



Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

1:30 PM

Central Pines Regional Council

4307 Emperor Blvd
Durham, NC 27703

1. DCHC MPO Non-Discrimination Policy Notice[24-121](#)

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) coordinates transportation planning in Durham County, and portions of Orange County and Chatham County. Members of the public are encouraged to speak at all public meetings, including the Board and Technical Committee regularly scheduled monthly meetings. There is an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of every meeting on the DCHC MPO calendar.

When speaking, please tell us your name and place of residence; comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. If you are interested in speaking at an upcoming meeting, you can submit this form or email your request to Thomas.Porter@dchcmpo.org at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting start time. You may also sign up in person on the day of the meeting by adding your name to the sign-up sheet prior to the start of the meeting.

It is the policy of DCHC MPO to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (nondiscrimination), the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (compliance with Civil Rights legislation in all operations), Executive Orders 12898 (Environmental Justice) and 13166 (Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency), and related nondiscrimination statutes and regulations in all programs and services.

It is the policy of the DCHC MPO that no person shall be subjected to discrimination in any form based on race, color, sex, age, income status, national origin, language proficiency, or disability. If you believe you have been subjected to discrimination, please contact the DCHC MPO Title VI Coordinator at (919) 503-4116. For details on the DCHC MPO's Title VI non-discrimination plan, or to submit a complaint form, please see: <https://www.dchcmpo.org/work-with-us/non-discrimination-policy-title-vi>

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For details on the DCHC MPO's ADA Transition Plan, which aims to ensure nondiscrimination and access for individuals with disabilities in state and local government services, please see: <https://www.dchcmpo.org/home/showdocument?id=1022&t=637489635629500000>.

Si necesita ayuda o para solicitar este documento en un formulario alternativo, comuníquese con la oficina de la MPO de DCHC al Monet.Moore@dchcmpo.org al menos 48 horas antes de la reunión.

2. Roll Call
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes per speaker)

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **Approval of the April 9, 2024 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**
Jean Debnam, MPO Staff

[24-153](#)

A copy of the April 9, 2024 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes is attached.

TC Action: Approve the April 9, 2024 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [2024-5-14 \(24-153\) April 9, 2024 TC Meeting Minutes](#)

PRESENTATIONS:**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: To 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](#)**David Miller, DCHC MPO****Andy Henry, DCHC MPO****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: To receive the presentation and provide comment.

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](#)

ACTION ITEMS**8. US 70 West Multimodal Corridor Study (15 minutes)** [24-127](#)**Nishith Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services Director****Lauren Triebert, VHB Project Development Lead**

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: Recommend the Board 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)****Kelly Richard, 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 urbanized 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: TC recommends the Board releases 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.

TC Action: Receive the draft plan, and recommend the Board 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](#)

10. Destination 2055: Revised Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)[24-158](#)**Objectives (15 minutes)****Colleen McGue, MPO Staff****Monet Moore, MPO Staff**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) in partnership with the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) invited the general public to complete a *Goals and Objectives* survey between November 16, 2023 and January 15, 2024. The intent of the survey was to gain a better understanding of the public's perspective on policy goals within the adopted 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Participants were provided with a list of the (8) current MTP goals. Each goal was described, and examples of implementing the goals were offered. A total of 558 individuals participated in the survey and contributed a total of 445 comments.

DCHC MPO conducted an initial analysis of survey results to identify common and reoccurring perspectives. Additionally, staff compared overall perspectives expressed within the survey responses to perspectives shared by respondents who self-identified with one or more of the Environmental Justice communities in the DCHC/CAMPO area. The Connect 2050 Goals have been recommended to remain the same for Destination 2055, however based on the survey feedback, several changes to the Objectives have been drafted for consideration for use in Destination 2055. These proposed changes are outlined in the attached memo. The revised objectives, as well as the previous memo that was distributed to the Technical Committee and MPO Board in February summarizing the public engagement, the compilation of the survey comments, and a summary of the comments from people who self-identified with one or more of the Environmental Justice communities are included in the attachments for reference.

TC Action: Recommend the MPO Board approve the revised Objectives for use in the development of Destination 2055.

Attachments:[2024-6-25 \(24-158\) Revised MTP Goals and Objectives](#)[2024-6-25 \(24-158\) MTP 2055 Revised Goals and Objectives Memo 06182024](#)[2024-6-25 \(24-158\) Exhibit A - Revised Goals and Objectives for Consideration](#)[2024-6-25 \(24-158\) Exhibit B - 2024-2-13 \(24-117\) Destination 2055 Phase 1 E](#)[2024-6-25 \(24-158\) Exhibit C - Destination 2055 Goals and Objective Survey C](#)[2024-6-25 \(24-158\) Exhibit D - Destination 2055 Goals and Objectives Survey S](#)[2024-6-25 \(24-158\) Exhibit E - MTP 2055 Revised Goals and Objectives Memo](#)

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

[24-160](#)

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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 recommends 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: Recommend that the MPO Board release 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](#)

REPORTS FROM STAFF:**12. Report from MPO Staff** [24-100](#)

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

TC Action: Receive the report from MPO Staff

Attachments: [2024-11-05 \(24-100\) MPO Staff Report](#)

13. Report from the Technical Committee Chair [24-101](#)

Nish Trivedi, TC Chair

TC Action: Receive the Report from the TC Chair

14. NCDOT Reports [24-102](#)

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

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

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

Reuben Blakley (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Bryan Lopez (Interim) Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT

TC Action: Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2024-11-05 \(24-102\) NCDOT Reports](#)

15. Recent News Articles and Updates [24-103](#)

Attachments: [2024-11-05 \(24-103\) American roads are dangerous. State oversight stifles safe](#)
[2024-11-05 \(24-103\) Fall is dangerous for drivers with more deer, glare from sun](#)
[2024-11-05 \(24-103\) Resilient infrastructure a focus of Pete Buttigieg, Roy Cooper](#)
[2024-11-05 \(24-103\) S-Line Amtrak route could reshape Raleigh area transit - T](#)

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**Next meeting: June 11, 2024, Central Pines Regional Council Long Leaf
Conference Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: May 21-24, 2024 - NCDOT
Transportation Summit , Koury Convention Center, Greensboro NC**