



**Technical Committee  
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall

101 City Hall Plaza  
Durham, NC 27701

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **Approval of June 24, 2015 TC Meeting Minutes** [15-223](#)

A copy of the June 24, 2015 TC minutes is enclosed.

**TC Action:** Approve minutes of the June 24, 2015 TC meeting.

**Attachments:** [2015-07-22 TC MINUTES June 24 2015 I-4.pdf](#)

### **ACTION ITEMS**

5. **2015-2016 UPWP Amendment Schedule and Grant Reporting Due** [15-217](#)

**Dates (9:05-9:10)**

**Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

Review proposed UPWP amendment schedule and grant reporting deadlines for FY16.

**TC Action:** Review schedules.

**Attachments:** [2015-07-22 FY16 UPWP Amendment Schedule I-5.pdf](#)  
[2015-07-22 FY16 UPWP Grant Reporting Due Dates I-5.pdf](#)

6. **SPOT 4.0 Existing Projects, New Interchanges/Intersections, and DCHC MPO Local Ranking Methodology Recommendations from Subcommittee (9:10-9:40)** [15-216](#)  
**Lindsay Smart, LPA staff**

On July 13, 2015, the DCHC MPO's subcommittee for the SPOT 4.0 process met to review and discuss several topics related to the commencement of SPOT 4.0. During the meeting, the subcommittee reviewed the NCDOT's SPOT 4.0 schedule and determined a tentative schedule of subcommittee meetings at key decision-making points during the SPOT 4.0 process. The subcommittee reviewed, discussed, and prepared a draft list of modifications to existing projects and deletions of existing projects. Subcommittee meeting follow-up actions items included each jurisdiction preparing a preliminary a list of new intersection/interchange projects and each subcommittee member reviewing the DCHC MPO's draft *New Project Selection and Ranking Methodology for TIP Project Requests*. The input received from the subcommittee will be compiled and distributed in advance of the TC meeting or at the beginning of the TC meeting.

**SPOT 4.0 Subcommittee Recommendation:** The MPO TC should review and discuss the proposed list of project modifications and deletions and new interchange/intersection projects. The subcommittee also recommended that the MPO TC review and discuss the DCHC MPO's draft *New Project Selection and Ranking Methodology for TIP Project Requests (FY2018-2027)*.

**TC Action:** Review and discuss the SPOT 4.0 recommendations from the DCHC MPO's SPOT 4.0 subcommittee and recommend approval to the MPO Board, with any comments or revisions from the TC incorporated as necessary.

7. **Resolution to Request Transfer of STPDA Funds from FHWA to FTA (9:40-9:45)** [15-218](#)  
**Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

On behalf of transit agencies, the Lead Planning Agency is requesting the transfer of STPDA funds from FHWA to FTA for use on transit projects. This resolution supports the transfer for the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro urban area.

**TC Action:** Recommend the MPO Board approve the resolution to transfer STPDA funds from FHWA to FTA.

**Attachments:** [2015-07-22 Resolution to transfer 2015 2016 STPDA funds-081215\\_1-7.pdf](#)

**8. 2015 FHWA and FTA TMA Certification Review (9:45-9:55)** [15-220](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff****Lindsay Smart, LPA Staff**

Pursuant to 23 United States Code (USC) (i)(5) and 49 USC 1607, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must certify jointly the metropolitan transportation planning process in Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) at least once every four years. The Durham - Chapel Hill - Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) is a TMA, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with a population of at least 200,000 as defined by the United States Census Bureau. The 2015 review consisted of a desk audit, a public comment session conducted on Thursday, May 21, 2015, and an on-site review that was conducted on May 21 - 22, 2015. In addition to the formal review, routine oversight, such as attendance at meetings, day-to-day interactions, review of work products, and working with the MPO on past certification review recommendations and corrective actions provide a major source of information upon which to base certification findings. After the on-site review was completed, a draft report was written to document the findings and provided to the DCHC MPO staff for review and comment.

**TC Action:** Review the draft Certification Report from FHWA & FTA for factual verification.

**Attachments:** [2015-07-22 FHWA and FTA Federal TMA Certification Review PowerPoint I-8.](#)  
[2015-07-22 DRAFT Durham-Chapel Hill Carrboro Certification Review Report](#)

**9. Public Involvement Schedule & Activity Coordination for D-O LRT (9:55-10:10)** [15-222](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff****Tammy Bouchelle, GoTriangle**

The DCHC MPO will need to conduct public involvement activities to review and approve the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project (D-O LRT). At the same time, GoTriangle will implement a public involvement process for the DEIS in fall 2015. The activities of these agencies, as well as those of the local governments, will need to be coordinated to avoid confusing the public and creating barriers or delays in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review process. Based on discussions at the June TC meeting, a subcommittee met to create the attached schedule and list of key points.

**TC Action:** Review the D-O LRT public involvement activity and approval schedule, and forward to the MPO Board.

**Attachments:** [2015-07-22 D-O LRT KeyPointsTCCJulyMtg I-9.pdf](#)  
[2015-07-22 D-O LRT Project Approval Schedule updated 07-15-2015 I-9.pdf](#)

**10. 2014 Mobility Report Card (10:10-10:25)**[15-221](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff****Kosok Chae, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO released the Congestion Management Process - System Status Report 2014 for public comment in January 2015 and adopted the report in March 2015. That report provided the state of system performance and recommendations for future policy directions. LPA staff has also been developing the 2014 Mobility Report Card with significant input from local partners. The Report Card provides detailed performance, safety and activity data on the specific vehicle, transit, bicycling and pedestrian facilities in the MPO. In cases where consistent historical data is available, the Report Card provides a comparative analysis of the facility.

A subcommittee met in May 2015 to provide comments on the draft Mobility Report Card. This draft of the Report Card includes changes based on the feedback from that subcommittee.

**TC Action:** Receive the 2014 Mobility Report Card, provide comments, and recommend that the MPO Board release the document for a minimum 21-day public comment period.

**Attachments:** [2015-07-22\\_Mobility\\_Report\\_Card\\_Draft3\\_ver07142015\\_I-10.pdf](#)

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:****11. Reports from Staff**[15-125](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

**TC Action:** Receive report from staff.

**Attachments:** [2015-07-22\\_LPA\\_staff\\_report\\_I-11.pdf](#)

**12. Report from the Chair**[15-126](#)**Mark Ahrendsen, TC Chair**

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

**13. NCDOT Reports**[15-127](#)**Joey Hopkins (Brandon Jones/David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT****Mike Mills (Pat Wilson/Ed Lewis), Division 7 - NCDOT****Rob Stone (Darius Sturdivant), Division 8 - NCDOT****Julie Bollinger, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT****Kelly Becker, Traffic Operations - NCDOT**

**TC Action:** Receive reports from NCDOT.

**Attachments:** [2015-07-22\\_NCDOT\\_Progress\\_Report\\_I-13.pdf](#)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**14. DRIVE Act Summary**

[15-215](#)

**Attachments:**      [2015-07-22\\_DRIVE Act Summary verion 6 26\\_I-14.pdf](#)

**Adjourn**

**Next meeting August 26, 2015, 9 a.m., Committee Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**