



## **DCHC MPO Board Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

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](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.

**3. Adjustments to the Agenda****4. Public Comments****5. Directives to Staff**[21-100](#)

**Attachments:** [2021-06-09 \(21-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff](#)

**CONSENT AGENDA****6. May 12, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**[21-158](#)

A copy of the May 12, 2021 Board meeting minutes is enclosed.

**Board Action:** Approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 Board Meeting.

**Attachments:** [2021-06-09 \(21-158\) 5.12 MPO Board Meeting Minutes\\_LPA2](#)

**7. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6 (5 minutes)**[21-149](#)**Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO Board released Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6 for a 21-day public comment period at their May meeting. The public comment period has been advertised on the MPO's website, social media accounts, and in the Herald Sun. No comments have been received.

TIP Amendment #6 includes the recommended slate of projects from the FY21-22 Call for Projects. MPO staff will work with the NCDOT STIP unit to ensure that STIP numbers are assigned to new projects and funding amounts are updated to reflect MPO Board-approved funding awards for new and existing projects.

TIP Amendment #6 also includes the following changes requested by NCDOT:

- I-3306A, I-40 Widening from I-85 to the Durham County Line, Project to use GARVEE Bonds and description modified to reflect correct scope.
- I-3306AC, NC86 Upgrade to Superstreet from Northwood Drive to ramp at I-40 Interchange, Project break re-added to schedule superstreet component for separate letting.

NCDOT has asked that the TIP be amended to reflect changes to I-3306 by June 2021 so that they can secure Federal Highway Administration approval and construction authorization in time for the current August let date for the project.

GoTriangle has also asked that the TIP be modified to reflect local funding from Durham and Orange counties for the Regional Transit Center feasibility study (TD-5306).

During the public comment period, Chapel Hill Transit requested that the TIP be modified to reflect the North-South Bus Rapid Transit project.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the MPO Board approve TIP Amendment #6.

**Board Action:** Approve TIP Amendment #6.

**Attachments:**      [2021-06-09 \(21-149\) TIP Amendment #6 SummarySheet](#)  
[2021-06-09 \(21-149\) TIP Amendment #6 Full Report](#)  
[2021-06-09 \(21-149\) FY2020-2029 TIP Amendment #6 Resolution](#)

**8. Transit Safety Targets (10 minutes)**[21-147](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

Since 2018, the DCHC MPO has adopted resolutions to support performance measures and targets for four federal Transportation Performance Measures (TPM), including Transit Asset Management (TAM), infrastructure condition, transportation system performance, and highway and non-motorist safety. A new TPM, called Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), requires transit systems that receive urbanized area formula grants to develop and implement transit safety management systems. TPM rules require the MPO to support the targets, and reflect the measures and targets in the MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan) and TIP (Transportation Improvement Program). The attached presentation provides additional details, and a table of the measures and targets from the safety plans of the transit systems that receive urbanized grant funding from the DCHC MPO. The attached resolution states that the DCHC MPO agrees to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the targets, and amends the 2045 MTP to include the measures and targets.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the DCHC MPO Board adopt the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan by authorizing the Board Chair to sign the resolution.

**Board Action:** Adopt the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan by authorizing the Board Chair to sign the resolution.

**Attachments:** [2021-06-09 \(21-147\) PTASP\(TransitSafety\)-Presentation](#)  
[2021-06-09 \(21-147\) PTASP\(TransitSafety\)-Resolution](#)

**9. SPOT 6.0 Draft Local Input Points Methodology (5 minutes)**[21-148](#)**Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

The next step in the SPOT 6.0 process is to adopt a Methodology for Identifying and Ranking New Transportation Improvement Program Project Requests. The DCHC MPO will use this Methodology to assign Local Input Points to projects submitted during the current SPOT cycle. This Methodology must be approved by the MPO Board and an NCDOT Review Committee by July 1, 2021.

The existing Methodology was adopted in February 2018 during the SPOT 5.0 cycle. The updated draft Methodology is based on the 2018 Methodology with the following changes:

- A new flex policy, introduced by NCDOT, allows up to 500 Local Input Points to be transferred between the Regional Impact and Division Needs tiers.
- DCHC now has 1900 instead of 1800 Local Input Points
- Scoring for each mode has been updated to reflect SPOT 6.0 weights and definitions
- DCHC's qualitative scoring criteria now consists of safety and sustainability criteria

Significant changes from the 2018 Methodology are highlighted in the draft document in red. The DCHC MPO Board released the draft Local Input Points Methodology for a 21-day public comment period at their May meeting. The public comment period has been advertised on the MPO's website, social media accounts, and in the Herald Sun. No comments have been received.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the MPO Board adopt the 2021 Local Input Points Methodology.

**Board Action:** Adopt the 2021 Local Input Points Methodology.

**Attachments:** [2021-06-09 \(21-148\) Local Input Points Methodology Draft](#)

**10. 2021 CRRSSA Section 5310 Project Selection**[21-133](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager**

DCHC MPO received a CRRSAA (CARES Act) 5310 apportionment in the amount of \$47,435. This is a 100% federal grant and must be administered under the umbrella and guidelines of FTA section 5310, Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disability program, including a competitive section process. The DCHC MPO Board released the call for projects on April 14, 2021. The deadline for applications was May 14, 2021.

One application was received from GoDurham ACCESS. The application is attached. Staff recommends providing the full funding amount to GoDurham ACCESS.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Board approve the use of CRRSSA 5310 funds for the GoDurham ACCESS application.

**Board Action:** Adopt the resolution directing CRRSSA 5310 funds for GoDurham ACCESS.

**Attachments:** [2021-06-09 \(21-133\) 2021 CRRSSA 5310 Application - GoDurham ACCESS](#)  
[2021-06-09 \(21-133\) 2021 CRRSSA 5310 Resolution](#)

**11. FFY21 American Rescue Plan Split Letter**[21-150](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager**

The American Rescue Plan Act, passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, provides \$30.5 billion of funding for transit agencies to address shortfalls and additional needs due to the COVID pandemic. FTA has notified DCHC MPO that the amount of 5307 and 5340 funds for the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Urbanized Area is \$33,914,436. The split letter distributing these funds to the four fixed-route transit operator is provided for the TC's review. The transit agencies have reviewed and agreed to the splits shown in the letter.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the Board approve the FFY21 American Rescue Plan Split Letter.

**Board Action:** Approve the FFY21 American Rescue Plan Split Letter.

**Attachments:** [2021-06-09 \(21-150\) FFY21 5307 American Rescue Plan Split Letter](#)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**12. MPO Board Governance Committee (10 minutes)**[20-153](#)**Damon Seils, Town of Carrboro**

In November 2019, the MPO Board appointed a governance committee to develop and make recommendations to the Board regarding the governance, organization, and management of the DCHC MPO. In September 2020 the Board authorized the use of funds to hire a consultant to conduct a governance study of the MPO, which is to be overseen by the governance committee. The consulting firm Stantec has been hired to conduct the study, which is currently underway. The governance committee Chair, Damon Seils, will provide an update on the project's progress to date.

**Board Action:** Receive an update from the governance committee.

**13. Triangle Bikeway Study Update (20 minutes)**[21-157](#)**Dale McKeel, LPA**

The Triangle Bikeway Study is assessing a 17-mile bicycle and pedestrian facility to link Raleigh, Cary, Morrisville, Research Triangle Park (RTP), Durham, and Chapel Hill along I-40 and NC 54. The current planning effort includes design and construction recommendations between Raleigh and RTP, and a corridor assessment for the connection west to Durham and Chapel Hill. The bikeway will connect Triangle communities, making both short and long bike/ped trips for work, play, and daily errands possible. A presentation was made to the MPO Board at its November 2020 meeting. This presentation provides an update on the study.

**TC Action:** Receive update and provide comments.

**Board Action:** Receive the report.

**14. 2050 MTP -- Alternative Analysis (25 minutes)**[21-155](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff****John Hodges-Copple, TJCOG**

The Board released the Deficiency and Needs Analysis for public input at their April meeting. The next step in the 2050 MTP process is to develop and release the Alternatives Analysis. The purpose of the Alternatives Analysis is to propose a variety of development and transportation foundations for the region's future to motivate public and agency discussion that will guide the development of the adopted 2050 MTP. The attached presentation provides an overview of the development and transportation foundations, performance measures to be used to compare the alternatives, public engagement activities, and the schedule. A table of the Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures is also attached to show which Measures will be available for the Alternatives Analysis.

The DCHC MPO Board does not usually meet in July. Therefore, staff would like to receive authorization from the Board to release the Alternatives Analysis when the multiple land use and travel demand models, documentation, and presentation are complete in late June or early July instead of waiting for the August MPO Board meeting. This earlier release will allow staff more time to carry out public engagement and incorporate comments into the Preferred Option (i.e., draft 2050 MTP).

**TC Action:** Recommended that the DCHC MPO Board authorize staff to release the Alternatives Analysis when the modeling and documentation are complete.

**Board Action:** Provide comments and authorize MPO staff to release the Alternatives Analysis when the modeling and documentation are complete.

**Attachments:** [2021-06-09 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-AltsAnalysis-PMs](#)  
[2021-06-09 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-AltsAnalysis-Presentation](#)

**REPORTS:****15. Report from the Board Chair**[21-101](#)**Wendy Jacobs, Board Chair**

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

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

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

**17. Report from LPA Staff** [21-103](#)

Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager

**Board Action:** Receive the report from LPA Staff.**Attachments:** [2021-06-09 \(21-103\) LPA staff report](#)**18. NCDOT Report** [21-104](#)

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Brandon Jones (David Keilson/Richard Hancock), Division 5 -  
NCDOT

Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar, Jen Britt), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Bryan Lopez, Integrated Mobility Division-NCDOT

**Board Action:** Receive the reports from NCDOT.**Attachments:** [2021-06-09 \(21-104\) NCDOT Progress Report](#)**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****19. Recent News Articles and Updates** [21-105](#)**Attachments:** [2021-06-09 \(21-105\) news articles](#)**Adjourn****Next meeting: August 11, 9 a.m., Meeting Location to be determined.****Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**