

1 **DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **BOARD**
3 **January 28, 2025**
4 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

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6 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on
7 January 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at Central Pines
8 Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

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10 Karen Howard (MPO Chair) Chatham County
11 Javiera Caballero (MPO Board Vice Chair) City of Durham
12 Amy Fowler (Member) Orange County
13 Carl Rist (Member) City of Durham
14 Melissa McCullough (Member) Town of Chapel Hill
15 Nida Allam (Member) Durham County
16 Sally Greene (Member) GoTriangle
17 Danny Nowell (Member) Town of Carrboro
18 Mark Bell (Member) Town of Hillsborough
19 Wendy Jacobs (Alternate) Durham County
20 Marilyn Carter (Alternate)* Orange County
21 Lisa Mathis (Alternate)* NC Board of Transportation
22 Michael Parker (Alternate)* GoTriangle

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24 **Denotes virtual attendance*

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26 Eric Vitale (TC Chair) City of Durham
27 Nishith Trivedi Orange County
28 Chad Reimakoski NCDOT Division 7
29 Bryan Kluchar NCDOT Division 8
30 Caroline Dwyer Town of Chapel Hill
31 Becca Eversole-Robinson Town of Chapel Hill
32 Matt Day Central Pines Regional Council
33 Thanh Schado Chatham County
34 Matt Efir Hillsborough
35 Curtis Scarpignato* Durham County
36 David Keilson* NCDOT Division 5
37 Jared Draper* Toole Design
38 Julie Bogle NCDOT TPD
39 Josh Barrett* City of Durham
40 Marie Parker* Town of Carrboro
41 Sean Egan* City of Durham
42 Wannetta Mallette* Burlington Graham MPO
43 Bryan Murphy NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit
44 Joe Geigle FHWA
45 Becca Gallas NCDOT Division 5
46 Rep. Zack Hawkins* NC General Assembly, District 31
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48 Doug Plachcinski DCHC MPO
49 David Miller DCHC MPO

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52	Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
53	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
54	Samad Rangoonwala	DCHC MPO
55	Thomas Porter	DCHC MPO
56	Beth Seidel	DCHC MPO
57	Madeline Galliano	DCHC MPO

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59 Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members

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62 Chair Karen Howard called the meeting to order at 9:09 am. The Voting Members and
63 Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are indicated above.

64 **PRELIMINARIES:**

65 **1. DCHC MPO Non-Discrimination Policy Notice**

66 **2. Ethics Reminder**

67 Chair Howard reminded everyone of the ethics reminder found in the agenda.

68 **3. Roll Call**

69 Chair Howard asked everyone to introduce themselves.

70 **4. Adjustments to the Agenda**

71 Chair Howard asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

72 **5. Public Comments**

73 Chair Howard asked if any members of the public were signed up to speak. There were
74 none.

75 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

76 **6. Approval of November 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

77 **Beth Seidel, MPO Staff**

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81 **7. Executive Director Performance Evaluation**

82 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

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84 Amy Fowler moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Danny
85 Nowell. The motion passed unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS:

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8. Approval of the DCHC MPO Rebrand to Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization

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Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

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Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager

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Colleen McGue presented the new brand to the Board. The MPO's name and branding

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changes are the result of a collaboration between the MPO, Carrboro Creative, and Triangle

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Digital Media that began in early 2024. This collaboration included a focus group meeting with

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the MPO Board in March 2024. The new brand includes fresh new colors, fonts, and a logo that

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better captures the excitement with which we do our work. The new name, Triangle West

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Transportation Planning Organization, along with the brand are an opportunity to further commit

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our organization to equitable, innovative, and collaborative transportation work in the western

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part of the Research Triangle.

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There were several questions from the Board regarding the mission. Mark Bell moved to

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approve the new name, Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization, and the new

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brand. The motion was seconded by Javiera Caballero. The motion passed unanimously.

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9. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates

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Amendment #5 to the FY2024-33 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) continues to

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modify and add projects from the recent Call for Projects. This amendment also incorporates

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recently awarded funds such as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and

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Equity (RAISE) grant and 5310 funds into both existing and new projects.

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As there are projects with changes in excess of \$2M and 25% from the original amount, per

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the MPO's Public Involvement Plan (PIP), this amendment will be released for a 21-day public

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comment period. The current timeline for adoption includes Board approval of this amendment

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116 Amy Fowler made a motion to approve TIP Amendment #5. The motion was seconded by
117 Sally Greene. The motion passed unanimously.

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119 **10. 2024 Update to Program Management Plan (PMP) for the Section 5310 Grant:**
120 **Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**
121 **Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager**

122 Every 2 years, the MPO selects and funds transportation projects that improve mobility
123 for seniors and people with disabilities through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section
124 5310 Grant. The PMP creates rules for how the MPO will select, fund, and implement these
125 projects. The PMP is being updated with references to recently updated 2024 Coordinated
126 Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (the Coordinated Plan). Additional edits
127 include clarification around the relationship between the City of Durham, the Direct Recipient of
128 Section 5310 funding in the Durham UZA, and the DCHC MPO which manages the
129 implementation of the Coordinated Plan and selection of 5310 Program of Projects, as well as
130 the addition of a Checklist for Project Manager Review of Uniform Guidance Audit Findings as
131 requested by the FTA during recent discussions with the City of Durham. No public comments
132 were received.

133 Carl Rist made a motion to adopt the 2024 Update to the PMP. The motion was
134 seconded by Amy Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

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136 **11. Targets for Safety Performance Measures**
137 **David Miller, MPO Staff**
138 **Brian Murphy, NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit**

139 David Miller shared a background of the annual target setting for highway safety
140 performance measures. David Miller shared that MPO's are required to either support their
141 state DOT safety targets or develop their own safety targets, and that the deadline to do so for
142 2025 is February 27.

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144 Brian Murphy provided an overview of NCDOT’s safety targets and methodology, and safety
145 trend data at the state and MPO level.

146 There were some questions for the presenters. Sally Greene made a motion to adopt the
147 NCDOT safety performance measures this year. The motion was seconded by Javiera
148 Caballero. The motion passed unanimously.

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150 **12. Destination 2055: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update**
151 **Monet Moore, Principal Planner**

152 Monet Moore shared that staff are finalizing the deficiency analysis of the Destination
153 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and will be discussing it at the joint Capital Area
154 Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan
155 Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) Board meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025. The full
156 deficiency analysis will be presented to the Technical Committee and DCHC MPO Board in
157 February for review. Once the deficiency analysis is finalized, the Proposed Alternatives will be
158 developed and refined. Public outreach and engagement for the Proposed Alternatives will
159 begin in early April 2025. An updated plan for public outreach and engagement will be shared
160 with the Technical Committee and Board prior to conducting the outreach and engagement for
161 the proposed alternatives.

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163 **13. Annual Ethics Reminder**
164 **Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager**
165 **Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board**

166 Colleen McGue reminded everyone about the annual State Ethics Commission filing
167 period for members. All MPO Board members and alternates must file new Statements of

168 Economic Interest (SEIs) and Real Estate Disclosure (RED) forms. The annual filing period runs
169 from January 1 through April 15.

170 Beth Seidel, our new Clerk to the Board, is the new MPO Ethics Liaison. If you have any
171 questions regarding filing with the State Ethics Commission, please reach out to Beth. An
172 informational sheet from the State Ethics Commission was attached to the agenda, which
173 explains the obligations for all MPO Board members and alternates, along with tips for filing
174 electronically. There is a statutory grace period which commences with the 30-Day Notice letter;
175 failure to file in that 30 day window can result in fines being levied. Fines total \$500, and failure
176 to file is a misdemeanor.

177 Chair Howard asked if MPO staff could send individual reminders to be sure to file, and
178 Ms. McGue stated that they would.

179 **REPORTS:**

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181 **14. Report from Board Chair**
182 **Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair**

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184 No report.

185 **15. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**
186 **Eric Vitale, TC Chair**

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188 Eric Vitale introduced himself as the new TC Chair.

189 **16. Report from MPO Staff**
190 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

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192 Doug Plachcinski mentioned that the strategic rail programming work that they are
193 partnering with CAMPO continues. There have been meetings with the consultants, and
194 everything is moving along. This is for passenger rail as well as freight. There has been good
195 work and research led by Filmon and Colleen on an intersection control evaluation (ICE) policy

196 that Triangle West is helping to develop. The Technical Committee will be helping with the next
197 steps, which include releasing an RFP for consulting services to assist with the development.

198 Doug also shared that the Regional Transportation Alliance group is hosting a western
199 region caucus next Friday, February 7 from 1-3, hosted by Duke University.

200 **17. NCDOT Reports**

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202 **Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

203 No report.

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205 **Becca Gallas, Division 5 – NCDOT**

206 No report.

207 **Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 – NCDOT**

208 Chad Reimakoski shared an update on I-40 project, they are continuing to progress on
209 concrete pavement and median barrier walls, working on the large bore pipes. They should start
210 shifting traffic soon. Division 7 will have a public drop-in February 24-28 in Greensboro.

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212 **Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT**

213 Send Chatham County questions to Bryan Kluchar. Division 8 will be hosting a week-long
214 draft 2026-2035 STIP drop-in at their office in Carthage February 24-28.

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216 **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**

217 The Governor's Highway Safety grant applications are open and are due January 31.
218 These grants are for initiatives addressing traffic safety. This will fund projects that occur in the
219 FY26 year. The NCDOT applications are open for free bike helmets, through February 14.

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221 **John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**

222 No report.

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224 **Regan Buchanan (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division**

225 No report.

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227 **18. Recent News Articles & Updates**

228 Chair Howard pointed out the news articles included in the agenda packet.

229 **ADJOURNMENT**

230 The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.