill Road (EB-4707)
3. Bolin Creek Greenway (U-4726 DE)

Both the Bolin Creek Greenway and the Old Durham/Chapel Hill Road projects are well underway and are currently "paused" until additional funding can be made available. The construction for the Bolin Creek Greenway project was put out for bids in the spring 2015 and the lowest bid was greater than the funding that is currently available for the project. The right-of-way acquisition phase for the Old Durham/Chapel Hill Road project is currently underway and additional funding is needed to keep the Chapel Hill portion of the project on schedule with the City of Durham portion of the project. For these reasons, the DCHC MPO TC prioritized the Bolin Creek Greenway and the Old Durham/Chapel Hill Road projects before the Morgan Creek Greenway (west) project because allocating 2017 STP-DA and TAP funding to the Bolin Creek Greenway and the Old Durham/Chapel Hill Road projects will assist with the completion of these projects.

TC Action: Recommended that \$212,000 of the 2017 STP-DA and TAP funding be

allocated to the Bolin Creek Greenway project and the remaining balance (\$641,000) be allocated to the Old Durham/Chapel Hill Road project.

Board Action: Review and discuss the recommendation from the DCHC MPO TC and approve \$212,000 of the 2017 STP-DA and TAP funding be allocated to the Bolin Creek Greenway project and the remaining balance (\$641,000) be allocated to the Old Durham/Chapel Hill Road project.

Attachments:

[2015-12-09 Approved FY17-FY25 STPDA TAP Distribution Policy.pdf](#)

[2015-12-09 DCHC Policy 3 - DCHC MPO federal funds - adopted - 2014-08-13](#)

10. 2045 MTP - Schedule and Goals, Objectives, and Performance[15-249](#)**Measures (15 minutes)****Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO plans to adopt the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) by June 2017 to abide by the usual four-year update cycle (the MPO adopted the 2040 MTP in April 2013). Approving the MTP schedule and updating the Goals, Objectives, and Targets are among the first tasks in the MTP process. The near-term schedule is as follows:

- TC review of the schedule and new Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures and forwards draft documents to MPO Board - November 18, 2015.
- MPO Board review of the draft documents and provides comments - December 9, 2015.
- TC update of the schedule and draft documents based on MPO Board comments - December 16, 2015.
- MPO Board review and approval of the revised documents and releases for public comment - January 13, 2016.

The format of the Goals, Objectives, and Targets has undergone a major revision to align with the MAP-21 legislation and standards. The new format will directly tie Performance Measures to Goals and Objectives, and align Goals with MAP-21 standards. DCHC MPO LPA staff was careful to ensure that the proposed Goals and Objectives captured the intent of the current set (from the 2040 MTP process) while also complying with MAP-21. In addition, the Targets have been renamed to Performance Measures to match MAP-21 language.

Attachments to this agenda item include: a copy of the current Goals, Objectives, and Targets from the 2040 MTP process, the 2045 MTP draft schedule, and a table of the proposed Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures. The proposed table is a draft, especially the Performance Measures. DCHC MPO LPA staff will revise the draft to incorporate further work and requested revisions from the DCHC MPO Board and TC.

TC Action: Reviewed and forwarded the draft 2045 MTP schedule and Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures to the MPO Board for comment.

Board Action: Review and comment on the draft 2045 MTP schedule and Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures.

Attachments: [2015-12-09 GoalsObjTargets2040MTP.pdf](#)
 [2015-12-09 DraftGoalsObjPMs2045MTP.pdf](#)
 [2015-12-09 Draft2045MTPschedule.pdf](#)

REPORTS:

11. Report from the Board Chair [15-116](#)

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair.

12. Report from the Technical Committee Chair [15-115](#)

Mark Ahrendsen, TC Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair.

13. Report from LPA Staff [15-117](#)

Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff

Board Action: Receive the report from LPA staff.

Attachments: [2015-12-09 LPA staff report.pdf](#)

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

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

Board Action: Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2015-12-09 NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

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

Attachments: [2015-12-09 news_articles.pdf](#)

16. Side by Side, STRR and DRIVE Legislation Information; FAST ACT [15-252](#)

Attachments: [2015-12-09 Side by side drive and STRR 11_17_130_P.pdf](#)
[2015-12-09 FAST ACT highway bill conference 2-pager.pdf](#)

17. Election of DCHC MPO Board Officers for 2016 (10 minutes)[15-248](#)**DCHC MPO Board Nominating Committee****Mark Ahrendsen, Technical Committee Chair**

The election of DCHC MPO Board officers for the upcoming calendar year occurs during the last MPO Board meeting of every year. In November 2015 the MPO Board Chair appointed Council Member Steve Schewel and Commissioner James Crawford to the MPO Board Officer Nominating Committee and requested that the Nominating Committee bring recommendations for a 2016 Chair and Vice-Chair back to the MPO Board in December. The MPO Board Chair also appointed Steve Schewel to serve as Interim Chair for the December meeting until the new Chair and Vice-Chair are elected.

The MPO Board Bylaws state that the term for Chair and Vice-Chair are one-year and officers cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. In addition, the Chair shall rotate among the jurisdictions represented in Durham County, Orange County, and Chatham County so that successive Chairs come from different counties. For example, if the Chair is from the City of Durham or Durham County, the next Chair shall be from Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, Orange County, or Chatham County. The Vice-Chair shall be from a jurisdiction located in one of the two other counties.

Board Action: Receive recommendations from the Nominating Committee and elect a MPO Board Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016.

Adjourn

Next meeting: January 13, 2016, 9 a.m., Committee Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None