

1 **DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **BOARD**
3 **November 19, 2024**
4 **MINUTES OF MEETING**
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6 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on
7 November 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at Central
8 Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:
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10	Javiera Caballero (MPO Board Vice Chair)	City of Durham
11	Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
12	Carl Rist (Member)	City of Durham
13	Melissa McCullough (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
14	Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
15	Danny Nowell (Member)	Town of Carrboro
16	Mark Bell (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
17	Camile Berry (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
18	Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
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20	Ellen Beckmann (TC Vice Chair)	Durham County
21	Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
22	Julie Bogle*	NCDOT Transportation Planning
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24	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
25	David Miller	DCHC MPO
26	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
27	KC Chae	DCHC MPO
28	Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
29	Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
30	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
31	Samad Rangoonwala	DCHC MPO
32	Cameron Schuler	DCHC MPO
33	Thomas Porter	DCHC MPO
34	Beth Davis	DCHC MPO

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36 Quorum Count: 8 of 10 Voting Members
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39 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked
40 everyone in the room to introduce themselves. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting
41 Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are indicated above.

42 **PRELIMINARIES:**

43 **1. Ethics Reminder**

44 Vice Chair Javier Caballero reminded everyone of the ethics reminder.

45 **2. Roll Call**

46 Doug Plachcinski asked everyone to introduce themselves. Member Jamezetta Bedford
47 shared that this would be her last meeting.

48 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

49 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero noted a few additions to the agenda: 1) there will be a
50 closed session at the end of the meeting, and 2) they would be taking nominations from the
51 floor for Chair and Vice Chair. She also reminded everyone of the ethics reminder.

52 **4. Public Comments**

53 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero asked if any members of the public were signed up to
54 speak. There were none.

55 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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57 **5. Approval of October 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**
58 **Beth Davis, MPO Staff**

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60 Michael Parker moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mark
61 Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

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63 **ACTION ITEMS:**

64 **6. Draft FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP)**
65 **Thomas Porter, MPO Staff**

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67 Thomas Porter presented the FY2026 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP) to
68 the Board.

69 Wendy Jacobs asked if Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) for roundabouts was
70 included in the FY2026 UPWP. She proposed that ICE be added to the UPWP. Doug
71 Plachcinski added that this work is already being done but is not explicitly listed.

72 Wendy Jacobs moved to approve the FY2026 UPWP on the condition of adding ICE,
73 and the motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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75 **7. DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossing Planning Study**
76 **David Miller, MPO Staff**
77 **Madaline Galliano, MPO Staff**

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79 David Miller shared a presentation on the MPO’s Wildlife Crossings Planning Study, which
80 included an overview of the public engagement period, an analysis of the survey results (from
81 129 respondents), updates made to the draft plan, and remaining timeline.

82 There were some questions about how the age demographic was decided. David responded
83 that this was consistent with the MPO’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) public
84 engagement process. Wendy Jacobs asked about how the plan would be implemented. David
85 shared that this plan will serve as guidance when plans are being carried out and integrated into
86 those plans. Doug noted that public comment requests were also distributed in Spanish. Wendy
87 requested that this plan be sent out to all the Planning departments in the MPO.

88 Carl Rist moved to adopt the Wildlife Crossings Plan. The motion was seconded by Wendy
89 Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

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91 **8. Division Needs Local Point Allocation Update for SPOT 7.0**
92 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

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

99 Wendy Jacobs made a motion to adopt the Division Needs Local Point Allocation. The
100 motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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102 **9. 2025 DCHC MPO Meeting Schedule**
103 **Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager**
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105 Colleen McGue reviewed the proposed 2025 meeting schedule. Changes for 2025
106 include no meeting during the month of May. During the months with five Wednesdays, there
107 will be joint meetings with DCHC MPO and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
108 (CAMPO). Special meetings can always be called if needed.

109 There was discussion about when to conduct the Executive Director evaluation, and
110 there was a suggestion to do this as a Closed Session in May. There was also a suggestion to
111 move the June meeting a week earlier to June 17. Doug pointed out that there would be a
112 Board Retreat on Friday, January 10 beginning at 10 am.

113 Michael Parker made a motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule with suggested
114 amendments. The motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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116 **10. Presentation of Performance Measures for the Development of Destination 2055**
117 **Monet Moore, Principal Planner**
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119 Monet Moore shared performance measures associated with the goals and objectives
120 for the MTP and asked for review and comments. Monet reviewed the performance measures
121 along with comments received as well as responses from the MPO. She requested
122 recommendation of approval for use in the development of the 2055 MTP.

123 There was discussion about some of the measurements. Board members requested the
124 inclusion of performance measures relating to multi-modal transportation, land development
125 patterns, and mode shift. Staff provided an explanation regarding why certain performance
126 measures are not feasible and other planning documents that capture the expressed desires of
127 the Board. Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to accept the proposed Performance Measures
128 for the Development of Destination 2055. The motion was seconded by Wendy Jacobs. The
129 motion passed unanimously.

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131 **11. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)**
132 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**
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134 Filmon Fishastion reviewed Amendment #5 of the FY2024-33 TIP. This amendment
135 continues to modify and add projects from the recent Call for Projects and incorporates recently
136 awarded funds such as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity
137 (RAISE) grant and 5310 funds into both existing and new projects.

138 Michael Parker made a motion to release TIP Amendment #5 for public comment. The
139 motion was seconded by Jamezetta Bedford. The motion passed unanimously.

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141 **12. Orange County Short Range Transit Plan**
142 **Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**
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144 Nish Trivedi presented the Orange County Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) with the
145 Board. This plan was completed following a year-long planning process that included 2 rounds
146 of public engagement, multiple pop-up events, and other public events. The final published plan
147 was approved by Orange County on October 15, 2024, and is available to view online.

148 Melissa McCullough moved to accept the Orange County Short Range Transit Plan, and
149 the motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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151 **13. Orange County Safe Routes to Schools Plan**
152 **Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**
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154 Nish Trivedi shared that the 2014 Orange County Safe Routes to School Action Plan
155 was updated with public involvement, field investigation, and extensive analysis. The update
156 included planning level analysis of existing transportation around schools, all Orange County

157 public schools, youth involvement in the planning process, implementation, and more. The plan
158 was presented to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on November 7.

159 Wendy Jacobs moved to accept the Orange County Safe Routes to School Plan, and
160 the motion was seconded by Mark Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

161 **14. Orange County Multimodal Plan**
162 **Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**

163 Nish Trivedi shared that WSP and Orange County have completed the County's
164 Transportation Multimodal Plan (TMP), which focuses on the unincorporated portions of Orange
165 County and consolidates all approved transportation related plans, projects, and programs into
166 a single plan. The Orange County Transportation Services Director presented this plan on July
167 10th and August 19th to the Orange Unified Transportation Board and collected feedback, which
168 has been incorporated into the plan.

169 Wendy Jacobs moved to accept the Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan.
170 The motion was seconded by Melissa McCullough. The motion passed unanimously.

171 **REPORTS:**

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173 **15. Report from Board Chair**
174 **Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair**

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176 Vice Chair Caballero thanked MPO staff for coming to the National Day of Remembrance in
177 Durham, including Doug and Colleen.

178 **16. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**
179 **Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

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181 No report.

182 **17. Report from MPO Staff**
183 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**
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185 Mr. Plachcinski shared that with the new administration, there will be new opportunities
186 to work with different partners and seek new funding opportunities. There has been a lot of new
187 information coming out about hurricane recovery.

188 **18. NCDOT Reports**

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190 **Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

191 No report

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193 **Brandon Jones, (Tracy Parrott, David Keilson), Division 5 – NCDOT**

194 Mr. Jones gave an update on the roads that were affected by Hurricane Helene.
195 Reopened 1,050 roads in Western NC, 294 road closures left. 180 bridges have to be totally
196 repaired, with an estimated cost of \$5 billion. Mr. Jones announced this would be his last
197 meeting, he will be retiring.

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

199 No report

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201 **Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT**

202 No report

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

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

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210 **Bryan Lopez (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division**

211 No report

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213 **19. Officer Nominations**

214 Vice Chair Caballero opened the floor for nominations. Jamezetta Bedford nominated
215 Karen Howard as Chair, and this was seconded by Melissa McCullough. Michael Parker

216 nominated Javiera Caballero as Vice Chair and was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion to
217 elect these officers passed unanimously.

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219 **20. Recent News Articles & Updates**

220 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero pointed out the news articles included in the agenda packet.

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222 **21. Closed Session**

223 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero adjourned the meeting and went into closed session.

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ADJOURNMENT

225 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am, following the Closed Session.