



## **DCHC MPO Board Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

9:00 AM

Meeting to be held by teleconference.

Watch on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/MPOforDCHC/>

Any member of the general public who wishes to make public comment should send an email to [aaron.cain@durhamnc.gov](mailto: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.

Per state law, all MPO Board members and alternates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest and a Real Estate Disclosure form by April 15, 2021. The forms can be found on the web site of the North Carolina State Ethics Commission at this link: <https://ef.ncsbe.gov/>.

[21-127](#)

**Attachments:** [2021-02-10 \(21-127\) Ethics-TAC New Member Information](#)

## 3. Adjustments to the Agenda

## 4. Public Comments

## 5. Directives to Staff

[21-100](#)

**Attachments:** [2021-03-10 \(21-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff](#)

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 6. **February 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

[21-130](#)

A copy of the February 10, 2021 Board meeting minutes is enclosed.

**Board Action:** Approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 Board Meeting.

**Attachments:** [2021-03-10 \(21-130\) MPO MINUTES 2021-02-10 LPA2](#)

## ACTION ITEMS

**7. Resolution Honoring Mark Ahrendsen**[21-131](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

Mark Ahrendsen, the first Transportation Director for the City of Durham and the Chair of the DCHC MPO Technical Committee (TC) for over two decades, passed away on Tuesday, February 23, after a multi-year battle with lung cancer. A resolution honoring him and his service to Durham and the entire region is proposed. The TC requested that this be a joint resolution with the Board and TC.

**Board Action:** Adopt the joint resolution with the Technical Committee honoring Mark Ahrendsen.

**Attachments:** [2021-03-10 \(21-131\) Resolution Honoring Mark Ahrendsen](#)

**8. CMAQ Funding Recommendation (30 minutes)**[21-128](#)**Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

On January 25, 2021, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) released materials for a call for projects for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds to be issued by MPOs. Applications are due to NCDOT by March 15, 2021. DCHC MPO staff recommend four projects be selected for funding in this round:

- 1) City of Durham Bike Facilities II: Club Boulevard and Foster Street (\$422,524)
- 2) GoTriangle Transit Access Improvements (\$400,000)
- 3) TJCOG Regional Transportation Demand Management Program (\$571,487)
- 4) Town of Chapel Hill Estes Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements (\$800,000)

The DCHC MPO Technical Committee (TC) recommended the MPO staff-recommended projects, shown above, on an 18-6 vote at its February 24, 2021, meeting. City of Durham staff voted against this recommendation and have provided an alternate slate of projects to be funded. The memo supporting the City of Durham's recommendation is attached.

Once the MPO Board approves a list of recommended projects for CMAQ funding, LPA staff will forward recommended projects to NCDOT for review. NCDOT makes the final determination on whether or not to grant the funding requests.

**TC Action:** Recommended Board approval of list of recommended projects for CMAQ funding as proposed by LPA staff.

**Board Action:** Approve the resolution authorizing submission of the recommended CMAQ projects to NCDOT.

**Attachments:**[2021-03-10 \(21-128\) Call for Projects](#)[2021-03-10 \(21-128\) City of Durham Memo](#)[2021-03-10 \(21-128\) CMAQ Funding Recommendation Agenda Memo](#)[2021-03-10 \(21-128\) CMAQ Funding Recommendation](#)[2021-03-10 \(21-128\) CMAQ Reprogram 2019](#)[2021-03-10 \(21-128\) CMAQ Resolution](#)[2021-03-10 \(21-128\) Final CMAQ Emission Reduction Estimates](#)

**9. US 15-501 Corridor Study (5 minutes)** [19-144](#)**Andy Henry, LPA staff**

The DCHC MPO Board directed staff to solicit and select a consultant to finish the US 15-501 Corridor Study. Staff drafted an RFI (Request for Information) for this purpose and published the RFI on February 24th. The RFI is based on the attached scope of services. Staff expect to select a consultant by mid-April and for the consultant to proceed with work by late May.

The following DCHC MPO Web page provides the final report documents and conceptual design for the US 15-501 Corridor Study and a compilation of the public comments:

[www.bit.ly/15-501](http://www.bit.ly/15-501).

**TC Action:** Forward the US 15-501 Corridor Study update to the DCHC MPO Board.

**Board Action:** Receive the US 15-501 Corridor Study update.

**Attachments:** [2021-03-10 \(19-144\) US15-501CorridorStudy-Scope](#)

**REPORTS:****10. Report from the Board Chair** [21-101](#)**Wendy Jacobs, Board Chair**

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

**11. Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [21-102](#)**Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair**

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

**12. Report from LPA Staff** [21-103](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager**

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

**Attachments:** [2021-03-10 \(21-103\) LPA staff report](#)

**13. NCDOT Report** [21-104](#)

Joey Hopkins (David Keilson/Richard Hancock), Division 5 - NCDOT  
Wright Archer (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: [2021-03-10 \(21-104\) NCDOT Progress Report](#)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****14. Recent News Articles and Updates** [21-105](#)

Attachments: [2021-03-10 \(21-105\) news articles](#)

**Adjourn**

**Next meeting: April 14, 9 a.m., Meeting to be held by teleconference.**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**