

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**February 25, 2015**

The Technical Committee met on February 25, 2015 at 9:06 a.m. in the City Council

Committee on the second floor of Durham City Hall. The following attended:

**Mark Ahrendsen	City of Durham (TC Chair)
**Ellen Beckmann	City of Durham Transportation
**David Bonk	Town of Chapel Hill (TC Vice-Chair)
**Julie Bollinger	NCDOT – TPB
**John Hodges-Copple	Triangle J COG
*Geoff Green	Triangle Transit
**Tasha Johnson	City of Durham Planning
Brandon Jones	NCDOT- Division 5
Ed Lewis	NCDOT -Division 7
**Bret Martin	Orange County Planning
**Tina Moon	Town of Carrboro
** Linda Thomas Wallace	Durham County
**Bergen Watterson	Carrboro Planning
** Scott Whiteman	Durham City/County Planning
**Laura Woods	Durham County Planning
Kosok Chae	DCHC MPO
Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
Felix Nwoko	DCHC MPO
Dale McKeel	DCHC MPO
Brian Rhodes	DCHC MPO
Meg Scully	DCHC MPO
Lindsay Smart	DCHC MPO

\*\*Voting Member

^Temporary or Non-Voting Member

Quorum Count: 20 of 25 Voting Members

Mark Ahrendsen, TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. The Alternate Voting

Members were identified and indicated above. Mark Ahrendsen stated that there were handouts provided for Item 5 and Item 6. There were no other adjustments to the agenda.

**PRELIMINARIES:**

**Public Comments**

40 There were no comments from the public.

41 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

42 **Approval of January 28, 2015 TC Meeting Minutes**

43 Mark Ahrendsen asked for a motion to approve the January 28, 2015 TC Minutes. John  
44 Hodges-Copple made a motion to approve the minutes and Laura Woods seconded. The motion  
45 carried unanimously.

46 **ACTION ITEMS:**

47 **5. Draft FY2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Approval**

48 **Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

49 Meg Scully stated that two handouts were distributed to the TC. NCDOT provided comments  
50 to the draft UPWP on 02/23/2015. There have been no changes to the substantive content of the  
51 UPWP. The recommendation for today is for the Board to approve the Draft UPWP at the March  
52 Board meeting pending any changes made today by the TC. Ellen Beckmann asked if the local shares  
53 were committed. Meg Scully replied by stating that approval of the UPWP is approval of the local  
54 share for each community.. Mark Ahrendsen asked for a motion. David Bonk made a motion to  
55 approve this to the MPO Board. Bret Martin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

56 **6. FY14-15 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2**

57 **Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

58 Meg Scully stated that Item 6 is Amendment #2 for the FY2014-2015 UPWP current fiscal  
59 years. The attachments are the memorandum and the resolution with the table. The handouts  
60 provided today replace both these items as there was a late addition that needed to be included in  
61 this amendment. The TIGER 6 Planning Grant deobligation had to be included in the amendment. It  
62 had to be deobligated because no funds from FY15 were spent. It will be reobligated in FY16 at the  
63 first amendment. The LPA is reallocating among tasks and deobligating from the travel surveys. David  
64 Bonk asked if this amendment included changes that he sent specifically. He stated that he sent an

amendment to shift monies from 5303 and deobligate some from STPDA. Meg Scully stated that this information wasn't included. David Bonk stated that it shifts funds from STPDA and 5303 because of staff vacancies. He stated that they've shifted as much as they can. Meg Scully stated that she will go back and add this information into this table. John Hodges-Copple requested clarification as to whether TIGER 6 was the beltline. He also asked about the joint freight plan. Meg Scully stated that no funds would be spent before July 2015. Mark Ahrendsen asked for a motion for MPO Board approval of this amendment including the amendment from Chapel Hill. David Bonk made a motion and it was seconded by Ellen Beckmann. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

##### **7. Amendment #24 to FY2012-2018 TIP**

##### **Lindsay Smart, LPA Staff**

Lindsay Smart stated that the amendments propose changes to the North Estes Drive Bike/Ped Project. The design for this project is funded through MPO STPDA. The cost for the design phase will be \$28,000 more than expected. Amendment 24 applies STPDA and local funds from Chapel Hill to the design phase to cover the additional design costs. The amendment also includes a change to the Ephesus Church Road Fordham Boulevard Project. This project will include utility relocation and the words utility relocation are being added to the project description. There are no proposed changes to the cost of this project. This TIP Amendment doesn't require any public comment period. The action for today is for the TC to approve this amendment and recommend the MPO Board approves it at the March 11, 2015 MPO Board meeting. Ellen Beckmann asked if the additional STPDA funds for Chapel Hill's Project was coming from another project. David Bonk responded by stating that it's the deobligation they proposed as part of the UPWP amendment. Mark Ahrendsen asked for a motion for approval of Amendment #24. A motion was made by Kumar Neppalli and seconded by David Bonk. The motion carried unanimously.

**8.0 Congestion Management Process (CMP) System Status Report 2014****Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

Andy Henry stated the Board released the report at their January Meeting. The report went out for the 21-day public comment period. The report is a summary of the conditions that are out there. It shows some of the specific policy improvements. Andy Henry stated that all comments received from Bret Martin were included in the report, except for ones that will be included in the next update.. There were updates made from recommendations by Mark Ahrendsen as well as from Chapel Hill. Andy Henry stated that a list of projects shown will likely be funded by the 2016-2025 STIP. The walkability measure was changed to show walk scores. A workshop will be held to familiarize MPO members with the Congestion Management Process and also with the upcoming Mobility Report Card. The workshop will most likely be held after a Board meeting so that Board members can attend. The action for today is that the TC recommend this to the March MPO Board Meeting for approval. Bret Martin was concerned with the lower connectivity target. Ellen Beckmann wanted to know if addressing the boundaries which includes sub-areas would be re-evaluated next time. Andy Henry stated that a meeting would be held in March to re-evaluate the sub-areas. Andy Henry stated that the boundaries are really set up for administrative purposes. John Hodges-Copple asked about the table on page 38 that's unfunded prioritized. He wanted to be sure the information listed says what it needs to say. Mark Ahrendsen asked for a motion to recommend this be forwarded to the MPO Board for their approval. Bret Martin made a motion and it was seconded by Laura Woods. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports from Staff**

Felix Nwoko provided an update on the Mobility Report Card. He stated that most of the changes are being done in house. NCDOT data is being incorporated. There are platform issues that LPA staff is working through. The document was provided to the MPO in a version of MS Word that

currently only exists on one laptop and no LPA staff have the version on their regular machines. The Report Card will most likely not be completed and ready until the end of March. The workshop to be held will give access to the updated report and present the use of data. It will also incorporate the Congestion Management Process Report.

#### **NCDOT REPORT**

Brandon Jones, NCDOT Division 5, stated that NCDOT received a request from the City of Durham for a ground-breaking ceremony for the East End Connector project. They are working on planning that event. There is not a date set as of yet. Brandon Jones stated that Mike Stanley is coordinating a response to the DCHC MPO and NCDOT Priority Review Meeting that was held a couple of weeks ago. John Hodges-Copple inquired about the Hobson Road completion date. Brandon Jones had no specifics related to this project. Brandon Jones stated that by next Technical Committee Meeting he would have a summary. Ed Lewis NCDOT Division 7 stated that there are a lot of projects that should be getting ready for construction once the weather improves. He stated that Smith Level Road completion dates will more than likely move out about a year. Ed Lewis provided additional information to a previously posed question by Damon Selis. He stated that the Jones Ferry Road Project would not be started until the summer. There are some right of way constraints that may limit the sidewalk construction. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

David Bonk stated there is a copy of some federal legislation and is under the impression that there is a piece of state legislation. Felix Nwoko stated there is not much detail. Felix stated that they are watching this eagerly as to how it will impact the MPO. David Bonk stated the NC has carved out a role for itself within the current federal legislation. Bret Martin stated that the FHWA isn't consistent across the regions they address. Felix Nwoko stated that LPA staff is tracking the legislation and the the President's Budget and will keep the TC informed.

#### **Adjournment**

137            There being no further business before the Technical Committee, the meeting was adjourned  
138    at 9:42 a.m.