



DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda - Final-revised

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall
2nd Floor Durham City Hall
101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

1. Roll Call**2. Ethics Reminder**

It is the duty of every Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda**4. Public Comments****5. Directives to Staff**[15-111](#)

Attachments: [Att 05 - MPO Board Directives to Staff 1-14-2015](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**6. December 10, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**[15-112](#)

A copy of the December 10, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes is enclosed.

Board Action: Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014 Board meeting.

Attachments: [Att 06 - Minutes 12 10 2014](#)

7. US 15-501 Corridor Study Traffic Analysis Report (9:10 - 9:45)[15-113](#)

No Attachment

Christa Greene, Stantec

The US 15-501 corridor is functionally classified as a north-south principal arterial which serves the inter-county travel demands between Chatham and Orange Counties. US 15-501 is considered a strategic corridor between the growing towns of Pittsboro and Chapel Hill and is classified as a Boulevard in the NCDOT Strategic Highway Corridors Vision Plan (July 2008). The corridor has recently seen an increase in retail and residential development serving individuals working in nearby commercial, high-tech, medical and research centers. US 15-501 serves many different land uses such as: residential, retail, and office. The fifteen mile study area on US 15-501 begins with the US 54 interchange in Orange County and continues to the US 64 interchange in Chatham County.

Board Action: Receive the US 15-501 Study Traffic Analysis Report.

8. Update on the Status of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Project (DO LRT) (9:45-10:15)[15-114](#)

Patrick McDonough, Triangle Transit

Katherine Eggleston, Triangle Transit

The update on the status of the DO LRT project will focus on project development schedule, the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) process, and funding for this project in the draft FY 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Board Action: Receive update on status of Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project.

Attachments: [Att 08 - DOLRT-update-Jan-14 2015-DCHC-Policy Board-FINAL](#)
[Att 08A - Western Triangle Tax District improvements 2013-14 rev](#)

9. Congestion Management Process (CMP) - System Status Report 2014 14-199
(10:15 -10:30)

Andy Henry, LPA Staff

The DCHC MPO is required by federal regulations to develop and implement a Congestion Management Process (CMP) to provide a systematic way for transportation planning in the DCHC MPO area to identify and manage congestion in a multi-modal manner. This System Status report is developed in accordance with federal regulations and the CMP Procedures and Responsibilities that the MPO adopted in June 2011. This report provides the state of system performance and recommendations and future directions.

Attachment 9 is a presentation on the system report, and Attachment 9A is a copy of the full report.

TC Recommendation: Receive report and recommend that the MPO Board release the CMP System Status report for a 21-day public review and comment period.

Board Action: Release the CMP System Status Report for a 21-day public review and comment period.

Attachments: [Att 09 - CMP System Report](#)
[Att 09A - CMP Status System Report 2014 \(Full Report\)](#)

10. Draft CTP Deficiency Analysis (10:30-10:45) 14-198

Andy Henry, LPA Staff

Julie Bollinger, NCDOT

Staff has drafted the Deficiency Analysis report for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and the Technical Committee is asking the MPO Board to release the draft report for public input. The Deficiency Analysis identifies current and future congestion, safety and service problems in the transportation network and will be used to develop the projects and improvements incorporated into the CTP.

Attachment 10 is an overview of the Deficiency Analysis. Attachment 10A is the full report.

The public comment period will be open until March 2, 2015. Staff will provide and receive information from the public through the MPO website and electronic mail.

TC Recommendation: Recommend that the MPO Board release the Deficiency

Analysis report for public comment.

Board Action: Release the Deficiency Analysis report for public comment.

Attachments: [Att 10 - CTP Def Analysis Presentation](#)

[Att 10A - CTP Def Analysis Report](#)

11. Public Hearing and Approval of Amendment #22 to FY2012-2018 TIP

[15-107](#)

(10:45-10:55)

Lindsay Smart, LPA Staff

TIP amendment #22 is creating a new project, "US 15/501 Fordham Blvd & SR 1742 Ephesus Church Rd Intersection Improvements, project #U-5550." The TIP amendment also includes changes to projects M-0479, E-5502, and C-5552 as requested by NCDOT. This TIP amendment is further detailed in attachment 11.

On November 12, 2014, the MPO Board released the draft TIP amendment for the 21-day public review and comment period. The draft TIP amendment was posted to the MPO website and distributed in accordance with the MPO's adopted Public Involvement Policy. At the December 17, 2014 meeting, the MPO TC reviewed any public comments received. To date, no public comments have been received.

TC Recommendation: Recommend the MPO Board hold a Public Hearing on, and approve TIP amendment #22.

Hold Public Hearing on TIP amendment #22 and approve TIP amendment #22.

Attachments: [Att 11 - Resolution - FY2012-2018 TIP Amendment 22](#)

[Att 11A - FY2012-2018 TIPAmendment 22 projectInformationSheets complet](#)

12. Draft FY2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (9:05-9:10)

[15-103](#)

Meg Scully, LPA Staff

Annually, the DCHC MPO is required by federal regulations to prepare a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 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 UPWP must identify MPO planning tasks to be undertaken with the use of federal transportation funds, including highway and transit programs. Attachment 5 is the draft FY 2015-2016 UPWP. The MPO Board released this draft for public comment at their 1/14/2015 meeting. A public hearing must be held by the MPO Board prior to UPWP approval.

TC Action: Recommend that the MPO Board hold a public hearing on the draft FY 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program at the February 11, 2015 meeting.

Attachments: [Att 5 - FY16 UPWP Draft TC 12815](#)

13. **Presentation: Draft FY2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (11:10-11:25)** [15-106](#)
Lindsay Smart, LPA Staff

On December 4, 2014, the N. C. Department of Transportation released the ***draft*** 10-year State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which schedules the projects proposed for full or partial funding across the state in the Final 2016-2015 STIP. The first five years of project programming is called the STIP and the latter five years of project programming is called the developmental program. The STIP is updated every two years.

The projects included in the STIP that are located in the DCHC MPO area become the basis for the development of the MPO's draft FY2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In the MPO's TIP there are projects that were prioritized through the Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) process and there are projects that were prioritized and selected by jurisdictions and the MPO.

Receive the presentation.

Attachments: [Att 13 - PPT draft TIP summary](#)
 [Att 13A - draft TIP summary table](#)

REPORTS:

14. **Report from the Board Chair** [15-116](#)
Mark Kleinschmidt, Board Chair
Board Action: Receive Report from the Board Chair.
15. **Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [15-115](#)
Mark Ahrendsen, TC Chair
Board Action: Receive the Report from TC Chair.
16. **Report from LPA Staff** [15-117](#)
Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff
Board Action: Receive report from staff.

Attachments: [Att 16 - LPA staff report 1-14-2015](#)

17. **NCDOT Report** [15-118](#)
Joey Hopkins (Battle Whitley), Division 5 - NCDOT

Mike Mills (Pat Wilson), Division 7 - NCDOT

Rob Stone (Darius Sturdivant), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bollinger, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT

Kelly Becker, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Board Action: Receive report of NCDOT.

Attachments: [Att 17 - NCDOT Progress Report 1-14-2015](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

18. Recent News Articles and Updates

[15-100](#)

Attachments: [Att 18 - news articles](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: February 11, 2015, 9 a.m., Committee Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None

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