



Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall

101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

1. Roll Call
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
3. Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approval of September 23, 2015 TC Meeting Minutes** [15-239](#)

A copy of the September 23, 2015 minutes is enclosed.

TC Action: Approve minutes of the September 23, 2015 TC meeting.

Attachments: [2015-10-28 TC meeting - September 23 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

ACTION ITEMS

5. **FY17 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development Schedule** [15-240](#)
(10 minutes)

Meg Scully, LPA Staff

The DCHC MPO is required by federal regulation to prepare a UPWP each year that details and guides the urban area transportation planning activities. Funding for the UPWP is provided on an annual basis by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Lead Planning Agency and jurisdictions that receive FHWA or FTA planning funds participate in the UPWP development process. This process schedule is dictated by deadlines set by the funding agencies as well as the release of grant applications and funding levels.

TC Action: Review the FY17 UPWP development schedule.

Attachments: [2015-10-28 2016-17 UPWP development schedule.pdf](#)

6. **FY16 & FY17 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)** [15-241](#)
Application Update (10 minutes)

Meg Scully, LPA Staff

LPA and sub-recipient staff have been working with NCDOT to finalize project applications. Currently, NCDOT is in process of sending award letters to Carrboro, Chapel Hill Transit, and GoDurham.

TC Action: Receive the update.

7. NCDOT SPOT P4.0 New Project Recommendations Update[15-233](#)**(25 minutes)****Lindsay Smart, LPA staff****Dale McKeel, LPA staff****Felix Nwoko, LPA staff**

The DCHC MPO subcommittee and the MPO LPA staff met on Monday, October 26, 2015 to review the 32 highway, 31 bicycle and pedestrian, 21 transit, and 10 rail projects on the MPO's lists of new projects for submittal to NCDOT SPOT during P4.0. The subcommittee and LPA staff reviewed and discussed the lists and identified the 14 top priority projects per mode for recommendation to the DCHC MPO TC. The DCHC MPO TC will review and discuss the recommendations for the 14 top priority projects per mode from the subcommittee and make a recommendation of approval to the DCHC MPO Board. The attachments for this agenda item include a memorandum that more fully explains the MPO's process to-date and the lists of new projects that will be reviewed by the DCHC MPO subcommittee.

TC Action: Review and discuss the recommendation from the subcommittee for the top priority 14 new highway, bicycle/pedestrian, and transit project submittals and recommend the 14 new projects from each mode to the DCHC MPO Board for approval and submission to the NCDOT SPOT On!line tool for P4.0.

Attachments:[2015-10-28 MPO TC Memo - SPOT P4.0.pdf](#)[2015-10-28 DCHC MPO P4 0 New Highway Projects Summary for TC.pdf](#)[2015-10-28 SPOT-DCHC MPO P40 New Transit Projects.pdf](#)[2015-10-28 SPOT-DCHC MPO P40 New B-P Projects.pdf](#)[2015-10-28 SPOT-DCHC MPO P40 New Rail Projects.pdf](#)

8. **Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project Status Report** [15-238](#)
(20 minutes)

Mark Ahrendsen, TC Chair

Patrick McDonough, GoTriangle

Lindsay Smart, LPA staff

GoTriangle staff have provided two sets of written responses to typical comments received to date on the D-O LRT during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement public comment period. Both documents were forwarded by LPA staff to Board members. The official comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) ended on October 13, 2015. The DCHC MPO LPA staff have received copies of actions taken by local jurisdictions. On November 11, 2015, the DCHC MPO Board will vote on a resolution to support the NEPA preferred alternative in the DEIS for the D-O LRT project.

TC Action: Receive status report, review draft resolution, and provide comments on the resolution. Recommend the MPO Board approve the resolution of endorsement for the NEPA preferred alternative for the D-O LRT project, with any comments from the MPO TC incorporated as necessary.

Attachments: [2015-10-28 DCHC MPO draft resolution of endorsement.pdf](#)
 [2015-10-28 DurhamCityCouncilDEISComments10-5-15.pdf](#)
 [2015-10-28 DurhamCountyLetter10-8-15.pdf](#)
 [2015-10-28 OrangeCountyLetter6-2-2015.pdf](#)
 [2015-10-28 ChapelHillStaffComments9-28-15.pdf](#)
 [2015-10-28 ChapelHillResolution9-28-15.pdf](#)
 [2015-10-28 CarrboroLetter10-13-15.pdf](#)

9. **Triangle Air Quality Conformity (10 minutes)** [15-242](#)
John Hodges-Copple, TJCOG

This agenda item will briefly cover three issues:

1. The completion of air quality conformity for the amended 2040 MTP and 2016-25 TIP
2. The termination of air quality conformity requirements in the Triangle
3. The new federal ozone standard

As of September 18, 2015, the 20-year maintenance requirement for carbon monoxide (CO) in Wake and Durham counties. The Triangle Area is now in attainment for all the National Ambient Air Quality Standards including CO and Ozone (O3). As a result, Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) will no longer need to demonstrate conformity with Air Quality (AQ) standards. In addition, the MTP can be updated on a five-year schedule rather than a four-year schedule, if desired. Practically, the two MPOs plan to continue to use the existing four-year schedule to match TIP cycles and account for rapid growth and change.

TC Action: Receive Air Quality presentation, provide comments, and recommend that the MPO Board receive this presentation.

REPORTS:**10. Reports from Staff** [15-125](#)

Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff

TC Action: Receive report from staff.

Attachments: [2015-10-28 LPA staff report.pdf](#)**11. Report from the Chair** [15-126](#)

Mark Ahrendsen, TC Chair

TC Action: Receive report from TC Chair.

12. NCDOT Reports [15-127](#)

Joey Hopkins (Brandon Jones/David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT

Mike Mills (Pat Wilson/Ed Lewis), Division 7 - NCDOT

Rob Stone (Darius Sturdivant), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bollinger, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT

Kelly Becker, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

TC Action: Receive reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2015-10-28 NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:****Adjourn****Next meeting: November 18, 9 a.m., Committee Room****Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**