

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

August 13, 2024

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on August 13, 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
Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Thanh Schado (Member)	Chatham County
Jennifer Belle (Member)	City of Durham
Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
Lindsay Smart (Member)	City of Durham
Aaron Cain (Member)	City of Durham
Matt Day (Member)	Central Pines Regional Council
Brandon Jones (Member)	NCDOT Division 5
Chad Reimakoski (Member)	NCDOT Division 7
Julie Bogle *(Member)	NCDOT TPD
Kelly Milligan* (Member)	Orange County
Joe Geigle (Member Non-Voting)	FHWA
Stephanie Trueblood (Alternate)	Town of Hillsborough
Josh Mayo (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
Meg Scully* (Alternate)	GoTriangle
Delia Chi* (Alternate)	RDU
Erin Convery (Alternate)	City of Durham
Josh Barrett (Alternate)	City of Durham
Bill Judge (Alternate)	City of Durham
Curtis Scarpignato (Alternate)	Durham County
Tracy Parrott*(Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Bryan Kluchar* (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 8
Anne Calef (Alternate)	Research Triangle Foundation
Landon Coley (Alternate)	University of North Carolina
Timothy Short	Town of Chapel Hill
Jordan Powell *	Resident
Mushtaqur Rahman	Baseline Mobility Group
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
Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
Cameron Schuler	DCHC MPO

46 Monet Moore DCHC MPO
47 Thomas Porter DCHC MPO
48 Samad Rangoonwala DCHC MPO

49 Quorum count 15 of 27 voting members
50 *Attended remotely

51 Chair Nish Trivedi called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
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53 **PRELIMINARIES:**
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55 **2. Roll Call**

56 The roll call was completed verbally and by using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees and the
57 Zoom participant list for remote attendees.

58 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

59 Chair Nish Trivedi asked the Technical Committee if there were any adjustments to the agenda.
60 There were no adjustments.

61 **4. Public Comments**

62 Chair Nish Trivedi asked if there were any public comments. There were none.
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64 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

65 **4. Approval of the June 11, 2024, Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

66 Jean Debnam, MPO Staff
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68 **5. FY25UPWP Amendment #1**

69 Tom Porter, MPO Staff
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72 **6. New 5339 Split Letter for Lapsing Funds**

73 Tom Porter, MPO Staff
74 Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff
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76 Eric Vitale made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Matt Day seconded the motion. The
77 motion passed unanimously.
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ACTION ITEMS:

7. Congestion Management Process and Mobility Report Card (MRC)

Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff

Mushtaqur Rahman, Baseline Mobility Group, Inc.

Zachary Bugg, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

Yanping provided the background of the congestion management process for the mobility report card and introduced the consultant, Mushtaqur Rahman to the board.

Mr. Rahman presented the findings based on the CMP process. He discussed the products of the CMP Study and recommended improvements to the dashboard. Mushtaqur discussed corridor needs and assessments and recommended mitigation and improvement strategies. He discussed quick fixes. He presented intersection improvements for five (5) intersections in Chapel and 8 (8) intersections in Durham and directed the board to the MRC dashboard to see the interactive maps.

Eric Vitale asked how involved NCDOT was with the process. Mushtaqur Rahman said NCDOT was a part of the initial technical workshops, and he received comments and feedback from the NCDOT Transportation Planning Group. Josh Barrett made a motion to adopt the 2023 CMP and MRC reports for a 21-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Eric Vitale. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Amendment #4 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Filmon Fishastion informed the TC of some of the special circumstances included in the amendment and gave a summary of Amendment #4. The circumstances were the funding of the 5307 and 5339 projects, which called for the end dates of these projects to be changed to prevent a lapse in the funding. Mr. Fishastion informed the board of the defederalization of several projects. Doug Plachcinski explained what defederalization meant to the board.

Eric Vitale made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board approve this amendment. The motion was seconded by Aaron Cain. The motion passed unanimously.

113 **9. Local Input Allocation & Project Ranking for SPOT 7.0**
114 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

115 Filmon Fishastion presented the current steps for the Local Input and Project Ranking for SPOT

116 7.0. Slides were presented for all projects receiving points.

117 Ellen Beckmann made a motion to adopt the Local Input Points Assignment for submittal to

118 NCDOT. The motion was seconded by Eric Vitale. The motion passed unanimously.

119 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**
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122 **10. Priority of Existing Committed Projects**
123 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**
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125 Filmon Fishastion presented the list of existing projects and their rankings. He stated the previous

126 lists were created by seniority, but the list had to be changed due to the comments that were received for

127 Divisions Five and Seven.

128 **11. 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Transit Modeling Assumption and Projects**
129 **Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff**
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131 Yanping Zhang presented the existing plus the committed (E+C) plans for the MTP. He presented

132 transportation supply and demand and stated the objective is to compare today's travel to conditions of

133 2055 without additional infrastructure and services.
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135 **12. Re-Imagine Durham Freeway Project Study**
136 **Erin Convery, City of Durham**
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138 Erin Convery presented the Pathway to Connections slide for reimagining the Durham Freeway.

139 Mrs. Convery made note that some of her slides had been removed since the distribution of the agenda.

140 Erin gave the purpose and background of the study, the existing conditions, the Public engagement

141 update, and the next steps of the study.
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143 **13. Public Involvement Policy, Environmental Justice Report, Limited English Proficiency**
144 **Plan, Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan Update**
145 **Monet Moore, MPO Staff**

Monet Moore gave a presentation and an overview of the four plans that DCHC MPO is preparing to update and communicate to the stakeholders. Mr. Moore gave a tentative schedule for updating the plans.

14. Annual DCHC MPO Membership Survey Update
Monet Moore, MPO Staff

Monet Moore gave an informational update on the Membership survey. She reminded the board that the membership survey will be distributed via email by the end of the week.

15. Report from MPO Staff

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive

Doug Plachcinski reminded the board about the October 8 Regional Safety Summit at NCCU. Doug mentioned that the City of Durham is submitting a Safe Streets for All plan.

16. Report from the Technical Committee Chair
Nish Trivedi, TC Chair

Chair Nish Trivedi gave updates on Orange County projects coming to an end.

17. NCDOT Reports
Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Not present. No report.

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

Brandon Jones mentioned NCDOT new website [AdvanceNCtransportaiton.com](https://www.advanceNCtransportation.com) which was released August 13, 2024

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

Chad Reimakoski had no additional report.

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

Bryan Kluchar commented via Zoom chat there was no additional report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

Julie Bogle mentioned FHWA and NCDOT webpage links as resources that may be beneficial to the board and stated she would provide those links after the meeting.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

Not Present. No report.

Bryan Lopez (Interim) - NCDOT IMD

Not present. No report.

18. Recent News Articles and Updates

The recent news articles and updates in the agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Nish Trivedi adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.