

**DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BOARD  
November 19, 2024  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on November 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at Central Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

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| Javiera Caballero (MPO Board Vice Chair) | City of Durham       |
| Jamezetta Bedford (Member)               | Orange County        |
| Carl Rist (Member)                       | City of Durham       |
| Melissa McCullough (Member)              | Town of Chapel Hill  |
| Wendy Jacobs (Member)                    | Durham County        |
| Danny Nowell (Member)                    | Town of Carrboro     |
| Mark Bell (Member)                       | Town of Hillsborough |
| Camile Berry (Alternate)                 | Town of Chapel Hill  |
| Michael Parker (Member)                  | GoTriangle           |
| Ellen Beckmann (TC Vice Chair)           | Durham County        |
| Brandon Jones                            | NCDOT Division 5     |
| Doug Plachcinski                         | DCHC MPO             |
| David Miller                             | DCHC MPO             |
| Andy Henry                               | DCHC MPO             |
| KC Chae                                  | DCHC MPO             |
| Filmon Fishastion                        | DCHC MPO             |
| Colleen McGue                            | DCHC MPO             |
| Yanping Zhang                            | DCHC MPO             |
| Samad Rangoonwala                        | DCHC MPO             |
| Cameron Schuler                          | DCHC MPO             |
| Thomas Porter                            | DCHC MPO             |
| Beth Davis                               | DCHC MPO             |

Quorum Count: 8 of 10 Voting Members

Vice Chair Javiera Caballero called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are indicated above.

**PRELIMINARIES:**

**1. Ethics Reminder**

Vice Chair Javier Caballero reminded everyone of the ethics reminder.

## 2. Roll Call

Doug Plachcinski asked everyone to introduce themselves. Member Jamezetta Bedford shared that this would be her last meeting.

### 3. Adjustments to the Agenda

Vice Chair Javiera Caballero noted a few additions to the agenda: 1) there will be a closed session at the end of the meeting, and 2) they would be taking nominations from the floor for Chair and Vice Chair. She also reminded everyone of the ethics reminder.

#### 4. Public Comments

Vice Chair Javiera Caballero asked if any members of the public were signed up to speak. There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

## **5. Approval of October 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Beth Davis, MPO Staff**

Michael Parker moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mark Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

### ACTION ITEMS:

## 6. Draft FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP)

**Thomas Porter, MPO Staff**

Thomas Porter presented the FY2026 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP) to the Board..

Wendy Jacobs asked if Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) for roundabouts was included in the FY2026 UPWP. She proposed that ICE be added to the UPWP. Doug Plachcinski added that this work is already being done, but is not explicitly listed.

Wendy Jacobs moved to approve the FY2026 UPWP on the condition of adding ICE, and the motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

74 **7. DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossing Planning Study**

75 **David Miller, MPO Staff**

76 **Madaline Galliano, MPO Staff**

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78 David Miller shared a presentation on the MPO's Wildlife Crossings Planning Study, which  
79 included an overview of the public engagement period, an analysis of the survey results (from  
80 129 respondents), updates made to the draft plan, and remaining timeline.

81 There were some questions about how the age demographic was decided. David responded  
82 that this was consistent with the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) public  
83 engagement process. Wendy Jacobs asked about how the plan would be implemented. David  
84 shared that this plan will serve as guidance when plans are being carried out and integrated into  
85 those plans. Doug noted that public comment requests were also distributed in Spanish. Wendy  
86 requested that this plan be sent out to all the Planning departments in the MPO.

87 Carl Rist moved to adopt the Wildlife Crossings Plan. The motion was seconded by Wendy  
88 Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

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90 **8. Division Needs Local Point Allocation Update for SPOT 7.0**

91 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

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93 Filmon Fishastion gave an update on the P7 Schedule and presented the current steps for  
94 the Local Input Point Allocation and Project Ranking for SPOT 7.0. Mr. Fishastion reviewed the  
95 Division local point input allocation with the Committee. The MPO has 1,700 points to distribute  
96 towards Division Needs projects. The bulk of these points went towards Bicycle and Pedestrian  
97 projects.

98 Wendy Jacobs made a motion to adopt the Division Needs Local Point Allocation. The  
99 motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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101 **9. 2025 DCHC MPO Meeting Schedule**

102 **Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager**

Colleen McGue reviewed the proposed 2025 meeting schedule. Changes for 2025 include no meeting during the month of May. During the months with five Wednesdays, there will be joint meetings with DCHC MPO and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). Special meetings can always be called if needed.

There was discussion about when to conduct the Executive Director evaluation, and there was a suggestion to do this as a Closed Session in May. There was also a suggestion to move the June meeting a week earlier to June 17. Doug pointed out that there would be a Board Retreat on Friday, January 10 beginning at 10 am.

Michael Parker made a motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule with suggested amendments. The motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. Presentation of Performance Measures for the Development of Destination 2055**  
**Monet Moore, Principal Planner**

Monet Moore shared performance measures associated with the goals and objectives for the MTP and asked for review and comments. Monet reviewed the performance measures along with comments received as well as responses from the MPO. She requested recommendation of approval for use in the development of the 2055 MTP.

There was discussion about some of the measurements. Board members requested the inclusion of performance measures relating to multi-modal transportation, land development patterns, and mode shift. Staff provided an explanation regarding why certain performance measures are not feasible and other planning documents that capture the expressed desires of the Board. Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to accept the proposed Performance Measures for the Development of Destination 2055. The motion was seconded by Wendy Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

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130 **11. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)**  
131 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**  
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133 Filmon Fishastion reviewed Amendment #5 of the FY2024-33 TIP. This amendment  
134 continues to modify and add projects from the recent Call for Projects and incorporates recently  
135 awarded funds such as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity  
136 (RAISE) grant and 5310 funds into both existing and new projects.

137 Michael Parker made a motion to release TIP Amendment #5 for public comment. The  
138 motion was seconded by Jamezetta Bedford. The motion passed unanimously.  
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140 **12. Orange County Short Range Transit Plan**  
141 **Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**  
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143 Nish Trivedi presented the Orange County Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) with the  
144 Board. This plan was completed following a year-long planning process that included 2 rounds  
145 of public engagement, multiple pop-up events, and other public events. The final published plan  
146 was approved by Orange County on October 15, 2024, and is available to view online.

147 Melissa McCullough moved to accept the Orange County Short Range Transit Plan, and  
148 the motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.  
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150 **13. Orange County Safe Routes to Schools Plan**  
151 **Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**  
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153 Nish Trivedi shared that the 2014 Orange County Safe Routes to School Action Plan  
154 was updated with public involvement, field investigation, and extensive analysis. The update  
155 included planning level analysis of existing transportation around schools, all Orange County

public schools, youth involvement in the planning process, implementation, and more. The plan was presented to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on November 7.

Wendy Jacobs moved to accept the Orange County Safe Routes to School Plan, and the motion was seconded by Mark Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**14. Orange County Multimodal Plan**  
**Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**

Nish Trivedi shared that WSP and Orange County have completed the County's Transportation Multimodal Plan (TMP), which focuses on the unincorporated portions of Orange County and consolidates all approved transportation related plans, projects, and programs into a single plan. The Orange County Transportation Services Director presented this plan on July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup> to the Orange Unified Transportation Board and collected feedback, which has been incorporated into the plan.

Wendy Jacobs moved to accept the Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan. The motion was seconded by Melissa McCullough. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

**15. Report from Board Chair**  
**Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair**

Vice Chair Caballero thanked MPO staff for coming to the National Day of Remembrance in Durham, including Doug and Colleen.

**16. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**  
**Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

No report.

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

Mr. Plachcinski shared that with the new administration, there will be new opportunities to work with different partners and seek new funding opportunities. There has been a lot of new information coming out about hurricane recovery.

## **18. NCDOT Reports**

### **Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

No report

### **Brandon Jones, (Tracy Parrott, David Keilson), Division 5 – NCDOT**

Mr. Jones gave an update on the roads that were affected by Hurricane Helene. Reopened 1,050 roads in Western NC, 294 road closures left. 180 bridges have to be totally repaired, with an estimated cost of \$5 billion. Mr. Jones announced this would be his last meeting, he will be retiring.

### **Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 – NCDOT**

No report

### **Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT**

No report

### **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**

No report

### **John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**

No report

### **Bryan Lopez (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division**

No report

## **19. Officer Nominations**

Vice Chair Caballero opened the floor for nominations. Jamezetta Bedford nominated Karen Howard as Chair, and this was seconded by Melissa McCullough. Michael Parker

215 nominated Javiera Caballero as Vice Chair and was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion to  
216 elect these officers passed unanimously.

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218 **20. Recent News Articles & Updates**

219 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero pointed out the news articles included in the agenda packet.

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221 **21. Closed Session**

222 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero adjourned the meeting and went into closed session.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

224 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am, following the Closed Session.