



## **Technical Committee Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

9:00 AM

Teleconference

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](mailto: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**

4. **Approval of the January 6, 2021 TC Meeting Minutes** [21-121](#)

A copy of the January 6, 2021 meeting minutes is enclosed.

**TC Action:** Approve the minutes of the January 6, 2021 TC meeting..

**Attachments:** [2021-03-24 \(21-121\) January 6 2021 TC Minutes\\_LPA2](#)

5. **Approval of the February 24, 2021 TC Meeting Minutes** [21-132](#)

A copy of the February 21, 2021 meeting minutes is enclosed.

**TC Action:** Approve the minutes of the February 21, 2021 TC meeting..

**Attachments:** [2021-03-24 \(21-132\) February 24 2021 TC Minutes\\_LPA2](#)

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**6. CTP Amendment #3 (20 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 for 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 (MUP) sections of the CTP. Staff presented a draft of CTP Amendment #3 at the February Technical Committee (TC) meeting, and then subsequently conducted meetings with a TC subcommittee and staff from several jurisdictions.

The updated CTP Amendment #3 is attached. Note that any changes to that draft since the February TC meeting are summarized in the appropriate section of this updated document. And, some elements, such as the MUP table and map, and all of the online maps, will not be available until 3/24. There are many details to review and consider in this draft amendment, and thus TC members will have through April 2nd to request additional changes or meet with MPO staff.

The proposed adoption schedule includes:

- \* TC forwards to MPO Board -- 3/24/21
- \* MPO Board releases for public comment -- 4/14/21
- \* Conduct public engagement, including possible stakeholder group meetings -- 4/14/21 through 5/26/21
- \* MPO Board adopts -- 6/9/21

**TC Action:** Review the draft CTP Amendment #3 and recommend that the DCHC MPO Board release it for public comment.

**Attachments:** [2021-03-24 \(21-122\) CTPAmend3Rpt](#)

**7. 2021 CRRSSA Section 5310 Call for Projects (5 minutes)**[21-133](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager**

DCHC MPO received a CRRSAA (CARES Act) 5310 apportionment in the amount of \$47,435. This is a 100% federal grant and must be administered under the umbrella and guidelines of FTA section 5310, Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disability program, including a competitive section process. The proposed schedule for the call for projects is attached.

**TC Action:** Recommend that the Board authorize the release of the call for projects for CRRSSA 5310 funds.

**Attachments:** [2021-03-24 \(21-133\) 2021 CARES Act Call for Projects Schedule](#)

8. **FFY 2021 Section 5307/5340 FULL Apportionment Split Letter (5 minutes)** [21-134](#)

**Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager**

Section 5307/5340 funds are allocated to urbanized areas for transit capital and operating assistance, and for transportation-related planning. DCHC MPO is the designated recipient for the Durham urbanized area (UZA). For FFY 2021, the Durham UZA was awarded \$8,025,523. LPA staff developed a recommended distribution of this funding, in consultation with the four fixed-route transit operators and MPO policy. A 'split letter' to FTA regarding the allocation of these funds among transit operators must be approved by the Board to authorize the transit operators to seek applications for funding. Attached is the split letter to FTA for the Board Chair's signature.

**TC Action:** Recommend that the Board Chair sign the Section 5307/5340 FULL Apportionment Split Letter.

**Attachments:** [2021-03-24 \(21-134\) FFY21 5307-5340 FULL Split Letter](#)

9. **FFY 2021 Section 5339 Full Apportionment Split Letter (5 minutes)** [21-135](#)

**Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager**

The Section 5339 Buses and Bus Facilities program makes federal resources available to states and designated recipients to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities. DCHC MPO is the designated recipient for the Durham urbanized area (UZA). Section 5339 formula funds are allocated to the urbanized areas (UZAs) based upon population, vehicle revenue miles, and passenger miles. The Durham UZA was awarded \$952,869 in FFY 2021. As designated recipient for 5339 funds for the Durham UZA, the DCHC MPO may allocate funding to fixed route operators. LPA staff developed a recommended distribution of this funding, in consultation with the four fixed-route transit operators and MPO policy. A 'split letter' to FTA regarding the allocation of these funds among transit operators must be approved by the Board to authorize the transit operators to seek applications for funding. Attached is the split letter to FTA for the Board Chair's signature.

**TC Action:** Recommend that the MPO Board approve the Section 5339 full allocation split letter for FFY 2021.

**Attachments:** [2021-03-24 \(21-135\) FFY21 5339 Split Letter](#)

**10. TIP Amendment #5 (5 minutes)**[21-136](#)**Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #5 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.

Most projects in this amendment are new projects developed for federal funding awards added at the request of NCDOT's Integrated Mobility Division.

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

**TC Action:** Recommend that the MPO Board approve Amendment #5 to the TIP.

**Board Action:** Approve Amendment #5 to the TIP.

**Attachments:** [2021-03-24 \(21-136\) FY2020-2029 TIP Amendment #5 FullReport](#)  
[2021-03-24 \(21-136\) FY2020-2029 TIP Amendment #5 SummarySheet](#)  
[2021-03-24 \(21-136\) FY2020-2029 TIP Amendment #5 Resolution](#)

**11. FY21 & 22 Amended Call for Projects (15 minutes)**[21-137](#)**Anne Phillips, LPA Staff****Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has provided DCHC MPO with revised Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBGDA) and Transportation Alternatives Program Direct Attributable (TAPDA) funding amounts, which has resulted in the increased availability of federal funding for the FY21 & 22 call for projects.

See the attached memo for a description of how this increased funding will affect the outstanding call for projects.

**TC Action:** Receive informational report.

**Attachments:** [2021-03-24 \(21-137\) Revised Funding Availability](#)

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

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

Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff

**TC Action:** Receive report from Staff.**Attachments:** [2021-03-24 \(21-107\) LPA staff report](#)**13. Report from the Chair** [21-108](#)

Ellen Beckmann, 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

**TC Action:** Receive reports from NCDOT.**Attachments:** [2021-03-24 \(21-109\) NCDOT Progress Report](#)**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:****Adjourn****Next meeting: April 28, 9 a.m., Meeting to be held by teleconference.****Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**