

**DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD
October 22, 2024
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on October 22, 2024, at 9:07 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at Central Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

Javiera Caballero (MPO Board Vice Chair)	City of Durham
Carl Rist (Member)	City of Durham
Melissa McCullough (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
Michael Parker (Member)	Go Triangle
Danny Nowell (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Mark Bell (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Amy Fowler (Alternate)	Orange County
Eric Vitale	City of Durham
Joe Geigle	FHWA
Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
Julie Bogle*	NCDOT TPD
Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
David Miller	DCHC MPO
KC Chae	DCHC MPO
Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
Samad Rangoonwala	DCHC MPO
Cameron Schuler	DCHC MPO
Thomas Porter	DCHC MPO
Beth Davis	DCHC MPO

Quorum Count: 8 of 10 Voting Members

Vice Chair Javiera Caballero called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Doug Plachcinski introduced Beth Davis as the new Clerk to the Board. Vice Chair Javiera Caballero asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are indicated above.

PRELIMINARIES:

Ethics Reminder

Adjustments to the Agenda

Vice Chair Javiera Caballero stated that there was one adjustment to the agenda after item 18, which would be a Closed Session for the Executive Director evaluation.

Melissa McCullough moved to approve the agenda with adjustments, and the motion was seconded by Michael Parker. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call

Public Comments

Vice Chair Javiera Caballero asked if any members of the public were signed up to speak. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Approval of September 30, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
Beth Davis, MPO Staff

Michael Parker moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Amy Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Public Hearing: Draft FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP)
Thomas Porter, MPO Staff

Thomas Porter presented the FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP) to the Board. One public comment was received during the public outreach period. There were no additional public comments.

There was one question from the Board about multimodal hub at RTP being a part of the UPWP. Doug Plachcinski responded that it was not broken out separately in the UPWP.

7. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Mobility Report Card
Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff

Yanping Zhang shared that the congestion management process (CMP) is a systematic and regionally accepted approach for managing congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date information on transportation system performance as well as assessments of alternative

strategies for congestion management that meets State and local needs. Federal requirements state that the CMP shall be developed and implemented as an integral part of the metropolitan transportation planning process. The 2024 CMP and Mobility Report Cards (MRC), along with the MRC dashboard, have been completed. Mr. Zhang shared that one public comment was submitted.

Michael Parker made a motion to adopt the 2024 Update of the Congestion Management Process. The motion was seconded by Amy Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

8. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates
Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Filmon Fishastion provided an update on The Transportation Improvement Program. Amendment #4 completed its public comment period, and the comments received can be found in the item attachments. Filmon Fishastion made a disclaimer to the Board that one of the new projects being requested by the City of Durham had had its ownership changed to NCDOT and they have directly created a STIP ID for this project. Wendy Jacobs shared comments regarding project HE-007D and also proposed that the Board direct MPO staff to work with NCDOT to develop a model Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Policy for the region.

Michael Parker made a motion to adopt the TIP Amendment #4. The motion was seconded by Melissa McCullough. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Division Needs Local Point Allocation Update for SPOT 7.0
Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Filmon Fishastion provided an update on the Division Needs local point allocation. With the release of the Regional Impact funding assignment, all the remaining unfunded projects have been cascaded to the Division Needs level. In addition to the input from the MPO's TC and

the public, the MPO will continue to coordinate the Division Needs LIP assignments with the local NCDOT Divisions and neighboring MPOs/RPOs during the public comment period.

Michael Parker made a motion to release the allocation of Division Needs Local Input Points (LIP) for public comment. The motion was seconded by Wendy Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Grant – FFY24 Program of Projects

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski shared that the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310) provides funds to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. The City of Durham is the designated recipient of the funds for the Durham UZA and works with the DCHC MPO to distribute the funds to eligible sub-recipients through a competitive selection process every other year. A Call for Projects was conducted for a total of \$811,163.00 in federal funds, which represents funds appointed to the Durham UZA for FFY2023 and FFY2024. Applications were reviewed by MPO staff, and the recommended Program of Projects (PoP) was included in the agenda packet.

Melissa McCullough made a motion to approve the proposed Program of Projects. The motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

11. 2024 Draft Update to Program Management Plan (PMP) for the Section 5310 Grant: Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for Public Release
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski provided an update on the 2024 Draft Update to the Program Management Plan (PMP) for the Section 5310 Grant: Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. Earlier this year, the DCHC MPO adopted the 2024 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (the Coordinated Plan). The Draft

Program Management Plan (PMP) has been revised to reference the new plan. Additional edits include clarification around the relationship between the City of Durham, the Direct Recipient of Section 5310 funding in the Durham UZA, and the DCHC MPO which manages the implementation of the Coordinated Plan and selection of 5310 Program of Projects, as well as the addition of a Checklist for Project Manager Review of Uniform Guidance Audit Findings as requested by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) during recent discussions with the City of Durham.

Carl Rist made a motion to release the 2024 Draft Update to the Program Management Plan (PMP) for 21-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Melissa McCullough. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Presentation of Guide Totals for Development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Matt Day, CPRC Staff

Matt Day presented the Board with Guide Totals for the development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Guide Totals are forecasts of the amount, type, and location of population and jobs for the time frame of the plan (2055).

Michael Parker made a motion to approve the Guide Totals for Development of the 2055 MTP. The motion was seconded Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Triangle Model for Development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Presentation

Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff

Yanping Zhang presented the Board with information on the Triangle Regional Model for Development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Triangle Regional Model Generation 2 is a travel demand forecasting tool that supports regional transportation planning. The Triangle Regional Model Generation 2 Version 2 (TRM G2 V2) was proposed to be used in the development of the MTP. The study area in TRM G2 V2 was expanded to include all of

Johnston County and a larger portion of Harnett County. Additional improvements featured in the TRM G2 V2 include refinement in mode choice and enhances summary and reporting tools.

Mark Bell made a motion to approve the use of TRM G2 V2 in developing the 2055 MTP. The motion was seconded by Amy Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

14. Report from Board Chair

Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair

No report.

15. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

No report.

16. Report from MPO Staff

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Mr. Plachcinski added that there will be Bus Rapid Transit Fast and Smart meeting with the Regional Transportation Alliance on Wednesday, November 6 from 10 am – 12 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to create a working group that will discuss bus rapid transit implementation strategies to inform project stakeholders.

17. NCDOT Reports

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Report was emailed.

Brandon Jones, (Tracy Parrott, David Keilson), Division 5 – NCDOT

Mr. Jones gave an update on the roads that were affected by Hurricane Helene. Over 1,500 roads were closed, 818 roads have reopened, 97 with partial access. 57 roads were opened over the past weekend and 39 roads over the past two days. Contractors and DOT crews have been helping. 468 road closures that exist today, 72 are primary roads. 120 bridges

that will have to be replaced. There is a long way to go, but progress is being made every day.
There has been help from Florida and Kentucky as well.

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

Updated report is in packet; changes are noted in red.

Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT

No report

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

Ms. Bogle emailed her report due to connection issues. Alpesh Patel will be the new Director of the Transportation Planning Division, and Dominique Boyd is the new Eastern Piedmont Supervisor.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

No report

Bryan Lopez (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division

No report

18. Recent News Articles & Updates

Vice Chair Javiera Caballero pointed out the news articles included in the agenda packet.

19. Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 following the Closed Session.