



**DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

9:00 AM

Teleconference

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**[21-100](#)

Attachments: [2021-12-08 \(21-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**6. Approval of the November 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
Kayla Peloquin, LPA Staff**[21-191](#)

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

Board Action: Approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 Board meeting.

Attachments: [2021-12-8 \(21-191\) 11.10 MPO Board Meeting Minutes LPA2](#)

**7. 2022 DCHC MPO Meeting Calendar
Kayla Peloquin, LPA Staff**[21-197](#)

Attached is the proposed meeting calendar for the DCHC MPO Board and TC. These meetings follow the standard protocol of Board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, and TC meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except for the following:

- No TC meeting in June
- No Board meeting in July
- TC meetings on the third Wednesday in November and December

Board Action: Approve the 2022 meeting calendar.

Attachments: [2021-12-8 \(21-197\) Meeting Schedule 2022](#)

ACTION ITEMS

8. 2050 MTP (30 minutes)[21-155](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO released the Preferred Option of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) on October 27th for a public comment period that runs through December 7th. At the November board meeting, the DCHC MPO conducted a public hearing, and directed staff to increase the expected 2050 MTP revenue at the level of a one-half cent sales tax increase and to expend that funding on public transportation, bicycle, pedestrian, and other non-roadway investments. The attached documents that are listed below reflect this change to the draft 2050 MTP.

- * A slide presentation that summarizes the draft 2050 MTP
- * An updated table of highway projects
- * An updated financial plan
- * A compilation of public comments on the Preferred Option

The schedule is for the MPO board to approve the 2050 MTP for use in the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report at their December meeting.

Note that the Socioeconomic Data (SE Data), Triangle Regional Model (TRM) and Goals/Objectives/Performance Measures will be released with the full 2050 MTP report in January 2022 for final public comment. These three documents will be adopted by resolution with the 2050 MTP at the February 2022 Board meeting.

Air Quality Report

The Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQ CDR) lists the highway and major transit projects from the 2050 MTP and identifies air quality regulations and planning assumptions. The version that the DCHC MPO is required to use, called the "short form," is much simpler than previous AQ CDRs because there are no emissions modeling and threshold comparisons. The draft AQ CDR is attached but does not include the Capital Area MPO and Burlington-Graham MPO projects lists, which will be added before the board meeting. The schedule is for the DCHC MPO board to release the AQ CDR at their December board meeting for a minimum 21-day public comment period.

TC Action: Recommended that the DCHC MPO board approve the draft 2050 MTP for use in the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report; authorized staff to present the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report to the DCHC MPO Board and recommended that the DCHC MPO board release the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for a minimum 21-day public comment period.

Board Action: Approve the draft 2050 MTP for use in the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report; and, release the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for a minimum 21-day public comment period.

- Attachments:**
- [2021-12-8 \(21-155\) Presentation-2050MTP&AQCDR](#)
 - [2021-12-8 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-FinPlan](#)
 - [2021-12-8 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-HwyProjects](#)
 - [2021-12-8 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-Comments](#)
 - [2021-12-8 \(21-155\) AQ CDR Report](#)

9. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act[21-199](#)**Dale McKeel, LPA Staff**

On November 15, 2021 President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law. The IIJA, also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, is a \$1.2 trillion bill that funds roads and bridges, freight and passenger rail, transit, ports, airports, the electric grid, water systems, and broadband.

The IIJA includes a 5-year surface transportation bill. Based on formula funding alone, North Carolina can expect to receive approximately \$7.7 billion over five years in “formula” funding for highways and bridges, an increase of about \$2 billion over current funding levels under the FAST Act. However, much of this funding will be allocated to projects through North Carolina’s Strategic Transportation Investments funding process and therefore may not align with the DCHC MPO Board’s highest priorities.

The IIJA continues and increases funding for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBGDA), Transportation Alternatives (TAP), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) programs. Much of this funding flows through the MPO to member jurisdictions per the adopted MPO federal funding policy.

The IIJA increases funding for discretionary grant programs, including the existing RAISE and INFRA, and the new Safe Streets for All program. In total, the bill provides more than \$100 billion that will be distributed by USDOT through competitive grants. For new discretionary funding programs, USDOT will be providing additional guidance on the funding criteria and application process.

The IIJA emphasizes safe streets, especially for people walking and biking. In states where 15 percent or more of fatalities are vulnerable road users (pedestrians, bicyclists and those using personal conveyances), the state must spend 15 percent or more of federal Highway Safety funds on projects that improve safety for these vulnerable users. This provision will likely impact North Carolina.

Attached are three fact sheets providing many additional details on the programs included in the IIJA. Due to this item being a last-minute addition to the agenda, the presentation will be added to the agenda when it becomes available.

Board Action: Receive the informational report.

Attachments: [2021-12-8 \(21-199\) IIJA Summary for North Carolina](#)
 [2021-12-8 \(21-199\) IIJA Transportation Alternatives](#)
 [2021-12-8 \(21-199\) IIJA Safety Changes](#)

10. Discussion on Criteria for New MPO Manager (45 minutes) [21-198](#)**Stephen Strauss, Development Associates**

Stephen Strauss of Development Associates has requested to meet with the MPO Board to discuss the traits, skills, and experience the Board members are looking for in a new MPO Manager. Mr. Strauss will lead that discussion.

Board Action: Have a facilitated discussion on a new MPO Manager; no formal action is necessary.

11. MPO Board Officer Election (5 minutes) [21-192](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

Per the DCHC MPO Board's by-laws, the Board is to hold an election for the offices of Chair and Vice Chair at its last regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year. At its November 2021 meeting, Chair Jacobs formed a nominating committee consisting of Michael Parker, Karen Howard, and Jamezetta Bedford. The committee will make its report and the Board will elect officers for 2022.

The current officers, Chair Wendy Jacobs of Durham County and Vice Chair Jenn Weaver of Hillsborough, are both completing their second year in their respective roles. The by-laws state that officers may only serve two consecutive terms in one officer position. The by-laws further state that a new Chair must be from a different county than the outgoing Chair; therefore, the new Chair must come from either Orange or Chatham County, or a municipality therein. The new Vice Chair must come from a different county than the newly elected Chair, or a municipality therein.

Board Action: Elect officers for 2022.

REPORTS:**12. Report from the Board Chair** [21-101](#)**Wendy Jacobs, Board Chair**

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair

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

Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair.

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

Board Action: Receive the report from LPA Staff.

Attachments: [2021-12-8 \(21-103\) LPA staff report](#)

15. NCDOT Report [21-104](#)

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT

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

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Board Action: Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2021-12-8 \(21-104\) NCDOT Progress Report](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**16. Recent News Articles and Updates** [21-105](#)

Attachments: [2021-12-8 \(21-105\) Recent News Articles](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: January 12, 2022, 9 a.m., Meeting location to be determined

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None