1	**DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD**	
2	**September 14, 2022**	
3	**MINUTES OF MEETING**	

4 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on
5 September 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor Committee Room at Durham City Hall, as
6 well as through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in
7 attendance:

8	Jenn Weaver (Chair)	Town of Hillsborough
9	Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
10	Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
11	Leonardo Williams (Member)	City of Durham
12	Javiera Caballero (Member)	City of Durham
13	Pam Hemminger (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
14	Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
15	Mark Bell (Alternate)	Town of Hillsborough
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17	Karen Howard (Vice Chair)*	Chatham County
18	Brenda Howerton (Alternate)*	Durham County
19	Lisa Mathis (Alternate)*	NC Board of Transportation
20	Ellen Beckmann	Durham County
21	Nishith Trivedi*	Orange County
22	Josh Mayo*	Town of Chapel Hill
23	Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
24	Camille Berry	Town of Chapel Hill Councilmember
25	Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
26	Kent Johnson*	Town of Carrboro
27	Sean Egan*	City of Durham
28	Evian Patterson*	City of Durham
29	Eric Vitale	City of Durham
30	Erin Convery	City of Durham
31	Tasha Johnson*	City of Durham
32	Brian Fahey*	City of Durham
33	Sean Flaherty*	Triangle J Council of Governments
34	Meg Scully*	GoTriangle
35	Kurt Stolka*	University of North Carolina
36	David Keilson*	NCDOT Division 5
37	Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
38	Tracy Parrott	NCDOT Division 5
39	Pat Wilson*	NCDOT Division 7
40	Stephen Robinson*	NCDOT Division 7
41	Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT Division 8
42	Julie Bogle*	NCDOT Planning Division

43	John Grant*	NCDOT Traffic Operations
44	Jacob Rigg*	Regional Transportation Alliance
45	Joe Geigle*	Federal Highway Administration
46	John Tallmadge*	Bike Durham
47	Monica Barrow*	STV
48	Heidi Perry*	BikeWalk NC
49	Brian Rhodes*	Resident
50	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
51	Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
52	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
53	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
54	David Miller	DCHC MPO

55   Quorum Count: 7 of 10 Voting Members
56   *Attended remotely

57   **1. Roll Call**

58   Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The roll call was completed using a

59   sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees.

60   **PRELIMINARIES:**

61   **2. Ethics Reminder**

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

63   **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

64   Wendy Jacobs requested to pull item 11: IIJA Standing Update from the consent agenda, and to

65   make it the first action item. Leonardo Williams made a motion to approve the adjustment to the

66   agenda. Michael Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

67   **4. Public Comments**

68   There were no public comments.

69   **5. Directives to Staff**

70   Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Directives to Staff included in the agenda packet.

71   **CONSENT AGENDA:**

72 **6. Approval of the August 10, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes**
73 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

74 **7. FY2020-29 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #12**
75 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

76 **8. Resolution to Request Transfer of FHWA Funds to FTA**
77 **Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO**

78 **9. Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application Letter of Support**
79 **Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO**

80 **10. Proposed FY23 UPWP Amendment Schedule**
81 **Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO**

82   Michael Parker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Pam Hemminger seconded the

83 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

84   **ACTION ITEMS:**

85 **11. IIJA Standing Update**
86 **Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO**

87   Wendy Jacobs mentioned that Durham County and NCDOT are applying for a Railroad Crossing

88 Elimination Program grant to help move the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail (GTCR) project forward.

89 Wendy Jacobs requested that a letter of support for this grant opportunity from DCHC MPO be

90 considered, and that additional letters of support will be requested from the City of Durham, Durham

91 County, and GoTriangle. Ellen Beckmann shared identified infrastructure issues needing to be addressed

92 before the GTCR project moves forward, and that the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program could help

93 with these efforts. Chair Jenn Weaver stated that the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program Letter of

94 Support be added to the agenda for consideration as item 12b.

95 **12. Transit Asset Management (TAM) -- Transportation Performance Measure (TPM)**

96 **Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

97   Andy Henry presented a background of the Transportation Performance Measures (TPM), and a

98 status review of all six TPMs and their corresponding adoption dates. Andy Henry shared the State of

99   Good Repair (SGR) targets for GoDurham, Go Triangle, Chapel Hill Transit, and a state-wide group that

100 includes Orange Public Transportation and Chatham Transit Network. Andy Henry mentioned that SGR

101 targets vary among the systems because the age and mileage of their current fleets varies.

102   Michael Parker made a motion that the DCHC MPO Board adopt a resolution stating that the

103 MPO's plans and policies support the SGR targets. Javiera Caballero seconded the motion. The motion

104 passed unanimously.

105 **12b. Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program Letter of Support**

106   Chair Jenn Weaver asked for the MPO Board to consider approving a letter of support for the

107 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant program that Durham County and NCDOT is applying for. Pam

108 Hemminger made a motion for the DCHC MPO Board to approve a letter of support. Leonardo Williams

109 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

110   **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

111 **13. Electric Vehicle and Charging Infrastructure Updates**
112 **Sean Flaherty, Triangle J Council of Governments**

113   Sean Flaherty provided information about the US Department of Energy Clean Cities Program, the

114 Joint Office of Energy & Transportation's National Electric Vehicle Initiative (NEVI), Bipartisan

115 Infrastructure Law (BIL) opportunities, the DRIVE Electric USA Initiative, the NC Clean Transportation Plan,

116 and the development of statewide community engagement plan.

117   Michael Parker asked how these programs are being integrated with private sector initiatives.

118 Sean Flaherty responded that private employers are offering electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on

119 their property, and that vendors are working with private companies and municipalities to install Level 2

120 charging stations. Wendy Jacobs asked if equity and the cost of EVs has been discussed as a part of these

121 programs, and Sean Flaherty replied that TJCOG is developing a strategy with NCDOT to increase access

122 to EVs. Pam Hemminger asked for guidance on charging fees for using EV charging stations, and Sean

123 Flaherty replied that a fee structure is determined by jurisdictions and government bodies. Leonardo

124   Williams asked what the success of these programs looks like in disadvantaged communities.   Sean

125   Flaherty replied that specific performance measures are still being determined, but that reviewing

126   income, the number of vehicle owners, and race should be in mind when looking at equity within

127   transportation planning. Lisa Mathis stated that the cost of EVs are beginning to decrease, and that

128   electric bicycles can help fill gaps with affordability and access.

129   **14. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Updates**
130   **Yanping Zhang, LPA Staff**
131   **Jaehoon Kim, LPA Staff**

132   Yanping Zhang stated that the Congestion Management Process (CMP) has a four-year cycle, and

133   the current process is slated to end June 2023. Yanping Zhang said that the CMP subcommittee met in

134   March 2022 to examine the CMP's study area and corridors, transit network and routes, and data

135   collection. Yanping Zhang said that the CMP's final determination will be made after the release of the

136   2020 Census Urbanized Area. Yanping Zhang said MPO staff are working on various data sets relating to

137   traffic count, travel time and speed, accident and crash, and transit. Yanping Zhang shared the timeline of

138   the current CMP work plan, culminating with the CMP report and Mobility Report Card due by June 2023.

139   Michael Parker asked if transportation modes other than cars are being considered within the

140   CMP framework, and Yanping Zhang replied that the CMP strategy is multi-modal.

141   **15. Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Update**
142   **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

143   Aaron Cain provided an update and timeline for the Draft FY2024-2033 State Transportation

144   Improvement Program (STIP). Aaron Cain shared that public transit and rail projects have no changes

145   from the April 2022 version of the Draft FY2024-2033 STIP, and that there are no changes to bicycle and

146   pedestrian projects except those in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment

147   process. Aaron Cain provided details about specific highway projects that have changed, that need to be

148   reprioritized, and projects in Durham County that were removed from the MPO's 2050 Metropolitan

149 Transportation Plan (MTP). Aaron Cain shared the next steps timeline, which culminates in the MPO Board

150 adopting the FY2024-2033 STIP in September 2023.

151   **REPORTS:**

152 **16. Report from the MPO Board Chair**
153 **Jenn Weaver, Board Chair**

154   Chair Jenn Weaver reminded Board members that subcommittees are in the process of being

155 formed. Pam Hemminger asked for clarification on the MPO Board's attendance and voting guidelines for

156 its hybrid meetings, and Aaron Cain replied that Board members need to attend in person in order to vote

157 and to be counted for quorum.

158 **17. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**
159 **Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair**

160   Ellen Beckmann shared information about bicycle projects near completion in Chapel Hill and

161 Carrboro, that the City of Durham received grant funds to acquire electric buses, and that the City of

162 Durham's Bull E-Bike Pilot project was launched.

163 **18. Report from LPA Staff**
164 **Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO**

165   Doug Plachcinski said that forthcoming subcommittees will engage jurisdictions once the

166 updated urbanized area is established, as well as establish principles to help guide the MPO.

167 **19. NCDOT Reports**
168 **Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

169   Lisa Mathis mentioned the upcoming Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Drop-In events, announced

170 awarded RAISE grant projects, and mentioned the 2023 N.C. Transportation Summit to be held in Raleigh.

171 **Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT**

172   Brandon Jones updated Board members on ongoing projects, and shared that the Division 5 Draft

173 FY2024-2033 STIP Drop-In open house is scheduled for October 10-14, 2022.

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

175   Pat Wilson updated Board members on ongoing projects.

176   **Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT**

177   There was no additional report.

178   **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT**

179   Julie Bogle mentioned upcoming webinars about the Carbon Reduction Program.

180   **John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT**

181   There was no additional report.

182   **Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT**

183   There was no additional report.

184   **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

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

186   Chair Jenn Weaver encouraged MPO Board members to review the articles included in the

187   agenda packet.

188   **ADJOURNMENT:**

189   There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50

190   a.m.