

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

April 12, 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on April 12, 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:

Jenn Weaver (Chair)	Town of Hillsborough
Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
Javiera Caballero (Member)	City of Durham
Leonardo Williams (Member)	City of Durham
Damon Seils (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
Wendy Jacobs (Member)*	Durham County
Nida Allam (Alternate)	Durham County
Camille Berry (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
Sally Greene (Alternate)*	Orange County
Ellen Beckmann	Durham County
Nishith Trivedi	Orange County
Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
Matt Efird*	Town of Hillsborough
Sean Egan	City of Durham
Bill Judge*	City of Durham
Evian Patterson*	City of Durham
Tom Devlin*	City of Durham
Eric Vitale*	City of Durham
Erin Convery*	City of Durham
Eric Simpson*	City of Durham
Meg Scully*	GoTriangle
Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
Cha'ssem Anderson*	The University of North Carolina
Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
David Keilson	NCDOT Division 5
Pat Wilson*	NCDOT Division 7
Kathryn Vollert*	NCDOT Division 8
Scott Walston*	NCDOT TPD
Nick Morrison*	NCDOT IMD
Joe Geigle	Federal Highway Administration
Josh Michael*	TJCOG
Adam Howell	Atkins
Gerald Carter*	Resident
Doug Plachcinski*	DCHC MPO

43	Colleen McGue*	DCHC MPO
44	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
45	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
46	Dale McKeel	DCHC MPO
47	David Miller	DCHC MPO
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49 Quorum Count: 8 of 10 Voting Members
 50 *Attended remotely

51 **1. Roll Call**

52 Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The roll call was completed using a
 53 sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees. Chair Jenn
 54 Weaver asked the Board to consider excuses absences for Vice Chair Karen Howard and Lisa Mathis.
 55 Camille Berry made motion to approve the excused absences. Jamezetta Bedford seconded the motion.
 56 The motion passed unanimously.

57 **PRELIMINARIES:**

58 **2. Ethics Reminder**

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

60 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

61 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

62 **4. Public Comments**

63 There were no public comments.

64 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

65 **5. Approval of the March 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

66 David Miller, LPA Staff

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

68 Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

69 **7. Durham County Interlocal Agreement**

70 Ellen Beckmann, Durham County

71 **Adam Howell, Atkins**

72 Michael Parker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Camille Berry seconded the
73 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

74 **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

75 **8. SPOT 7.0 Timeline for FY26-35 Projects, AQ Conformity, & MTP Updates**

76 **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

77 Kelly Fomenko shared the tentative timeline for the FY2024-2033 STIP adoption which
78 determines the path forward for the upcoming air quality conformity analysis, 2050 MTP amendment,
79 and FY2024-2033 TIP adoption, including the creation of a submittal list for projects in the SPOT 7
80 process. Kelly Fomenko shared that two projects from the canceled P6 process will be considered as
81 carryover projects for the P7 cycle and MPO approved projects must be submitted into SPOT Online for
82 scoring between July and September of 2023.

83 **ACTION ITEMS:**

84 **9. FY2024 Draft Unified Planning Work Program**

85 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

86 David Miller presented the FY2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for consideration.

87 Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to adopt the FY2024 UPWP. Javiera Caballero seconded the
88 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

89 **10. SPOT P6 Carryover Projects for FY2026-2035 P7 Cycle**

90 **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

91 Kelly Fomenko stated that two projects are eligible for carryover from the canceled P6 to P7,
92 and explained the details of this opportunity. Kelly Fomenko stated that the MPO discussed projects for
93 potential carryover with Technical Committee (TC) members, with an emphasis on regional impact. The
94 two projects being recommended are T193141: Durham-Carrboro BRT and T192947: North-South BRT
95 w/ Pittsboro. Kelly Fomenko stated that NCDOT suggested two highway projects for consideration.

Camile Berry made a motion to approve the two P6 projects as carryovers for P7. Damon Seils seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

11. 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

Dale McKeel explained the Triangle Transportation Choices program, stated it is funded by Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, and is managed by Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG). 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.

Damon Seils asked when awards will be announced for the next round, and Dale McKeel replied that an announcement is anticipated in mid-May.

12. TIP Amendment Review Procedures

Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

Kelly Fomenko shared an overview of the TIP Amendment process, described the differences between 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.

Jamezetta Bedford inquired about delays related to late submissions, and Kelly Fomenko replied that administrative amendments do not require public comment per the MPO's current PIP, and that amendment requests are currently accepted on a rolling basis. Michael Parker asked if projects have to pause if amendments that pertain to them are in the queue, and Nishith Trivedi replied that delays may occur due to the inability to use federal funds until the amendment is complete.

Michael Parker stated that he does not want projects to have unnecessary delays, and that the goal should be to get projects completed fast. Kelly Fomenko said that the Board granting the MPO authority to release amendments for public comment without TC and Board approval would expedite this process. Michael Parker asked if comments are typically received during the public engagement process, and Kelly Fomenko replied that comments are not typically received, though the current TIP amendment received five comments. Nishith Trivedi added that projects in the TIP have already gone through public engagement, so TIP amendments are for projects that have already been approved.

13. 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:

14. Report from the Board Chair
Jenn Weaver, Board Chair

Chair Jenn Weaver had no items to report.

15. Report from the Technical Committee Chair
Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

TC Chair Nishith Trivedi had no items to report.

16. Report from LPA Staff**Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

Doug Plachcinski shared that GoTriangle has applied for a No or Low Emission (NoLo) grant to reduce carbon emissions.

17. NCDOT Reports**Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

A written report was provided by Lisa Mathis and shared with the Board due to her anticipated absence.

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT

Brandon Jones stated that the last version of the draft FY2024-2033 STIP before adoption in June has been released, that the Alston Avenue project is eighteen months from completion, and the East End Connector continues to be worked on.

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

Pat Wilson stated a closure on I-40 will occur soon, but that information will be shared in advance.

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Kathryn Vollert had no additional report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT

Scott Walston shared information about the carbon reduction program, the Statewide Freight Plan, and a forthcoming parking study.

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 call for projects has closed, and eighteen applications were received and are in review.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

18. Recent News Articles and Updates

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the recent news articles and updates.

19. Triangle Household Travel Survey Progress Report - FY23 Q3

Chair Jenn Weaver references the Triangle Household Travel Survey Progress Report.

20. Triangle Regional Model Progress Report - FY23 Q3

Chair Jenn Weaver references the Triangle Regional Model Progress Report

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20

a.m.