



**DCHC MPO Board  
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

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**[17-100](#)

**Attachments:** [2017-11-08 \(17-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff.pdf](#)

**CONSENT AGENDA****6. October 11, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**[17-192](#)

A copy of the Octoberber 11, 2017 Board meeting minutes is enclosed.

**Board Action:** Approve the minutes of the Octoberber 11, 2017 Board meeting.

**Attachments:** [2017-11-08 \(17-192\) MPO Board Meeting Minutes 10.11.17 LPA2.pdf](#)

**7. Approval of Amendment #12 to the FY2016-25 Transportation Improvement Plan**[17-188](#)

**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

The City of Durham is requesting an amendment to the FY16-25 TIP in order to allow access to funds for project EB-5833, R. Kelly Bryant Bridge North Trail, in order to begin preliminary engineering and design. Only preliminary engineering and design funds are being added to the FY16-25 TIP. Right-of-way and construction funds are included in the upcoming FY2018-27 TIP. A summary list and full report of the changes are included as attachments along with a resolution to be signed by the MPO Board Chair upon approval by the Board.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Board approve Amendment #12 to the FY2016-25 TIP.

**Board Action:** Approve Amendment #12 to the FT2016-25 TIP.

**Attachments:** [2017-11-08 \(17-188\) TIP Amendmdent #12 Full Report.pdf](#)  
[2017-11-08 \(17-188\) TIP Amendmdent #12 Summary.pdf](#)  
[2017-11-08 \(17-188\) TIP Amendmdent #12 Resolution.pdf](#)

**ACTION ITEMS****8. FY2018-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (15 minutes)** [17-181](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

LPA staff has completed a final draft of the FY2018-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP), which is ready for adoption. The MTIP is the document that defines the transportation projects that will be funded and scheduled over the next ten years. The MTIP must be adopted and sent to NCDOT, FHWA, and the FTA by November 15, 2017.

The MTIP was released for public comment on October 18, 2017. All comments that have been received by staff will be provided to the Board at the meeting. In addition, per the DCHC MPO Public Involvement Policy, the Board should hold a public hearing and take comment on the FY2018-27 MTIP prior to taking a motion to adopt the MTIP.

Subsequent to the draft's release for public comment, LPA staff received further direction from representatives of NCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). LPA staff was informed that the majority of changes from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that were proposed in the MTIP could not be included at this time due to federal requirements of consistency between the STIP and the MTIP. Therefore, the majority of those changes will be included in an amendment to the MTIP that the Board should expect to see in January. Two amendments to the MTIP remain: the removal of I-5702A, Managed Lanes on I-40 from US-15/501 to NC 147, and P-5710, removal of the grade separation project of the North Carolina Railroad at Blackwell and Mangum streets in Downtown Durham. Both of these projects are in the last four years of the STIP and MTIP, and therefore fall outside of federal consistency requirements. The final draft reflects what is required for STIP and MTIP consistency.

The final draft of the FY2018-27 MTIP is located at <http://www.dchcmpo.org/programs/improvement/tip2027/default.asp>.

**TC Action:** Recommend that the Board hold a public hearing and adopt the FY2018-27 MTIP.

**Board Action:** Hold a public hearing and, subject to comments from the public hearing, adopt the FY2018-27 MTIP.

**Attachments:** [2017-11-08 \(17-181\) Resolution for Adoption of FY2018-27 MTIP.pdf](#)

**9. NC 98 Corridor Study (20 minutes)**[17-191](#)**Will Letchworth, P.E., WSP**

In late 2016, the DCHC MPO and Capital Area MPO hired the consulting firm WSP to conduct a multmodal corridor study of NC 98 in Durham and Wake counties. The WSP project manager, Will Letchworth, will provide an update on the study including the corridor attributes, public input process and solutions being considered. A presentation is attached.

**Board Action:** Receive the presentation and provide comments.

**Attachments:**      [2017-11-08 \(17-191\) NC 98 Corridor Study.pdf](#)

**10. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) -- Public Hearing (20 minutes)**[17-155](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**Preferred Option Released

At their October meeting, the MPO Board authorized the Technical Committee (TC) to release the Preferred Option for a public comment period from November 1 through December 12. The Preferred Option report is attached and can also be found with online highway and fixed-guideway maps at the following Web site:

[www.bit.ly/DCHC-MTP-Preferred](http://www.bit.ly/DCHC-MTP-Preferred). The report is the same version that the MPO Board reviewed except for the following:

- \* As requested by the MPO Board, staff added an Executive Summary (see pages i-iv).
- \* As requested by the MPO Board, staff added a section on the Goals and Objectives and briefly discussed the manner in which the North Carolina Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) prevents the MPO from proposing a long-range plan that more closely aligns with the MPO Goals (see pages 1-3).
- \* Minor Light Rail Transit (LRT) changes, including: added a station in downtown Durham; and in the extension to Carrboro, added a station on the corner of the UNC campus and moved the Carrboro station to a location immediately south of Main St.
- \* Added a Performance Measures section to the report (see pages 35-38).
- \* Added examples of how the municipalities and counties might be able to raise revenue for a local transit match (see "Revenue Table" section in the Financial Plan, pages 30-31).

The Board is to conduct a public hearing on the Preferred Option at today's meeting.

Performance Measures and Targets

The Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures are aligned to provide feedback on how well the MPO is meeting its Goals and Objectives. The TC recommends using the Performance Measures and format on the attached table to present this information. Most of the needed data is not currently available but will be included in the Measures for review and release at the December Board meeting.

The TC also recommends identifying some key Measures and refining their presentation as to create a set of Targets. The attached Targets documents will have updated data ready for release at the December Board meeting, as well.

Schedule

The following schedule is recommended for including these tasks in the 2045 MTP adoption:

- \* November 1 -- The Preferred Option was released for the minimum 42-day public comment period, which will end on December 12
- \* November 8 -- Board conduct public hearing on Preferred Option and receive presentations Performance Measures and Targets
- \* December 13 -- Board approve Preferred Option for 2045 MTP, and Board release full

2045 MTP report and final Goals/Objectives/ Performance Measures for public comment

\* January 10, 2018 -- Board adopt, by resolution, the 2045 MTP and report

**TC Action:** Release the Preferred Option for public comment, forward the Performance Measures and Targets to the BPO Board for comment.

**Board Action:** Provide comments on Performance Measures and Targets.

**Attachments:** [2017-11-08 \(17-155\) Goals-Objectives-PMs.pdf](#)  
[2017-11-08 \(17-155\) PreferredOptionReport.pdf](#)  
[2017-11-08 \(17-155\) Targets.pdf](#)

11. **DCHC MPO Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan and Self-Assessment (5 minutes)** [17-190](#)

**Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

In compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) has prepared a Transition Plan and Self-Assessment. The MPO is required to develop a Transition Plan as well as monitor its recipients of federal funds. The draft ADA Transition has been reviewed by NCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) who also participated in a Roundtable discussion hosted by the MPO.

**TC Action:** Recommend MPO Board release of the Draft DCHCMPO Transition Plan and Self Assessment for public comment.

**Board Action:** Authorize the release of the DCHC MPO Draft ADA Transition Plan and Self Assessment for public comment.

**Attachments:** [2017-11-08 \(17-190\) ADA transition plan Flyer\\_dchcmo outreach May 11-201](#)  
[2017-11-08 \(17-190\) DCHC MPO ADA Transition Plan-110117 DRAFT-FINAL 2](#)  
[2017-11-08 \(17-190\) ADA Transition Plan and Self Assessment\\_DCHCMPO T](#)

**12. Legislative and Policy Framework for SPOT Process (30 minutes)** [17-183](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff****Dale McKeel, LPA Staff**

Per the request of the MPO Board, LPA staff will make a presentation on the Strategic Transportation Initiative (STI), the law that creates the framework for transportation funding in North Carolina, and the Strategic Prioritization of Transportation (SPOT) process which implements STI. Staff will detail those provisions that are embedded within the STI law, and those that are policy of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and therefore can be changed administratively (with potential approval by the State Board of Transportation).

In addition, at its September 13 meeting, the MPO Board requested that LPA staff invite Secretary of Transportation Jim Trogden or Deputy Secretary Julie White to a future meeting to discuss concerns with bicycle and pedestrian transportation funding and policies. In advance of this meeting, the MPO Board indicated a desire to have a session to discuss issues for discussion with NCDOT staff. This presentation will include bicycle and pedestrian policy issues for the board to consider and discuss. A list of issues is also attached.

**Board Action:** This item is for informational purposes only; no action is required at this time.

**Attachments:** [2017-11-08 \(17-183\) Bicycle Pedestrian Discussion Items.pdf](#)

**REPORTS:****13. Report from the Board Chair** [17-101](#)**Steve Schewel, Board Chair**

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

**14. Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [17-102](#)**TC Chair**

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

**15. Report from LPA Staff** [17-103](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager**

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

**Attachments:** [2017-11-08 \(17-103\) LPA staff report.pdf](#)

**16. NCDOT Report** [17-104](#)

Joey Hopkins (David Keilson/Richard Hancock), Division 5 - NCDOT

Mike Mills (Pat Wilson/Ed Lewis), Division 7 - NCDOT

Brandon Jones (Bryan Kluchar, Jen Britt), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

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

Attachments: [2017-11-08 \(17-104\) NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****17. Recent News Articles and Updates** [17-105](#)

Attachments: [2017-11-08 \(17-105\) news articles.pdf](#)

**Adjourn**

**Next meeting: December 13, 9 a.m., Committee Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings:  
Joint DCHC MPO and CAMPO Board Meeting November 30, 2017  
Time and Location to be determined**