

2050 MTP Amendment #1 and Air Quality Report

Compilation of Public Comments (7/19/23)

Background

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) released Amendment #1 to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the corresponding Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQ CDR) for a public comment period from Tuesday, June 27 through Monday, August 7, 2023. The MPO notified the public concerning this opportunity through social media, local government public affairs notices, newspaper ads, and an MPO email contact list. The public was encouraged to provide their comments through an online survey or by email. For more information on the details of Amendment #1 and the AQ CDR, and on opportunities to address the DCHC MPO board, see the following web pages:

Amendment #1: [2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan | Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro MPO, NC \(dchcmpo.org\)](https://www.dchcmpo.org/2050-Metropolitan-Transportation-Plan)

AQ CDR: [Air Quality Conformity | Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro MPO, NC \(dchcmpo.org\)](https://www.dchcmpo.org/Air-Quality-Conformity)

Use the following links to leave a comment in the survey:

Spanish: [Enmienda # 1 al 2050 MTP y Informe de Determinación de Conformidad de Calidad del Aire \(office.com\)](https://www.dchcmpo.org/Enmienda-1-al-2050-MTP-y-Informe-de-Determinacion-de-Conformidad-de-Calidad-del-Aire)

English: [2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\) Amendment #1 & Air Quality \(AQ\) Conformity \(office.com\)](https://www.dchcmpo.org/2050-Metropolitan-Transportation-Plan-MTP-Amendment-1-Air-Quality-AQ-Conformity)

Comments

The following comments have been provided as of July 19, 2023.

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| 6/28/23 | Jordan Thomas Sad that this won't be happening until 2040/2050 but I'm glad this is being prioritized! |
| 7/7/23 | Betty Eidenier I endorse engineering and construction of Riverwalk Trail to the Eno Mountain State Park. I endorse constructio of a Hillsborough platform building, and parking for the train, and I encourage speeding up this high priority project especially in light of construction planned for I85 and I40. |
| 7/9/23 | Scotty Mathess There should be no widening at all. All ROW's should be rebuilt to reduce space for private autos as well as reducing speed of autos. Funds should be used for separated, safe, bicycle and walking spaces. |
| 7/18/23 | Laura Oleniacz |

Hi! I was looking over the plan, and was confused about why there is widening on I-40, and yet there is no express bus proposed to connect S. Durham near Southpoint and Raleigh along I-40, the major artery connecting Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh?

There is an express bus from downtown Durham to Raleigh, but none from South Durham to Raleigh. There is a bus that goes to RTP, and there is one from Chapel Hill to Raleigh, but none from S. Durham along I-40 to Raleigh. It would take me more than an hour to ride from S. Durham through RTP to downtown Raleigh for work, when I can do this in about 30 minutes on a good traffic day by car.

This is why commuter traffic grows and grows and grows. This community needs good, fast, public transit options. Please don't let this community turn into Atlanta- a sprawling city with terrible traffic and fragmented public transport.

Already, there is significant new construction happening in S. Durham, which is the part of the city along the major interstate, and already a lot of commuter traffic, and you are proposing to widen I-40? Why is there no express bus that goes back and forth between these two areas to at least attempt to reduce some of this congestion before you widen and widen endlessly?

Also, did you know there is debris all over the bike lanes around RTP and in Durham? In places the bike lanes are almost unusable - they are so cluttered with nails, metal, and other junk.

Is there anything you can do about these things?