

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

October 12, 2022

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on October 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor Committee Room at Durham City Hall, 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
Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
Leonardo Williams (Member)	City of Durham
Damon Seils (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Pam Hemminger (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
Mark Bell (Alternate)	Town of Hillsborough
Dr. Monique Holsey-Hyman (Alternate)	City of Durham
Brenda Howerton (Alternate)*	Durham County
Lisa Mathis (Alternate)*	NC Board of Transportation
Ellen Beckmann	Durham County
Tom Altieri*	Orange County
Benjamin Clark*	Orange County
Josh Mayo*	Town of Chapel Hill
Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
Kevin Robinson*	Town of Chapel Hill
Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
Tina Moon*	Town of Carrboro
Kent Johnson*	Town of Carrboro
Sean Egan*	City of Durham
Evian Patterson*	City of Durham
Bill Judge*	City of Durham
Brian Taylor*	City of Durham
Eric Vitale	City of Durham
Erin Convery	City of Durham
Matt Day*	Triangle J Council of Governments
Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
Kurt Stolka*	The University of North Carolina
David Keilson*	NCDOT Division 5
Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
Tracy Parrott*	NCDOT Division 5
Pat Wilson*	NCDOT Division 7
Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT Division 8
Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 8
Julie Bogle*	NCDOT Planning Division

43	John Grant*	NCDOT Traffic Operations
44	Nick Morrison*	NCDOT IMD
45	Jacob Rigg*	Regional Transportation Alliance
46	Travis Crayton*	Research Triangle Park
47	Frankie Tran*	Burlington-Graham MPO
48	Eric Patel	JDA
49	Heidi Perry*	BikeWalk NC
50	Michael Page*	North Carolina Central University
51	Brian Rhodes*	Resident
52	Adora Harris*	Resident
53	Quazi Minhaz Tabassum*	Resident
54	Hailey Neal*	Resident
55	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
56	Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
57	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
58	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
59	Dale McKeel*	DCHC MPO
60	Dolly Hall-Quinlan*	DCHC MPO
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62	David Miller	DCHC MPO

63 Quorum Count: 8 of 10 Voting Members

64 *Attended remotely

65 **1. Roll Call**

66 Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The roll call was completed using a
 67 sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees. Chair Jenn
 68 Weaver asked the Board to approve excused absences for Karen Howard and Javiera Caballero. Pam
 69 Hemminger made a motion to approve the excused absences. Michael Parker seconded the motion. The
 70 motion passed unanimously.

71 **PRELIMINARIES:**

72 **2. Ethics Reminder**

73 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Ethics Reminder included in the agenda packet.

74 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

75 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4. Public Comments

Eric Patel shared information about the Department of Energy's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) funding program. Eric Patel stated that he and his colleagues at JDA in Durham will be applying to this program to develop a tool that could be used to inform communities and policy boards about their impact on climate and how it affects vulnerable groups. Eric Patel requested a letter of support from the MPO. Pam Hemminger made a motion to approve a letter of support. Damon Seils seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Heidi Perry stated that the mechanism for the public to provide feedback online for the Draft FY2024-2033 STIP could be reformatted and more descriptive in order to provide citizens more information about the projects being considered. Heidi Perry mentioned that the BikeWalk NC Transportation Summit will be held October 27-29, 2022 in Greenville.

5. Directives to Staff

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Directives to Staff included in the agenda packet.

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Approval of the September 14, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

David Miller, LPA Staff

7. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Grant – FFY22 Program of Projects

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

8. FY24 UPWP Development Schedule

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

9. IJIA Standing Update

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

Wendy Jacobs stated that Durham County submitted its Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant application. Ellen Beckmann shared that many letters of support were received to accompany the application, and project information has been posted to the Durham County website. Wendy Jacobs mentioned that an individual was fatally wounded recently when struck by a train, which reinforces the

importance of this grant project. Doug Plachcinski stated that the MPO's Safe Streets and Roads for All grant application recently submitted could help mitigate crashes along the Triangle's rail corridor. Doug Plachcinski mentioned that MPO staff are exploring the Thriving Communities program made available by the Department of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development for capacity building.

Pam Hemminger made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Michael Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

10. Orange County Transit Plan Update **Tom Altieri, Orange County**

Tom Altieri provided a background of the current 2017 Orange County Transit Plan (OCTP), and an update on the Draft OCTP. Tom Altieri stated that the Draft OCTP is meant to build upon the 2017 OCTP, which includes both programmed projects and new projects. Tom Altieri provided a timeline and recap of public engagement activities, the project selection process, funding sources, transit equity efforts, and remaining schedule and adoption process.

Aaron Cain stated that the Draft OCTP requires a public hearing per the MPO's Public Involvement Plan, and asked the Board if the public hearing scheduled for November 1 at the Board of Orange County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting could serve as the sole public hearing in order to consolidate public engagement efforts. Aaron Cain mentioned that this consolidation process could also be done for the Durham County Transit Plan. Board members were supportive of this request.

Damon Seils asked how the upcoming policy steering committee meeting to discuss revenue projections and the North-South Bus Rapid Transit project will impact the Draft OCTP that will be presented to the public for comment. Tom Altieri replied that outcomes from the policy steering committee will be shared at the BOCC public hearing on November 1. Michael Parker asked if it is appropriate to release the Draft OCTP for public comment when it could ultimately have significant

revisions. Tom Altieri replied that there are no changes to the programmed projects in the Draft OCTP, and that the public comment period is focusing on finances and the language of the Plan.

Damon Seils made a motion to release the Draft OCTP for public comment. Michael Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

11. Durham County Transit Plan Update

Ellen Beckmann, Durham County Transportation Manager

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Ellen Beckmann shared an update about the recommended Durham County Transit Plan (DCTP) being developed, which included how the DCTP has been in development concurrently with other local transportation plans, potential funding sources, a breakdown of funding by project type, a financial breakdown of expected revenues, and four key themes presented in the recommended DCTP. Aaron Cain shared the public engagement activities; the results and key findings from public feedback efforts; the reported demographics of public feedback respondents through Phases I, II and III; and the next steps in the development and adoption process.

Damon Seils asked how the priorities identified from target populations during the public engagement activities translated into the recommended DCTP. Aaron Cain replied that improvements to the operations of existing services will encompass the first part of the plan before beginning capital projects, and that regional transit systems continue to be considered. Ellen Beckmann added that bus stop improvements have been prioritized. Michael Parker said that the transit plans should also serve as an advocacy document that describes projects that could be implemented if more funding was available, as well as advocating for funding from regional sources and the state of North Carolina.

REPORTS:

12. Report from the MPO Board Chair

Jenn Weaver, Board Chair

Chair Jenn Weaver mentioned that Town of Hillsborough staff developed a map to help guide and prioritize where electric vehicle charging stations should be considered for installation. Wendy Jacobs asked MPO staff to explore producing a similar map.

13. Report from the Technical Committee Chair
Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair

Ellen Beckmann said that the governance study related to the transit plan process is nearing completion. Ellen Beckmann recognized Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day.

14. Report from LPA Staff
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

In addition to the written report, Doug Plachcinski shared that the Governance Subcommittee met the previous week, and that the agenda materials for the upcoming Membership Subcommittee will be distributed soon.

15. NCDOT Reports
Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Lisa Mathis shared NCDOT's efforts during Tropical Storm Ian, that Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) information sessions are forthcoming, a groundbreaking ceremony in Graham County for the Corridor K project, that a grant project will become available to improve broadband and electric vehicle infrastructure, and a recap of the 2022 Fall Litter Sweep.

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT

Brandon Jones shared that the Division 5 Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Drop-In open house is scheduled for October 10-14, 2022.

Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT

Pat Wilson provided an update to the I-40 project.

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

There was no additional report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT

There was no additional report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

There was no additional report.

Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT

Nick Morrison said that an IMD informational handout is being developed for inclusion in future MPO agenda packets. Nick Morrison stated that the Triangle Bicycle and Pedestrian Workshop will be held in Clayton on October 14, 2022.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

16. Recent News Articles and Updates

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the recent news articles and updates.

17. Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Public Feedback Information Flyer

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Public Feedback Information Flyer.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.