



Durham–Chapel Hill–Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization

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October 11, 2017

Secretary of Transportation Jim Trogden
N.C. Department of Transportation
1501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1501

Dear Secretary Trogden:

It is our understanding that the N.C. Board of Transportation is considering changes to the NCDOT Bicycle Policy and Pedestrian Policy. The DCHC MPO Board supports this review and provides the following comments:

- The policies need to reflect current policies and processes, including the Complete Streets Policy, the Comprehensive Transportation Planning process, and the Strategic Transportation Investments process.
- The policies need to reflect current design guidelines, including the NCDOT Complete Streets Planning and Design Guidelines and relevant AASHTO, NACTO, and Federal Highway Administration guidelines.
- The NCDOT Bridge Policy also needs to be reviewed and updated as it addresses bicycle and pedestrian facilities on bridges.

In addition, the DCHC MPO Board requests that in the review of the policies several specific issues be addressed, including the following:

- Local government cost share for pedestrian facilities that are incidental to highway projects.
- Application of the policies to the construction of culverts.
- Local government cost share and maintenance responsibilities for shared use paths that are incidental to highway projects and within NCDOT right-of-way.

The DCHC MPO Board looks forward to participating in the review of these policies. Please contact us if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Steve Schewel, Chair
DCHC MPO Board