

**DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 5, 2024**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on November 5, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Long Leaf Conference Room at the Central Pines Regional Council office and through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in attendance:

Nishith Trivedi (Chair)	Orange County
Ellen Beckmann (Vice Chair)	Durham County
Curtis Scarpignato	Durham County
Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Becca Eversole-Robinson (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Ben Berolzheimer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Bergen Watterson (Member) *	Town of Chapel Hill
Caroline Dwyer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Thanh Schado (Member)	Chatham County
Kelly Milligan (Member)	Orange County
Darlene Weaver (Member)	Orange County
Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
Josh Barrett	City of Durham
Julie Bogle (Member) *	NCDOT TPD
Paul Black (Member)	GoTriangle
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
Travis Crayton (Member)	Research Triangle Foundation
Aaron Cain (Member)	Durham County
Matt Efird (Member) *	Town of Hillsborough
Jenna Kolling (Alternate)	Central Pines Regional Council
Bryan Kluchar (Alternate) *	NCDOT Division 8
Chad Reimakoski (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
David Keilson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Tracy Parrot (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Landon Coley (Alternate)	UNC Chapel Hill
Joe Geigle (Member Non-Voting)	FHWA
Marie Parker *	Town of Carrboro
Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
David Miller	DCHC MPO
Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
K. C. Chae *	DCHC MPO
Beth Davis	DCHC MPO
Cameron Schuler	DCHC MPO
Monet Moore	DCHC MPO
Thomas Porter	DCHC MPO
Madeline Galliano	DCHC MPO

47 Quorum count 17 of 31 voting members

48 \*Attended remotely

49 Chair Nish Trivedi called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

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51 **PRELIMINARIES:**

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53 **1. Roll Call**

54 The roll call was completed verbally and by using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees and the

55 Zoom participant list for remote attendees.

56 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

57 Chair Nish Trivedi asked the Technical Committee if there were any adjustments to the agenda.

58 There were no adjustments.

59 **3. Public Comments**

60 Chair Nish Trivedi asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

61 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

62 **4. Approval of the October 8, 2024, Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**  
63 **Beth Davis, MPO Staff**

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65 Eric Vitale made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Aaron Cain seconded the motion. The  
66 motion passed unanimously.

67 **ACTION ITEMS:**

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69 **5. Draft FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP):**  
70 **Thomas Porter, MPO Staff**

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72 Tom Porter gave an overview of the draft FY26 UPWP in which he defined and explained the  
73 UPWP funding sources. He presented the FY26 UPWP priorities, as well as FY25 and FY24 continuing  
74 special studies. Mr. Porter also shared the FY26 member contribution match and asked the Technical  
75 Committee to recommend that the MPO Board adopt the FY26 UPWP.

76 Eric Vitale made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board adopt the FY26 UPWP. Becca  
77 Eversole-Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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79 **6. DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossing Planning Study**

80 **David Miller, MPO Staff**

81 **Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**

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

86 Eric Vitale made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board adopt the Wildlife Crossings Plan.

87 Paul Black seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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89 **7. Division Needs Local Allocation Update for SPOT 7.0**

90 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

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

96 Aaron Cain recommended a change in the table of projects to add clarification. Becca Eversole-

97 Robinson asked if the allocation of Local Input Points by the Divisions were known. David Keilson of

98 Division 5 and Chad Reimakoski of Division 7 confirmed that a final decision had not been made. Eric

99 Vitale moved to recommend that the Board adopt the allocation of Division Needs LIP, and the motion

100 was seconded by Becca Eversole-Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

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102 **8. DCHC MPO Meeting Schedule**

103 **Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager**

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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 DCHC MPO/CAMPO meetings. Special meetings can always be called if needed.

Eric Vitale moved to recommend that the MPO Board approve the 2025 meeting schedule, and the motion was seconded by Caroline Dwyer. The motion was passed unanimously.

**9. Presentation of Performance Measures for the Development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**  
**Monet Moore, Principal Planner**

Monet Moore shared performance measures associated with the goals and objectives for the MTP and asked for review and comments. Ms. Moore 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 on several performance measures and staff provided an explanation of why performance measures were selected.

Eric Vitale moved to recommend that the MPO Board approve the Performance Measures for use in the 2055 MTP and the motion was seconded by Becca Eversole-Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates**  
**Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

Filmon Fishastion reviewed Amendment #5 of the FY2024-33 TIP. This amendment continues to modify and add projects from the recent Call for Projects and incorporates recently awarded funds such as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant and 5310 funds into both existing and new projects.

Doug Plachcinski thanked Division 5 for their response to this information. Eric Vitale moved to recommend that the MPO Board release TIP Amendment #5 for public comment, and the motion was seconded by Caroline Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. Orange County Short Range Transit Plan**  
**Nish Trivedi, TC Chair & Orange County Transportation Services**

Nish Trivedi presented the Orange County Short Range Transit Plan (S RTP) with the Committee.

This plan was completed following a year-long planning process that included 2 rounds of public engagement, multiple pop-up events, and other public events. The final published plan was approved by Orange County on October 15, 2024, and is available to view online.

Eric Vitale moved to recommend that the MPO Board approve the Orange County Short Range Transit Plan, and the motion was seconded by Tina Moon. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. Orange County Safe Routes to School Plan**  
**Nish Trivedi, TC Chair & Orange County Transportation Services**

Nish Trivedi shared that the 2014 Orange County Safe Routes to School Action Plan was updated with public involvement, field investigation, and extensive analysis. The update 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 will be presented to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on November 7.

Eric Vitale moved to recommend that the MPO Board approve the Orange County Safe Routes to School Plan, and the motion was seconded by Tina Moon. The motion passed unanimously.

**13. Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan**  
**Nish Trivedi, TC Chair & 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.

Eric Vitale moved to recommend that the MPO Board approve the Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan with amendments mentioned by Carrboro. The motion was seconded by Tina Moon. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

**14. Report from MPO Staff**

**Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

Doug Plachcinski shared that there will be a regionalized bike program this week in Durham at the County Admin Building, spearheaded by David and Colleen. There is an initiative that is happening that some of the TC members are involved in regarding regional conversation around BRT. Chapel Hill is RDI-ing their next steps for their corridor project.

**15. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

**Nish Trivedi, TC Chair**

Orange County has kicked off its Bike Ped Plan.

**16. NCDOT Reports**

**Lisa Mathis, NCDOT Board of Transportation**

No Report.

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

No additional report.

**Wright Archer, (Chad Reimakoski, Steve Johnson) Division -7**

Chad Reimakoski gave stated Division is making good progress on the widening of I-40 from I-85 in Orange County to the Durham County line.

**Reuben Blakley (Bryan Kluchar\*, Jeron Monroe), Division 8 – NCDOT**

No additional report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

**Bryan Lopez (Interim) - NCDOT IMD**

No report.

**14. Recent News Articles and Updates**

Chair Nish Trivedi referred the board to the news articles.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Nish Trivedi adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.