

**DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 27, 2023

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board held a meeting on June 27, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room at the Orange County West Campus Office Building, as well as through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in attendance:

Jenn Weaver (Chair)	Town of Hillsborough
Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
Javiera Caballero (Member)	City of Durham
Pam Hemminger (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
Damon Seils (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Lisa Mathis (Alternate)	NC Board of Transportation
Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
Leonardo Williams (Member)	City of Durham
Lisa Mathis (Alternate)*	NC Board of Transportation
Ellen Beckmann	Durham County
Aaron Cain	Durham County
Nishith Trivedi	Orange County
Matt Day	TJCOG
Josh Mayo	Town of Chapel Hill
Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
Bergen Watterson	Town of Chapel Hill
Tina Moon	Town of Carrboro
Bill Judge*	City of Durham
Erin Convery*	City of Durham
Julie Bogle*	NCDOT TPD
Kathryn Vollert*	NCDOT Division 8 CDE
Amin Hezaveh	NCDOT Division 5
Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
Tracy Parrott	NCDOT Division 5
Stephen Robinson*	NCDOT Division 7
Nishant Shah	NCDOT Division 7
Chad Reimakoski	NCDOT Division 7
Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT Division 8
Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 8
Joe Milazzo*	RTA
Jacob Rigg*	RTA
Aidil Ortiz	Aidilisms
Ed Harrison*	
Ann Lennart-Redmond	STV

Leonardo Williams made a motion to recommend the Board approve the Consent Agenda. Damon Seils seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

7. US 70 East Corridor Study

David Miller, LPA Staff
Andy Henry, LPA Staff
Anne Lenart-Redmond, STV
Aidil Ortiz, Aidlisms

David Miller gave an update of the US 70 East Corridor Study. David Miller stated that the last update was provided at the January TC Meeting and the February Board meeting. The study is in response to the NCDOT road widening project (STIP U-5720). The MPO and City of Durham chose to investigate alternatives to the corridor that provide multi-modal options.

Ann Lennart-Redmond discussed the 2 alternatives to the study: the 4 Lane Boulevard Concept and the 4 Lane Parallel Road Concept. A table demonstrating the connections between the alternatives and the MPO goal and performance measures was presented. Michael Parker asked if the 4-lane boulevard concept creates opportunity for public transit. Anne answered yes.

Aidil Ortiz gave a status update on public engagement activities. Aidil said in round one the survey was open from November 2022 to January 2023. There were two online surveys and one public survey, and they received 396 responses from mostly affluent, educated, non-minority and auto-centric citizens who travel by car and were concerned about congestion and safety entering and exiting the corridor. Ms. Ortiz said the second round of public engagement will incorporate hardcopy surveys for residents who may not be digitally connected and live north of the corridor. The team will have two in-person meetings and one virtual meeting anticipated in August.

105 **ACTION ITEMS**

106 **8. 2050 MTP Amendment #1 and AQ CDR**
107 **Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

108 Andy Henry presented potential amendments to the 2050 MTP that the DCHC MPO
109 adopted in February of 2022. These amendments are being proposed for consistency with the
110 STIP. Mr. Henry provided attachments including a table which showed the exact changes to the
111 highway table, which is Appendix 2 of the 2050 MTP. Andy reminded the MPO that when you
112 amend the MTP you also have to update the Air Quality Conformity Determination. Therefore,
113 Mr. Henry also presented the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQ CDR). The AQ
114 CDR demonstrates that certain pollutant emissions from the future transportation sector will not
115 exceed a specified threshold. Andy recommended that the DCHC MPO release Amendment #1
116 and the AQ CDR for a minimum 42-day public comment period. The public comment period will
117 begin June 27, 2023, and end August 7, 2023. Plans are to walk-in any final comments
118 (received only a few days before the Board meeting) to the August 9, 2023, Board Meeting. Mr.
119 Henry stated he would add Bicycle and Transit facility descriptions for NC 88 and Hwy 55
120 projects.

121 Damon Seils made a motion to release the 2050 MTP Amendment #1 and the Air
122 Quality Conformity Determination Report. Leonardo Williams seconded the motion. The motion
123 passed unanimously.

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125 **9. FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program**
126 **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

127 Kelly Fomenko explained the adoption of the State Transportation Improvement
128 Program (STIP) and its implementation. The MPO's TIP is a 10-year scheduling and funding of
129 construction projects across the DCHC MPO area. The first five years are considered delivery
130 projects, which means they've been prioritized with funding for more than preliminary
131 engineering. If projects have funding in the last five years of the TIP, they are considered

developmental projects and that means that they are not yet prioritized for complete project funding. The TIP is a subset of the STIP which contains all projects across the state of NC. Once the STIP is adopted by the State of NC, which happened on June 6, 2023, the DCHC MPO has 3 months to adopt their TIP. This adoption happens every 2-4 years. The STIP and the TIP must match. The first four years must also match the MTP currently being amended.

For these documents to be updated uniformly, the fiscal year 2024 to 2033 STIP was locked without further edits starting around April. Therefore, there will be projects that are in the current 2020 to 2029 STIP that are not yet in the 2024-2033 STIP. It will continue to be edited until September which is when the 2024-2033 should be adopted, along with the MTP. You may not see projects that are in this 2024-2033 STIP but which are in the FY2020-2029 STIP that is still being amended, and those changes will be reflected in the First Amendment after this item is adopted. Ms. Fomenko said we likely will have to have Amendment 16 coming from the previous STIPs because of the number of projects that are still ongoing. Kelly reminded the board if they do not see a project in this STIP, it may be included in the previous STIP that we're currently still amending, or there might still be some items that are in Fiscal Year 24 or further out that won't be included in either STIP but will be included in Amendment 1. Kelly said all the projects that are in the STIP 2024-2033 will have to match the STIP which has been locked since April. Kelly recommended the MPO Board release the 2024-2033 TIP for a 30-day public comment period. Leonardo Williams made a motion to release the TIP for a 30-day public comment period. Javiera Caballero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

10. SPOT P7.0 Project Candidates List for Review

Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

Kelly Fomenko stated the SPOT process is the statewide prioritization process in which upcoming projects can be funded in the 2026-2035 time period. The DCHC MPO has 24 projects they can submit per mode. The modes are Highway, Transit, Bike and Ped, and Rail. The difference in this cycle is the MPO has 2000 points used for local input points and for P6.0 we had 1900. The draft lists provided are draft lists only and SPOT Online opens July 10, 2023, for preliminary testing of [project scores](#). The P7 project submissions are due September 2023. The new and holding tank projects will be released around August, so it is possible to make changes. Projects considered carryovers have an additional deadline for modification requests of July 21. Damon Seils asked if the 24 projects per mode were for new submissions and not holding tank submissions. Kelly stated it would be new submissions and holding tank submissions. There are also projects that have been requested to be removed that could be included in the 24 projects. Damon Seils asked if the 24 would include holding tanks. Ms. Fomenko answered yes.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

11. Report from Board Chair **Jenn Weaver, Board Chair**

No other reports.

12. Report from LPA Staff **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

Doug mentioned the transitioning of TJCOG and DCHC MPO and the need to determine where our next meetings would be held. No other report.

13. NCDOT Reports

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

No other reports.

Brandon Jones, Division 5- NCDOT

No other reports.

Wright Archer (Steven Robinson) Division 7- NCDOT

Steven gave updates on several projects that were not included in their Division 7 project updates. the U-4726. Division 7 is finalizing their review for this project. EB 5721 only received 2 bids and was re-let. The openings bids will start on July 17, 2023.

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8- NCDOT

No other reports.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division-NCDOT

No other reports.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

No other reports.

Nick Morrison – NCDOT IMD

No other reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

The Next Meeting Will Be Held: August 9, 2023, 9 a.m., Committee Room, Durham City

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