



Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

9:00 AM

Meeting to be held by teleconference.

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Any member of the general public who wishes to make public comment should send an email to aaron.cain@durhamnc.gov and the comment will be read to the Board during the public comment portion of the meeting.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

4. **US 15-501 Corridor Study (10 minutes)**
Andy Henry, LPA staff

[19-144](#)

At their November meeting, the DCHC MPO Board directed staff to develop a process to move forward and finish the US 15-501 Corridor Study. Staff presented the recommended process to the Board at their January meeting. The Board directed staff to bring a project scope and estimated budget to the February Board meeting and make several changes among which the most prominent include: add a stakeholder group to address possible changes in segments 2, 3, and 4; be clear why the Board has initiated this effort; and, make sure this follow-on study is aspirational in character. The attached scope includes the requested changes. It should be noted that the scope and budget are evolving, and thus staff will provide any updates to this current version of the scope at the Technical Committee meeting.

The following DCHC MPO Web page provides the final report documents and conceptual design for the US 15-501 Corridor Study and a compilation of the public comments:

www.bit.ly/15-501.

TC Action: Review the proposed project scope and provide comments. Forward to the DCHC MPO Board.

Attachments: [2021-01-27 \(19-144\) US15-501CorridorStudy-Scope](#)

5. FY2022 Unified Planning Work Program (15 minutes)[20-184](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO is required by federal regulations to prepare an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that details and guides the urban area transportation planning activities. Funding for the UPWP is provided by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The UPWP must identify MPO planning tasks to be performed with the use of federal transportation funds.

The FY22 UPWP was released for public comment on January 13, 2021. No public comments were received. The UPWP must be submitted to NCDOT and FHWA for review by February 15, 2021.

TC Action: Recommend that the Board approve the FY22 UPWP.

Attachments:[2021-01-27 \(20-184\) UPWP Memo](#)[2021-01-27 \(20-184\) Revisions Memo](#)[2021-01-27 \(20-184\) New Initiative Table](#)[2021-01-27 \(20-184\) Draft UPWP](#)

6. Draft Public Involvement Policy (PIP) and Limited English Proficiency [20-185](#)**Plan (LEP) (20 minutes)****Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

In December 2020, the MPO Board released the draft Public Involvement Policy and Limited English Proficiency Plan for a 45-day public comment period. The public comment period was advertised in the Herald Sun, the Triangle Tribune, Que Pasa, and on the MPO's website and social media accounts. So far, no public comments have been received. A public hearing was held for the PIP and LEP Plan at the January 2021 MPO Board meeting. No members of the public spoke during the hearing.

DCHC MPO's last Public Involvement Policy (PIP) was adopted in 2012 as a corrective to the 2011 MPO Certification Review. This updated plan builds on the 2012 plan and will guide efforts to proactively involve the public to plan a multimodal transportation system that meets the region's economic, sustainability, and equity goals. This plan covers the development and approval process for DCHC's major plans, programs, and studies. It guides how the public will be notified about programs, plans, and studies; opportunities available for the public to provide input; and the length of public input periods.

DCHC MPO's first Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan was adopted along with the PIP in 2012. A person with Limited English Proficiency is one who does not speak English as their primary language and who has a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English. The updated plan provides guidance on how the MPO will provide language assistance for people with limited English proficiency.

TC Action: Recommend that the Board adopt the Public Involvement Policy and Limited English Proficiency Plan.

Board Action: Adopt the Public Involvement Policy and Limited English Proficiency Plan.

Attachments: [2021-01-27 \(20-185\) Draft PIP](#)
 [2021-01-27 \(20-185\) Draft LEP](#)
 [2021-01-27 \(20-185\) PIP-LEP Resolution](#)

7. CTP Amendment #3 (15 minutes) [21-122](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO adopted the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) in May 2017. Since that time, there have been two amendments that addressed two specific roadway projects but there has not been an amendment that dealt with a broader, larger set of needed changes. Over the past several months, MPO and NCDOT staff have worked with local planners to identify needed changes to the roadway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and multiuse path sections of the CTP. Staff will use the attached presentation to discuss the reasons for the needed changes to the CTP and the proposed amendment process.

TC Action: Receive presentation on proposed CTP Amendment #3 and provide comments. Forward the presentation to the DCHC MPO Board.

Attachments: [2021-01-27 \(21-122\) CTP Amendment #3](#)

8. FFY 2021 CRRSSA (COVID Relief) Section 5307 Apportionment for [21-119](#)**DCHC UZA (5 minutes)****Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

As part of the most recent COVID relief act passed by Congress, federal money (5307) is being apportioned to transit agencies through MPOs. DCHC is receiving \$21,464,116 in federal 5307 funds to distribution to eligible transit agencies. DCHC is distributing this money using the MPO's current transit distribution formula; this is the same formula that was used to distribute the FFY20 COVID relief funding. The attached split letter details the amount to be distributed to each transit agency. These funds are 100 percent federal and do not require any local match.

TC Action: Recommend that the MPO Board approve the Section 5307 Apportionment split letter for COVID relief.

Attachments: [2021-01-27 \(21-119\) CARES ACT 5307 split letter January 2021](#)

9. FHWA Highway Infrastructure Funding Swap (10 minutes) [21-123](#)**Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

On January 19, 2021, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released the funding amounts for states and localities for the Highway Infrastructure Program (Infra). DCHC is scheduled to receive \$338,079 in 2021 from this program.

However, Infra funds can only be used for highway projects for vehicular travel benefit. Therefore, in order to have access to funding that aligns with DCHC priorities for non-highway projects, NCDOT has offered to swap those funds for an equal amount of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, which can be used on those projects. Staff proposes to include the additional STBG funding in the upcoming call for projects for DCHC Surface Transportation Block Grant-Direct Attributable (STBGDA) and Transportation Alternatives Program-Direct Attributable (TAPDA) funds.

TC Action: Recommend Board approval of the Infra fund swap with NCDOT.

Board Action: Approve the Infra fund swap with NCDOT.

10. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4 (5 minutes)** [21-124](#)

Anne Phillips, LPA Staff

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4 primarily consists of projects that have been amended in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by NCDOT, and therefore need to be amended in the DCHC MPO TIP.

Some projects that had their schedules adjusted by TIP Amendment #3 have additional schedule adjustments. These projects are:

- **EB-5704 Raynor St Sidewalks:** Delay construction to FY22 to allow city additional time for planning.
- **EB-5720 R. Kelly Bryant Bridge Trial:** Delay ROW to FY22 to allow city additional time for planning and design.
- **EB-5837 Third Fork Creek Trail:** Delay ROW to FY22 to allow city additional time for planning and design.

A summary sheet, full report, and resolution are attached.

TC Action: Recommended Board approval of Amendment #4 to the FY2020-2029 TIP.

Board Action: Approve Amendment #4 to the FY2020-2029 TIP.

Attachments: [2021-01-27 \(21-124\) TIP Amendment #4 FullReport](#)
[2021-01-27 \(21-124\) TIP Amendment #4 SummarySheet](#)
[2021-01-27 \(21-124\) FY2020-2029 TIP Amendment #4 Resolution](#)

11. **TC Officer Elections (10 minutes)** [21-113](#)

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Per the DCHC MPO TC bylaws, officer elections take place annually at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year. The bylaws state that no more than two consecutive terms can be served in any particular position. Nishith Trivedi, the current TC Chair, is completing his second term and cannot serve again as Chair in 2021. Ellen Beckmann is completing her second term as Vice Chair and cannot serve again as Vice Chair in 2021. The bylaws also stipulate that the successor as Chair cannot be from the same county as his or her predecessor. Therefore, the new Chair must come from either Durham or Chatham County, and the new Vice Chair must be from a different county than the new Chair.

Ellen Beckmann is the sole nomination received for Chair. Nishith Trivedi is the sole nomination received for Vice Chair.

TC Action: Elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2021.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

12. Report from Staff [21-107](#)

Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff

TC Action: Receive report from Staff.**Attachments:** [2021-01-27 \(21-107\) LPA staff report](#)**13. Report from the Chair** [21-108](#)

Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

TC Action: Receive report from the TC Chair.**14. NCDOT Reports** [21-109](#)

Joey Hopkins (David Keilson, Richard Hancock), Division 5 - NCDOT

Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT

Brandon Jones (Bryan Kluchar, Jen Britt), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Kathryn Zeringue, Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT

TC Action: Receive reports from NCDOT.**Attachments:** [2021-01-27 \(21-109\) NCDOT Progress Report](#)**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:****Adjourn****Next meeting: February 24, 9 a.m.. Meeting to be held by teleconference.****Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**