

MEMORANDUM

To: Eric Midkiff, PE
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From: Aaron Cain
Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO)

Date: February 8, 2019

Re: Staff comments for I-3306A, Widening of I-40 in Orange County

Thank you for soliciting staff and public comment on conceptual designs for I-3306A, the widening of I-40 in Orange County to six lanes, including a redesign of the I-40/NC 86 interchange. DCHC MPO staff has reviewed the materials from the public meeting and other sources for the proposed widening of I-40 in Orange County from I-85 to the Durham County line. DCHC MPO has the following comments on the proposal:

- DCHC MPO has no comments on the general widening and proposed design and impacts as currently depicted.
- Regarding the proposed improvements to the I-40/NC 86 interchange:
 - DCHC MPO staff strongly prefers option 4B due to the limited impacts on surrounding neighborhoods and reduced impacts on the natural lands of Duke Forest; and
 - The final design should accommodate future bus rapid transit planned for the area, as well as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including but not limited to sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian signals.

At the request of the DCHC MPO Board (TAC), a resolution addressing this project will be brought to them at their next meeting on February 27, 2019. Though beyond the official public comment period, DCHC MPO requests that the comments that will be included in the resolution be considered as design on this project moves forward.

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