

**DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 10, 2024**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on September 10, 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:

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| Nishith Trivedi (Chair)               | Orange County                       |
| Ellen Beckmann (Vice Chair)           | Durham County                       |
| Becca Eversole (Member)               | Town of Carrboro                    |
| Thanh Schado (Member)                 | Chatham County                      |
| Bergen Watterson (Member)             | Town of Chapel Hill                 |
| Caroline Dwyer (Member)               | Town of Chapel Hill                 |
| Jennifer Belle (Member)               | City of Durham                      |
| Eric Vitale (Member)                  | City of Durham                      |
| Lindsay Smart (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                           |
| Paul Black (Member)                   | GoTriangle                          |
| Kelly Milligan (Member)               | Orange County                       |
| Darlene Weaver * (Member)             | Orange County                       |
| Joe Geigle (Member Non-Voting)        | FHWA                                |
| Stephanie Trueblood (Alternate)       | Town of Hillsborough                |
| Josh Barrett (Alternate)              | City of Durham                      |
| Bill Judge* (Alternate)               | City of Durham                      |
| Curtis Scarpignato (Alternate)        | Durham County                       |
| Yolanda Jordan (Alternate Non-Voting) | FHWA                                |
| Tracy Parrott (Alternate)             | NCDOT Division 5                    |
| Nishant Shah (Alternate)              | NCDOT Division 7                    |
| Bryan Kluchar* (Alternate)            | NCDOT Division 8                    |
| Anne Calef (Alternate)                | Research Triangle Foundation        |
| Landon Coley (Alternate)              | University of North Carolina        |
| Pete Schubert                         | Triangle Connectivity Collaborative |
| Hannah Salvaggio*                     | City of Durham                      |
| 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                            |
| Monet Moore                           | DCHC MPO                            |

47 Thomas Porter DCHC MPO  
48 Samad Rangoonwala\* DCHC MPO  
49 Madeline Galliano\* DCHC MPO

50 Quorum count 14 of 27 voting members

51 \*Attended remotely

52 Chair Nish Trivedi called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
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54 **PRELIMINARIES:**

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56 **2. Roll Call**

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

59 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

60 Chair Nish Trivedi asked the Technical Committee if there were any adjustments to the agenda.

61 There were no adjustments.

62 **4. Public Comments**

63 Chair Nish Trivedi asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

64 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

65 **4. Approval of the August 13, 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 Eric Vitale made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Becca Eversole seconded the motion.

73 The motion passed unanimously.

74 **ACTION ITEMS:**

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76 **6. Draft FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP): Release for Public Comment**

77 Thomas Porter, MPO Staff  
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79 Tom Porter presented the draft FY 2026 UPWP in which he defined the UPWP and explained the  
80 funding sources. He listed the priorities 2026 priorities and named about the FY 2025 Special Studies

81 (STBG-DA) and FY 2024 Continuing Special Studies (STBG-DA). Mr. Porter stated that in FY 2026  
82 DCHC intends to procure a consultant to guide strategic planning and conduct an organizational  
83 assessment. The study will find innovative ways to meet members' needs. Tom also presented the  
84 estimated Member Match using the FY 2025 numbers.

85 Eric Vitale made a motion to release the FY2026 Draft UPWP for public comment. Ellen  
86 Beckmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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88 **7. DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossing Planning Study**

89 **David Miller, MPO Staff**

90 **Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**

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92 David Miller gave the purpose and the background of the Wildlife Crossing Planning Study. Mr.  
93 Miller explained the planning process and gave the board the project recommendations. He shared the  
94 Wildlife-Vehicle Crash (WVC) report which was part of the NCDOT's newly released Wildlife Passage  
95 Guidance. He shared the WVC report for the MPO Area for 2020 -2022, which revealed that the MPO  
96 area ranked highest for crashes with a total cost estimate of \$74 million. Mr. Miller gave a project  
97 recommendation summary and discussed the public engagement schedule and the anticipated timeline.

98 Ellen Beckmann asked if the plan recommended any funding sources. David Miller said Section 4  
99 of the plan is for implementation which lists various ways to fund projects. Eric Vitale made a motion to  
100 release the draft plan for a 21-day public comment period. Becca Eversole seconded the motion. The  
101 motion passed unanimously.

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

105 **8. Division Needs Local Input Allocation & Project Ranking for SPOT 7.0**

106 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

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108 Filmon Fishastion gave an update on the P7 Schedule and presented the current steps for the  
109 Local Input and Project Ranking for SPOT 7.0. Filmon shared how the 1700 points allotted to MPO are

distributed amongst each transportation mode and towards Division needs. Mr. Fishastion mentioned the two projects that were identified as priorities in the TC Subcommittee meeting, noting that they can be changed. The two projects were T192652 and B231220. He listed the next steps.

Bergen Watterson noted that Pittsboro needed to be removed from the description in the T192652 project.

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116 **9. Transit Ridership Research**  
117 **Samad Rangoonwala, MPO Staff**

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119 Samad Rangoonwala gave the context surrounding the inception of the need for transit ridership  
120 research. He reminded the board that this research was introduced following the question asked at the  
121 May board meeting as to what was driving transportation ridership post-2020. Since high-speed rails  
122 have not been introduced to the MPO area yet he gave research based on the mixed-traffic buses. He  
123 gave an overview of the current circumstances of ridership which indicated that only 5.17 percent of  
124 commuters use transit. Mr. Rangoonwala pulled most of his information from All Transit and presented  
125 four factors surrounding transit ridership and gave recommendations for making transit ridership better.

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127 **10. Destination 2055: September 2024 Update**  
128 **Colleen McGue, MPO Planner Manager**

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130 Colleen McGue went over the 4-part Metropolitan Transportation Plan development process and  
131 informed the committee that we were in the Analysis and Evaluation phase. She briefly discussed the  
132 Destination 2055 approved goals and reminded the committee about the project website and advised the  
133 members to share the site.

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135 **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

136 **11. Report MPO Staff**  
137 **Colleen McGue, MPO Staff**

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139 Colleen McGue gave a reminder about the Regional Transportation Safety Summit and the  
140 October 8<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee Meeting both of which will be held at NCCU.

141 Bergen Watterson asked about the DCHC rebranding. Colleen McGue said the new brand will be  
142 unveiled in January 2025.

143 Yanping Zhang announced a new household travel survey being conducted by NC State  
144 University where 1000 households will be selected in the Triangle area including CAMPO and DCHC  
145 MPO to participate in the survey.

146 **12. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**  
147 **Nish Trivedi, TC Chair**

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149 No Report.  
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151 **13. NCDOT Reports**

152 **Lisa Mathis, NCDOT Board of Transportation**

153 No Report.

154 **Brandon Jones, (Tracy Parrott), Division 5- NCDOT**

155 No additional report.

156 **Wright Archer, (Chad Reimakoski, Steve Johnson) Division -7**

157 Chad Reimakoski stated Division Seven 7 is making good progress on the widening of I-40 from I-  
158 85 in Orange County to the Durham County line.

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

160 No additional report.

161 **Julie Bogle\*, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**

162 No report.

163 **John Grant\*s, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**

164 No report. [OBJ]

165 **Bryan Lopez (Interim) - NCDOT IMD**

166 No report.

167 **14. Recent News Articles and Updates**

168 Chair Nish Trivedi referred the board to the news articles.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to discuss, Chair Nish Trivedi adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.