

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

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**JUNE 28, 2023**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on June 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Orange County West Campus Office Building, as well as through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in attendance:

Nishith Trivedi (Chair)	Orange County
Darlene Weaver	Orange County
Ellen Beckmann (Chair)	Durham County
Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Tom Devlin (Member)	City of Durham
Miles Spann (Member)	City of Durham
Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
Jeff Lecky (Alternate)	City of Durham
Aaron Cain (Member)	Durham County
Brandi Minor	Durham County
Bergen Watterson (Member)*	Town of Chapel Hill
Josh Mayo (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Caroline Dwyer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Jay Heikes (Member)	GoTriangle
Paul Black*	GoTriangle
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
Matt Day (Member)	TJCOG
Matt Efird (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Stephen Robinson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
Chad Reimakoski (Member)	NCDOT Division 7
Amin Hezaveh (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 8
Bryan Kluchar (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 8
Nick Morrison*	NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
Aidil Ortiz*	Aidilisms
Anne Lenart-Redmond *	STV
Patrick Livingston	STV
Landon Coly*	UNC Chapel Hill
W. D. Murphy*	Resident
Brian Rhodes*	Resident
Trent Moody*	STV
Elizabeth Oliver*	STV
Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
David Miller	DCHC MPO
Dale McKeel	DCHC MPO

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45	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
46	Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
47	Yanping Zhang*	DCHC MPO
48	Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
49	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO

50 Quorum count: 14 of 22 voting members  
51 \*Attended remotely

52 Chair Nishith Trivedi called the meeting to order at 9:02a.m.

53 **PRELIMINARIES:**

54 **1. Roll Call**

55 The roll call was completed using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom  
56 participant list for remote attendees.

57 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

58 Chair Nishith Trivedi asked for adjustments to the agenda. No adjustments were made.

59 **3. Public Comments**

60 There were no public comments.

61 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

62 **4. Approval May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**  
63 **Jean Debnam, LPA Staff**

64 **5. FY2024 UPWP Amendment #1**  
**David Miller, LPA Staff**

65 Eric Vitale made a motion to recommend the TC approve the Consent Agenda. Tom  
66 Devlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

67 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

68 **6. 70 East Corridor Study**  
69 **David Miller, LPA Staff**  
70 **Andy Henry, LPA Staff**  
71 **Anne-Lenart-Redmond, STV**  
72 **Aidil Ortiz, Aidilisms**

73 David Miller provided an update of the US 70 East Corridor Study. A table demonstrating  
74 the connections between the alternatives and the MPO goals and performance measures was

presented. Aidil Ortiz gave a status update on public engagement activities. Aidil said in round one the survey was open from November 2022 to January 2023. There were 2 virtual meetings and 1 in-person meeting, and they received 396 responses from mostly affluent, educated, non-minority and auto-centric citizens who travel by car and were concerned about congestion and safety entering and exiting the corridor. Ms. Ortiz said the second round of surveys will include hardcopy surveys for low-income residents who may not be digitally connected and live north of the corridor. The team will have two in-person meetings and one virtual meeting, tentatively planned for August. Miles Spann asked Aidil about the steps they were taking to make sure the underserved population gets this information. Aidil stated that this time they will put more signage outside the corridor. Mr. Spann asked Aidil if she planned to build more relationships to get more participation. Aidil stated the relationships are already built, but she cannot force ambassadors to participate if they do not have the capacity or the desire to participate in this project.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **7. 2050 MTP Amendment #1 and AQ CDR** **Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

Andy Henry presented potential proposed amendments to the 2050 MTP that the DCHC MPO adopted in February of 2022. Mr. Henry provided attachments which showed the exact changes to the highway table, which is Appendix 2 of the 2050 MTP. Andy reminded the TC that when the MTP is amended, the MPO must also revisit the Air Quality Conformity Determination. Therefore, Mr. Henry also presented the draft Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQ CDR). The AQ CDR demonstrated that certain pollutant emissions from the future transportation sector will not exceed a specified threshold. Andy recommended that the TC recommend that the MPO board release Amendment #1 and the AC CDR for a minimum 42-day public comment period. The public comment period will begin June 27, 2023, and end August 7, 2023.

Ellen Beckmann made a motion to release the 2050 MTP Amendment #1 and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report. Aaron Cain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **8. FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program**

### **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

Kelly Fomenko explained the adoption of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and its implementation. Ms. Fomenko discussed the scheduling and prioritization of the STIP and the TIP. Kelly reminded the board if they do not see a project in this 1) FY24-33 STIP, 2) the current FY20-29 STIP that we're still amending, or 3) there are project updates with fiscal year 24 or later, these changes will be reflected in the FY24-33 Amendment #1. Kelly said all of the projects that are in the 2024-2033 TIP will have to match the STIP which has been locked without edits since April. Kelly is recommending the MPO Board release the 2024-2033 TIP for a 30-day public comment period. Aaron Cain made a motion to release the TIP for a 30-day public comment period. Josh Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

## **9. SPOT P7.0 Project Candidates List for Review**

### **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

Kelly Fomenko stated that for those who were not at the previous subcommittee meeting, the P7.0 SPOT process is the statewide prioritization process in which upcoming projects may be funded in the 2026-2035 time period. The DCHC MPO has 24 projects they can submit per mode. The modes are Highway, Transit, Bike and Pedestrian, and Rail. One difference in this cycle is the MPO has 2000 local input points available whereas only 1900 were available for P6.0. The draft lists provided are draft lists only and the SPOT online opens July

10, 2023, for preliminary testing of project scores. The P7 project submissions are due at the end of September 2023. At this time, the Board had only been given a loose timeline for this SPOT cycle and had not seen these projects. These projects are for review only. Eric Vitale asked if after the TC gets the preliminary scores, would they be able to make the score better. Josh Mayo asked if after we get the preliminary scores and before September can we modify to make the projects score better. Kelly answered there is some ability to modify these projects, but not the carryover projects after July 21. The new and holding tank projects will be released for public comment in August, so it is still possible to make changes. Projects considered carryovers have an additional deadline for modification requests of July 21.

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

### **10. Report from Staff**

**Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

Doug recognized Dale McKeel for his last meeting. No other reports.

### **11. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

**Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

Nishith welcomed Darlene Weaver as the new Orange County Planning Manager. No other report.

### **12. NCDOT Reports**

**Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

No other reports.

**Brandon Jones, Division 5- NCDOT**

No other reports

**Wright Archer (Steven Robinson) Division 7- NCDOT**

Updates on several projects that they were working on municipal agreements.

152        **Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8- NCDOT**

153                No other reports.

154        ***Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division-NCDOT***

155                *No other reports.*

156        **John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**

157                *No other reports.*

158        ***Nick Morrison – NCDOT IMD***

159                *No other reports.*

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161                                *The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.*

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163                                ***The Next: July 27, 2023, 9 a.m., Committee Room***

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