



# Technical Committee

101 City Hall Plaza  
Durham, NC 27701

## Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, February 22, 2023

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall

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### Regular Meeting

#### 1. Roll Call

The roll call was completed using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees.

#### 2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

#### 3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### 4. Approval of the January 25, 2023 TC Meeting Minutes

David Miller, LPA Staff

Aaron Cain asked the Technical Committee (TC) to consider amending the proposed approval schedule for Item 5: Amendment #14 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This would allow the TC to recommend it for approval at its March 22 meeting, and then have it presented for consideration at the MPO Board's April 12 meeting. The original schedule delayed approval by a month to allow a 21-day public comment period between the MPO Board release and the TC recommendation. Aaron Cain also requested that the TC reconsider the details of the 21-day public comment period that the TC made at a previous meeting in an attempt to not delay projects moving forward. Aaron Cain added that this would allow the TC to make a recommendation to the Board based on technical merits and not the public comments received.

Eric Vitale made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the proposed amendment approval schedule for Item 5. Matt Day seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**This Minutes was approved.**

#### 5. Amendment #14 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

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Eric Vitale made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the proposed amendment approval schedule for Item 5. Matt Day seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**This Resolution was recommended for approval.**

**6. City of Durham Letter of Support Request for Areas of Persistent Poverty  
Program Grant Application  
Evian Patterson, City of Durham**

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**This Resolution was recommended for approval.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**7. FY24 Call for Projects - Recommended Projects for Funding (15 minutes)  
Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

Kelly Fomenko shared the list of projects and recommendations that were shared at the January 25 TC meeting. Kelly Fomenko shared that the list of projects was released for public comment on February 13, and five comments - all positive - have been received as of February 21.

Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann made a motion that the TC recommend that the Board approve the FY24 Call for Projects recommended projects. Josh Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**This Resolution was recommended for approval.**

**8. FY2024-2033 Draft STIP Swap (15 minutes)  
Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

Kelly Fomenko shared that the projects that are part of the FY2024-2033 Draft STIP Swap were released for public comment on February 13, and that seven comments have been received as of February 21, and that the majority pertained to the US 70 project.

Eric Vitale made a motion that the TC recommend that the Board approve the recommended STIP Swaps. Tom Devlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**This Resolution was recommended for approval.**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

9. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update - Study Area and Corridor  
(15 minutes)  
Yanping Zhang, LPA Staff

Yanping Zhang shared the eight steps that are part of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and stated that the presentation today will focus on the second step: study area and corridors. Yanping Zhang said that the study area and MPO boundaries are based on U.S. Census data, and that the 2020 U.S. Census urban area data was released on December 2022 - Yanping Zhang shared a visual representation of this new data and revised boundaries, the corridor list and transit routes for study within the 2023 CMP.

Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann asked if jurisdictions within the DCHC MPO boundaries that are urban and have over 50,000 population are required to join the MPO as a member, and Yanping Zhang replied no. Doug Plachcinski shared that federal funding is currently based on the population of the main urbanized area, and while DCHC MPO could include non-contiguous members, they would not be included in the current funding formula. Doug Plachcinski added that the Pinehurst and Southern Pines area has been designated as a new urban area in North Carolina, and that they are currently discussing if they will create a new MPO or join an existing MPO with USDOT and NCDOT, which could affect MPO federal funding allocations.

Chair Nishith Trivedi asked if DCHC MPO member local matches will change based on this information, and Doug Plachcinski stated that this is not known at this time.

Bergen Watterson asked if the population increase lines up with the modeling and projections used in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for transportation improvements. Andy Henry and Matt Day stated that the data in the 2050 MTP was updated before adoption to have consistency with the U.S. Census.

**This Informational Report was received and filed.**

### **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

10. Report from Staff  
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski had no comments to add to his written report.

**This Informational Report was received and filed.**

11. Report from the Technical Committee Chair  
Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

Chair Nishith Trivedi stated that the first round of public engagement activities has been scheduled for the US 70 multimodal corridor study, which entail workshops on March 7, 9 and 14.

**This Informational Report was received and filed.**

**12. NCDOT Reports**

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT

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

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Nick Morrison - NCDOT IMD

**Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT:** Brandon Jones had no comments to add to the written report.

**Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT:** Stephen Robinson provided updates for the Homestead Road, New Hope Church Road, and I-40 projects. Bergen Watterson asked for an update on NC 54 improvements spanning Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and Stephen Robinson replied that he would follow up with Chapel Hill and Carrboro after the meeting.

**Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT:** Bryan Kluchar had no additional report.

**Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT:** Julie Bogle had no additional report.

**John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT:** John Grant had no additional report.

**Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT:** There was no additional report.

**This Informational Report was received and filed.**

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:****13. Recent News Articles and Updates**

Chair Nishith Trivedi mentioned the recent news articles and updates.

**This Informational Report was received and filed.**

**14. NCDOT Spring Litter Sweep Information**

Chair Nishith Trivedi mentioned the NCDOT Spring Litter Sweep information.

**This Informational Report was received and filed.**

**Adjourn**

Technical Committee members recognized Andy Henry for his service with the DCHC MPO and congratulated him on his forthcoming retirement. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Nishith Trivedi at 10:05 a.m.

**Next meeting: March 22, 2023, 9 a.m., Committee Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**