



**DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

9:00 AM

Central Pines Regional Council

4307 Emperor Blvd
Durham, NC 27703

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1. 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.

2. Roll Call

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

4. Public Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of the October 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes [24-210](#) **Beth Davis, Clerk to the MPO TC and Board**

A copy of the October 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes are attached.

Board Action: Approve the October 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-210\) October 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

ACTION ITEMS

6. Draft FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (10 minutes) [24-186](#) **Thomas Porter, MPO Staff**

The draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY26 is being presented for Board review.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board adopt the FY26 UPWP.

Board Action: Adopt the FY26 UPWP.

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-186\) FY26 UPWP Draft](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-186\) FY26 UPWP Approval Resolution \(Appendix D\)](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-186\) FY26 UPWP Certification Resolution \(Appendix E\)](#)

7. DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossing Planning Study (15 minutes)[24-183](#)**David Miller, MPO Staff****Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) began developing a wildlife crossing plan for its planning area in early 2024 as part of its safety planning efforts. With guidance from a Core Technical Team of MPO members and stakeholders, MPO staff have been leading this study to identify transportation improvements at wildlife crossing hotspots in the MPO's planning area to help eliminate fatalities and serious injuries associated with wildlife-vehicle crashes, while also helping to protect the natural environment and enhance wildlife connectivity.

The MPO Board released the draft wildlife crossings plan for a 21-day public comment on September 30. MPO staff will present an overview of the public engagement activities, public comment received, and the updated plan for consideration. Documentation for this item includes the MPO's presentation, wildlife crossings plan, public comment received, plan updates made, and letters of support from both the Southern Environmental Law Center and Friends of Bolin Creek.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board adopted the Wildlife Crossings Plan.

Board Action: Adopt the Wildlife Crossings Plan.

Attachments:[2024-11-19 \(24-183\) DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossings Plan - Board Presentation](#)[2024-11-19 \(24-183\) DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossings Plan 11082024](#)[2024-11-19 \(24-183\) Public Comments Received - Wildlife Crossings Planning](#)[2024-11-19 \(24-183\) DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossing Plan Updates](#)[2024-11-19 \(24-183\) SELC Comment on MPO Wildlife Crossing Plan 2024.10.2](#)[2024-11-19 \(24-183\) Friends of Bolin Creek Comment on MPO Wildlife Crossin](#)

8. Division Needs Local Point Allocation Update for SPOT 7.0 (10 Minutes)[24-184](#)**Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

On February 27, 2024, the DCHC MPO Board approved the revised Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Methodology for Identifying and Ranking New Transportation Improvement Program Project Requests, which was subsequently approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation on March 1, 2024. The approved methodology is provided in the attachments for reference in addition to the P7 schedule and funding availability. The approved methodology directs DCHC MPO staff to apply certain criteria to all projects as an initial determination of which projects should receive local points during the Statewide Prioritization Process.

With the release of the Regional Impact funding assignment, all the remaining unfunded projects have been cascaded to the Division Needs level. The current timeline for adoption is as follows:

- October 2: TC met to discuss recommendation
- October 8: TC recommended Board release for public comment
- October 22: Board released for public comment
- November 5: TC recommended Board approval of Division Tier Local Input Point (LIP) assignment
- November 19: Board approves Division Tier LIP assignment
- November 29: LIP due to SPOT Office

The public comment period was open until November 12. To encourage participation, the DCHC MPO website was updated with a range of resources, along with guidance on key topics to consider, instructions on how to provide feedback, and a map to act as a visual aid. The comments received are attached below.

TC Action: Recommended that the Board adopt the allocation of Division Needs LIP.

Board Action: Adopt the allocation of Division Needs LIP.

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-184\)Division LIP Presentation](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-184\)LIP Public Comments](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-184\)Division Local Points Assignment \(DCHCMPO\)](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-184\)Division Local Points Assignment \(CAMPO\)](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-184\)Division Local Points Assignment \(BGMPO\)](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-184\)DCHC MPO P7 Local Input Points Methodology](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-184\)Draft 2026-2035 STIP Funding Availability - Division Impa](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-184\)P7 Schedule - Approved Schedule](#)

9. **2025 DCHC MPO Meeting Schedule (5 minutes)** [24-203](#)
Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager

The 2025 Meeting Schedule is attached for review and comment. There will be no regular TC and Board meetings scheduled in the month of May, July, and December.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule.

Board Action: Adopt the 2025 Meeting Schedule.

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-203\) Draft 2025 Meeting Schedule](#)

10. **Presentation of Performance Measures for the Development of Destination 2055 (15 Minutes)** [24-194](#)
Monet Moore, Principal Planner

The performance measures associated with the Goals and Objectives for Destination 2055, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), will be presented for approval in the development of the 2055 MTP.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board approve the Performance Measures for use in the development of the 2055 MTP.

Board Action: Approve the Performance Measures for use in the development of the 2055 MTP.

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-194\) Revised MTP Performance Measures](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-194\) Revised MTP Performance Measures Exhibit A](#)

11. **FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates (5 Minutes)** [24-204](#)

Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Amendment #5 to the FY2024-33 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) continues to modify and add projects from the recent Call for Projects. This amendment also incorporates recently awarded funds such as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant and 5310 funds into both existing and new projects.

As there are projects with changes in excess of \$2 million and 25% from the original amount, per the MPO's Public Involvement Plan (PIP), this amendment will be released for a 21-day public comment period. The current timeline for adoption is as follows:

- November 5: TC recommends Board release for public comment
- November 19: Board releases for public comment
- January 14: TC recommends Board approves amendment
- January 28: Board approves amendment

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board release TIP Amendment #5 for public comment.

Board Action: Release TIP Amendment #5 for public comment.

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-204\) FY24-25 Amendment Schedule](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-204\) FY24-33 Amendment 5 Full Documentation](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-204\) FY24-33 Amendment 5 Summary Sheet](#)

12. **Orange County Short Range Transit Plan (10 minutes)** [24-205](#)

Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services

Orange County completed the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) following a year long planning process that included two (2) rounds of public engagement, multiple pop-up events such as local Farmer's Markets, and other public events. The SRTP effort started in November 2023 with the first round of public engagement completed in March 2024 and the second round completed early September 2024. The final published plan was approved by the County on 10/15/2024, and is available to view at the following link:

<https://www.orangecountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/29285/2024-Short-Range-Transit-Plan?bidId=>

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board accept the Orange County Short Range Transit Plan.

Board Action: Accept the Orange County Short Range Transit Plan.

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-205\) OC 2024 Short Range Transit Plan](#)

13. Orange County Safe Routes to Schools Plan (10 minutes)[24-206](#)**Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**

The 2014 Orange County Safe Routes to School Action Plan was updated with public involvement, field investigation and extensive analysis. This update includes and is not limited to:

- Planning level analysis of existing transportation around schools
- All Orange County public schools
- Youth involvement in the planning process
- Implementation - STBG, TAP and others

The Existing Conditions Analysis involved a comprehensive field study of each Orange County public school, focusing on a 2-mile radius around the school property. Orange County Transportation Service hosted a virtual public meeting with all the school principals and administration in accordance with the approved Scope of Work, Chapter 3 in the plan.

Some of the key highlights of the plan include:

- Students walking and cycling to school include - Orange Middle and High School, Hillsborough Elementary, Efland Cheeks Global Elementary, Gravely Hill Middle, River Park Elementary, Pathways Elementary, and Cedar Ridge High School
- Crosswalks at intersections and mid-block crosswalks near schools
- Reduced speed zones and other traffic calming measures
- Extending sidewalks to rural areas and filling in gaps in urban areas
- Multi-use Paths and Greenways along major corridors and some secondary roads

The County's Transportation Advisory Service and Orange Unified Transportation Board recommended the SRTP be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

The plan will be presented to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on 11/07/2024. The draft plan is published and available online at the following link:
<https://www.orangecountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/28886/Draft-2024-SRTS-Update>

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board accept the Orange County Safe Routes to Schools Plan.

Board Action: Accept the Orange County Safe Routes to Schools Plan.

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-206\) OC Draft 2024 SRTS Update](#)

14. Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan (10 minutes)[24-207](#)**Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**

WSP and Orange County have completed the County's Transportation Multimodal Plan (TMP). It focuses on the unincorporated portions of Orange County and consolidates all approved transportation related plans, projects and programs into a single plan.

Public Involvement: Website launch (April 3), Promotional outreach (April 9), Public survey (April 9 - May 3): <https://www.surveyhero.com/c/OrangeCtyTMP>, and Public Meetings (April 23 and 25)

A unique County specific prioritization methodology (Attachment 2) was created to help organize all the projects and determine - analytically - in what order they should be pursued. This unique Orange County Prioritization honors the goals and objectives documented in the approved plans like the two Metropolitan Transportation Plan and three Comprehensive Transportation Plans in Orange County. It also takes into account those documented in locally adopted plans like the County's Strategic Plan, and Access Management Plans. OCTS staff worked with local town staff to ensure the TMP is focused on the unincorporated portions of the county. The OCTS Director presented this plan on July 10th and August 19th to the Orange Unified Transportation (OUTBoard) and collected feedback. All feedback has been incorporated into the plan.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board accept the Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan.

Board Action: Accept the Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan.

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-207\) Att 1 - Public Involvement Summary](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-207\) Att 2 - Prioritization methodology](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-207\) Att 3 - Final TMP](#)

REPORTS:**15. Report from Board Chair**[24-104](#)**Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair**

Board Action: Receive report from Board Chair

16. Report from the Technical Committee Chair[24-105](#)**Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair

17. **Report from MPO Staff** [24-106](#)
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director
- Board Action:** Receive the report from the MPO Staff
- Attachments:** [2024-11-19 \(24-106\) MPO Staff Report](#)
18. [24-107](#)
- Attachments:** [2024-11-19 \(24-107\) NCDOT Reports](#)
19. **Recent News Articles and Updates** [24-108](#)
- Attachments:** [2024-11-19 \(24-108\) American roads are dangerous. State oversight stifles safe](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-108\) Fall is dangerous for drivers with more deer, glare from su](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-108\) Resilient infrastructure a focus of Pete Buttigieg, Roy Co](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-108\) S-Line Amtrak route could reshape Raleigh area transit - T](#)

ACTION ITEMS

20. **MPO Board Officer Nominations for 2025 (5 Minutes)** [24-212](#)
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director
- Per the MPO Board bylaws, officer elections are to be held at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year. The bylaws allow for a Chair or Vice Chair to serve two consecutive terms. The bylaws further state that the Chair and Vice Chair may not come from the same county. Since Chair Howard is at the end of her first term as Chair, she is eligible to be elected to a second term. The same is true for Vice Chair Caballero.
- Board Action:** Elect officers for 2025.
21. **DCHC Executive Director's Performance Pursuant to NCGS Section 143-318.11(a)(6): Closed Session** [24-211](#)
Karen Howard, Chair
- To consider the DCHC Executive Director's Performance Pursuant to NCGS Section 143-318.11(a)(6) in a closed session.

Adjourn

**Next meeting: January 28, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Central Pines Regional Council - CPRC
Conference Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: Metropolitan Transportation
Plan 101, November 19, 2024 at 11 a.m. or after the conclusion of the DCHC MPO
Board Meeting**