



**DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

2:00 PM

Orange County Public Library

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

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **Approval of the May 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes** [23-202](#)
David Miller, LPA Staff

A copy of the May 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes is attached.

Board Action: Approve the May 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [2023-06-27 \(23-202\) May 26 2023 MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

6. **FY2024 UPWP Amendment #1** [23-203](#)
David Miller, LPA Staff

The attached memo details the proposed Amendment #1 for the FY2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

TC Action: Recommend the MPO Board approve the FY2024 UPWP Amendment #1.

Board Action: Approve the FY2024 UPWP Amendment #1.

Attachments: [2023-06-27 \(23-203\) FY24 UPWP Amendment 1 Memo REVISED 6.23.2023](#)
[2023-06-27 \(23-203\) Orange County FY24 UPWP Amendment 1 Funding Table](#)
[2023-06-27 \(23-203\) City of Durham FY24 UPWP Amendment 1 Funding Table](#)
[2023-06-27 \(23-203\) FY2024 UPWP Amendment 1 Resolution](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. US 70 East Corridor Study (15 minutes)[23-204](#)**David Miller, LPA Staff****Andy Henry, LPA Staff****Anne Lenart-Redmon, STV****Aidil Ortiz, Aidilisms**

The DCHC MPO is conducting a corridor study of the segment of US 70 from I-885 to the future Northern Durham Parkway, which is near the Wake County border, which began in the second half of 2022. The study team will provide a project update, which will include a summary of the second round of public engagement activities and the remaining project schedule. A copy of today's presentation is attached. The US 70 Corridor Study web page provides the presentation used for public engagement activities and a video of one of the online meetings:

<https://www.dchcmo.org/what-we-do/programs-plans/special-studies/us-70-corridor-study>.

TC Action: Receive the presentation and provided comments.

Board Action: Receive the presentation and provide comments.

Attachments: [2023-06-27 \(23-204\) US 70 East Corridor Study Update](#)

ACTION ITEMS

8. 2050 MTP Amendment #1 and AQ CDR (10 minutes)[23-205](#)**Andy Henry, LPA staff**2050 MTP - Amendment #1

The DCHC MPO adopted the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in February 2022. The MTP identifies the highway, public transportation, bicycle, pedestrian and other transportation projects that the region plans to implement over the next several decades. The MTP is also important because projects cannot be funded in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) unless they are included in the MTP. The DCHC MPO will adopt the FY 2024-2033 TIP on August 9, 2023, and the following projects require amendment in the 2050 MTP to allow these projects to go forward in the TIP:

- I-40 auxiliary lanes - Add this project to the 2050 MTP. This widening is in the FY2024-2033 STIP but not in the 2050 MTP.
- NC 55 Southbound Lane - Add this project to the 2050 MTP. This widening is in the FY2024-2033 STIP but not in the 2050 MTP.
- NC 98 (Holloway Street) - Segment the current 2050 MTP project into three separate projects to match the funding sequencing in the FY2024-2033 STIP. The funded segment, i.e., Junction Road to Lynn Road, will move to the 2040 horizon in the MTP, and the remaining two segments will stay in the 2050 horizon.

An attachment provides further details on Amendment #1, including the exact changes to the highway table, which is Appendix 2 of the 2050 MTP. The DCHC MPO Public Involvement Policy requires a minimum public input period of 42 days for a major MTP amendment.

Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQ CDR)

Transportation Conformity Determination Report (AQ-CDR) demonstrates that certain pollutant emissions from the future transportation sector will not exceed a specified threshold. Although the Triangle area is in attainment for all of the controlled emissions, the area is in a maintenance program for ozone and therefore must demonstrate conformity for nitrous oxides (which is a precursor to ozone). The AQ CDR must also be updated to reflect the changes to the future transportation sector depicted in 2050 MTP Amendment #1 and FY 2024-2033 TIP. The updated AQ CDR is attached. The DCHC MPO Public Involvement Policy requires a minimum public input period of 21 days for the AQ CDR.

Schedule

- June 27 - Release 2050 MTP Amendment #1 and the AQ CDR
- August 9 - Conduct public hearings and adopt the 2050 MTP Amendment #1 and AQ CDR

TC Action: Recommend that the DCHC MPO release the 2050 MTP Amendment #1 and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for a minimum 42-day public comment period.

Board Action: Release Amendment #1 to the 2050 MTP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for a minimum 42-day public comment period.

Attachments: [2023-06-27 \(23-205\) Conformity Determination Report Document - June 2023 U](#)
[2023-06-27 \(23-205\) Attachment-2050MTPAmendment1-HwyTable](#)
[2023-06-27 \(23-205\) MTP-AQAmend1](#)

9. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (10 minutes)

[23-206](#)

Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

On June 6, 2023, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the FY2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). In order to implement the program, the MPO Board is required to adopt the DCHC MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The STIP and the TIP must match for the first four years of the program.

Per the MPO's Public Involvement Policy, the TIP must be released for a 30-day public comment period and a public hearing will take at the August MPO Board meeting. Once adopted, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will review the STIP and TIP to ensure conformity. Once that review is complete, which is expected in September, the FY2024-2033 TIP will go into effect. There are also a handful of new projects or updates that will not appear in this FY2024-2033 TIP but will be added with Amendment #1 post-adoption.

The draft TIP is attached for your review.

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

Board Action: Release the TIP for a 30-day public comment period.

Attachments: [2023-06-27 \(23-206\) DCHC MPO FY2024-2033 TIP](#)
[2023-06-27 \(23-206\) Resolution for Adopting the FY2024-2033 TIP \(2\)](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. SPOT P7.0 Project Candidates List for Review (15 minutes)[23-207](#)**Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

The Strategic Prioritization of Transportation (SPOT) process serves as input to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This process is in its 7th iteration, known as P7.0, and the highest scoring projects are expected to receive funding in the FY2026-2035 STIP. P7.0 project submissions are due to NCDOT in September 2023. In preparation for this, we are presenting the P7.0 project candidates for the four applicable modes within DCHC MPO boundaries, those being bicycle and pedestrian, highway, transit, and rail. DCHC MPO is allowed to submit 24 candidates per mode for this round. Projects already in the STIP do not count towards this number as they are considered carryovers and are automatically scored.

The project lists are structured in the following order:

- 1) **Holding Tank Projects** - Projects that were submitted in P6.0 and are still being considered for P7.0
- 2) **New Submissions** - Projects that were not submitted in P6.0
- 3) **Possible Removals** - Holding tank projects that were submitted in P6.0 and may not be considered for P7.0
- 4) **Submittals by Others** - Projects that are important to DCHC MPO but have been submitted by another MPO, RPO, or Division

After this preliminary review, the timeline for P7.0 project submissions is as follows:

July 10 - SPOT Online opens for preliminary testing of project scores.

July 17 - TC subcommittee will meet to discuss scoring

July 26/ August 9 - TC/Board release for public comment

August 23/ September 13 - TC/Board approval of project lists

Staff are still in the process of reviewing and determining preliminary scores for these projects, and the attached project lists for each mode are still a work in progress.

Following this meeting, staff will continue to refine and finalize the submittal list for each mode prior to releasing for public comment. The public comment period for the SPOT P7.0 project lists will be 21 days. Projects such as U-6067 that are considered carryovers have an additional deadline for project modification requests of July 21.

TC Action: No action is required at this time; this item is for general discussion.

Board Action: No action is required at this time; this item is for general discussion.

Attachments: [2023-06-27 \(23-207\) SPOT P7.0 Transit Submittal Candidates](#)
[2023-06-27 \(23-207\) SPOT P7.0 Highway Submittal Candidates](#)
[2023-06-27 \(23-207\) SPOT P7.0 BikePed Submittal Candidates](#)
[2023-06-27 \(23-207\) SPOT P7.0 Rail Submittal Candidates](#)

REPORTS:

11. **Report from the Board Chair** [23-100](#)
Jenn Weaver, Board Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair.

12. **Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [23-101](#)
Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair.

13. **Report from LPA Staff** [23-102](#)
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Board Action: Receive the report from LPA staff.

Attachments: [2023-06-27 \(23-102\) MPO Board Staff Report](#)

14. **NCDOT Reports** [23-103](#)
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 Division - NCDOT
John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT
Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT

Board Action: Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2023-06-27 \(23-103\) NCDOT Reports](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: August 9, 2023, 9 a.m.

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None