



DCHC MPO Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

9:00 AM

Central Pines Regional Council

4307 Emperor Blvd
Durham, NC 27703

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1 Ethics Reminder

It is the duty of every Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

2. Roll Call

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

4. Public Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of April 23, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

[24-161](#)

Jean Debnam, MPO Staff

A copy of the April 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes is attached

Board Action: Approve the April 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [2024-05-28 \(24-161\) April 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

PRESENTATION

6. DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossing Planning Study (20 minutes)

[24-154](#)

David Miller, DCHC MPO

Ron Sutherland, Wildlands Network

Ramona McGee, Southern Environmental Law Center

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) is developing a wildlife crossing plan for its planning area. This study will identify, evaluate, and make recommendations to improve road crossings for consideration in local, state and MPO transportation planning processes and documentation. The DCHC MPO is conducting this study to identify transportation improvements in the MPO area to help protect the natural environment while also prioritizing safety, the elimination of wildlife-vehicle crashes, economic impacts, and loss of life.

This informational presentation will include a background on wildlife crossings, local ongoing wildlife crossings efforts that the MPO will partner with and build upon, and a summary of the MPO's planning process.

TC Action: Received the presentation and provided comment.

Board Action: Receive the presentation and provide comment.

Attachments: [2024-05-28 \(24-154\) MPO Wildlife Crossings Plan - Board Presentation 052820](#)

7. **US 70 East Corridor Study Phase 1 Final Report Presentation (20 minutes)**

[23-120](#)

Andy Henry, MPO Staff

Anne Lenart-Redmond, STV

The US 70 East Corridor Study is a planning study that was pursued to propose a safe, efficient, and equitable multimodal transportation system that offers a choice between public transit, pedestrian and bicycle use, and automobile travel. The study area is a 4-mile stretch along the US 70 corridor from I-885 to the future Northern Durham Parkway (near the Wake County border). Originally an NCDOT road widening project (STIP U-5720) that was included in the MPO's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), a delay in STIP funding for U-5720 presented an opportunity to explore and study alternatives that would consider multimodal transportation options along the corridor in conjunction with the MPO Policy Board's removal of all future road widening projects from its 2050 MTP.

The US 70 East Corridor study was programmed in the MPO's FY2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and it commenced in July 2022. STV was selected as the prime consultant, and Aidilisms was selected as the subconsultant to lead public engagement efforts.

The study team will present a brief background of the study and second round of public engagement, the two concepts it developed and presented to the public during public engagement efforts, and provide details of the second phase of this study. The presentation, phase 1 final report and appendices, and summary of the second round of public engagement have been included as supporting documentation.

TC Action: Received the presentation and provided comments.

Board Action: Receive the presentation and provide comments.

Attachments: [2021-05-28 \(23-120\) US 70 East Corridor Study Phase 1 Final Report](#)
 [2024-05-28 \(23-120\) US 70 East Corridor Study Phase 1 Final Report Presenta](#)
 [2024-05-28 \(23-120\) US 70 East Corridor Study Report Appendices](#)
 [2024-05-28 \(23-120\) US 70 East - Public Engagement Round 2 Summary](#)
 [2023-06-27 \(23-120\) US 70 East Corridor Study Update](#)

ACTION ITEMS

8. US 70 West Multimodal Corridor Study (15 minutes)[24-127](#)**Nishith Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services Director**

This presentation will serve as an update to all member agencies on the progress of the US 70 West Multimodal Corridor Study from NC 751 in eastern Orange County to NC 119 west of Mebane in Alamance County.

TC Action: Recommended the Board adopt the US 70 West Multimodal Corridor Study.

Board Action: Adopt the US 70 West Multimodal Corridor Study.

Attachments: [2024-05-28 \(24-127\) MPO US 70 MCS Final](#)
 [2024-05-28 \(24-127\) Att 1 - US 70 MCS Final](#)

9. FY 2025-2029 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services[24-157](#)**Transportation Plan (15 minutes)****Colleen McGue, MPO Staff**

Federal transit law requires that projects funded with Section 5310 funds must be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. The Section 5310 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program is intended to improve mobility for older adults and those with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services. The Durham urban area currently receives approximately \$400,000 per year through this formula-funded program. The City of Durham is the designated recipient of these funds and the DCHC MPO has served as the administrator of this program.

The Coordinated Plan must be updated every five years and was last updated in June 2019. The draft plan has been updated through a process that involved seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of transportation and human services agencies, and other stakeholders. This plan includes a review of the transportation-disadvantaged communities in the DCHC MPO area, an overview of available funding sources, an inventory of existing transportation services, community feedback on current needs and gaps in service, and recommendations for implementing strategies to address these needs and gaps.

The schedule for the approval of this plan is as follows:

- May 14: Technical Committee (TC) recommended the Board release the plan for public comment.
- May 28: Board releases the plan for public comment.
- June 11: TC recommends approval of the plan.
- June 25: Board holds public hearing and approves plan.

At the May 14 TC meeting, members were informed the plan would have a minor update in language which would change "urbanized" to "urban" per the new Census language for urban areas. The materials attached reflect that change.

TC Action: Received the draft plan, and recommended the Board receive the draft plan and release it for a 21-day public comment period.

Board Action: Receive the draft plan and release it for a 21-day public comment period.

Attachments:[2024-6-25 \(24-157\) Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation](#)[2024-05-28 \(24-157\) Coordinated Plan Presentation](#)[2024-05-28 \(24-157\) Draft Coordinated Plan](#)

10. Amendment #3 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (5 Minutes)

[24-160](#)

Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Amendment #3 to the FY2024-33 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes additions and project changes from the FY 25 Call for Projects. The amendment also includes several swaps in COVID funding as well as the regular Item N updates to approve.

As there are projects with changes in excess of \$2 million and 25% from the original amount, per the MPO's Public Involvement Plan (PIP), this amendment will be released for a 21-day public comment period. The current timeline for adoption is as follows:

- May 14: TC recommended Board release for public comment
- May 28: Board releases for public comment
- June 11: TC recommends Board approve amendment
- June 27: Board approves amendment

The schedule for Amendment #3 has been expedited from the originally published schedule to accommodate project HS-2408A. This safety project was recently added and is set to be let in August, requiring it to be approved in the TIP prior to then.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board release TIP Amendment #3 for public comment.

Board Action: Release the TIP Amendment #3 for public comment.

Attachments: [2024-6-25 \(24-160\) Memo to the DCHC MPO Board-TIP Amendment 3](#)
[2024-6-25 \(24-160\) TIP Amendment 3 Presentation](#)
[2024-6-25 \(24-160\) Amendment 3 Full Documentation](#)
[2024-6-25 \(24-160\) Amendment #3 Resolution](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

REPORTS:

11. Report from Board Chair

[24-104](#)

Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair

Board Action: Receive report from Board Chair

12. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

[24-105](#)

Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair

13. Report from MPO Staff [24-106](#)

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Board Action: Receive the report from the MPO Staff

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-106\) MPO Staff Report](#)

14. NCDOT Reports [24-107](#)

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

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

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

Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Bryan Lopez (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT

Board Action: Receive the NCDOT Reports

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-107\) NCDOT Reports](#)

15. Recent News Articles and Updates [24-108](#)

Attachments: [2024-11-19 \(24-108\) American roads are dangerous. State oversight stifles safe](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-108\) Fall is dangerous for drivers with more deer, glare from sun](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-108\) Resilient infrastructure a focus of Pete Buttigieg, Roy Cooper](#)
[2024-11-19 \(24-108\) S-Line Amtrak route could reshape Raleigh area transit - T](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: June 25, 2024, 9 a.m. , Central Pines Regional Council, Long Leaf Conference Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings:

DCHC MPO and CAMPO Joint Board Meeting: May 31, 2024 at 9-11 a.m., Central Pines Regional Council, Triangle J Conference Room