

**DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**BOARD**

**January 23, 2024**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room located at Central Pine Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

Karen Howard, Chair (Member)	Chatham County
Javiera Cabellero, Vice Chair (Member)	City of Durham
Carl Rist* (Member)	City of Durham
Camille Berry* (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
Danny Nowell (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
Mark Bell (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Yolanda Jordan	Federal Highway Administration
Lisa Mathis (Alternate)	NC Board of Transportation
Melissa McCullough (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
Brandon Jones *	NCDOT, Division 5
Chad Reimakoski*	NCDOT, Division 7
Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT, Division 8
Darlene Weaver*	Orange County
Amy Fowler*	Orange County
Tina Moon*	Town of Carrboro
Josh Mayo*	Town of Chapel Hill
Ben Berolzheimer*	Town of Chapel Hill
Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
Caroline Dwyer*	Town of Chapel Hill
Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
Matt Day	Central Pines Regional Council
Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
Geoff Green*	GoTriangle
Eric Vitale*	City of Durham
Bill Judge*	City of Durham
Tom Devlin*	City of Durham
Matt Efird*	Town of Hillsborough
Julie Bogle*	NC Department of Transportation
Thanh Schado*	Chatham County
Ed Harrison*	
Catherine Fray*	Town of Carrboro
Brian Murphy	NCDOT- Traffic Safety Unit

Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
David Miller	DCHC MPO
Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
Filmon Fishastion*	DCHC MPO
Andy Henry*	DCHC MPO
Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
KC Chae	DCHC MPO
Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
Madeline Galliano	DCHC MPO

Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members

Chair Karen Howard called the meeting to order at 9:00 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:**

**1. Ethics Reminder**

The ethics reminder was not read aloud.

**2. Roll Call**

The roll call was performed by Doug Miller.

**3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

Chair Karen Howard asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There were no adjustments to the agenda.

**4. Public Comments**

Chair Karen Howard asked if any members of the public wished to comment. There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**5. Approval of the December 13, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes**  
Jean Debnam, MPO Staff

**6. FY 2024 UPWP Amendment #5**

David Miller, MPO Staff  
Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff

**7. Triangle Mobility Hub Letter of Support**  
Jay Heikes, GoTriangle

**8. City of Durham Letter of Support Request to RAISE 24 for USDOT Grant Application**  
Eric Vitale, City of Durham

Javiera Cabellero made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Michael Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**9. Targets for Safety Performance Measures**  
David Miller, MPO Staff  
Brian Murphy, NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit

David Miller provided a brief overview of the MPO's target setting process for safety performance measures. Brian Murphy, Traffic Safety Systems Engineer from NCDOT's Traffic Safety Unit, provided an overview of the safety performance measures, shared safety data specific to the DCHC MPO urbanized area, explained that the MPO can establish its own targets or endorse NCDOT's targets, and communicated deadlines. David Miller stated that the MPO recommends supporting NCDOT's safety targets by resolution.

Michael Parker made a motion to adopt the resolution that supports NCDOT's safety targets. Jamezetta Bedford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. Public Hearing: -Amendment #1 to the FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Colleen McGue filled in for Filmon Fishastion. Mrs. McGue asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Javiera Cabellero moved to open the public hearing. Jamezetta Bedford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Colleen asked for public comments. There were no public comments. Javiera Caballero moved to close the public comments. Jamezetta Bedford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Colleen discussed Amendment #1 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which included

the addition of funding to existing projects as well as adding new projects from the FY24 Call for Projects. The amendment also includes carryover adjustments from FY2020-2029 TIP Amendments 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, and 16. These amendments were already approved by the Board in previous meetings and are reissued for administrative purposes to reconcile data between the old and new plans, ensuring a more seamless transition into the State TIP (STIP).

Additional projects in this amendment include Item N updates from NCDOT (state provided amendments and modifications), and other such project updates that fall under administrative modifications. Two projects from Item N are not being amended into the TIP now as they are not in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP): HN-0013 Erwin Road turn lanes and HN-0014 Cornwallis Road turn lanes.

Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to approve Amendment #1. Javiera Cabellero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. FY2025 UPWP Draft**

**David Miller, MPO Staff**

**Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**

David Miller presented the FY 2025 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which included an explanation of the funding sources, amount requested by member agency, priorities, special study requests, and the remaining timeline for public engagement and adoption.

Wendy Jacobs asked if the Chapel Hill Transit High-Capacity Transit Corridor Feasibility Study would interface with what Durham is doing with their corridors. Doug Plachcinski said there will be, as it is part of the Scope Development Study.

Carl Rist asked for an explanation of the Fast Study 2 and the Local Project Delivery Study. Doug Plachcinski explained both studies.

Mark Bell made a motion to release the FY2025 UPWP draft for public comment. Lisa Mathis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**12. Public Hearing and Destination 2055 Goals and Objectives Engagement Updates**

**Kelly Fomenko, MPO Staff**

**Andy Henry, MPO Staff**

**Colleen McGue, MPO Staff**

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163 Karen Howard asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Javiera Cabellero made  
164 a motion to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Lisa Mathis. The motion  
165 passed unanimously. Kelly Fomenko asked if there was anyone who wished to speak. There  
166 were no public comments. Lisa Mathis made a motion to close the public hearing. Javiera  
167 Cabellero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

168 Kelly Fomenko gave an overview of the Destination Goals and Objectives Engagement  
169 updates for the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), known as "Destination 2055."  
170 The first engagement phase for Destination 2055 starts with the visioning process, which looks  
171 at the goals and objectives of the plan. The goals and objectives survey was publicly released  
172 on November 16, 2023, and closed on January 15, 2024. Other engagement efforts included:  
173 pop-up events at Durham Station, the Boxyard, and the Regional Transit Center; newspaper  
174 advertisements in the Triangle Tribune, Que Pasa, and the News & Observer; and direct  
175 outreach to community groups. Results of the survey will be presented at the biannual joint  
176 meeting of the DCHC MPO and Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)  
177 Boards on January 31, prior to the Boards reviewing for approval.

178 **REPORTS:**

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181 **13. Report of Board Chair**

182 **Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair**

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186 **14. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

187 **Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

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191 **15. Report from the MPO Staff**

192 **Douglas Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

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194 Doug Plachcinski reported there is a new staff member joining the MPO in March and  
195 gave an update on the Safe Streets for All Request for Letters of Intent.

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197 **16. NCDOT REPORTS**

198 **Lisa Mathis, NCDOT Board Transportation**

199 Lisa Mathis reported that under the new teen drivers' law, the Level I license has  
200 increased nine months. Mrs. Mathis also spoke on the Booze It & Lose It campaign and the  
201 Governors Highway Safety Program.

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203 **Brandon Jones, NCDOT Division 5**

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207 **Chad Reimakoski, NCDOT Division 7**

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211 **Reuben Blakley, NCDOT Division 8**

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215 **Julie Bogle, NCDOT**

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219 **John Grant, NCDOT Traffic Operations**

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223 **Nick Morrison, NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division**

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227 **17. Recent News Articles**

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229 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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231 There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29  
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