

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

November 16, 2022

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on November 16, 2022 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:

Ellen Beckmann (Chair)	Durham County
Nishith Trivedi (Vice Chair)	Orange County
Tom Devlin (Member)*	City of Durham
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
Laura Biediger (Member)	City of Durham
Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Josh Mayo (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Margaret Hauth (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Brandon Dawson (Member)	Chatham County
Tom Altieri (Member)	Orange County
Bernard Clark (Member)	Orange County
Jay Heikes (Member)	GoTriangle
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
Travis Crayton (Member)	Research Triangle Foundation
Matt Day (Member)	TJCOG
Kurt Stolka (Member)*	The University of North Carolina
Joe Geigle (Non-voting Member)*	Federal Highway Administration
Brian Fahey (Alternate)*	City of Durham
Lisa Miller (Alternate)*	City of Durham
Matt Cecil (Alternate)*	Chapel Hill Transit
Meg Scully (Alternate)*	GoTriangle
Stephen Robinson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
Patrick Wilson (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 7
Bryan Kluchar (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 8
Sean Egan	City of Durham
Bill Judge	City of Durham
Evian Patterson*	City of Durham
Brian Taylor*	City of Durham
Nick Pittman*	Town of Chapel Hill
Caroline Dwyer*	Town of Chapel Hill
Katharine Eggleston*	GoTriangle
Tracy Parrott	NCDOT Division 5
Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 8
Nick Morrison*	NCDOT IMD

45	Adam Howell*	Atkins
46	Frankie Tran*	Burlington-Graham MPO
47	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
48	Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
49	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
50	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
51	Dale McKeel*	DCHC MPO
52	Jaehoon Kim*	DCHC MPO
53	Dolly Hall-Quinlan*	DCHC MPO
54	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
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56 Quorum count: 16 of 31 voting members
 57 *Attended remotely

58 Chair Ellen Beckmann called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

59 **PRELIMINARIES:**

60 **1. Roll Call**

61 The roll call was completed using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom
 62 participant list for remote attendees. Doug Plachcinski shared that Kelly Fomenko has joined
 63 the DCHC MPO staff.

64 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

65 Julie Bogle requested that item 7: FY2022-23 UPWP Amendment #2 be pulled from the
 66 consent agenda for discussion. Laura Biediger requested that item 6: Amendment #13 to the
 67 FY2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be pulled from the consent agenda for
 68 discussion.

69 **3. Public Comments**

70 There were no public comments.

71 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

72 **4. Approval of the October 26, 2022 TC Meeting Minutes**

73 David Miller, LPA Staff

74 **5. 2023 Meeting Calendar**

75 Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Margaret Hauth made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Eric Vitale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Amendment #13 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Eric Vitale stated that City of Durham has concerns with voting on an item that is currently in the public comment period. Aaron Cain explained that the typical public engagement process for TIP amendments includes a public comment period if a project within the amendment is over \$1,000,000, and that due to timing and efficiency, TIP amendments have been conducted in this way as the public comment period ends before Board consideration. Eric Vitale asked how many public comments are typically received, and Aaron Cain said that he is not aware of any public comments that have been received. Eric Vitale asked what the impact of a delayed would create, and Aaron Cain said that all projects within the TIP amendment would be delayed.

Eric Vitale made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board delay TIP Amendment #13 one month. Laura Biediger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. FY2022-23 UPWP Amendment #2
Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO

Julie Bogle asked for clarification about funds used for the Orange County Transportation Comprehensive Plan, and Aaron Cain said that Orange County is using local discretionary funds that have rolled over fiscal years. Aaron Cain stated he would follow up with Julie Bogle about funding for this amendment.

Josh Mayo made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board approve FY2022-23 UPWP Amendment #2. Eric Vitale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study Results
Katharine Eggleston, Chief Development Officer, GoTriangle

Katharine Eggleston shared an overview of the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail planning processes, implementation scenarios, cost considerations, funding opportunities, and next steps in the public engagement and decision-making timeline.

Chair Ellen Beckmann made a motion to recommend to the MPO Board that it approve the extension to the MOU that allows the feasibility to continue one additional year. Vice-chair Nishith Trivedi seconded the motion. The motion passed with Eric Vitale and Laura Biediger dissenting.

9. Durham and Orange Counties Transit Governance Study
Adam Howell, Atkins

Adam Howell provided an overview of the Durham and Orange Counties Transit Governance Study, which included the timeline, outcomes, and structure of the study. Adam Howell stated that an addendum pertaining to the Orange County Interlocal Agreement (ILA) has been provided for consideration.

Eric Vitale asked for clarification on the City of Durham's voting and signatory status. Aaron Cain replied that the City of Durham is not a signatory for the ILA or a voting body to the transit plan, but that it would become a voting member of the staff working group per the proposed ILA. Eric Vitale stated that the City of Durham is uncomfortable with not being a full voting partner of the ILA. Tom Altieri added for clarification that DCHC MPO became a voting partner to represent all local jurisdictions it represents.

Vice-chair Nishith Trivedi made a motion to recommend that the DCHC MPO Board adopt the Durham and Orange county ILAs as consistent with the version approved by each county's boards. Josh Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed with Eric Vitale and Laura Biediger dissenting.

10. Orange County Transit Plan Update Recommendation for Adoption
Tom Altieri, Orange County

Tom Altieri provided a background of the Orange County Transit Plan planning process and adoption timeline.

Jay Heikes made a recommend to the MPO Board that it adopt the 2022 Orange County Transit Plan Update to include the revised financial summary. Josh Mayo seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. CTP Amendment #5
Andy Henry, LPA Staff

Dale McKeel provided a background of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). Dale McKeel stated what while no policy exists for amendment schedules, the MPO has chosen to pursue amendments in phases pertaining to mode, and that Amendment #5 encompasses bicycle and multi-use path project amendments. Doug McKeel stated that a 42-day public comment period will be sought, and that the MPO is working with City of Durham staff to develop an additional amendment on bicycle and multi-use path projects within Durham County.

Julie Bogle stated that NCDOT would like more time to review problem statements pertaining to Amendment #5 before it is released for public comment. Aaron Cain stated that the problem statements will be complete before Amendment #5 is released for public comment. Andy Henry stated that the projects contained in Amendment #5 reflect the projects already identified by local jurisdictions.

Jay Heikes recommended the MPO Board authorize the release of CTP Amendment #5 for a 42-day public comment period given that the problem statements will be ready for review at the time of release. Travis Crayton seconded the motion. The motion passed with Julie Bogle, Tina Moon, Eric Vitale, and Laura Biediger dissenting.

12. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Updates
Yanping Zhang, LPA Staff
Jaehoon Kim, LPA Staff

Yanping Zhang shared the CMP and Mobility Report Card (MRC) consultant contract details, data collection process, goals, and objectives. Eric Vitale requested that the City of Durham be invited to CMP steering committee meetings.

Vice-chair Nishith Trivedi made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board approve the CMP goals and objectives. Eric Vitale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

13. Report from Staff

Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO

Doug Plachcinski had no information to add to his written report. Aaron Cain mentioned that a meeting to discuss the Locally Administered Project program will be scheduled shortly. Aaron Cain stated that he has resigned from DCHC MPO, with his last day being December 2, 2022.

14. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair

Chair Ellen Beckmann had no new information to share.

15. NCDOT Reports

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 – NCDOT

Tracy Parrot provided an update to the Alston Avenue and East End Connector projects. **Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 – NCDOT**

Stephen Robinson said that the I-40 widening project continues.

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Bryan Kluchar had not additional report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

There was no additional report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

There was no additional report.

Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT

Nick Morrison stated that the recording of the recent quarterly IMD webinar is available online, and that the Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Grant program is now open.

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Adjourn

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Ellen Beckmann

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at 11:20 a.m.