



Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

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 the August 28, 2019 TC Meeting Minutes** [19-176](#)

A copy of the August 28, 2019 meeting minutes is enclosed.

TC Action: Approve the minutes of the August 28, 2019 TC meeting..

5. **Authorize Durham City Manager on behalf of DCHC MPO to enter into agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the Metropolitan Planning Program (Section 5303) Grant for FY20** [19-171](#)

Meg Scully, LPA Staff

The Metropolitan Planning Program (Section 5303) Grant scope and budget for FY20 were approved by the MPO Board as part of the FY20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on February 27, 2019. The Durham City Manager, on behalf of DCHC MPO, is the contractor's authorized representative for the agreement between NCDOT and the City of Durham. The MPO Board must authorize the City Manager to enter into agreement with the NCDOT. A copy of the grant agreement is attached.

TC Action: Recommend the Board authorize the Durham City Manager to enter into agreement with NCDOT.

Attachments: [2019-09-25 \(19-171\) 5303 Contract FY20.pdf](#)

ACTION ITEMS

6. NC 54 West Corridor Study - Phase Two (15 minutes)[18-179](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

Don Bryson of VHB presented the findings of the second phase of the NC 54 West Corridor Study at the August 2019 TC meeting. A draft memo for this phase was circulated to the TC members for review and comment on September 5, 2019. Comments can be sent to LPA Staff by September 25 in order to be incorporated into the next draft of the memo. Staff will also take comments during the TC meeting.

Staff will present a revised draft memo to the Board at its October 9, 2019 meeting and request that it be released for public comment. A tentative presentation schedule has been developed during the public comment phase:

- October 15 - Carrboro Board of Aldermen
- October 24 - Public Meeting, Carrboro Century City
- October 30 - Chapel Hill Town Council
- November 7 - Orange County Board of Commissioners
- November 13 - MPO Board Public Hearing

TC Actions: Provide comment to staff on the Phase 2 memo and recommend that the Board release the memo for public comment.

Attachments: [2019-09-25 \(18-179\) NC 54 West Phase 2 Draft Memo v2.pdf](#)
 [2019-09-25 \(18-179\) NC 54 West Phase 2 Draft Figures v2.pdf](#)

7. **Triangle Strategic Tolling Study - Final Report - Public Hearing (10 minutes)** [19-158](#)

Andy Henry, LPA Staff

The MPO released the final report of the Triangle Strategic Tolling Study at the August Board meeting and conducted a public hearing at the September Board meeting. The Board is scheduled to approve the final report at their October meeting. At the September meeting, the Board expressed a desire to create and add a statement of principles to the front of the final toll study that would be based on comments from the Board and the public, and on a letter that the MPO Board previously sent to the NCDOT Division 5 Engineer. A draft of the statement of principles is attached. Note that this draft will likely have further edits before the Technical Committee meeting because the MPO Board Chair is still reviewing it. A copy of the toll letter is attached.

A compilation of the public comments is attached, and can be summarized as follows:

- * Most respondents do not want toll roads because they don't want to pay, believe they have already paid for the roads, or have had bad experiences with tolls lanes.
- * Several respondents support the use of toll roads.
- * One respondent believed that the toll study did not emphasize equity and environmental issues enough, and recommended the addition of a statement of principles to the report to elevate these issues.

The following MPO Web page has a copy of the final report:

www.dchcmpo.org/programs/local/triangle_strategic_tolling_study.asp.

The project Web site provides additional background information and toll related resources:

www.triangletollingstudy.com

TC Action: Review the statement of principles, provide comments, and recommend that the Board approve the final report for the Triangle Strategic Tolling Study.

Attachments: [2019-09-25 \(19-158\) Compilation of Toll Comments.pdf](#)
[2019-09-25 \(19-158\) Toll Letter.pdf](#)
[2019-09-25 \(19-158\) Toll - Statement of Principles.pdf](#)

8. Title VI Plan (5 minutes) [19-168](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff****Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

The MPO Board released the MPO's Title VI Plan for public comment at their September meeting. The schedule is to have the Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the Plan at their October meeting. At the September meeting, a board member asked that the Board be notified if the MPO receives a Title VI complaint. Staff added this requirement to the "External Discrimination Complaint Procedures" section on page 22 of the report. The MPO has not received any public comments.

The draft Title VI Plan and a presentation, which the Board and TC have already received, are attached.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board adopt the Title VI Plan.

Attachments: [2019-09-25 \(19-168\) Title VI Plan.pdf](#)
[2019-09-25 \(19-168\) Title VI Presentation.pdf](#)

9. Surface Transportation Block Grant - Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funding Distribution for FY21 (5 minutes) [19-178](#)**Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

On October 14, 2015, the MPO Board approved the formula and policy to distribute STBG-DA and TAP funds to subrecipients for fiscal years 2017 through 2025 with the expectation that each year, prior to development of the next year's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the actual STBG-DA and TAP allocation to the DCHC MPO would be entered into the formula as would the most recent certified National Transit Database (NTD) data (to be used in calculating the distribution to transit agencies). Attached is a table with the FY21 STBG-DA and TAP funding available to the MPO and the allocation resulting from the formula. Approval of this allocation will commence the FY21 UPWP development as agencies may choose to use the allocation for planning purposes, and thus must program funds in the FY21 UPWP. The FY21 UPWP development schedule is also attached.

TC Action: Recommend the Board approve the FY21 distribution of STBG-DA and TAP funds.

Attachments: [2019-09-25 \(19-178\) 2021 UPWP development schedule.pdf](#)
[2019-09-25 \(19-178\) FY21 STBG and TAP Distribution Table by Agency.pdf](#)

10. Amendment #15 to the FY2018-2027 TIP (5 minutes) [19-177](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

Amendment #15 to the FY2018-2027 TIP includes several new projects from NCDOT to address highway safety and maintenance both at the division and statewide levels. There is also a schedule adjustment to a bridge project in Durham County and a new statewide program for rails-to-trails. There are no modifications in this amendment requested by DCHC jurisdictions.

TC Action: Recommend approval of Amendment #15 to the FY2018-2027 TIP.

Attachments: [2019-09-25 \(19-177\) TIP Amendment #15 Summary Sheet.pdf](#)
[2019-09-25 \(19-177\) TIP Amendment #15 Full Report.pdf](#)
[2019-09-25 \(19-177\) TIP Amendment #15 Resolution.pdf](#)

REPORTS FROM STAFF:**11. Report from Staff [19-107](#)****Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

TC Action: Receive report from Staff.

Attachments: [2019-09-25 \(19-107\) LPA staff report.pdf](#)

12. Report from the Chair [19-108](#)**Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

TC Action: Receive report from the TC Chair.

13. NCDOT Reports [19-109](#)**Joey Hopkins (David Keilson/Richard Hancock), Division 5 - NCDOT****Mike Mills (Pat Wilson), Division 7 - NCDOT****Brandon Jones (Bryan Kluchar, Jen Britt), Division 8 - NCDOT****Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT****John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT**

TC Action: Receive reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2019-09-25 \(19-109\) NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**Adjourn****Next meeting: October 23, 9 a.m., Committee Room**

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None