

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

April 23, 2024

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on April 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Long Leaf Conference Room, located at Central Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

Javiera Caballero (MPO Board Vice Chair)	City of Durham
Carl Rist (Member)	City of Durham
Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
Melissa McCullough (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
Mark Bell (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Danny Nowell (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Amy Fowler (Alternate)*	Orange County
Camille Berry (Alternate)*	Town of Chapel Hill
Nish Trivedi (TC Chair)	Orange County
Brandon Jones	NCDOT, Division 5
Tracy Parrott	NCDOT, Division 5
Chad Reimakoski*	NCDOT, Division 7
Nishant Shah*	NCDOT, Division 7
Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT, Division 8
Julie Bogle*	NCDOT, TPD
Nathan Ziegler*	Town of Carrboro
Tina Moon	Town of Carrboro
Caroline Dwyer*	Town of Chapel Hill
Ben Berolzheimer*	Town of Chapel Hill
Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
Thanh Schado*	Chatham County
Cameron Hagelauer*	Chatham County
Eric Vitale*	City of Durham
Erin Convery*	City of Durham
Sean Egan *	City of Durham
Paul Black*	GoTriangle
Meg Scully*	GoTriangle
Ryan Eldridge*	Durham County
Curtis Scarpignato*	Durham County
Joe Geigle	Federal Highway Administration
Heidi Perov*	Bike Ped
Julie McClintock	Friends of Bolin Creek
Alpesh Patel	Cambridge Systematics

Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
David Miller*	DCHC MPO
Madeline Galliano	DCHC MPO
Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
Kelly Richard	DCHC MPO
Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
KC Chae	DCHC MPO
Cameron Schuler	DCHC MPO

Quorum Count: 6 of 10 Voting Members

Vice Chair Javiera Caballero called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was performed. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are indicated above. Vice Chair Cabellero asked for a motion to excuse Chair Karen's absence. The motion was made by Jamezetta Bedford and seconded by Michael Parker.

PRELIMINARIES:

Ethics Reminder

There were no ethics conflicts identified by Board members.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Vice Chair Cabellero asked us if there were adjustments to the agenda. There were none.

Public Comments

The Vice Chair asked if there were any public comments. There were public comments by Heidi Perov. The team was unable to hear public comments due to technical difficulties. Vice Chair Caballero instructed Mrs. Perov to email her questions or put comments in the chat.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Approval of March 26, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Jean Debnam, MPO Staff

82 **6. GoDurham Letter of Support**

83 Sean Egan, City of Durham

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85 **7. GoTriangle Mobility Letter of Support**

86 Jay Heikes, GoTriangle

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88 **8. MPO Planning Area Boundary and Organization**

89 Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

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91 Vice Chair Cabellero asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Doug Plachcinski
92 commented that regarding the MPO Area Boundary/organization memo of agreements, there were
93 updates made. NCDOT is not a party to this agreement but clarified the planning area boundary area
94 between The DCHC and Burlington had not changed with the 2020 Census. Also, the Census wanted
95 what was previously described as planning area boundaries, to be called metropolitan planning areas.
96 Vice Chair Cabellero asked for a motion. A motion was made by Michael Parker and seconded by
97 Melissa McCullough. The motion carried unanimously.

98 **PRESENTATIONS:**

99 **9. Triangle Regional Transit Survey 2023 (20 Minutes)**

100 Alpesh Patel, Cambridge Systematics, Consultant

101 Alpesh Patel gave the overview of the Triangle Regional Transit Survey and discussed the
102 takeaways and some of the key results of the surveys and how these results can be used by the DCHC
103 MPO and other transit agencies. Mr. Patel stated the key product that came out of the survey was the
104 dashboard, which is live for the public to view. Alpesh presented slides with the differences and
105 similarities between the Origin-Destination Survey, the highlights of the survey, and the system
106 process.

107 Wendy Jacobs asked how the reports from the dashboard and report cards would be shared
108 with the public. Doug Plachcinski commented we would share them on the DCHC website moving
109 forward. Mrs. Jacobs inquired about Duke University's participation. Mr. Plachcinski said Duke
110 University declined to participate.

111 **ACTION ITEMS:**

112 **10. Amendment #2 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

113 Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

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115 Filmon Fishastion provided updates on Amendment #2 of the FY2024-2033 TIP. He informed
116 the committee that at the release of the agenda, there were no public comments regarding the TIP.

A motion was made by Wendy Jacobs to adopt the TIP Amendment. The motion was seconded by Mark Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

11. FY2025 Call for Projects Recommendation

Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Filmon Fishastion gave the background information that shaped this year's Call for Projects. He explained the adoption of the Federal Funding Policy and the creation of the Regional Federal Funding (RFF) program. Mr. Fishastion reminded the TC of the increased contingency amount requirements and modifications to the scoring rubric that were adopted in the fall of 2023. Mr. Fishastion provided a summary of all the projects submitted and shared the list of the proposed projects for funding in the MPO's Call for Projects. Wendy Jacobs asked how the MPO planned to follow up on project implementations and progress tracking and supporting local government project delivery. Doug Plachcinski said the DCHC MPO has resources in our next year's work program to facilitate conversations that better help the project sponsors internally and externally.

Jamezetta Bedford asked how we could spend more money than we have for the projects submitted. Doug explained the process is a program and we are allowed to program potential expenditures. The money is not transferred out of the account until it's submitted for reimbursement. Doug explained a lot of the projects in our current work program are not moving forward on the planned schedule.

Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to approve the Call for Projects. Michael Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

12. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update- Bicycle of Traffic Stress

Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff

Yanping Zhang gave an update on the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and shared a presentation on the bicycle level of stress for the Durham urbanized area developed by the CMP consultant team. Mr. Zhang discussed the preliminary recommendations of the mitigation strategies, which brought about much discussion about them. Doug Plachcinski explained that the CMP process is required as a part of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning and doesn't suggest that we have to make these investments. Mr. Plachcinski suggested we get feedback from the consultant and practical application of what these investments could mean.

REPORTS:

13. Report from the DCHC MPO Board Chair

Javiera Cabellero, DCHC MPO Board Vice Chair

There was no report from the Vice Chair, but she requested the MPO to get calendar placeholders out a month to six weeks in advance.

14. Report from the DCHC MPO Technical Committee Chair

Nishith Trivedi, DCHC MPO TC Chair

There was no report from the DCHC MPO TC Chair.

15. Reports from MPO Staff

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski announced the Triangle Trail initiative workshop to be held on April 24 in Johnson County. He announced DCHC MPO's newest employee, Thomas Porter, who will join us in June.

16. NCDOT Reports:

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Not present. No report.

Brandon Jones (David Keilson, Tracy Parrott), Division 5

Brandon Jones had no additional report.

NCDOT Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 -NCDOT

Chad Reimakoski had no additional report.

Reuben Blakley (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

Not present. No report.

Bryan Lopez (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division- NCDOT

181 Not Present. No report.

182 **12. Recent News, Articles, and Updates**

183 **ADJOURNMENT:**

184 There being no further business before the DCHC MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at

185 10:56 a.m.