

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

April 26, 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on April 26, 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:

Ellen Beckmann (Vice Chairperson)	Durham County
Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Tom Devlin (Member)	City of Durham
Miles Spann (Member)	City of Durham
Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
Erin Convery (Alternate)*	City of Durham
Bill Judge (Member)*	City of Durham Transportation
Sarah Lang *	City of Durham-Planning
Aaron Cain (Member)	Durham County
Scott Whiteman (Member)	Durham County
Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Josh Mayo (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Caroline Dwyer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Matt Cecil (Alternate)*	Town of Chapel Hill
Nick Pittman*	Town of Chapel Hill
Jay Heikes (Member)	GoTriangle
Meg Scully (Alternate)*	GoTriangle
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
Matt Day (Member)	TJCOG
Cha'ssam Anderson (Alternate)*	The University of North Carolina
Stephen Robinson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
David Keilson (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 5
Tracy Parrott (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 8
Nick Morrison*	NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
David Miller	DCHC MPO
Dale McKeel*	DCHC MPO
Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
Colleen McGue*	DCHC MPO
Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO

Quorum count: 18 of 27 voting members

*Attended remotely

43 Vice Chairperson Ellen Beckmann called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

44 **PRELIMINARIES:**

45 **1. Roll Call**

46 The roll call was completed using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom
47 participant list for remote attendees. Vice Chair, Ellen Beckmann welcomed Brandy Mire,
48 Durham County Staff.

49 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

50 Vice Chairperson, Ellen Beckmann stated that due to the lack of quorum, items requiring
51 a vote be skipped until quorum is met. The TC proceeded with Item #9.

52 The Quorum met at 9:27 a.m.

53 **3. Public Comments**

54 There were no public comments.

55 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

56 **4. Approval of the March 22, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes**

57 David Miller, LPA Staff

58 **5. FFY 2023 Section 5307/5340 Full Apportionment Split Letter**

David Miller, LPA Staff

59 **6. FFY 2023 Section 5339 Full Apportionment Split Letter**

60 David Miller, LPA Staff

61 **7. Amendment #15 to the FY 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

62 Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

63 Aaron Cain made a motion to recommend the TC approve the Consent Agenda. Tom
64 Devlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

65 **ACTION ITEMS:**

66 **8. Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance (10 Minutes)**

67 David Miller, LPA Staff

68 David Miller presented the performance measures and targets for pavement and bridge
69 conditions and system performance adopted by NCDOT for 2023 and 2025. Mr. Miller shared

how the MPO's urbanized area would compare to these target years based on available 2022 data.

Eric Vitale made a motion to recommend that the DCHC MPO Board adopt the resolution that supports the state's pavement and bridge condition, and system performance targets. Scott Whiteman seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

9. SPOT P7 PROJECT CANDIDATES LIST FOR REVIEW (15 MINUTES) **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

Kelly Fomenko stated that the project lists are still actively being updated and a more formal review will be shifted out to May. Members submitted their candidate projects for review and while several modes have over 50 candidate, each mode must be narrowed to only 24. Preliminary scoring from P6 is available and new candidate project still need to be scored, which will require additional details to be provided. NCDOT has added a new modernization category for rail, and LPA staff are requesting feedback on potential projects from members so that the MPO can fill all slots with projects that have better scoring opportunity, rather than pedestrian-centered projects that the MPO has submitted previously that do not score well.

Aaron Cain asked if the subcommittee meeting would be pushed out as well. Kelly answered yes.

Eric Vitale asked, regarding Transit, what was the rationale behind the move on the South Point project? Durham County answered in general, with transit there is very little funding. It's in the same bucket funded at 6 percent along with Bike Ped, Aviation, and Rail. There is not a lot of new money anticipated at the Division level.

Dale McKeel asked for clarity on what a carryover project is. Kelly Fomenko clarified it as a project for this round that is in the 2024-2033 STIP that has environmental documentation completed and includes the two carryovers the MPO has requested.

Josh Mayo asked did the carryover projects count towards the twenty-four projects?
 Kelly Fomenko answered they do not count towards the twenty-four. The holding tank projects are counted. The holding tank projects are on the spreadsheet. The carryover projects are not listed. Carryover projects are not listed on the spreadsheet because they are automatically going to be scored. Carryovers and holding tank projects both have a SPOT IDs and new submittals do not.

Ellen Beckmann asked, for overall we must pick 24 from these lists and If the overall goal within the next month is to have subcommittee meeting discussions and then at the May TC meeting, we're making the list recommendations? Kelly Fomenko answered no and said there is a timeline in the agenda, and it shows that this will come back for review at the end of May. We will not actually be releasing this for public comment until July. We will have until September 29th. Ellen Beckmann asked when does this go to the MPO Board and would you bring this list or wait until we've refined it? Kelly Fomenko answered, it makes sense for us to wait and bring the list back for a review at the end of May and the Board would get them in June.

Doug Plachcinski said Hillsborough contacted to modernize their systems, so that project should be included.

Tina Moon asked if more projects can be submitted, and Kelly Fomenko said she is open to new submissions, but the refinement process is occurring, and a deadline will be provided.

Josh Mayo asked once public feedback is received, can projects be changed? Ellen Beckmann replied that project changes can happen until the Board approves the lists of projects.

10. Triangle Bikeway Update (15 Minutes)
Dale McKeel, LPA Staff

Dale McKeel stated it has been a year since the Triangle Bikeway Study had been visited and he thought it would be good to give an update. Dale McKeel explained the conception of the bikeway study and gave the relation of the study to I-40. Mr. Keel provided case studies and implementation strategies, 2022-2023 highlights and the next steps and discussed the finding approved by Wake County Board of Commissioners and Research Triangle Foundation. Ellen Beckmann asked if funding was local at this time and Dale McKeel said yes.

11. FYI 2023-2024 Draft STIP update (5 Minutes)
Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

Kelly Fomenko shared the final list of STIP projects, including those swapped that will be presented to the MPO Board in May of 2023. This would put the timeline at three months for the MPO to adopt its Transportation Improvement Plan. (TIP)

REPORTS FROM STAFF

12. Report from Staff
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski submitted a written report and in addition he introduced Colleen McGue as the MPO's new Planning Manager.

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

Chair Ellen Beckmann provided an update on our Transit Plans. The Durham Transit Plan is going to be scheduled for the May 1st Board of Commissioners work session and the May 8th public hearing and with approval expected later in May. Now we have the financial revenue assumptions, and everything the same as they have been for the last three years that might be an issue. For those who are not aware, Go Triangle Board authorized GoTriangle to send a letter to all of us saying that the rental car tax will be removed on July 21st. We're figuring out what to do about that but at this late stage in the Durham Transit Plan we don't have the intention or ability to change. At this point, we've been talking about this for three years and

funding is in there and it's the same as it was recently adopted Orange County the same revenue assumptions and in Wake County also. The Work Program for the next year for both counties are clearly affected by all this. We have talked about it coming back to the staff working groups for further discussion and action before it goes then back to the Orange County Board of Commissioners who already approved it and before it goes to the Durham commissioners for recommendation for approval.

Doug Plachcinski added just add a couple things. We certainly understand that there's a debate about funding resources and how we got to this point of GoTriangle indicating that they were removing it from available public transportation funding transit plans. Regardless of that decision the work is just beginning to unwind that funding for the work program multi-year operation capital projects and then the long range transportation plan so now poised to adopt those working documents that we use to administer projects and programs we need to regroup them and understand how to show the central budget differences and presenting a budget that we know is off by a relatively significant amount of money and Durham and Onge counties that's problematic. We're asking elected officials to adopt a work plan for next year that we know in true we'll have a funding shortfall and won't be fiscally constrained so we've got to understand how to fix that the best we can. In Durham it's about a million-and-a-half-dollar difference in Orange County it's upwards of \$800,000. Nish Trivedi corrected that it is half a million 500,000 he thinks closer four or five hundred thousand.

14. NCDOT Reports

Brandon Jones (Tracy Parrott), Division 5 – NCDOT

Tracy Parrott provided an update on the City of Durham's Alston Avenue Project, which has been delayed due to coordination with the railroad on flagger service.

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

Stephen Robinson provided an update on the I-40 project widening. Stephen Robinson shared that the traffic has been shifted so the median work will continue for the foreseeable future.

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar, Jeron Monroe), Division 8 - NCDOT

Jeron Monroe had no additional report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

Julie Bogle had no additional report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

There was no additional report.

Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT

There was no additional report. Just a reminder about the upcoming IMD webinar on May 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

15. Recent News and Articles and Updates

Chair Ellen Beckmann referenced the recent news articles and updates.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Ellen Beckmann at 10:24 a.m.