



## **DCHC MPO Board Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

9:00 AM

Committee Room  
2nd Floor Durham City Hall  
101 City Hall Plaza  
Durham, NC 27701

1. Roll Call
2. Ethics Reminder
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Directives to Staff

[15-111](#)

Attachments:      [Att 5 MPO Board Directives to Staff 2-11-2015.pdf](#)

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (9:05 - 9:10)**

6. **January 14, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**

[15-112](#)

A copy of the January 14, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes is enclosed.

**Board Action:** Approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 Board meeting.

Attachments:      [Att 6 Minutes 1 14 2015.pdf](#)

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

7. **US 15-501 Corridor Study Traffic Analysis Report (9:10 - 9:40)**

[15-113](#)

##### **Christa Greene, Stantec**

The US 15-501 corridor is functionally classified as a north-south principal arterial which serves the inter-county travel demands between Chatham and Orange Counties. US 15-501 is considered a strategic corridor between the growing towns of Pittsboro and Chapel Hill and is classified as a Boulevard in the NCDOT Strategic Highway Corridors Vision Plan (July 2008). The corridor has recently seen an increase in retail and residential development serving individuals working in nearby commercial, high-tech, medical and research centers. US 15-501 serves many different land uses such as: residential, retail, and office. The fifteen mile study area on US 15-501 begins with the US 54 interchange in Orange County and continues to the US 64 interchange in Chatham County.

**Board Action:** Receive the US 15-501 Study Traffic Analysis Report.

8. **Draft FY2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Public Hearing (9:40-9:50)** [15-130](#)

**Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

Annually, the DCHC MPO is required by federal regulations to prepare a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that details and guides the urban area transportation planning activities. Funding for the UPWP is provided on an annual basis by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The UPWP must identify MPO planning tasks to be conducted with the use of federal transportation funds, including highway and transit programs. Attachment 10 is the draft FY 2015-2016 UPWP. The MPO Board released this draft for public comment at their 1/14/2015 meeting. A public hearing must be held by the MPO Board prior to UPWP approval.

**TC Recommendation:** Recommend that the MPO Board hold a public hearing on the draft FY 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program at the February 11, 2015 meeting

**Board Action:** MPO Board hold a public hearing on the draft FY 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program

**Attachments:** [Att 8 FY16 UPWP Draft Board 21115.pdf](#)

9. **Draft 2014 Environmental Justice Report Presentation (9:50-10:10)** [15-131](#)

**Lindsay Smart, LPA Staff**

Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration are required to review in full the planning processes of any metropolitan area that contains a population over 200,000. This is otherwise known as a Transportation Management Area, or TMA. This certification review is for the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO or also DCHC, for short) and evaluates whether DCHC MPO is in compliance with federal regulations. The 2011 compliance review included a corrective action to "update the Public Involvement Policy and include a robust EJ section." The MPO updated the Public Involvement Policy with an EJ section and in anticipation of the 2015 compliance review, has prepared a full Environmental Justice Report for the MPO area.

The TC reviewed the draft EJ report and provided preliminary comments. On January 30, 2015, FHWA reviewed and approved the draft EJ report.

**TC Recommendation:** Recommend that the DCHC MPO Board release the draft 2014 Environmental Justice Report with recent comments from TC incorporated, for public review and comment.

**Board Action:** Review the draft EJ report and provide comments. Release the draft 2014 Environmental Justice Report for public review and comment.

**Attachments:** [Att 9 Revised Draft 2014 Environmental Justice Report February 3 2015.pdf](#)

**10. Amendment #23 to FY2012-2018 TIP (10:10-10:15)**[15-119](#)**Lindsay Smart, LPA Staff**

On December 10, 2014, the MPO Board released the draft TIP amendment for the 21-day public review and comment period. No public comments were received on the amendment.

Modifications to projects #C-5184, #TA-5144, #TA-5145, #TA-4923, and #TA-5019A have been added to TIP amendment #23. These modifications do not require public review and comment and have been added to amendment #23, instead of creating an additional TIP amendment.

**TC Recommendation:** Recommend the MPO Board hold a Public Hearing on TIP amendment #23, and approve TIP amendment #23.

**Board Action:** Hold a Public Hearing on TIP amendment #23 and approve TIP amendment #23.

**Attachments:**[Att 10 Resolution - FY2012-2018 TIP Amendment 23.pdf](#)[Att 10A Amendment23 ProjectInformationSheets forBoard meeting.pdf](#)

11. **Comments and Questions Memorandum for the Draft FY2016-2025 TIP** [15-121](#)  
**(10:15-10:40)**

**Lindsay Smart, LPA Staff**

On December 4, 2014, the N.C. Department of Transportation released the draft 10-year State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which schedules the projects proposed for full or partial funding across the entire state for the years 2016-2025. The first five years of project programming is called the STIP and the latter five years of project programming is called the developmental program. The STIP is updated every two years.

The projects included the STIP that are located in the DCHC MPO area become the basis for the development of the MPO's draft FY2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In the MPO's TIP there are projects that were prioritized through the Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) process, there are projects that were exempt from STI, and there are projects that were prioritized and selected by jurisdictions and the MPO.

On January 5, 2015, a TC subcommittee met to review and discuss the draft TIP. Questions and comments from the subcommittee were collected and compiled into a Memorandum to the NCDOT from the MPO Board. The Memorandum will serve as the basis for discussion during the Priority Review Meeting (One on One meeting) that is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015 with NCDOT, MPO Board members, MPO TC members, local staff, and other stakeholders.

**TC Recommendation:** Review draft memo, provide comments, and approve the Memorandum (with any comments from the Board) for submission to NCDOT.

**Board Action:** Review draft memo, provide comments, and approve the Memorandum (with any comments from the Board) for submission to NCDOT.

**Attachments:** [Att 11 MPO Board memo to NCDOT comments on draft STIP 02112015.pdf](#)

**REPORTS:**

12. **Report from the Board Chair** [15-116](#)  
**Mark Kleinschmidt, Board Chair**

**Board Action:** Receive Report from the Board Chair.

13. **Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [15-115](#)  
**Mark Ahrendsen, TC Chair**

**Board Action:** Receive the Report from TC Chair.

**14. Report from LPA Staff** [15-117](#)

Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff

**Board Action:** Receive report from staff.

Attachments: [Att 14 LPA staff report 2-11-2015.pdf](#)

**15. NCDOT Report** [15-118](#)

Joey Hopkins (Battle Whitley), Division 5 - NCDOT

Mike Mills (Pat Wilson), Division 7 - NCDOT

Rob Stone (Darius Sturdivant), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bollinger, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT

Kelly Becker, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

**Board Action:** Receive report of NCDOT.

Attachments: [Att 15 NCDOT Progress Report 2-11-2015.pdf](#)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****16. Recent News Articles and Updates** [15-100](#)

Attachments: [Att 16 News Articles 2-11-2015](#)

**17. Additional Handouts** [15-143](#)

Attachments: [2015-02-11-Draft STIP Outreach NC AMPO 2 6 15.pdf](#)  
[2015-02-11-Final Flyer 2015 Draft STIP Sessions \(2\).pdf](#)  
[2015-02-11-INFO ITEM-President's-2016-Budget-Request-to-Congress.pdf](#)  
[2015-02-11-MPO Enhancement Act Rep.pdf](#)

**Adjourn**

**Next meeting: March 11, 2015, 9 a.m., Committee Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: February 11, 2015, 11:30 a.m. - Priority Review Meeting for draft TIP with NCDOT. Committee Room, City Hall.**