

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

2                             **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

3                                     **November 15, 2023**

4                             **MINUTES OF MEETING**

5     The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee  
6     met November 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Long Leaf Conference Room at the Central  
7     Pines Regional Council office as well as through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The  
8     following members were in attendance:

9     Nishith Trivedi (Chair)	Orange County
10    Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
11    Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
12    Josh Mayo (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
13    Caroline Dwyer* (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
14    Ben Berolzheimer *(Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
15    Brandon Dawson (Member)	Chatham County
16    Tom Devlin (Member)	City of Durham
17    Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
18    Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
19    Aaron Cain (Member)	Durham County
20    Darlene Weaver (Member)	Orange County
21    Matt Day (Member)	Central Pines Regional Council
22    Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
23    Travis Crayton (Member)	Research Triangle Foundation
24    Brandon Jones (Member)	NCDOT Division 5
25    Chad Reimakoski (Member)	NCDOT Division 7
26    Sean Egan*	City of Durham
27    Brian Taylor*	City of Durham
28    Bill Judge*	Durham County
29    Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
30    Anne Calef (Alternate)*	Research Triangle Foundation
31    Matt Cecil (Alternate)*	Town of Chapel Hill
32    Delia Chi*	Raleigh Durham Airport Authority
33    Tracy Parrott (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
34    David Keilson (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 5
35    Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 5
36    Nishant Shah (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 7
37    Brian Kluchar (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 8
38    Nick Morrison*	NCDOT IMD
39    Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
40    David Miller	DCHC MPO
41    Andy Henry*	DCHC MPO
42    Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
43    K.C. Chae*	DCHC MPO

44	Jean Debnam*	DCHC MPO
45	Adam Spillman*	DCHC MPO
46	Madeline Galliano	DCHC MPO
47	Jordan Powell	VHB

48 Quorum count: 15 of 22 voting members

49 \*Attended remotely

50 Chair Nish Trivedi called the meeting to order at 9:02. 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

54 Zoom participant list for remote attendees.

55 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

56 Chair Nish Trivedi asked the Technical Committee if there were any adjustments to

57 the agenda. There were no adjustments.

58 **3. Public Comments**

59 There were no public comments.

60 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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62 **4. Approval of the October 25, 2023, TC Meeting Minutes**

63 Jean Debnam, MPO Staff

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65 **5. FY2024 UPWP Amendment #4**

66 Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff

67 David Miller, MPO Staff

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70 Regarding the Orange County Transit Plans for Amendment #4, Nish Trivedi

71 recommended, at the request of the North Carolina Department of Transportation that the

72 dollar amount of \$229,719 dollars, be rounded up to \$230,000 dollars to match the contract

73 price.

74 A motion was made by Eric Vitale to approve the consent agenda. Aaron Cain  
75 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

76 **ACTION ITEMS:**

77 **7. SPOT Local Input Points Methodology Release for Public Comment**

78 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO**

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80 Filmon Fishastion gave the highlights of the Local Input Points Methodology and  
81 informed of the next steps in the process and mentioned the upcoming schedule. He  
82 mentioned that SPOT 7 Online had closed. Mr. Fishastion gave an overview of the  
83 significant changes from the previous Methodology and highlighted them in an attachment.  
84 Filmon noted that the Local Input Point Flexing Policy was introduced in SPOT 6 and would  
85 allow 500 points to be transferred between regional or division needs. Aaron Cain asked if  
86 we had passed the deadline for using alternate criteria and the weights. Mr. Fishastion  
87 confirmed that the deadline had passed. Matt Day commented that the States criteria could  
88 not be changed but the local entities could use whatever criteria they want. Eric Vitale asked  
89 for clarification on what within methodology could be modified as well as what format will be  
90 presented to the public. Doug Plachcinski commented we would emphasize how the  
91 release would be done and focus on the portions of the document that need to go through  
92 the MPO decision making process.

93 Eric Vitale made a motion to release the draft Methodology to the public. The motion  
94 was seconded by Aaron Cain. The motion passed unanimously.

95 Tina Moon suggested meeting as a subcommittee, as was done in the past, and  
96 discussing which were the preferred projects overall and which ones were scoring the best.  
97 Doug suggested getting some dates on the calendar.

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99 **8. 2024 DHCH MPO Meeting Calendar**

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

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103 Doug Plachcinski commented that the outcome of the conversations with the  
104 Metropolitan Planning Organization stakeholders determined that it would work best with  
105 other agencies including the North Carolina Department of Transportation board meeting to  
106 have the technical committee meetings before the board meetings. The change would be  
107 helpful to meet deadlines for other stakeholders.

108 Josh Mayo made a motion to have the approve the 2024 meeting calendar (TC  
109 Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and the Board Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
110 Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.). The motion was seconded by Aaron Cain. The motion  
111 passed unanimously.

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#### **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

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115 **9. Report from Staff**  
116 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

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118 Doug Plachcinski reported the LAP Project applications are due on December 1,  
119 2023. Mr. Plachcinski also introduced DCHC's newest employee, Madeline Galliano. Tina  
120 Moon asked for information on Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). Doug reported the  
121 DCHC MPO is working on the final negotiations with Federal Highways. He also announced  
122 the Central Pines Open House would be in January.

123 **10. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**  
124 **Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

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126 Nish Trivedi announced the Burlington Graham MPO is finishing their Regional  
127 Transit Feasibility Study.

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129 **11. NCDOT Reports**  
130 **Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**  
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132 Not present- No report  
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134 **Brandon Jones (Tracy Parrott), Division 5 – NCDOT**  
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136 Brandon Jones reported Alston Avenue daily road closures are completed. Work  
137 continues at the Norfolk Southern Bridge.  
138 **Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski), Division 7 – NCDOT** Chad Reimakoski  
139 reported contractors are working in the median on the I-40 project between the I-95 and US  
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141 501 split, the I-40 and NC 68 interchange, and the I-40 Bridge over Old 86. No additional  
142 report.  
143 **Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT**  
144 No additional report.  
145 **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**  
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147 No additional report.  
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150 **John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**  
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152 Not present. No report.  
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155 **Nick Morrison - NCDOT IMD**  
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160 **12. Recent News Articles and Updates**  
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163 There being no other business to discuss, Chair Nish Trivedi adjourned the meeting  
164 at 9:56 a.m.