

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

September 28, 2022

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on September 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor Committee Room at Durham City Hall, as well as through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in attendance:

Ellen Beckmann (Chair)	Durham County
Nishith Trivedi (Vice Chair)	Orange County
Tom Devlin (Member)	City of Durham
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Kent Johnson (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Josh Mayo (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Margaret Hauth (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Brandon Dawson (Member)	Chatham County
Tom Altieri (Member)	Orange County
Bernard Clark (Member)	Orange County
Brandon Jones (Member)	NCDOT Division 5
Travis Crayton (Member)	Research Triangle Foundation
Matt Day (Member)	TJCOG
Kurt Stolka* (Member)	The University of North Carolina
Laura Biediger (Member)*	City of Durham
Joe Geigle (Non-voting Member)*	Federal Highway Administration
Erin Convery (Alternate)	City of Durham
Meg Scully (Alternate)*	GoTriangle
David Keilson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Stephen Robinson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
Bryan Kluchar (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 8
Sean Egan*	City of Durham
Bill Judge	City of Durham
Evian Patterson	City of Durham
Brian Fahey*	City of Durham
Tom Ten Eyck	City of Durham
DeDreana Freeman*	City of Durham Council Member
Chris Lukasina*	Capital Area MPO
Nick Tennyson	Citizen

41	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
42	Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
43	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
44	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
45	Dale McKeel	DCHC MPO
46	Dolly Hall-Quinlan*	DCHC MPO
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48 Quorum count: 19 of 31 voting members
49 *Attended remotely

50 Chair Ellen Beckmann called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

51 **PRELIMINARIES:**

52 **1. Roll Call**

53 The roll call was completed using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom
54 participant list for remote attendees. Chair Ellen Beckmann stated the following change in
55 Technical Committee (TC) membership for the City of Durham: Eric Vitale and Laura Biediger
56 are now voting Members, and Erin Convery and Brian Fahey are now Alternates.

57 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

58 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

59 **3. Public Comments**

60 There were no public comments.

61 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

62 **4. Approval of the August 24, 2022 TC Meeting Minutes**

63 David Miller, LPA Staff

64 **5. IJJA Standing Update**

65 Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

66 Tom Devlin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Travis Crayton seconded
67 the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

68 **ACTION ITEMS:**

69 **6. Orange County Transit Plan Update**

70 Tom Altieri, Orange County

Tom Altieri provided a background of the current 2017 Orange County Transit Plan (OCTP), and an update on the Draft OCTP. Tom Altieri stated that the Draft OCTP is meant to build upon the 2017 OCTP, which includes both programmed projects and new projects. Tom Altieri stated that the adoption phase of this process begins today through the request to the TC that it recommend to the MPO Board that the Draft OCTP be released for a 21-day public comment period. Tom Altieri provided a timeline and recap of outreach processes, a needs assessment, project selection, funding sources, and remaining schedule.

Meg Scully provided background about the North-South Bus Rapid Transit (N-S BRT) project receiving additional funds in the Draft OCTP, as well as revisiting regional GoTriangle capital projects that align with programming in other county transit plans that could be included in the Draft OCTP or added after adoption through an amendment. Tom Altieri replied that this is consistent with his understanding, and that the OCTP will be supportive of a regional transit center. Josh Mayo asked when the Draft OCTP would be updated next, and Tom Altieri replied that the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) suggests a review every four years, making FY2027 the next time to reevaluate and update the OCTP.

Josh Mayo made a motion to recommend to the MPO Board that it release the Draft OCTP for a 21-day public comment period. Tom Devlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Grant - FFY22 Program of Projects
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive

Doug Plachcinski presented the projects requested by Chapel Hill Transit, GoDurham, and Orange County Department on Aging through the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310) funds. Doug Plachcinski stated that since the amount of funds requested was less than the amount of funds available, additional funding is to be provided to each project.

Tom Devlin made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board approve the proposed Program of Projects. Margaret Hauth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. FY24 UPWP Development Schedule

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski presented the proposed FY24 UPWP Development schedule.

Bergen Watterson asked for clarification on the phasing out schedule for using the UPWP for local staff time. Aaron Cain replied that the MPO Board approved a federal funding policy last year that stated FY24 would be the last year in which funding for local staff would be provided through the UPWP, and that it is up to the local governments to determine how to phase this out.

Meg Scully asked if the MPO is still considering funding through the UPWP for a BRT study for the US 15-501 corridor, or if it would be included in county transit plans. Aaron Cain said that the MPO is not unilaterally moving forward with this study, but that a conversation should occur with county representatives.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

9. Report from Staff

Doug Plachcinski, Executive Director, DCHC MPO

Aaron Cain shared that per DCHC MPO by-laws, voting TC members may lose their voting privileges if they do not attend three meetings in a row in person, but that voting privileges can be reinstated if a member attends the next two subsequent meetings in person. Dale McKeel shared that the Triangle Bicycle and Pedestrian Workshop will be held in Clayton on October 14.

Erin Convery stated that there is funding for a study of Highway 147 within the current UPWP and through federal funding opportunities. Erin Convery said that this study will focus on community engagement, community partnerships, and recognizing the harm done to communities as a result of the construction of Highway 147. Erin Convery said that the study will help evaluate and inform recommendations on future projects.

10. Report from the Technical Committee Chair
Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair

Chair Ellen Beckmann stated that the TC is slated to have an update about the Draft Durham County Transit Plan in October 2022.

11. NCDOT Reports
Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 – NCDOT

Brandon Jones provided updates on NCDOT Division 5 projects, and mentioned the Draft FY2024-2033 STIP drop-in session and feedback opportunity.

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

Stephen Robinson provided updates on NCDOT Division 7 projects.

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Bryan Kluchar stated that NCDOT Division 8 held its drop-in public comment session for the Draft FY2024-2033 STIP the previous week.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT

There was no additional report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT

There was no additional report.

Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT

There was no additional report.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

12. Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Public Feedback Information Flyer

The Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Public Feedback Information Flyer was available as information.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Ellen Beckmann at 9:55 a.m.