



**DCHC MPO Board  
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall

4307 Emperor Blvd  
Durham, NC 27703

1. Roll Call
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
3. Public Comments

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

4. **Approval of the August 9, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes** [23-229](#)  
Jean Debnam, LPA Staff

A copy of the August 9, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes is attached

**Board Action:** Approve the August 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [2023-09-13 \(23-229\) August 9 2023 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

5. **3-Year Agreement between CPRC and ITRE for the Triangle Regional Model** [23-230](#)

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

The City of Durham entered into a 5-year agreement with ITRE for Triangle Regional Model services in 2021. There are 3 other funding partners in the project; CAMPO, NCDOT, and GoTriangle. This agreement essentially replaces the last three (3) years of the City agreement with a three (3) year agreement between CPRC and ITRE. The multi-year agreement generates an annual work plan by task order. The task order for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year and work scope are attached following the CPRC-ITRE agreement.

**Board Action:** Authorize the MPO Executive Director to submit the attached agreement to CPRC.

**Attachments:** [2023-09-13 \(23-230\) ITRE CPRC AGREEMENT](#)

6. **NCDOT, DCHC MPO and CPRC Lead Planning Agency Agreement** [23-231](#)  
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, Executive Director

This agreement is between the Central Pines Regional Council, DCHC MPO, and NCDOT. The previous agreement between NCDOT and the City of Durham is no longer in effect with the MPO's move to a new lead planning agency at the regional council. This agreement details MPO and CPRC responsibilities under the lead planning agency agreement. The new agreement also enables NCDOT to process the MPO's reimbursement requests.

**Board Action:** Authorize the MPO Executive Director to sign and submit the attached agreement to CPRC and NCDOT.

**Attachments:** [2023-09-13 \(23-231\) NCDOT DCHC CPRC AGREEMENT](#)

**7. Letter of Support - Triangle Mobility Hub** [23-232](#)**Jay Heikes, GoTriangle**

The Triangle Mobility Hub is included in the adopted MTP and Durham and Orange Transit Plans as the Regional Transit Center. GoTriangle is requesting a Letter of Support for the Triangle Mobility Hub Grant Application to the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program.

**Board Action:** Recommend the DCHC MPO Board sign the letter of support.

**Attachments:** [2023-09-13 \(23-232\) Letter of Support- Triangle Mobility Hub](#)

**8. Letter of Support - Durham to Roxboro Rail Trail** [23-233](#)**Ryan Eldridge, Durham County**

Durham County is the lead applicant for a Reconnecting Communities that is requesting federal funding to conduct a planning study for the Durham to Roxboro Rail Trail. This study will determine the cost and feasibility of converting the 18.25-mile inactive rail corridor, that runs from the border with Person County to the Future Durham Rail Trail at East Club Road, into a public trail. Attached is the draft letter of support and map of the proposed trail.

**Board Action:** Recommend that the DCHC MPO Board sign the letter of support.

**Attachments:** [2023-09-13 \(23-233\) LOS Durham to Roxboro Rail Trail](#)

[2023-09-13 \(23-233\) Durham to Roxboro Rail Trail Map](#)

**9. Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood Regional Partnership** [23-234](#)**Challenge - Grant Co-applicant Opportunity****Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, Executive Director DCHC MPO**

GoTriangle has requested DCHC MPO serve as a co-applicant on their forthcoming USDOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Regional Partnerships Challenge Grant program application. Information about this opportunity is attached.

**Board Action:** Approve DCHC MPO as a co-applicant for GoTriangle's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood Regional Partnership Challenge grant application.

**Attachments:** [2023-09-13 \(23-234\) Reconnecting Communities Grant Co-applicant Opportunil](#)

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**10. PUBLIC HEARING: SPOT P7.0 Project Candidates List (20 minutes)**[23-207](#)**Colleen McGue, 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 must be submitted in SPOT Online (NCDOT portal) by September 29, 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. The MPO is allowed to submit 24 candidates per mode for this round.

Each project list is structured in the following order:

**1) Project Submissions** - There are 24 projects for each mode. Projects in this section include holding tank projects (those submitted in previous SPOT cycles that have a SPOT ID), and new projects that are in the process of being given preliminary scores.

**2) Projects Potentially Submitted by Others** - *These projects are listed in no particular order at this time.* These projects are also important to the MPO and include projects that were submitted by other MPOs, RPOs, or local NCDOT Divisions. MPO staff is actively working with all partners to determine which projects may be submitted on our behalf.

The current timeline for SPOT P7.0 submissions is as follows:

**August 9** - MPO Board released projects for 21-day public review.

**September 4** - Public Comment period ends.

**September 13** - MPO Board holds public hearing and approves projects.

**September 29** - Deadline for projects to be submitted into SPOT Online.

The recommended 24 projects per mode have been identified using a combination of 5 criteria: input from the TC subcommittee, data and information submitted by member agencies, preliminary information from SPOT Online, funding availability, and public input. The list of projects for each mode was scored according to these 5 criteria and the top 24 projects for each mode identified for submittal into SPOT online. A copy of those scores is included in the attachments. The public input received on the SPOT 7.0 Draft Project Lists between 8/9/2023 and 9/4/2023 has been compiled and is also included for reference. The most recent CAMPO draft P7.0 project lists are also included here for informational purposes.

This item is an official public hearing.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the MPO Board approve the project lists for submittal to SPOT Online.

**Board Action:** Approve the project lists for submittal to SPOT Online.

**Attachments:**      [2023-09-13 \(23-207\) DCHC SPOT P7.0 Project Submissions 9-13 v4](#)  
[2023-09-13 \(23-207\) DCHC SPOT P7.0 Ranked and Scored Projects](#)  
[2023-09-13 \(23-207\) SPOT 7.0 Public Input](#)  
[2023-09-13 \(23-207\) CAMPO P7 Candidates v2](#)

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**11. FY25 Call for Projects Schedule Announcement [23-226](#)**  
**Filmon Fishastion, LPA Staff**

On November 1, 2023, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) will invite member agencies to submit project applications for federal funding from the Regional Flexible Funding (RFF) program. Once all projects are submitted, MPO staff will determine which projects will receive which type of federal funding based on the project type and funding available. The project application and selection process will be guided by the Federal Funding Policy that is currently undergoing its first Amendment.

In an effort to streamline our planning process, the DCHC MPO has incorporated the FY25 UPWP Development Schedule with the Call for Projects schedule. See the memo attachment below for the combined schedule.

**TC Action:** Received the announcement.

**Board Action:** Receive the announcement.

**Attachments:**      [2023-09-13 \(23-226\) Call for Projects Schedule Announcement](#)

## **REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Attachments:**      [2023-09-13 \(23-102\) MPO Board Staff Report](#)

**15. 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.

**16. Recent News Articles and Updates** [23-104](#)

**Attachments:**      [2023-09-13 \(23-104\) September 19 Webinar- Inclusive Transportation](#)  
[2023-09-13 \(23-104\) Some Piedmont trains to skip Burlington, High Point, Salis](#)  
[2023-09-13 \(23-104\) Email contact from Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro MPO, NC](#)  
[2023-09-13 \(23-104\) BRIC 2023 State Seeks Letter of Interest Email](#)  
[2023-09-13 \(23-104\) BRIC2023 LOI Instructions\[4303\]](#)

**Adjourn**

**Next meeting: October 11, 2023, 9 a.m., Central Pines Regional Council, Long Leaf  
Conference Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: September 19th Inclusive  
Transportation Webinar**

Webinar Requires Registration