



DCHC MPO Board

101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall

Regular Meeting

1. Roll Call

Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The roll call was completed using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees.

2. Ethics Reminder

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Ethics Reminder included in the agenda packet.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

Wendy Jacobs requested to pull item 11: IJJA Standing Update from the consent agenda, and to make it the first action item. Leonardo Williams made a motion to approve the adjustment to the agenda. Michael Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Directives to Staff

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Directives to Staff included in the agenda packet.

This Informational Report was referred to the DCHC MPO Board due back on 10/12/2022

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval of the August 10, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

David Miller, LPA Staff

Michael Parker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Pam Hemminger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Minutes was approved.

7. FY2020-29 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #12

David Miller, LPA Staff

Michael Parker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Pam Hemminger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

8. Resolution to Request Transfer of FHWA Funds to FTA

Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO

Michael Parker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Pam Hemminger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

9. Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application Letter of Support

Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO

Michael Parker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Pam Hemminger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

10. Proposed FY23 UPWP Amendment Schedule

Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO

Michael Parker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Pam Hemminger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

11. IIJA Standing Update

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

Wendy Jacobs mentioned that Durham County and NCDOT are applying for a Railroad Crossing Elimination Program grant to help move the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail (GTCR) project forward. Wendy Jacobs requested that a letter of support for this grant opportunity from DCHC MPO be considered, and that additional letters of support will be requested from the City of Durham, Durham County, and GoTriangle. Ellen Beckmann shared identified infrastructure issues needing to be addressed before the GTCR project moves forward, and that the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program could help with these efforts. Chair Jenn Weaver stated that the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program Letter of Support be added to the agenda for consideration as item 12b.

This Resolution was referred to the Technical Committee due back on 9/28/2022

ACTION ITEMS**12. Transit Asset Management (TAM) -- Transportation Performance Measure (TPM) (15 minutes)**

Andy Henry, LPA Staff

Andy Henry presented a background of the Transportation Performance Measures (TPM), and a status review of all six TPMs and its corresponding adoption dates. Andy Henry shared the State of Good Repair (SGR) targets for GoDurham, Go Triangle, Chapel Hill Transit, and a state-wide group consisting of Orange Public Transportation and Chatham Transit Network. Andy Henry mentioned that SGR targets vary among the systems because the age and mileage of their current fleets varies.

Michael Parker made a motion that the DCHC MPO Board adopt a resolution stating that the MPO's plans and policies support the SGR targets. Javiera Caballero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

12b. Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program Letter of Support
Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Chair Jenn Weaver asked for the MPO Board to consider approving a letter of support for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant program that Durham County and NCDOT is applying for. Pam Hemminger made a motion for the DCHC MPO Board to approve a letter of support. Leonardo Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

13. Electric Vehicle and Charging Infrastructure Updates (20 minutes)
Sean Flaherty, Triangle J Council of Governments

Sean Flaherty provided information about the US Department of Energy Clean Cities Program, the Joint Office of Energy & Transportation's National Electric Vehicle Initiative (NEVI), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) opportunities, the DRIVE Electric USA Initiative, the NC Clean Transportation Plan, and the development of statewide community engagement plan.

Michael Parker asked how these programs are being integrated with private sector initiatives. Sean Flaherty responded that private employers are offering electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on their property, and that vendors are working with private companies and municipalities to install Level 2 charging stations. Wendy Jacobs asked if equity and the cost of EVs has been discussed as a part of these programs, and Sean Flaherty replied that TJCOG is developing a strategy with NCDOT to increase access to EVs. Pam Hemminger asked for guidance on charging fees for using EV charging stations, and Sean Flaherty replied that a fee structure is determined by jurisdictions and government bodies. Leonardo Williams asked what the success of these programs looks like in disadvantaged communities. Sean Flaherty replied that specific performance measures are still being determined, but that reviewing income, the number of vehicle owners, and race should be in mind when looking at equity within transportation planning. Lisa Mathis stated that the cost of EVs are beginning to decrease, and that electric bicycles can help fill gaps with affordability and access.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

14. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Updates (15 minutes)
Yanping Zhang, LPA Staff
Jaehoon Kim, LPA Staff

Yanping Zhang stated that the Congestion Management Process (CMP) has a four-year cycle, and the current process is slated to end June 2023. Yanping Zhang said that the CMP subcommittee met in March 2022 to examine the CMP's study area and corridors, transit network and routes, and data collection. Yanping Zhang said that the CMP's final determination will be made after the release of the 2020 Census Urbanized Area. Yanping Zhang said MPO staff are working on various data sets relating to traffic count, travel time and speed, accident and crash, and transit. Yanping Zhang shared the timeline of the current CMP work plan, culminating with the CMP report and Mobility Report Card due by June 2023.

Michael Parker asked if transportation modes other than cars are being considered within the CMP framework, and Yanping Zhang replied that the CMP strategy is multi-modal.

This Resolution was referred.to the Technical Committee due back on 10/26/2022

15. Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Update (30 minutes)

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Aaron Cain provided an update and timeline for the Draft FY2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Aaron Cain shared that public transit and rail projects have no changes from the April 2022 version of the Draft FY2024-2033 STIP, and that there are no changes to bicycle and pedestrian projects except those in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment process. Aaron Cain provided details about specific highway projects that have changed, that need to be reprioritized, and projects in Durham County that were removed from the MPO's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Aaron Cain shared the next steps timeline, which culminates in the MPO Board adopting the FY2024-2033 STIP in September 2023.

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REPORTS

16. Report from the Board Chair

Jenn Weaver, Board Chair

Chair Jenn Weaver reminded Board members that subcommittees are in the process of being formed. Pam Hemminger asked for clarification on the MPO Board's attendance and voting guidelines for its hybrid meetings, and Aaron Cain replied that Board members need to attend in person in order to vote and to be counted for quorum.

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17. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair

Ellen Beckmann shared information about bicycle projects near completion in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, that the City of Durham received grant funds to acquire electric buses, and that the City of Durham's Bull E-Bike Pilot project was launched.

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18. Report from LPA Staff

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski said that forthcoming subcommittees will engage jurisdictions once the updated urbanized area is established, as well as establish principles to help guide the MPO.

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19. NCDOT Reports

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT

Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Nick Morrison - NCDOT IMD

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation: Lisa Mathis mentioned the upcoming Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Drop-In events, announced awarded RAISE grant projects, and mentioned the 2023 N.C. Transportation Summit to be held in Raleigh.

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT: Brandon Jones updated Board members on ongoing projects, and shared that the Division 5 Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Drop-In open house is scheduled for October 10-14, 2022.

Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT: Pat Wilson updated Board members on ongoing projects.

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT: There was no additional report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT: Julie Bogle mentioned upcoming webinars about the Carbon Reduction Program.

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT: There was no additional report.

Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT: There was no additional report.

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**20. Recent News Articles and Updates**

Chair Jenn Weaver encouraged MPO Board members to review the articles included in the agenda packet.

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Adjourn

There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next meeting: October 12, 2022, 9 a.m., Committee Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings