



Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall

4307 Emperor Blvd
Durham, NC 27703

1. Roll Call
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **Approval of the June 28, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes** [23-216](#)
Jean Debnam, LPA Staff

A copy of the June 28, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes is attached. Enter Narrative Here

TC Action: Approve the June 28, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [2023-08-23 \(23-216\) June 28, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes](#)

5. **Approval of the July 26, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes** [23-219](#)
Jean Debnam, LPA Staff

A copy of the July 26, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes is attached.

TC Action: Approved the July 26, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [2023-08-23 \(23-219\) July 26, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes](#)

ACTION ITEMS

6. SPOT P7.0 Project Candidates List for Public Review (20 minutes)[23-207](#)**Colleen McGue, LPA Staff**

The Strategic Prioritization of Transportation (SPOT) process serves as input to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This process is in its 7th iteration, known as P7.0, and the highest scoring projects are expected to receive funding in the FY2026-2035 STIP. P7.0 project submissions must be submitted in SPOT Online (NCDOT portal) by September 29, 2023. In preparation for this, we are presenting the P7.0 project candidates for the four applicable modes within DCHC MPO boundaries, those being bicycle and pedestrian, highway, transit, and rail. DCHC MPO does not plan to submit any ferry or aviation projects in P7.0. DCHC MPO is allowed to submit 24 candidates per mode for this round. Projects already in the STIP do not count towards this submittal number; those projects are considered "carryovers" and will also be scored. NCDOT has provided some preliminary information regarding funding availability which is provided in the attachments.

Each project list is structured in the following order:

1) Project Submissions - *These projects are loosely ranked at this time.* There are 24 slots because the MPO is only allotted submission of 24 projects. Projects in this section include holding tank projects (those submitted in previous SPOT cycles that have a SPOT ID), and new projects that are in the process of being given preliminary scores.

2) Projects Potentially Submitted by Others - *These projects are listed in no particular order at this time.* These projects are also important to the MPO and include projects that were submitted by other MPOs, RPOs, or local NCDOT Divisions. Projects on this list are also a combination of holding tank projects and new submittals. MPO staff is actively working with all partners to determine which projects may be submitted on our behalf.

The current timeline for SPOT P7.0 submissions is as follows:

August 9 - MPO Board released projects for 21-day public review.

September 13 - MPO Board holds public hearing and approves projects.

September 29 - Deadline for projects to be submitted into SPOT Online.

The MPO is allowed to submit 24 candidates per mode. Staff has been working closely with partners at NCDOT Highway Divisions 5, 7, and 8 as well as neighboring MPOs and RPOs, to ensure projects that are a high priority for our member jurisdictions are considered during this process. The 24 projects per mode have been identified using a combination of public input, preliminary information and data from SPOT Online, information regarding funding availability, and member input to determine the final recommended list for MPO Board approval.

A significant number of public comments have already been received via the Metroquest Survey, as well as by email and phone call. The comments received as of August 22 will be summarized and shared at the meeting.

TC Action: Recommend that the MPO Board approve the project lists for submittal to SPOT Online.

Attachments: [2023-09-13 \(23-207\) DCHC SPOT P7.0 Project Submissions 9-13 v4](#)
[2023-09-13 \(23-207\) DCHC SPOT P7.0 Ranked and Scored Projects](#)
[2023-09-13 \(23-207\) SPOT 7.0 Public Input](#)
[2023-09-13 \(23-207\) CAMPO P7_Candidates_v2](#)
[2023-09-05 \(23-207\) SPOT P7.0 BikePed Submittal Candidates](#)
[2023-09-05 \(23-207\) SPOT P7.0 Highway Submittal Candidates](#)
[2023-09-05 \(23-207\) SPOT P7.0 Rail Submittal Candidates](#)
[2023-09-05 \(23-207\) SPOT P7.0 Transit Submittal Candidates](#)
[2023-09-05 \(23-207\) SPOT P7 Funding Availability](#)
[2023-08-09 \(23-207\) August 4 2023 Update on P7 Funding Availability](#)
[2023-08-09 \(23-207\) August 4 2023 P7 Funding Availability Table](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

7. FY25 Call for Projects Schedule Announcement

[23-226](#)

Filmon Fishastion, LPA Staff

On November 1, 2023, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) will invite member agencies to submit project applications for federal funding from the Regional Flexible Funding (RFF) program. Once all projects are submitted, MPO staff will determine which projects will receive which type of federal funding based on the project type and funding available. The project application and selection process will be guided by the Federal Funding Policy that is currently undergoing its first Amendment.

In an effort to streamline our planning process, the DCHC MPO has incorporated the FY25 UPWP Development Schedule with the Call for Projects schedule. See the memo attachment below for the combined schedule.

TC Action: Received the announcement.

Board Action: Receive the announcement.

Attachments: [2023-09-13 \(23-226\) Call for Projects Schedule Announcement](#)

8. **FY2024-33 TIP Amendment #1 Call for Amendments** [23-227](#)
Filmon Fishastion, LPA Staff

The DCHC MPO is seeking input on potential projects that could be included in Amendment #1 of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The deadline to submit amendment requests is September 29, 2023. See the attachments below for a memo with more information and the current amendment schedule.

TC Action: Receive the announcement

Board Action: None

Attachments: [2023-08-23 \(23-228\) FY24-25 Amendment Schedule](#)
[2023-08-23 \(23-228\) Amendment #1 Call for Amendments Memo](#)

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

9. **Report from Staff** [23-105](#)
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

TC Action: Receive the report from staff.

Attachments: [2023-11-15 \(23-105\) TC Staff Report](#)

10. **NCDOT Reports** [23-107](#)

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation
Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT
Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT
Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT
Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT
John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT
Nick Morrison - NCDOT IMD

TC Action: Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2023-11-15 \(23-107\) NCDOT Reports](#)

11. **Recent News Articles and Updates** [23-125](#)

Attachments: [2023-11-15 \(23-125\) Caltrans is getting serious about replacing I-980 and wants](#)
[2023-11-15 \(23-125\) Most Americans still have to commute every day. Here's h](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: September 27, 2023, 9 a.m.

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None