

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

March 22, 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on March 22, 2023 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:

Nishith Trivedi (Chair)	Orange County
Ellen Beckmann (Vice Chair)	Durham County
Tom Devlin (Member)	City of Durham
Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
Miles Spann (Member)	City of Durham
Aaron Cain (Member)	Durham County
Scott Whiteman (Member)	Durham County
Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Josh Mayo (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Caroline Dwyer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Matt Efird (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Brandon Dawson (Member)	Chatham County
Jay Heikes (Member)	GoTriangle
Julie Bogle (Member)*	NCDOT TPD
Travis Crayton (Member)	Research Triangle Foundation
Cha'ssam Anderson (Member)	The University of North Carolina
Matt Day (Member)	TJCOG
Joe Geigle (Non-voting Member)*	FHWA
Erin Convery (Alternate)*	City of Durham
Meg Scully (Alternate)*	GoTriangle
Matt Cecil (Alternate)*	Town of Chapel Hill
Stephen Robinson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
David Keilson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Bryan Kluchar (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 8
Shuchi Gupta*	TJCOG
Josh Michael*	TJCOG
Sean Egan*	City of Durham
Bill Judge*	City of Durham
Brian Taylor*	City of Durham
DeDreana Freeman*	City of Durham
Delia Chi*	Raleigh Durham Airport Authority
Nick Morrison*	NCDOT IMD
Tracy Parrott	NCDOT Division 5

44	Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 8
45	Mike Ciriello*	Town of Butner
46	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
47	Yanping Zhang*	DCHC MPO
48	Dale McKeel*	DCHC MPO
49	David Miller	DCHC MPO
50	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
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52 Quorum count: 19 of 25 voting members
 53 *Attended remotely

54 Chair Nishith Trivedi called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

55 **PRELIMINARIES:**

56 **1. Roll Call**

57 The roll call was completed using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom
 58 participant list for remote attendees.

59 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

60 Eric Vitale requested consent item #5: Amendment #14 to the FY2020-2029
 61 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be pulled for discussion.

62 **3. Public Comments**

63 There were no public comments.

64 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

65 **4. Approval of the February 22, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes**

66 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

67 Eric Vitale made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Aaron Cain seconded the
 68 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

69 **5. Amendment #14 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

70 **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

71 Eric Vitale asked about the ramifications of approving TIP Amendment #14 in April as
 72 opposed to May. Kelly Fomenko replied that it makes sense to move amendments forward as
 73 there are several time sensitive projects to be added to the State Transportation Improvement

Program (STIP), such as the North South Bus Rapid Transit project. A delay from the MPO then further delays Board of Transportation (BOT) by a month. Kelly Fomenko stated that the proposed timeline would move the amendments forward to meet the deadline.

Kelly Fomenko stated that several administrative modifications were also made to TIP Amendment #14 after it was released for public comment. These modifications were considered minor and did not meet the required thresholds for additional public comment.

Ellen Beckmann made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board Approve TIP Amendment #14. Matt Efird seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM:

6. Bus Rapid Transit Western Extension **Shelby Powell, CAMPO**

Shelby Powell presented the background of the Wake Bus Rapid Transit project, the project's funding, a map of the western and southern extension study areas, engagement activities, and details about the western extension alternatives that were developed. Shelby Powell shared the next steps in the project, which included analyses, modeling forecasts, additional funding needs, and studies regarding operations.

Eric Vitale asked about the project's public engagement strategy, and Shelby Powell replied that she would provide the public engagement materials to the TC following the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. FY2024 Draft Unified Planning Work Program **David Miller, LPA Staff**

David Miller shared the time timeline of the FY2024 Unified Planning Work Program's (UPWP) public comment period and stated that no public comments had been received.

Eric Vitale made a motion to recommend the MPO Board approve the FY2024 UPWP at their April 12, 2023 meeting. Tom Devlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

8. Triangle Transportation Choices FY22 Annual Impact Report

Jenna Kolling, Triangle J Council of Governments

Josh Michael, Triangle J Council of Governments

Dale McKeel, LPA Staff

Josh Michael shared information pertaining to the Triangle Transportation Choices Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program administration and funding, the FY22 TDM grantee service coverage areas and hubs, and the identified overlooked neighborhoods through the REINVEST Neighborhoods program. Josh Michael explained why TDM impacts should be measured; how reported data and annual impacts are evaluated and calculated; the achieved impacts of TDM in FY22; the annual Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT) reductions from 2012-2022; and the targeted Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) outreach events in FY22.

9. TIP Amendment Procedures Review

Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

Kelly Fomenko shared an overview of the TIP Amendment process, described the differences outlining administrative modifications and formal amendments, and the current DCHC MPO approval process. Kelly Fomenko provided examples of other MPO's TIP amendment cycles and their varying levels of authority to commence public comment periods. Kelly Fomenko shared a tentative FY24-33 TIP amendment schedule, and stated that the MPO's Public Involvement Policy (PIP) is slated to be reviewed for potential revisions.

Aaron Cain said that he was not aware of any concerns pertaining to the MPO's public comment period. Aaron Cain recommended that the TC make a technical recommendation on amendments and allow MPO staff to move forward with public engagement activities as opposed to waiting to receive TC and Board approval which delays the process. Meg Scully stated that online engagement has made public engagement activities different now than when the MPO's PIP was first adopted, that public comment can be received at any TC and Board meeting, and that lengthening the time to get amendments processed should be avoided. Ellen

Beckmann stated that public engagement is important, but that the TIP amendment process is often the last step of the process, so public engagement should have already been occurring. Jay Heikes said that these amendments are similar to budget amendments and asked what other member jurisdictions do for their budget amendment processes. Tina Moon said that it might be beneficial to add more narrative to amendments when they are released to the public to inform them of what is being asked of them and give more background.

Eric Vitale asked how the MPO solicits public comment, and Kelly Fomenko replied through social media, its website, newspaper advertisements, and its email list. Kelly Fomenko added that members should also release information to the public. Doug Plachcinski stated that it would be helpful to understand how the sponsoring agency conducted initial public engagement before the TIP amendment request to help the MPO better understand the public's sentiments, which could inform the MPO in the support it can provide.

10. SPOT 7.0 Timeline for FY26-35 Projects, AQ Conformity, & MTP Updates
Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

Kelly Fomenko shared the tentative timeline for the FY2024-2033 STIP adoption which determines the path forward for the upcoming air quality conformity analysis, 2050 MTP amendment, and FY2024-2033 TIP adoption, including the creation of a submittal list for projects in the SPOT 7 process. Kelly Fomenko shared that two P6 new submittals will be considered carryover projects for the P7 cycle and MPO approved projects must be submitted into SPOT Online for scoring between July and September of 2023. Bergen Watterson asked what the process will be and what the deadline is for submitting new projects for P7 and Kelly Fomenko said that members can submit new project requests until April 12. Kelly Fomenko stated that DCHC MPO and CAMPO will be reviewing their projects together with TJCOG ahead of time.

11. Staff Working Group Administration Presentation of Draft Durham and Orange 2024 Transit Work Programs
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski shared the FY24 Durham County and Orange County work programs, current and proposed transit fund projects, new proposed FY24 projects and Staff Working Group (SWG) responsibilities, projected revenues, and proposed expenditures. Doug Plachcinski said that comments have been received and public engagement will continue.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

12. Report from Staff

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Tina Moon requested an update on the MPO's Safe Streets and Roads for All grant award, and Doug Plachcinski replied that the City of Durham was awarded the grant on behalf of the MPO as its Lead Planning Agency (LPA), but a separation agreement is in process since TJCOG will serve as the MPO's LPA during the grant performance period. Doug Plachcinski added that a consultant will be procured who can then meet with stakeholders to identify additional partners and needs, and that this project will prioritize public engagement to ensure equity.

13. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

Chair Nishith Trivedi stated that public engagement activities are in progress for the US 70 multimodal corridor study.

14. NCDOT Reports

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

There was no additional report.

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 – NCDOT

There was no additional report.

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

Stephen Robinson said that the let date for the Homestead Rd Roadway Construction (U-4726IK) has been announced, and that the Chapel Hill portion of the Morgan Creek Greenway will be assigned a new STIP number.

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 stated that the NCDOT IMD Multimodal Planning Grant Program application process is open through April 10.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

15. Recent News Articles and Updates

Chair Nishith Trivedi mentioned the recent news articles and updates.

16. 15-501 Modernization and I-40 Interchange TIP Project U-6067 Update Letter to NCDOT

Chair Nishith Trivedi mentioned the 15-501 Modernization and I-40 Interchange TIP Project U-6067 Update Letter to NCDOT.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Nishith Trivedi at 11:16 a.m.