



**DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

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**[18-100](#)

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff.pdf](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**6. June 13, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes**[18-160](#)

A copy of the June 13, 2018 Board meeting minutes is enclosed.

Board Action: Approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 Board meeting.

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-160\) MPO Board Meeting Minutes 6.13.18 LPA2.pdf](#)

7. May 31, 2018 Joint DCHC MPO - CAMPO Board Meeting Minutes[18-161](#)

A copy of the May 31, 2018 Joint DCHC MPO - CAMPO Board meeting minutes is enclosed.

Board Action: Approve the minutes of the May 31, 2018 Joint DCHC MPO - CAMPO Board meeting.

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-161\) Joint MPO Meeting Minutes May 31 2018 LPA2.pdf](#)

ACTION ITEMS

8. STBG Funding Swap Proposal (30 minutes)[18-157](#)**Van Argabright, NCDOT****Mike Stanley, NCDOT****Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

Due to a federal redistribution of unused obligation authority, North Carolina has an opportunity to receive over \$100 million in additional obligation authority for projects across the state. In order to receive the maximum amount of funding for the state, NCDOT proposes to utilize approximately \$9.2 million in unobligated DCHC STBG-DA funds for a current project already under construction (Alston Avenue, U-3308). Projects that have programmed STBG-DA funding would have that funding replaced with STBG-Any Area funds. Further details are outlined in the attached letter.

There would be no net gain or loss for DCHC projects under this proposal, and no timetables would change due to the funding swap. Funds utilized now for U-3308 would be replaced with STBG funds, which will be available when they are needed for the designated projects. Several other MPOs are also considering or have approved a similar funding swap.

TC Action: The TC recommended, on a 23-1 vote, approval of the funding swap as proposed by NCDOT should investigations to include other options that meet NCDOT goals prove unsuccessful. LPA staff has investigated other options and deems the original NCDOT proposal to be the most feasible.

Board Action: Approve the STBG-STBGDA funding swap as outlined in the NCDOT letter.

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-157\) STBG Funding Swap Letter.pdf](#)

9. Upcoming Federal Rescission (5 minutes)[18-156](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

As part of the FAST Act, one of the federal legislative acts authorizing transportation funding, a rescission of federal transportation funds is scheduled in 2019. Any CMAQ or TAP-DA funds that are unobligated as of September 30, 2019 are potentially subject to rescission. At this time, STBG and STBG-DA funds are not subject to the rescission, though that could change should any congressional action take place in that regard. Additional information is included in the attachments.

The purpose of this item is to make sure all jurisdictions are aware of the upcoming rescission. LPA staff will be working with each jurisdiction and NCDOT to identify strategies to avoid having funds rescinded.

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

Attachments:[2018-08-08 \(18-156\) Q&A - FAST Act Rescission.pdf](#)[2018-08-08 \(18-156\) FHWA Updates Estimates on FY 2020 FAST Act Highway](#)

10. NC 98 Corridor Study (25 minutes)[18-145](#)**Will Letchworth, P.E., WSP****Andy Henry, MPO Staff****Aaron Cain, MPO Staff**

In late 2016, the DCHC MPO and Capital Area MPO hired the consulting firm WSP to conduct a multimodal corridor study of NC 98 in Durham and Wake counties. The study is complete and the draft report is available. The consultant will present the study process and recommendations at today's meeting. Staff recommends that the MPO Board release the draft report for a 30-day public comment period (thus, ending September 6th) at their August meeting, and then conduct a public hearing and approve the report at their September meeting. The approved report would then provide projects for inclusion in the MPO's multimodal long-range transportation plans and related local plans as they are updated.

The attached document is a copy of today's presentation. The full report, dated 06-20-18, is available from the WSP Web site: <http://www.nc98corridor.com/library/>. The report provides the area context, public engagement process, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian recommendations, and an implementation plan.

The consultant and staff will also present the NC 98 Corridor Study to the Durham City Council and the Durham Board of County Commissioners on August 23 and September 4, respectively, to receive local government comments.

TC Action: Recommend that the MPO Board release the report for a 30-day public comment period.

Board Action: Receive the presentation, provide comments, and release the report for a 30-day public comment period.

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-145\) NC98Study.pdf](#)

11. Quarterly Update on the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project (15 minutes)[18-154](#)**Geoff Green, GoTriangle**

On April 28, 2017, the DCHC MPO Policy Board adopted the Orange County Transit Plan and the Durham County Transit Plan (the "Transit Plans"), as well as the Interlocal Agreement for Cost-Sharing for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project. GoTriangle is presenting its quarterly report on the status of the D-O LRT Project as contemplated in the Transit Plans and the Interlocal Agreement.

Board Action: Receive information regarding the status of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project.

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-154\) D-O LRT Quarterly Update.pdf](#)

12. D-O LRT Project Request for Design Change Input (10 minutes)[18-155](#)**Geoff Green, GoTriangle**

GoTriangle requests that the Board provide comment regarding two proposed design changes to the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project. One proposed design change is modification of the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway Station park-and-ride. The second modification is a change of the Erwin Road alignment. The Erwin Road alignment modification includes a shift in the site of the Duke/VA Medical Centers Station. The station is currently proposed between Trent Drive and Flowers Drive, and under the modification it would be situated just west of Fulton Drive, in front of the Duke Eye Center and Durham VA Medical Center.

Under the Design Change Approval Policy for the D-O LRT Project, adopted by the GoTriangle Board on July 26, 2017, and because of the scope of the proposed Erwin Road alignment modifications, these changes require approval by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees with review and input from the MPO Board.

Memos and maps explaining the proposed changes are attached.

Board Action: Provide comment on the proposed changes to the D-O LRT project to GoTriangle.

Attachments:

[2018-08-08 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Map for Erwin Road - Ba](#)
[2018-08-08 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Map for Erwin Road - Re](#)
[2018-08-08 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Map for MLK Park-and-F](#)
[2018-08-08 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Map for MLK Park-and-F](#)
[2018-08-08 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Memo for MLK Park-and](#)
[2018-08-08 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Memo for Erwin Road.pc](#)

13. Allocation of Local Input Points for Regional Impact Projects (10 minutes)[18-133](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

On June 13, 2018, the DCHC MPO Board approved local input points for Regional Impact projects for Prioritization 5.0, subject to further discussions with MPOs, RPOs, and NCDOT, with any adjustments to be approved by the DCHC MPO Board Chair and Vice Chair. After discussions with NCDOT and other POs, a final allocation of local input points for Regional Impact projects was approved by the MPO Board Chair and Vice Chair on July 23, 2018. Subsequent to that approval, the MPO was notified by NCDOT that some of the rail project scores were incorrect and were updated on July 26, 2018. This resulted in a minor reallocation of points by the MPO. The final allocation allocation is attached for your review.

The changes that were made from what the MPO Board approved on June 13 include:

- Allocation of 100 points to US 70 from Miami Boulevard to Page Road Extension
- Removal of points (15) on NC 54 from Fayetteville Street to Barbee Road
- Reduction of points from 100 to 17 on NC 54 from I-40 to NC 751
- Reduction of points from 34 to 32 on commuter rail from West Durham to Garner
- Removal of donated points (2) from CAMPO on I-40, CAMPO decided not to put points on the project

TC Action: No action is necessary on this item, it is for informational purposes only.

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-133\) Final Allocation of Local Points for Regional Impact Projec](#)

14. **Initial Allocation of Local Input Points for Division Needs Projects (10 minutes)** [18-153](#)

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

As with the process for Regional Impact projects, the first step in allocating local input points for Division Needs projects is to apply all eligible projects to the Methodology, adopted by the DCHC MPO Board on March 14, 2018. Based on the mode and ranking of projects under the methodology, an initial allocation has been developed for review. The initial allocation is attached.

Statewide Mobility and Regional Impact projects that could cascade down to the Division Needs tier, but do not meet the requirements for points for cascading projects as described in the Methodology, are not shown on the initial list.

Per the DCHC MPO Public Involvement Policy, this initial allocation must be released for a minimum 21-day public comment period and a public hearing held to receive comment on the initial allocation. Upon release for public comment, the MPO Board will hold a public hearing in September, and then vote on a final allocation in October. The deadline for submittal of local input points for Division Needs projects is October 30, 2018.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board release the initial allocation of local input points for Division Needs projects for public review and comment, and hold a public hearing at its September 12, 2018 meeting.

Board Action: Release the initial allocation of local input points for Division Needs projects for public review and comment, and hold a public hearing at the September 12, 2018 meeting.

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-153\) Initial Local Points Allocation for Division Needs Projects.p](#)

15. Amendment #4 to the FY2018-2027 TIP (5 minutes) [18-152](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

Amendment #4 to the FY2018-2027 TIP includes two local requests and several requests from NCDOT. One is from the Town of Carrboro to add STBGDA funds to U-4726 DE, Bolin Creek Greenway. The second is from Carrboro and Chapel Hill, to split EB-5886, Estes Road Bike/Ped, into two sections split at the municipal boundary in order to allow for each jurisdiction to move forward at an appropriate delivery schedule. Two local requests to note from NCDOT are U-5847, West Franklin/Merritt Mill intersection improvements, where NCDOT is requesting to move right-of-way from FY18 to FY19, and U-5745, NC 751 Roundabout, which is delaying construction from FY18 to FY19. The remaining modifications and additions, shown in the attachments, are requests from NCDOT to be consistent with the STIP. The full report, summary sheet, and resolution are attached.

TC Action: Recommended approval of Amendment #4 to the FY2018-2027 TIP.

Board Action: Approve Amendment #4 to the FY2018-2027 TIP.

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-152\) TIP Amendment #4 Full Report.pdf](#)
[2018-08-08 \(18-152\) TIP Amendment #4 Summary Sheet.pdf](#)
[2018-08-08 \(18-152\) TIP Amendment #4 Resolution.pdf](#)

REPORTS:**16. Report from the Board Chair** [18-101](#)**Damon Seils, Board Chair**

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair

17. Report from the Technical Committee Chair [18-102](#)**Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair**

Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair.

18. Report from LPA Staff [18-103](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager**

Board Action: Receive the report from LPA Staff.

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-103\) LPA staff report.pdf](#)

19. NCDOT Report[18-104](#)

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 Division - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Board Action: Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-104\) NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**20. Recent News Articles and Updates**[18-105](#)

Attachments: [2018-08-08 \(18-105\) news_articles.pdf](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: September 12, 9 a.m., Committee Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None