

## DCHC MPO Certification Review Closeout

## FHWA/FTA Federal Certification

May 21 – 22, 2015

## Certification Review Team

- \* Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) North Carolina Division Office
- \* Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 4

## Purpose of Certification Review

- \* Assess extent of compliance with planning requirements (23 CFR, Section 134)
- \* Identify commendations, make recommendations, and determine if any corrective actions are necessary

## Major Review Items

- \* Previous certification review issues
- \* DCHC MPO/NCDOT coordination
- \* Agreements and contracts
- \* Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- \* Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- \* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

## Major Review Items

- \* DCHC MPO needs
- \* Public Involvement meeting/comments
- \* Certification Review findings
- \* Certification

## Commendations

- \* Development of customized web application for the online management of transportation funding and projects
- \* Interactive website allows easy access to transportation plans, programs, funding, mapping, travel time, traffic counts, and land use

## Commendations

- \* DCHC MPO coordination with transit operators is outstanding – transit representation on the DCHC MPO Board was already in place
- \* Triangle J Council of Government's regional coordination of air quality conformity process is outstanding

## Commendations

- \* Recently completed Environmental Justice (EJ) Report is well-written, comprehensive, and provides a solid foundation from which to conduct EJ analyses going forward
- \* Cooperation and coordination between DCHC MPO and NCDOT is much improved with regard to project selection

## Recommendations

- \* Continue to consider transportation conformity with regard to upcoming MTP updates
- \* Consider all modes in transportation planning, especially highways, with regard to efficient movement of people and goods through the DCHC MPO

## Recommendations

- \* Identify separately African Americans since they are the largest EJ population and racial minority within the DCHC MPO
- \* Deliberately seek and document representation from all EJ populations to include on mailing lists, focus groups, advisory committees, etc. to enhance public involvement

## Recommendations

- \* Include language in the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) objectives that specifically targets EJ populations
- \* Use measured data such as travel time and travel speeds in place of level of service (LOS) and volume to capacity ratio (V/C) to measure congestion

## Corrective Actions

- \* There were no corrective actions!

## DCHC MPO Certification Action

- \* The DCHC MPO substantially meets the Federal metropolitan transportation planning requirements
- \* The metropolitan transportation planning process is certified for four years as of July 24, 2015