

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING

ORGANIZATION BOARD

May 10, 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on May 10, 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
Karen Howard (Vice Chair)	Chatham County
Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
Javiera Caballero (Member)	City of Durham
Leonardo Williams (Member)	City of Durham
Damon Seils (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
Wendy Jacobs (Member)*	Durham County
Nida Allam (Alternate)	Durham County
Camille Berry (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
Danny Nowell (Alternate)	Town of Carrboro
Ellen Beckmann	Durham County
Nishith Trivedi	Orange County
Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
Matt Efird*	Town of Hillsborough
Sean Egan	City of Durham
Bill Judge*	City of Durham
Evian Patterson*	City of Durham
Tom Devlin*	City of Durham
Eric Vitale*	City of Durham
Erin Convery*	City of Durham
Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
Cha'ssem Anderson*	The University of North Carolina
Tracy Parrott	NCDOT Division 5
Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
David Keilson*	NCDOT Division 5
Stephen Robinson*	NCDOT Division 7
Patrick Wilson*	NCDOT Division 7
Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT Division 8
Bergman Waterson*	Town of Chapel
John Tallmadge*	Bike Durham
Brenda Howerton*	Durham County

42	Carol Dwyer*	Chapel Hill Transit
43	?*	Community Engagement NIS
44	Frankie Tran*	?
45	Heidi Perov*	?
46	Jacob Rigg*	RTA
47	John Grant*	NCDOT Traffic Operations
48	Josh Mayo*	Chapel Hill
49	Julie Bogle*	NCDOT TPD
50	Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
51	Nick Morrison*	NCDOT IMD
52	Sean Egan*	City of Durham
53	Tina Moon*	Town of Carrboro
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55	Travis Crayton*	Research Triangle Foundation
56	Joe Geigle*	Federal Highway Administration
57	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
58	Colleen McGue*	DCHC MPO
59	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
60	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
61	Dale McKeel	DCHC MPO
62	David Miller	DCHC MPO
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64	Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
65	Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members	
66	*Attended remotely	

67 **1. Roll Call**

68 Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The roll call was
 69 completed using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list
 70 for remote attendees. Chair Jenn Weaver asked the Board to consider excuses
 71 absences for Vice Chair Lisa Mathis. Michael Parker made a motion to approve the
 72 excused absences. Damon Seils seconded the motion. The motion passed
 73 unanimously.

74 **PRELIMINARIES:**

75 **2. Ethics Reminder**

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

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4. Public Comments

John Hodges (Retired Commissioner) shared his thoughts on the GoTriangle studies. Regarding the regional rail discussions. Mr. Hodges discussed the rails future and gave his ideas on the need for a Mobility Hub which would include intercity rail, regional rail, regional buses, Wake BRT (and future Durham) BRT and bicycle commuting. John's thoughts were that if a mobility hub were pursued it could cause short- and long-term success.

John Talmadge* reminded the TC Board of the need to for urgency in moving forward with the Safe Streets for All plan and the Vision Zero plan that the MPO received funds in February. Mr. Talmadge brought the attention to the board of the need to not divert our attention to Capital area projects and forget about smaller capital projects. John used the example of the Light Rail Project (which never came to fruition), on which much attention was diverted and leaving little attention to other smaller projects.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Approval of the April 12, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
David Miller, LPA Staff

6. FFY 2023 Section 5339 Full Apportionment Split Letter
David Miller, LPA Staff

7. FFY 2023 Section 5307/5340 Full Apportionment Split Letter
David Miller, LPA Staff

100 **8. Amendment #15 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
101 **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

102 Michael Parker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was
103 seconded by Damon Seils and passed unanimously.

104 **ACTION ITEMS**

105 **9. Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition, and System Performance**
106 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

107 David Miller presented Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance
108 and explained the federal laws requiring these measurements and recommended the
109 MPO Board
110 use the NCDOT targets instead of developing their own because the targets are
111 challenging. The Technical Committee recommended the MPO Board support the
112 states targets at the April 26,2023 meeting. The MPO Board must adopt the measures
113 by the end of June 2023. Mr. Miller also presented a resolution that includes NCDOT's
114 safety measure targets. Mr. Miller recommended the DCHC MPO Board adopt the
115 resolution that supports the state's pavement and bridge condition and system
116 Performance targets. Damon Seils made a motion to approve the resolution and it was
117 seconded by Nida Allam and the vote passed unanimously.

118 **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

119 **10. Triangle Bikeway Update**
120 **Dale McKeel, LPA Staff**

121 Dale McKeel stated it has been a year since the triangle bikeway study had been
122 visited and he thought it would be good to give an update. Mr. McKeel explained the
123 conception of the bike way study and gave the relation of the study to I-40. He gave
124 case studies and implementation strategies, 2022-2023 highlights and the next steps

and discussed the finding approved by Wake County Board of Commissioners and Research Triangle Foundation.

11. FY 2024-2033 Draft STIP Update
Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

Kelly Fomenko shared the final list of STIP projects, including those swapped. This would put the timeline at three months for the MPO to adopt its Transportation Improvement Plan. (TIP)

REPORTS

12. Report from Board Chair
Jenn Weaver, Board Chair

Jenn Weaver has no additional report.

13. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Nish Trivedi, TC Chair

Nish Trivedi had no additional report.

14 .Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Announced Dale McKeel is retiring. Jean Debnam is the new Administrative Coordinator, and Colleen McGue as the new Planning Manager. Mr. Plachcinski. He also reminded the Board of the ethics forms online. He will be reaching out to membership and government subcommittees to schedule meetings. Mr. Plachcinski appreciated Bike Durham's advocacy and their comments about the Safe Streets for all and explained where we are with Safe Streets for all in detail.

Doug Plachcinski made the board aware that regarding the Amendments that are coming up as we work towards having a concurrent TIP and MTP, the Board needs to

meet between June and August. Jenn suggested Doug follow up with the Board via email with a meeting date plan and/or backup plan.

15. NCDOT Reports

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

No report was provided by Lisa Mathis and shared with the Board due to her absence.

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT

Brandon Jones the Alston Avenue project bridge was scheduled for demolition in April, but agreements are still being worked on between NC Railroads and Norfolk Southern. Mr. Jones stated the Annual Transportation Summit will be held on May 21-22, 2024, in Greensboro NC.

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

Pat Wilson stated additional night lanes closures will take place on I-40. And work in the median will continue for the foreseeable future.

Michael Parker questioned when the target completion date is and will the resurfacing on I-40 West from 15-501 East into Durham County be going on simultaneously. Brandon Jones stated he would answer those questions for Mr. Parker

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Bryan Kluchar had no additional report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT

Julie Bogle has no additional report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Traffic operations had agreed to contribute to the local match contribution to Safe Streets for All and that goes to the tuning Board for approval.

Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT

Nick Morrison stated that the NCDOT IMD Multimodal Planning Grant Program call for projects has closed, and eighteen applications were received and are in review. The applications have gone to the Board of Transportation for their June meeting and IMD will announce them as soon as they are officially awarded. Also, their Transportation Demand Management program will go to the Board of Transportation for their June meeting.

IMD's quarterly webinar will be held on May 25, 2023, at 10 a.m. and there will be a presentation on the Clean Transportation Plan. Brian Murphy from the Traffic Safety Unit will give a presentation on Comprehensive Safety Action Plans.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

16. Recent News Articles and Updates

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the recent news articles and updates.

17. Orange County and Triangle Clean Cities Clean Energy to Communities

Program Letter of Support

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced Orange County and Transit CCCE to Communities Program letter of support.

18. Triangle Regional Model Progress Report - FY23 Q3

Chair Jenn Weaver references the Triangle Regional Model Progress Report

19. Rail and Regional Transit Considerations

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Rail and Regional Transit Considerations.

ADJOURNMENT:

196 There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at
197 10:14 a.m.