

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BOARD

August 27, 2024

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on August 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at Central Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

Karen Howard (MPO Board Chair)	Chatham County
Javiera Cabellero (MPO Board Vice Chair)	City of Durham
Danny Nowell (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
Lisa Mathis (Alternate)	NCDOT
Mark Bell (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Melissa Mccullough (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Carl Rist * (Member)	City of Durham
Brandon Jones	NCDOT, Division 5
Chad Reimakoski*	NCDOT, Division 7
Bryan Kluchar *	NCDOT, Division 8
Julie Bogle*	NCDOT, TPD
Amy Fowler *(Alternate)	Orange County
Darlene Weaver* (Alternate)	Orange County
Marie Parker *	Town of Carrboro
Meg Scully*	GoTriangle
Thanh Schado*	Chatham County
Eliud De Jesus*	Greenville Urban Area MPO
Doug Plachcinski*	DCHC MPO
Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
David Miller	DCHC MPO
Cameron Schuler	DCHC MPO
Tom Porter	DCHC MPO
Monet Moore	DCHC MPO
K.C. Chae*	DCHC MPO
Samad Rangoonwala*	DCHC MPO
Daniel McKiernan*	DCHC MPO

Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members

Chair Karen Howard called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. A roll call was performed. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are indicated above.

PRELIMINARIES:

Ethics Reminder

Chair Karen Howard read the ethics reminder aloud. She asked if there were known conflicts of interest concerning matters coming before the Board and asked if any were identified during the meeting, they be announced.

There were no known conflicts identified by Board members.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Chair Karen Howard asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. Colleen McGue stated that there were adjustments, and a Revised Agenda was available on the MPO's website for download. The Rebranding item was removed.

Public Comments

Chair Karen Howard asked if any members of the public were signed up to speak. Dale McKeel with the Conservation Network commended NCDOT for the work on implementing pedestrian signalized intersections across the state.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Approval of June 25, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
Jean Debnam, MPO Staff

6. FY25 UPWP Amendment #1
Tom Porter, MPO Staff

7. New 5339 Split Letter for Lapsing Funds
Tom Porter, MPO Staff
Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff

Michael Parker made a motion to approve the consent Agenda. It was seconded by Chair Karen Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

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81 **ACTION ITEMS:**

82 **8. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Metropolitan Report Card (MRC)**

83 **Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff**

84 **Mushtaqur Rahman, Baseline Mobility Group, Inc.**

85 **Zachary Bugg, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.**

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87 Yanping Zhang provided the background of the congestion management process (CMP)
88 for the mobility report card (MRC) and introduced the consultant, Mushtaqur Rahman to the
89 Board.

90 Mr. Rahman presented the findings based on the CMP process. He discussed the
91 products of the CMP Study and recommended improvements to the dashboard. Mushtaqur
92 discussed corridor needs and assessments and recommended mitigation and improvement
93 strategies. He discussed quick fixes. He presented intersection improvements for five (5)
94 intersections in Chapel Hill and eight (8) intersections in Durham and directed the Board to the
95 MRC dashboard to see the interactive maps.

96 Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to release the 2023 CMP and MRC reports for a 21-
97 day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Lisa Mathis. The motion passed
98 unanimously

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100 **9. Amendment #4 to the FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

101 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

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103 Filmon Fishastion gave an update on Amendment #4 to the FY 2024-2033 TIP which
104 incorporated recently awarded funds and informed the Board of some of the special
105 circumstances included in the amendment. The circumstances were the funding of the 5307
106 and 5339 projects, which called for the end dates of these projects to be changed to prevent a
107 lapse in the funding. Mr. Fishastion informed the Board of the requested defederalization of
108 several projects by the City of Durham.

Michael Parker made a motion to approve Amendment #4. The motion was seconded by Javiera Cabellero. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Local Point Allocation & Project Ranking for SPOT 7.0
Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Filmon Fishastion presented the current steps for the Local Input and Project Ranking for Regional Projects in SPOT 7.0. Slides were presented for all projects receiving points.

Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to adopt the Regional Project Local Input Points Assignment for submittal to NCDOT. The motion was seconded by Wendy Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

11. Priority of Existing Committing Projects
Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Filmon Fishastion presented the list of existing projects and their rankings. He said the previous lists were created by seniority, but the list was changed due to the comments received for NCDOT Divisions Five and Seven.

12. 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)- Transit Modeling Assumptions and Projects
Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff

Yanping Zhang presented the existing plus the committed (E+C) plans for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He presented transportation supply and demand, and stated the objective is to compare today's travel to conditions of 2055 without additional infrastructure and services.

13. Re-Imagine Durham Freeway Study
Erin Convery, City of Durham

Erin Convery presented the Pathway to Connections slide deck for reimagining the Durham Freeway. Mrs. Convery made note that some of her slides had been removed since the distribution of the agenda. Erin gave the purpose and background of the study, the existing conditions, the public engagement update, and the next steps of the study.ave a presentation and an overview of the four plans that DCHC MPO is preparing to update and communicate to the stakeholders. Ms. Moore gave a tentative schedule for updating the plans.

14. Public Involvement Policy, Environmental Justice Report, Limited English

Proficiency Plan, ADA Transition Plan, and Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan Update

Monet Moore, MPO Staff

Monet Moore explained the policies, reports, and plans that govern DCHC MPO. Ms. Moore also summarized the policies, reports, and plans; what they intended to communicate, and when they were adopted. Ms. Moore informed the Board of the proposed schedule for the items to be brought before the Board for review.

15. Annual DCHC MPO Membership Survey Update

Monet Moore, MPO Staff

Monet Moore gave an informational update on the Membership survey. She reminded the Board that the membership survey was distributed via email.

16. Report from the Board Chair

There was no report from the Board Chair.

17. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

There was no report from the Technical Committee Chair.

18. Report from the MPO Staff

Doug Plachcinski applauded MPO staff for being so well prepared. Colleen McGue reminded the Board that the September Board Meeting has been changed to Monday, September 30th, 2024. Doug also reminded the Board about the upcoming Regional Transportation Safety Summit on October 8th, 2024, at North Carolina Central University (NCCU).

19. NCDOT Reports

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Lisa Mathis gave an update on NCDOT's response to Hurricane Debbie and reported on the group effort the 14 Highway Divisions made to prepare for the storm, with the assistance of the Hydraulics Department. Mrs. Mathis reported the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge received a \$242 Million grant through the bipartisan infrastructure law.

Brandon Jones, (Tracy Parrott), Division 5- NCDOT

Brandon Jones announced that NCDOT's Litter Sweep will occur between September 14 through 28. He gave an update on the newly created website, Advance NC Transportation, and its efforts to educate the public.

Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski), Division 7- NCDOT

No report.

Reuben Blakley (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8- NCDOT

No report

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

No report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

No report.

192 **Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division- NCDOT**

193 No report.

194 **20. Recent News Articles and Updates.**

195 Chair Karen Howard directed the Board to the news articles and updates.

196 **ADJOURNMENT:**

197 There being no further business to discuss, Chair Karen Howard adjourned the meeting

198 at 11:15 a.m.