

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BOARD

September 30, 2024

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on September 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room, located at Central Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

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| Karen Howard (MPO Board Chair) | Chatham County |
| Javiera Cabellero (MPO Board Vice Chair) | City of Durham |
| Danny Nowell (Member) | Town of Carrboro |
| Wendy Jacobs (Member) | Durham County |
| Jamezetta Bedford (Member) | Orange County |
| Lisa Mathis (Alternate) | NCDOT |
| Mark Bell (Member) | Town of Hillsborough |
| Melissa Mccullough (Member) | Town of Chapel Hill |
| Carl Rist (Member) | City of Durham |
| Nish Trivedi | Orange County |
| Ellen Beckmann | Durham County |
| Curtis Scarpignato* | Durham County |
| Sean Egan | City of Durham |
| Stephanie Trueblood* | Town of Hillsborough |
| Eric Vitale* | City of Durham |
| Erin Convery* | City of Durham |
| Bill Judge* | City of Durham |
| Lindsay Smart* | City of Durham |
| Jennifer Belle* | City of Durham |
| David Keilson | NCDOT, Division 5 |
| Chad Reimakoski | NCDOT, Division 7 |
| Nishant Shah* | NCDOT, Division 7 |
| Bryan Kluchar * | NCDOT, Division 8 |
| John Grant* | NCDOT, Mobility and Safety |
| Matt Day | Central Pines Regional Council |
| Matt Hughes* | Town of Hillsborough |
| Ben Berolzheimer* | Town of Chapel Hill |
| Darlene Weaver* | Orange County |
| Paul Black* | GoTriangle |
| Meg Scully* | GoTriangle |
| Julie Bogle* | NCDOT, TPD |
| Marie Parker * | Town of Carrboro |
| Eliud De Jesus | Greenville Urban Area MPO |
| Doug Plachcinski | DCHC MPO |
| Colleen McGue | DCHC MPO |
| David Miller | DCHC MPO |

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| 48 | Filmon Fishastion | DCHC MPO |
| 49 | Jean Debnam | DCHC MPO |
| 50 | Yanping Zhang | DCHC MPO |
| 51 | Tom Porter | DCHC MPO |
| 52 | Madeline Galliano | DCHC MPO |
| 53 | Monet Moore | DCHC MPO |
| 54 | K.C. Chae* | DCHC MPO |
| 55 | Samad Rangoonwala | DCHC MPO |
| 56 | Andy Henry* | DCHC MPO |

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58 *Attended remotely

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60 Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members

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62 Chair Karen Howard called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. A roll call was performed.

63 The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified
64 and are indicated above. Chair Howard reminded everyone to sign in using the sign-in sheet
65 that was being circulated.

66 **PRELIMINARIES:**

67 **Ethics Reminder**

68 Chair Karen Howard read the ethics reminder aloud. She asked if there were any
69 known conflicts of interest concerning matters coming before the Board and requested that if
70 there were any identified during the meeting they be announced. There were no known
71 conflicts identified by Board members.

72 **Adjustments to the Agenda**

73 Chair Karen Howard asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There were no
74 adjustments to the agenda.

75 **Public Comments**

76 Chair Karen Howard asked if there were any members of the public signed up to speak.
77 There were no members of the public signed up to speak during the meeting.

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79 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

80 **5. Approval of August 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

81 **Jean Debnam, MPO Staff**

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83 **6. FY25 UPWP Amendment #2**

84 **Tom Porter, MPO Staff**

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86 Melissa McCullough made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded
87 by Vice Chair Javiera Cabellero. The motion carried unanimously.

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89 **ACTION ITEMS:**

90 **7. Draft FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP): Release for Public Comment**

91 **Thomas Porter, MPO Staff**

92 Tom Porter presented the draft FY 2026 UPWP in which he defined and explained the
93 UPWP funding sources. He listed the 2026 UPWP priorities, and the FY 2024 and FY 2025
94 Special Studies (STBG-DA) Continuing Special Studies. Mr. Porter stated that in FY 2026,
95 DCHC intends to procure a consultant who will conduct an organizational assessment. The
96 study's goal is to continue to find innovative ways to meet members' needs. Tom also
97 presented the estimated Member Match using the FY 2025 numbers.

98 Melissa McCullough made a motion to and seconded by Mark Bell. The motion passed
99 unanimously.

100 **8. DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossing Planning Study**

101 **David Miller, MPO Staff**

102 **Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**

103 David Miller presented the MPO's wildlife crossings planning process, which included
104 the purpose and the background of the Wildlife Crossing Planning Study, a summary of the
105 project recommendations, details of the public engagement schedule, and the anticipated
106 remaining timeline.

107 Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to release the draft plan for a 21-day public comment
108 period. Mark Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

9. Division Needs Local Point Allocation Update for SPOT 7.0

Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Filmon Fishastion gave an update on the P7 Schedule and presented the current steps for the Local Input and Project Ranking for SPOT 7.0. Filmon shared how the 1700 points allotted to MPO are distributed amongst each transportation mode and towards Division needs. Mr. Fishastion mentioned the two projects that were identified as priorities in the TC Subcommittee meeting, noting that they can be changed. The two projects were T192652 and B231220. He then listed the next steps.

10. Transit Ridership Research

Samad Rangoonwala, MPO Intern

Samad Rangoonwala presented a summary of transit ridership research. His presentation was in response to questions posed by Board members during the May meeting regarding what was driving post-pandemic transportation ridership. Mr. Rangoonwala's research focused on mixed-traffic buses. He found that only 5.17 percent of commuters use transit. Mr. Rangoonwala used AllTransit as a source of ridership data and gave recommendations for improving bus ridership. There was extensive discussion, and Samad agreed to provide additional information to several questions from the Board.

11. Destination 2055: September 2024 Update

Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager

Colleen McGue described the four-part Metropolitan Transportation Plan development process and informed the committee that the DCHC MPO was in the Analysis and Evaluation phase. She briefly discussed the Destination 2055 approved goals and reminded the Board about the project website. She encouraged Board members to share the site.

12. Report from the Board Chair

There was no report from the Board Chair.

13. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Technical Committee Chair Nish Trivedi reported on 3 Orange County projects closing and the completion of Safe Routes to Schools.

14. Report from MPO Staff

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski shared that in addition to the staff report, he would like to remind the Board about the upcoming Regional Transportation Safety Summit at North Carolina Central University on October 8, 2024. He also mentioned a Letter of Support for City of Durham.

15. NCDOT Reports:

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Lisa Mathis gave an update on Hurricane Helene's damage to the state, with a special emphasis on infrastructure damage in western North Carolina.

Brandon Jones, (Tracy Parrott), Division 5- NCDOT

No report.

Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski), Division 7- NCDOT

No report.

Reuben Blakley (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8- NCDOT

No report

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

No report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

No report.

Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division- NCDOT

No report.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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16. Recent News, Articles, and Updates

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Chair Karen Howard mentioned recent articles and updates included in the agenda for

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Board member review.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

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adjourned at 10:46 a.m.