



Technical Committee

101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall

Regular Meeting

1. Roll Call

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

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Approval of the August 24, 2022 TC Minutes David Miller, LPA Staff

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

This Minutes was approved.

5. IJJA Standing Update Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

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

This Resolution was forwarded to the DCHC MPO Board due back on 10/12/2022

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Orange County Transit Plan Update (20 minutes) 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.

This Informational Report was recommended for approval.

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

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.

This Resolution was recommended for approval.

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.

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REPORTS:

9. Report from Staff
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

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.

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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.

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11. NCDOT Reports

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation
Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT
Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT
Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT
Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT
John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT
Nick Morrison - NCDOT IMD

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.

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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.

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Adjourn

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

Next meeting: October 26, 2022, 9 a.m., Committee Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None