



Technical Committee

101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

9:00 AM

Teleconference

Regular Meeting

1. Roll Call

Quorum Count: 23 of 31 Voting Members

Chair Nish Trivedi called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was performed. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Technical Committee (TC) were identified and are indicated above.

Present: 29 - Bill Judge, Bergen Watterson, Brandon Jones, Carl DePinto Duke University Paarking & Transportation, Chance Mullis Chatham County Planning, Ed Venable , Ellis Cayton, Evan Tenenbaum, Jeff Lecky , John Grant NCDOT Traffic Ops, Kayla Seibel, Lisa Miller, Mary Jane Nirdlinger, Matthew Filter, Nishith Trivedi, Tina Moon, Zach Hallock, Brian Taylor, Scott Levitan, Jay Heikes, Jomar Pastorelle, Scott Whiteman , Margaret A. Hauth, John Hodges-Copple, Tom Altieri, Ellen Beckmann , Stephen Robinson, Margaret Scully and Kumar Neppalli

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of the April 29, 2020 TC Meeting Minutes

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There was no discussion of the Consent Agenda.

Evan Tenenbaum made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kumar Neppalli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Minutes was approved.

ACTION ITEMS

5. 2050 MTP -- Public Engagement Plan (10 minutes)[20-144](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

Andy Henry stated that the DCHC adopted the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in March 2018, and federal rules require the MPO to adopt an updated plan within four years. Andy Henry continued that the first step in developing the updated MTP is to identify the schedule and public engagement process, release those documents for public comment, and approve them for implementation. Andy Henry noted that the DCHC MPO Public Involvement Policy requires that the schedule and Public Engagement Plan be released for a minimum 42-day public comment period and be part of an extensive effort to solicit public comment. Andy Henry stated that DCHC MPO staff is working with Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) staff to develop a single Engagement Plan for the 2050 MTP. Andy Henry added that the proposed approval schedule for this item will be to release the 2050 MTP schedule and Public Engagement Plan in June 2020, and to conduct a public hearing and approve the final schedule and public engagement in August 2020.

Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann and Andy Henry discussed that demographic data will be collected as part of the Public Engagement Plan, but there will not be goals associated with that due to issues related to COVID-19. There was discussion about making a standard form for demographic survey questions. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann and Andy Henry discussed how best to collect residential information, and Tina Moon expressed an interest in being involved in the discussion to develop the demographic questions. Jay Heikes and Andy Henry discussed that DCHC MPO and CAMPO are collaborating to develop an online survey. Jay Heikes and Andy Henry discussed using previous in-person surveys from other projects to include in the 2050 MTP. Jay Heikes and Andy Henry discussed partnering with other local stakeholders to assist in conducting in-person surveys during the COVID-19 pandemic. Zach Hallock suggested using mail-in surveys for those residents who do not use or have access to the internet.

Vice Chair Ellen Beckman made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board release the Public Engagement Plan for the 2050 MTP for public comment. Jomar Pastorelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Report was forwarded to the DCHC MPO Board due back on 6/10/2020

6. 2050 MTP -- Goals and Objectives (10 minutes)[20-145](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

Andy Henry stated that the DCH MPO dedicated considerable effort to develop the Goals and Objectives for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Andy Henry continued that MPO staff conducted a workshop with the MPO Board, administered an online survey, designed Goals and Objectives that were aligned with a set of performance measures, and coordinated the process to ensure that the DCHC MPO and CAMPO adopted the same set of Goals/Objectives/Performance Measures. Andy Henry added that the proposed approval schedule for this item will be to release the 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives in June 2020, and to conduct public hearing and approve the final 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives in August 2020.

Andy Henry stated that MPO staff used a method that optimizes public input processes from recent plans and studies due to social distancing practices related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Andy Henry continued that MPO staff reviewed and compared the visions, goals and objectives from over two dozen transportation-related plans throughout the Triangle region t. Andy Henry highlighted some changes to the Goals and Objectives, including changing the wording from predictability to reliability; adding the concept of resilience in relationship to natural disaster recovery; and better coordination of land-use with transportation.

There was discussion about the phrasing of congestion goals. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann, Jay Heikes, and Andy Henry agreed to change wording to, "Allow people and goods to move with a greater reliability." There was discussion about including language highlighting telework in the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) section.

Jay Heikes made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board release the 2050 MTP draft Goals and Objectives for public comment. Bergen Watterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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7. Environmental Justice Draft Report (15 minutes)[20-143](#)**Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

Anne Phillips stated that, in 2019, the DCHC MPO underwent a certification review that found that the metropolitan transportation planning process substantially meets federal requirements. Anne Phillips added that it was recommended that the MPO update its demographic profile before finalizing its Environmental Justice (EJ) analyses to reflect potential changes in communities of concern, though DCHC MPO was commended for developing Environmental Justice (EJ) metrics and conducting detailed draft analyses. Anne Phillips continued that the draft EJ Report contains an updated demographic profile and analysis of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the FY 2018-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the FY 2019-20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Anne Phillips discussed the statutory framework and methodology for the draft Environmental Justice report. Anne Phillips continued that the EJ Report identifies historic EJ neighborhoods. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann and Anne discussed the changing demographics due to recent immigrant populations. Chair Nish Trivedi requested the Geographic Information System (GIS) data that was used to determine geographic information. Andy Henry responded that the consultant for this project will deliver the shape files after completion.

Jay Heikes and Anne Phillips discussed how the demographic information from the EJ Report could be used for future analysis, including the MTP and the TIP. Jay Heikes and Andy Henry discussed that information used for the EJ Report may or may not be used for future analysis for alternatives. Jay Heikes observed that Table 4.4 notes that transportation development in proximity to communities of concern may not necessarily benefit those communities.

There was discussion about engagement goals or targets using demographic data generated from the EJ Report. There was further discussion about the labeling of those goals and a fair percentage of representation within each jurisdiction comprising the DCHC MPO. There was discussion about removing the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (DOLRT) project from Map 4.2.

Scott Whiteman made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board release the draft Environmental Justice Report for a 45-day public comment period. Chance Mullis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was forwarded to the DCHC MPO Board due back on 6/10/2020

8. Status of FY 21 TDM Funding -- (10 minutes)[20-141](#)**Dale McKeel, LPA Staff****John Hodges-Copple, TJCOG**

Dale McKeel stated that North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has not approved funding for the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program for DCHC MPO or CAMPO due to ongoing budget issues related to COVID-19. Dale McKeel added that the TDM program is currently considered a new program by NCDOT, which may be the cause in the delay in approved funding. Dale McKeel added that he is working with the TDM Oversight Committee and the Joint DCHC MPO and CAMPO Executive Committee to discuss how to resolve the situation.

John Hodges-Copple added that the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) carryover fund that would be allocated for FY20. John Hodges-Copple and Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann discussed the funding process for CMAQ distribution. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann stated that there are approximately 12 projects at the City of Durham that are unable to proceed due to funding issues at NCDOT. John Hodges-Copple suggested reviewing this issue with NCDOT Board Members.

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This Report was referred.to the Technical Committee due back on 6/24/2020

REPORTS FROM STAFF:**9. Report from Staff**[20-107](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

Andy Henry stated that Employment Analyst will be ongoing during the summer of 2020. There was discussion that the CommunityViz land use portion of the 2050 MTP process has been completed.

This Report was forwarded.to the Technical Committee due back on 6/24/2020

10. Report from the Chair[20-108](#)**Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

Chair Nish Trivedi stated that the Burlington-Graham Metropolitan Planning Organization (BGMPO) will be released for public comment, and it is scheduled to be voted for adoption in June 2020.

This Report was forwarded.to the Technical Committee due back on 6/24/2020

11. NCDOT Reports[20-109](#)**Joey Hopkins (David Keilson/Richard Hancock), Division 5 - NCDOT****Mike Mills (Pat Wilson), Division 7 - NCDOT****Brandon Jones (Bryan Kluchar, Jen Britt), Division 8 - NCDOT****Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT****John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT**

There was no additional report from Division 5.

Stephen Robinson, Division 7, stated that the let date for NC 86 Guard Rail Installation project (SS-6007C) was delayed from July to October 2020, and the completion date was delayed from August 2020 to April 2021. Stephen Robinson stated that the let date for the Old NC 10 Horizontal Curve Improvements project (SS-4907CD) was delayed from June 2021 to June 2022, and the completion date was delayed from November 2021 to November 2022. Stephen Robinson continued that the All Way Stop Installation project at Old Greensboro Road and Crawford Dairy Road (SS-6007E) was added with a let date of June 2022 and a completion date scheduled for September 2022. Stephen Robinson stated that the let date for the I-85 widening project (I-0305) was delayed from January 2027 to October 2028, and the completion date was delayed from FY29 to FY2032. Stephen Robinson added that furloughs will be forthcoming for staff at Division 7 due to budget issues.

Bryan Kluchar, Division 8, stated that there is no additional report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division, stated that there is no additional report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations, stated that there is no additional report.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

There was discussion that there will be no TC Meeting in June 2020 because there is no scheduled DCHC MPO Board Meeting for July.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the DCHC MPO Technical Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Next meeting: June 24, 9 a.m., Location to be determined

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None