

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING
June 14, 2023**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board held a special meeting on June 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor Committee Room at Durham City Hall, as well as through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in attendance:

Jenn Weaver (Chair)	Town of Hillsborough
Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
Javiera Caballero (Member)	City of Durham
Pam Hemminger (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Damon Seils (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
Lisa Mathis (Alternate)	NC Board of Transportation
Sally Greene (Alternate)*	Orange County
Brenda Howerton (Alternate)*	Durham County
Nida Allam (Alternate)*	Durham County
Camille Berry (Alternate)*	Town of Chapel Hill
Nish Trivedi (TC Chair)	Orange County
Ellen Beckmann (TC Vice Chair)	Durham County
Ryan Eldridge	Durham County
Tina Moon*	Town of Carrboro
Marie Parker*	Town of Carrboro
Bill Judge*	City of Durham
Eric Vitale*	City of Durham
Brian Taylor*	City of Durham
Sean Egan*	City of Durham
Tasha Johnson*	City of Durham
Tom Devlin*	City of Durham
Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
Meg Scully*	GoTriangle
Wright Archer	NCDOT Division 7
Tracy Parrott	NCDOT Division 5
David Keilson	NCDOT Division 5
Brian Kluchar*	NCDOT Division 8
Julie Bogle*	NCDOT TPD
John Grant*	NCDOT Traffic Operations
Nick Morrison*	NCDOT IMD
Joe Geigle*	Federal Highway Administration
Brandi Minor*	Durham County
Caroline Dwyer*	Town of Chapel Hill
Darlene Weaver*	Orange County
Jacob Rigg*	RTA

51	Josh Mayo*	Town of Chapel Hill
52	Kathryn Vollert*	NCDOT CDE
53	Katie Rhyne*	Town of Butner
54	Molly De Marco*	UNC Chapel Hill
55	Travis Crayton*	Research Triangle Park
56	Julie McClintock*	Resident
57	Ed Harrison*	Resident
58	Isaac Bacon*	Resident
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60	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
61	Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
62	David Miller	DCHC MPO
63	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
64	Yanping Zhang*	DCHC MPO
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66	Dale McKeel	DCHC MPO
67	Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
68	Andy Henry*	DCHC MPO

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71 Quorum Count: 8 of 10 Voting Members
72 *Attended remotely

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74 **1. Roll Call**

75 Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The roll call was completed
76 using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees.
77 Chair Jenn Weaver requested an excuse for Vice Chair Karen Howard. A motion was made by
78 Pam Hemminger to excuse the absence. Wendy Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion
79 passed unanimously.

80 **Ethics Reminder**

81 The Ethics reminder was not read aloud and there were no comments or changes.

82 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

83 Chair Jenn Weaver asked for a motion to add Item 11a. requesting authorization for the
84 MPO board chair to sign a joint letter with CAMPO and NCDOT to participate in our regional rail
85 subcommittee. Damon Seils made a motion and Javier Caballero seconded. The motion passed
86 unanimously.

87 **4. Public Comments**

88 Chair Jenn Weaver noted one public comment.

89 **CONSENT AGENDA**

90 **5. Approval of the May 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

91 **Jean Debnam, LPA Staff**

93 **6. FY 2022-23 UPWP Amendment #3**

94 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

95 **7. Draft Funding Swap Memo**

96 **Colleen McGue, LPA Staff**

98 **8. Lead Planning Agency Agreement with Central Pines Regional**

99 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, Executive Director**

100 **9. Using the TRM to Evaluate Non-Motorized Projects**

101 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, Executive Director**

103 Michael Parker made a motion to recommend the Board approve the consent agenda.

104 Pam Hemminger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

106 **ACTION ITEMS:**

107 **10. Durham County Transit Plan**

108 **Ellen Beckmann, Durham County Transportation Manager**

109 **Aaron Cain, Durham County**

110 Ellen Beckmann presented the Final Durham County Transit Plan, including the funding
111 and services offered. A motion was made by Wendy Jacobs to recommend the Board approve
112 the Final Plans. Damon Seils seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

114 **11. Durham and Orange County Transit Governance Study**

115 **Adam Howell, Atkins**

116 **Ellen Beckmann, Durham County Transportation Director**

117 **Nishith Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Director**

118 Ellen Beckmann presented the Durham and Orange County Transit Governance Study
119 and explained its background. Wendy Jacobs made a motion to approve the Comprehensive
120 Participation Agreement and the Policies and Procedures manuals. Lisa Matthis seconded the
121 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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123 **11a. Joint Letter asking NCDOT to Participate in Regional Rail Study**

124 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

125 Doug Plachcinski shared that the discussions between CAMPO, Wake Transit, NCDOT
126 and additional stakeholders led to an interest in coordinating discussions about regional rail.
127 Doug Plachcinski stated that sending a letter requesting participation is encouraged. Damon
128 Seils made a motion to send a letter requesting participation. Pam Hemminger seconded the
129 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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131 **12. U-6067 Improvements Planning and Design**

132 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

133 **Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

134 Doug Plachcinski shared that the agenda item was created at the request of the Town of
135 Chapel Hill. Pam Hemminger stated she would like the MPO to coordinate communication with
136 NCDOT to find a path moving forward. Jamezetta Bedford said she supports the MPO's
137 recommendation. Michael Parker added the challenges of timing and questioned while we
138 know projects get modified, if we know there are flaws, we should get the project changed
139 before we get it submitted versus after SPOT. Jamezetta Bedford said she supports the MPO's
140 recommendation. Wendy Jacobs said the project description is inconsistent with what has been
141 approved in the MTP. Ms. Jacobs said the corridor and project should be multi-modal. Wendy
142 Jacobs asked if the MPO has the current capacity to conduct a study in-house. Doug said no,
143 but MPO has financial capacity to contract it out. Damon Seils added that the project proposal
144 is inconsistent with MPO's vision and plans. Lisa Matthis said she requested NCDOT provide
145 the Board with a project timeline. Doug Plachcinski said this will be a long process to align
146 priorities and the project could be a model for other cities. Lisa Matthis also recommended the
147 Board form a subcommittee to provide feedback on the project's development. Archer Wright
148 said the communication with the MPO, and communities have helped guide projects in the past.
149 Tracy Parrott said "express design" should not be viewed as determination for a project but a

high-level concept. MPO can request it not be moved forward as a carry-over project in the P7 SPOT process based on feedback from the public. Tracy Parrott replied that changes can be considered if they make sense based on modeling, forecast and best practices. Tracy Parrott said multi-modal considerations are part of the process. Nish Trivedi said he would send a meeting invite to Board members for the quarterly meeting with NCDOT to discuss this further.

Damon Seils moved that the Board direct staff to present a planning proposal that reevaluates the corridor as proposed in the staff memo. Pam Hemminger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Pam Hemminger made a further motion for MPO support to continue conversations with NCDOT to find a better path forward. Damon Seils seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

13. Agenda Item Submission Form

Filmon Fishastion, LPA Staff

Filmon Fishastion shared the MPO's new agenda item submission form and noted it would be available on the DCHC MPO website.

REPORTS:

14. Report from the Board Chair

Jenn Weaver, Board Chair

No additional report.

15. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

No additional report.

16. Report from LPA Staff

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski said he would contact Board members to see if a quorum could be met for the June 28th Board meeting. Mr. Plachcinski provided an update on the transition to Central Pines Regional Council and shared that ATKINS has been selected to develop a scope for the

MPO's Safe Streets 4 All Action Plan. Doug Plachinski also mentioned Durham County's successful applications and recent grant award for rail crossings.

17. NCDOT REPORTS

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Lisa Matthis provided an update on the NC Board of Transportations June 6th adoption of the State's long range transportation capital plan which guides how and when transportation projects are expected to be funded over the next 10 years. Ms. Mathis shared the details of NCDOT's moving transportation innovation forward with the launch of its newest initiative: Advanced Mobility North Carolina. Advanced Mobility NC leverages the trailblazing work of the Department's aviation, integrated mobility, and rail divisions to create a shared autonomous and connected multimodal transportation system that improves access and mobility of people. Ms. Matthis mentions that Memorial Day marked the beginning of what is known as the 100 deadliest days. She also reported that NC DMV is working to improve service at its 115 driver's license offices across the state.

Brandon Jones, (Tracy Parrott), NCDOT Division 5

Tracy Parrott gave an update on the Alston Avenue railroad and reports the railroads did sign off on the State's right- of -entry. Also, on I-85 N bound they are performing some milling, that is the first stage of a larger process of repaving I-85.

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

Archer Pratt reported the NC 86 bridge has been damaged and corrections will begin soon with work being done at night.

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), NCDOT Division 8

Bryan Kluchar had no additional report.

Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Julie Bogle had no additional report.

206 **John Grant, NCDOT Traffic Operations**

207 John Grant had no additional report.

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

209 Nick Morrison shared NCDOT presented a proclamation at the Golden Modes event last
210 week.

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212 **18. Recent News Articles and Updates**

213 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the recent news articles and updates attached to the
214 agenda packet.

215 **ADJOURNMENT:**

216 There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at
217 10:51 a.m.