



DCHC MPO Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

9:00 AM

Meeting to be held by teleconference.

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Any member of the general public who wishes to make public comment should send an email to aaron.cain@durhamnc.gov and the comment will be read to the Board during the public comment portion of the meeting.

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**[20-100](#)

Attachments: [2020-06-10 \(20-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff.pdf](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**6. May 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**[20-142](#)

A copy of the May 13, 2020 Board Meeting minutes is enclosed.

Board Action: Approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020 Board Meeting.

Attachments: [2020-06-10 \(20-142\) MPO 05.13.20 MINUTES LPA2.pdf](#)

ACTION ITEMS**7. Resolution Honoring Commissioner Ellen Reckhow**[20-140](#)

Wendy Jacobs, Board Chair

After more than three decades of public service, including serving on the DCHC MPO Board, Commissioner Ellen Reckhow will be leaving the MPO Board this month. A resolution has been prepared honoring her service to the MPO and the community.

Board Action: Adopt the resolution honoring Commissioner Ellen Reckhow.

Attachments: [2020-06-10 \(20-140\) Resolution Honoring Ellen Reckhow.pdf](#)

8. Proposed Installation of Gas Pipeline Along American Tobacco Trail[20-147](#)**Right-of-Way (20 minutes)****Dale McKeel, LPA Staff****Jason Orthner, PE, Director, NCDOT Rail Division (invited)**

The American Tobacco Trail (ATT) is a 22-mile-long trail located in Wake, Chatham, and Durham counties that is primarily built on right-of-way of the former Durham and South Carolina railroad. In the mid to late 1990s, NCDOT acquired much of the former railroad right-of-way in order to preserve it intact for future railroad use. Since that time, NCDOT has entered into agreements with local governments allowing interim use of the railroad right of way for the ATT.

At its meeting on May 7, the N.C. Board of Transportation approved a resolution granting Dominion Energy an easement to build a 12-inch gas pipeline in a portion of the railroad right-of-way where the ATT is located, for a one-time payment of \$3 million. The resolution authorizes NCDOT's Manager of the Right-of-Way Unit to "execute the appropriate instrument" for a gas pipeline easement in the NCDOT right-of-way.

On June 2, it was announced that Dominion Energy has rescinded its request to utilize NCDOT right of way along the American Tobacco Trail for a pipeline.

Jason Orthner, Director of the NCDOT Rail Division, has been invited to the MPO Board meeting to discuss the gas pipeline. Attachments include the resolution approved by the Board of Transportation, a presentation on the proposed gas pipeline, and an article from the The News & Observer. NC Policy Watch also published an article that can be viewed on-line at <https://bit.ly/2U5Fb9m>.

TC Action: None**Board Action:** Receive information about the gas pipeline proposal.**Attachments:**[2020-06-10 \(20-147\) ATT Gas Pipeline Presentation.pdf](#)[2020-06-10 \(20-147\) Excerpt from May 2020 Board of Transportation Agenda.p](#)[2020-06-10 \(20-147\) News and Observer Article.pdf](#)

9. 2050 MTP -- Public Engagement Plan (10 minutes)[20-144](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

The DCHC adopted the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in March 2018, and thus federal rules require the MPO to adopt an updated plan within four years, i.e., by March 2022. Staff and local planners have already begun to update the demographic data and modeling networks that the 2050 MTP will require. The first step in developing the updated MTP is to identify the schedule and public engagement process, release those documents for public comment, and approve them for implementation. The DCHC MPO Public Involvement Policy requires that the schedule and Public Engagement Plan, which are attached, be released for a minimum 42-day public comment period and be part of an extensive effort to solicit public comment. In addition, the demographic data that staff will collect during the public involvement process is attached in a draft format.

The proposed approval schedule for this item will be:

June - release the 2050 MTP schedule and Public Engagement Plan; and,
August - conduct public hearing and approve final schedule and public engagement process

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board release the 2050 MTP schedule and Public Engagement Plan for public comment.

Board Action: Review the schedule and public engagement plan, provides comments, and release these documents for public comment.

Attachments: [2020-06-10 \(20-144\) 2050 MTP Public Engagement Plan \(1\).pdf](#)
[2020-06-10 \(20-144\) 2050 MTP Schedule.pdf](#)
[2020-06-10 \(20-144\) Demographic Questions.pdf](#)

10. 2050 MTP -- Goals and Objectives (10 minutes)[20-145](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

The DCH MPO dedicated considerable effort to develop the Goals and Objectives for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Staff conducted a workshop with the MPO Board, administered an online survey, designed Goals and Objectives that were aligned with a set of performance measures, and coordinated the process to ensure that the DCHC MPO and Capital Area MPO (CAMPO) adopted the same set of Goals/Objectives and Performance Measures. Consideration of any updates to this set of Goals and Objectives is among the first steps in the development of the 2050 MTP.

Given the difficulty of conducting public workshops and other in-person meetings during the social distancing requirement for Covid-19, staff used a method that takes advantage of public input processes from previous plans and studies. Staff reviewed and compared the visions, goals and objectives from over two dozen transportation-related plans throughout the Triangle area that have been completed over the last few years. These plans included long-range transportation plans, comprehensive plans, modal implementation plans (e.g., bicycle and pedestrian), strategic plans for local governments, and corridor and small area studies. For the most part, the current 2045 MTP Goals and Objectives matched the most common and important themes found in these other plans. However, staff identified a few themes that would strengthen the MPO's Goals and Objectives and therefore is recommending minor changes to the 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives -- see the attachment.

The MPOs have conducted informative online surveys for previous MTPs to identify citizens' transportation values. Staff plan to conduct an online survey with the release of the Goals and Objectives but that survey is still under developed.

The proposed approval schedule for this item will be:

- June - release the 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives; and,
- August - conduct public hearing and approve final 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board release the proposed Goals/Objectives for public comment.

Board Action: Review the proposed 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives, provide comments, and release it for public comment.

Attachments: [2020-06-10 \(20-145\) 2050 MTP Goals & Objectives.pdf](#)

11. Environmental Justice Draft Report (15 minutes)[20-143](#)**Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review the planning processes of metropolitan areas with populations over 200,000. In 2019, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) underwent a certification review that found that the metropolitan transportation planning process substantially meets federal requirements.

Although DCHC MPO was commended for developing environmental justice (EJ) metrics and conducting detailed draft analyses, it was recommended that the MPO update its demographic profile before finalizing its EJ analyses to reflect potential changes in communities of concern. The draft Environmental Justice Report contains an updated demographic profile and analysis of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the FY 2018-27 Transportation Improvement Program, and the FY 19-20 Unified Planning Work Program.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board release the draft Environmental Justice Report for a 45-day public comment period.

Board Action: Release the draft Environmental Justice Report for a 45-day public comment period.

Attachments: [2020-06-10\(20-143\)EnvironmentalJusticeDraftReport.pdf](#)
 [2020-06-10\(20-143\)EnvironmentalJusticeDraftReportPresentation.pdf](#)

12. Status of FY 21 TDM Funding -- (15 minutes)[20-141](#)

Dale McKeel, LPA Staff
John Hodges-Copple, TJCOG

For more than a decade, the Triangle TDM program has been supported by three funders: NCDOT, CAMPO, and DCHC MPO. The MPOs have used a portion of their CMAQ allocation from NCDOT for TDM. The anticipated funding from each source in FY 21 is \$554,851 from NCDOT, \$678,976 from CAMPO, and \$534,690 from DCHC. However, due to NCDOT's budget situation, none of the FY 21 funding has been approved by NCDOT.

Earlier this year, the TDM Oversight Committee met three times to review applications from local and regional TDM service providers and recommend the amount of funding to award to each applicant. TJCOG staff who administer the regional TDM program recently informed service providers that award notifications, typically sent in the spring, are not being sent until the funding issue is resolved.

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the status of TDM funding, discuss steps being taken to address the funding issue, and discuss options if the MPO CMAQ and NCDOT funding does not become available by the start of the fiscal year. Attached is a document that provides the business case for moving forward on allocated funding for FY21 to prevent the loss of the Triangle TDM program.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board receive the report.

Board Action: Receive the report and discuss options.

Attachments: [2020-06-10 \(20-141\) Triangle TDM Business Case 6-2-20.pdf](#)
[2020-06-10 \(20-141\) MPO Board TDM Resolution.pdf](#)

13. Durham and Orange Transit Plan Implementation FY20 Q3 Report (10 minutes)[20-148](#)

Jennifer Hayden, GoTriangle

The FY20 third quarter reports for implementation of the Durham and Orange transit plans will be presented. This item is for informational purposes only; no action is necessary at this time.

Board Action: Receive the reports.

Attachments: [2020-06-10 \(20-148\) FY20 Q3 Durham Transit Plan Implementation Report.pdf](#)
[2020-06-10 \(20-148\) FY20 Q3 Orange Transit Plan Implementation Report.pdf](#)

Minutes Recording Document

[20-106](#)**REPORTS:**

14. **Report from the Board Chair** [20-101](#)
Wendy Jacobs, Board Chair
Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair
15. **Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [20-102](#)
Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair
Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair.
16. **Report from LPA Staff** [20-103](#)
Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager
Board Action: Receive the report from LPA Staff.
Attachments: [2020-06-10 \(20-103\) LPA staff report.pdf](#)
17. **NCDOT Report** [20-104](#)
Joey Hopkins (David Keilson/Richard Hancock), Division 5 - NCDOT
Mike Mills (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), 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: [2020-06-10 \(20-104\) NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

18. **Recent News Articles and Updates** [20-105](#)
Attachments: [2020-06-10 \(20-105\) news articles 6-10-2020.pdf](#)

Adjourn

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

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None