

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

2 **December 14, 2016**

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4 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

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6 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on
7 December 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Committee Room, located on the second
8 floor of Durham City Hall. The following people were in attendance:
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10	Steve Schewel (MPO Board Chair)	City of Durham
11	Damon Seils (MPO Board Vice Chair)	Town of Carrboro
12	Jim G. Crawford (Member)	Chatham County
13	Don Moffitt (Member)	City of Durham
14	Ellen Reckhow (Member)	Durham County
15	Bernadette Pelissier (Member)	GoTriangle
16	Barry Jacobs (Member)	Orange County
17	Brian Lowen (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
18	Pam Hemminger (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
19	Jim W. Crawford (Member)	NC Board of Transportation
20	Lydia Lavelle (Alternate)	Town of Carrboro
21	Ed Harrison (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
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23	David Keilson	NCDOT, Division 5
24	Richard Hancock	NCDOT, Division 5
25	Patrick Wilson	NCDOT, Division 7
26	Jennifer Britt	NCDOT, Division 8
27	Julie Bollinger	NCDOT, TPB
28	Derrick Lewis	NCDOT, Feasibility Studies Unit
29	Craig Benedict	Orange County
30	Bergen Watterson	Town of Carrboro
31	Tina Moon	Town of Carrboro
32	David Bonk	Town of Chapel Hill
33	Kayla Seibel	Town of Chapel Hill
34	John Hodges-Copple	Triangle J Council of Governments
35	Patrick McDonough	GoTriangle
36	Danny Rogers	GoTriangle
37	Meghan MaKoid	GoTriangle
38	Geoff Green	GoTriangle
39	Tammy Bouchelle	GoTriangle
40	Terry Bellamy	City of Durham/DCHC MPO
41	Ellen Beckmann	City of Durham
42	Eddie Dancausse	Federal Highway Administration
43	Felix Nwoko	DCHC MPO
44	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
45	Meg Scully	DCHC MPO
46	Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO

47	Dale McKeel	City of Durham/DCHC MPO
48	Brian Rhodes	DCHC MPO
49	Matthew Potter	AECOM
50	Drew Draper	EPR
51	Amy Cole	Walkable Hillsborough Coalition
52	Stacey Sewall	Citizen
53	Heidi Perry	Carrboro Bicycle Coalition
54	Suzie Hosman	Citizen

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56 Quorum Count: 10 of 10 Voting Members

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58 Chair Steve Schewel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A roll call was performed. The

59 Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are

60 indicated above. Chair Steve Schewel reminded everyone to sign-in using the sign-in sheet that was

61 being circulated.

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PRELIMINARIES:**2. Ethics Reminder**

64 Chair Steve Schewel read the Ethics Reminder and asked if there were any known conflicts of

65 interest with respect to matters coming before the MPO Board and requested that if there were any

66 identified during the meeting for them to be announced. There were no known conflicts identified by

67 MPO Board members.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

69 Chair Steve Schewel asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. Felix Nwoko stated

70 that information had been received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)

71 about division points and asked that an item regarding these points be added at the end of the agenda.

72 Ellen Reckhow stated that she would be leaving at 10 a.m. and asked that discussion of agenda

73 items 9 and 10, both pertaining to the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT), be moved up. Chair

74 Steve Schewel stated that these agenda items would be moved up if there was no objection from the

75 MPO Board.

4. Public Comments

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77 Chair Steve Schewel asked if there were any members of the public signed up to speak.

78 Amy Cole, a representative of Walkable Hillsborough Coalition, spoke about the unsafe conditions
79 of the I-40 overpass on Orange Grove Road near Cedar Ridge High School and Grady Brown Elementary
80 School. Amy Cole stated that this area is part of the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). Many
81 pedestrians, particularly students at Cedar Ridge High School, face unsafe conditions as they cross the
82 overpass to get to and from school. The overpass has a 30-inch tall rail and was not intended for
83 pedestrian use. Amy Cole noted that logging trucks often use this portion of Orange Grove Road, further
84 exacerbating unsafe conditions for pedestrians. Amy Cole reviewed the effect of speed limits on risk of
85 injury or death to pedestrians and noted that both pedestrians and cyclists have been hit along the road.
86 Amy Cole noted that improving the conditions of Orange Grove Road all the way to Churton Street would
87 improve connectivity as well as safety. Residents would have access to school facilities, as well as better
88 access to the town and parks of Hillsborough. Amy Cole discussed the challenges that disabled pedestrians
89 might face in trying to access the relevant portion of the road. Amy Cole stated that the principal of Cedar
90 Ridge High School is in support of improving conditions on Orange Grove Road. Amy Cole asked the MPO
91 Board to reprioritize improving the conditions of Orange Grove Road, and to look at finding federal funds
92 with a 20% local match so that students and the community could have safe access to the schools near
93 Orange Grove Road and the downtown area.

94 Chair Steve Schewel thanked Amy Cole for her activism and asked MPO Board members from
95 Orange County to comment on Amy Cole's presentation. Bernadette Pelissier noted that she has observed
96 the unsafe conditions of the road firsthand and that the teenage daughter of one of her neighbors was hit
97 on the road. Barry Jacobs discussed past efforts to improve the road and described current traffic
98 conditions on Orange Grove Road. Dale McKeel discussed a past feasibility study and previous attempts to
99 fund improvements to the road. Dale McKeel stated that he would be happy to work with staff from
100 Hillsborough and Orange County to find funding to improve Orange Grove Road. Vice Chair Damon Seils

101 and Amy Cole discussed priorities regarding SRTS. Vice Chair Damon Seils, Dale McKeel, and Ed Harrison
102 discussed potential funding sources for projects along Orange Grove Road. Dale McKeel clarified that SRTS
103 no longer exists as a separate category of funding, but suggested that funding from the Congestion
104 Mitigation/Air Quality Grant Program (CMAQ) might be a possibility.

105 Chair Steve Schewel asked Amy Cole to follow up with Dale McKeel on the issue of funding for
106 improvements to the road.

107 Jim G. Crawford and Amy Cole discussed the specifics of improving the I-40 overpass bridge. Amy
108 Cole stated that the bridge, which was built in the mid-1980s, does not meet current safety standards.
109 Brian Lowen shared his observations of the unsafe behaviors of students who walk across the bridge. Pam
110 Hemminger emphasized that young children from Grady Brown Elementary School are walking across the
111 bridge along with older children. Amy Cole clarified that the elementary school, and not the high school,
112 would qualify for SRTS funding.

113 Heidi Perry, a member of the Carrboro Bicycle Coalition, discussed the unsafe conditions for
114 cyclists along Old NC 86, particularly the area from Carrboro's town limits to the intersection at Homestead
115 Road and Dairyland Road. Heidi Perry discussed the usage of the road by bicyclists. Heidi Perry stated that
116 this section of the road is not wide enough for bicycles and cars to share a lane. She also discussed
117 problems posed by a blind hill preceding the intersection and the fact that recent repaving on the road has
118 actually worsened conditions for bicyclists. Heidi Perry suggested replacing current "Share the Road" signs
119 with "Bicycles May Use Full Lane" signs, extending the 35 mph speed limit from the Carrboro town limit to
120 the Dairyland intersection, and putting sharrows on the road in order to improve conditions for bicyclists.

121 Vice Chair Damon Seils stated that he has cycled along the road and reiterated Heidi Perry's
122 request for new signage. Pat Wilson discussed past attempts to improve conditions along the road. Pat
123 Wilson stated that according to the state traffic engineer, "Bicycles May Use Full Lane" signs may be
124 counter to state law. There was discussion of the location of pre-existing "Bicycles May Use Full Lane" signs

125 and the effect of these signs on bicyclists and motorists alike. Pat Wilson promised to follow up on the
126 issue of signage and to provide an update on this issue to the MPO Board at a later date. Ellen Reckhow
127 suggested that the MPO Board Chair and staff write a letter to NCDOT requesting the appropriate signage.
128 Ellen Reckhow also inquired about a past agreement with NCDOT that required the addition of bicycle
129 facilities anytime repaving work is done. Barry Jacobs suggested that changes to statutes affecting
130 bicyclists might be considered as part of legislatives goals for the current session of the legislature. Lydia
131 Lavelle asked for and received clarification about a specific statute referenced by Heidi Perry. There was
132 continued discussion of how this statute affects bicyclist. Chair Steve Schewel expressed his support for
133 adding this issue to local legislative agendas.

134 Ellen Reckhow made a motion to have the MPO Board Chair and Local Planning Agency (LPA) Staff
135 draft a letter to follow up on the signage issue on Old NC 86 and to reiterate interest for wider shoulders to
136 accommodate bicyclists when repaving occurs. Vice Chair Damon Seils seconded the motion. The motion
137 passed unanimously.

138 Pam Hemminger asked that the letter be shared with fellow MPOs in order to encourage them to
139 write similar letters.

140 **5. Directives to Staff**

141 The Directives to Staff were included in the agenda packet for review.

142 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

143 **6. Approval of November 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

144 Chair Steve Schewel asked if there was any discussion on the November 9, 2016 meeting
145 minutes. Bernadette Pelissier stated that staff had been emailed about three GoTriangle members who
146 were not listed in the November minutes. Aaron Cain stated that the email had been received and the
147 GoTriangle members would be added to the minutes. Don Moffitt made a motion to approve the
148 amended minutes. Barry Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS:**7. I-40 Feasibility Study**

151 Derrick Lewis, NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit

152 The NCDOT hired a consultant to conduct a traffic forecast and feasibility study (FS-1205A) for
153 adding capacity to I-40 (I-85 to Wade Avenue). Derrick Lewis, NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit, presented
154 the feasibility study method, results, and recommendations to the MPO Board.

155 As part of the presentation, Derrick Lewis discussed the purpose of a feasibility study, managed
156 lane options, the limits of the proposed project, traffic volumes along the I-40 corridor, potential issues
157 facing the project, and a cost comparison for alternative approaches to the project. Derrick Lewis stated
158 that the study explored both one and two managed lanes in each direction of I-40, but that his
159 preference was for two managed lanes per direction. Two managed lanes would cost only \$50 million
160 more than one lane per direction.

161 Chair Steve Schewel clarified that one managed lane refers to one lane in each direction.

162 Ed Harrison and Barry Jacobs discussed a past feasibility study. Ed Harrison commented that the
163 solutions proposed by the current feasibility study seem pragmatic.

164 Barry Jacobs thanked Derrick Lewis for considering social justice issues as part of the study.
165 Barry Jacobs asked for and received clarification about the limits and priorities for different segments of
166 the study.

167 Vice Chair Damon Seils commented on the cost of the proposed project and noted that he
168 hoped it would help to put the cost of the D-O LRT in perspective.

169 This item was informational and no further action was required by the MPO Board.

8. NC 147 Feasibility Study

171 Matthew Potter, AECOM

172 The NCDOT hired AECOM to conduct a traffic forecast and feasibility study (FS-1205C) for adding
173 capacity to NC 147 (NC 55 to I-40). Matthew Potter presented the feasibility study method, results, and
174 recommendations to the MPO Board.

175 Matthew Potter stated that this project was further along than the I-40 study. He discussed the
176 segmentation of the study.

177 Ed Harrison and Chair Steve Schewel asked where north was on the map, and Matthew Potter
178 clarified that it was to the right.

179 Matthew Potter discussed the limits for the proposed project, existing conditions on NC 147,
180 alternative solutions to the congestion on NC 147, and issues that might arise during various
181 construction phases of the project. Matthew Potter shared cost estimates for the project and pointed
182 out that the six lane alternatives cost approximately the same as the eight lane alternative. Matthew
183 Potter concluded his presentation with a recommendation to move forward with the eight lane general
184 purpose widening alternative as well as the two managed lane alternatives.

185 This item was informational and no further action was required by the MPO Board.

186 **9. 2040 MTP Amendment #3 and D-O LRT LPA (Extension to NCCU)**

187 Andy Henry, LPA Staff

188 Patrick McDonough, GoTriangle

189 At the October 19, 2016 Board meeting, the MPO released an amendment to the Locally-
190 Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit system (D-O LRT) and an
191 amendment to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for public comment. Both
192 amendments are to extend the D-O LRT from Alston Avenue to a station at the North Carolina Central
193 University (NCCU). Engineering studies have shown that the extension is technically feasible and
194 modeling indicates that the added station will generate high ridership. The MPO Board held a public
195 hearing on the amendments at their November meeting and the public comment period ended on
196 December 6, 2016.

197 Andy Henry stated that NCCU, the Durham Housing Authority, and the Southern Environmental
 198 Law Center expressed support for the amendments. Chair Steve Schewel asked that the letter from the
 199 Southern Environmental Law Center be shared with local officials as it included a well-stated summary
 200 of many of the aspects of the LRT project.

201 Vice Chair Damon Seils made a motion to approve the amendment to the Locally Preferred
 202 Alternative for the Durham-Orange County Transit Corridor and Amendment #3 to the 2040 MTP, and
 203 authorize the MPO Board Chair to sign the corresponding resolutions. Bernadette Pelissier seconded the
 204 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

205 Chair Steve Schewel reminded the MPO Board that this was Bernadette Pelissier's last meeting
 206 as a member of the MPO Board. Chair Steve Schewel thanked Bernadette Pelissier for her service.

207 Chair Steve Schewel stated that David Bonk was retiring and that it was also his last MPO Board
 208 meeting. He presented David Bonk with a plaque from the staff and thanked him for his service.

209 Pam Hemminger, Ed Harrison, and Vice Chair Damon Seils spoke about their experiences of
 210 working with David Bonk and expressed their appreciation to and admiration for David Bonk. David Bonk
 211 stated that he hoped to be able to serve the region in other forms following his retirement.

212 **10. Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) – Funding**

213 Meg Scully, LPA Staff

214 Patrick McDonough, GoTriangle

215 Danny Rogers, GoTriangle

216 The financial plan for the D-O LRT needs additional funding to mitigate the effects of several
 217 setbacks, including a change in state transportation funding legislation and lower federal caps on annual
 218 funding outlays. GoTriangle has requested that the MPO consider committing, from the portfolio of
 219 funds distributed by the MPO, \$2 million in federal funds per year for ten years beginning in FY2020 to
 220 the D-O LRT.

221 Patrick McDonough discussed the history of proposed funding for the D-O LRT. Patrick
 222 McDonough also described details of the current financial plan. He noted that it includes the revised

223 Chapel Hill Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, the Hillsborough train station, the amended D-O LRT project
224 which includes a joint development that would address affordable housing needs in the community, and
225 the refinement to include the NCCU station. Patrick McDonough stated that GoTriangle was asking the
226 MPO Board to enter into a non-legally binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to identify
227 potential funding for the D-O LRT.

228 Meg Scully discussed sources of funding for the MPO. Meg Scully shared the recommendations
229 of the Technical Committee (TC) subcommittee, primarily that the MPO Board adopt the non-binding
230 MOU to identify the 20 million dollars needed by GoTriangle over a 10 year period beginning in FY2020,
231 but to hold harmless Surface Transportation Block Grant (STPGP) local discretionary amounts for
232 Chatham County, Hillsborough, Carrboro, and transit.

233 Meg Scully and Vice Chair Damon Seils discussed the agencies that would be held harmless. Meg
234 Scully clarified that formulas would be held steady but that actual dollar amounts might change based
235 on the actual amount of funding that is received. Don Moffitt asked for and received more clarification
236 about the term "hold harmless" from Meg Scully.

237 Meg Scully stated that the TC subcommittee recommendation assumes that if the light rail
238 project is not constructed, these funds will not be committed to the project. Meg Scully stated that by
239 June 2018, at which time the MPO will be asked to actually commit these local funds, the MPO will
240 determine from which funding sources this \$2 million per year would be identified. Meg Scully provided
241 an overview of potential sources for this \$2 million of funds.

242 Meg Scully, Ed Harrison, and Patrick McDonough discussed the list of non-highway
243 infrastructure projects around Durham light rail stations that might contribute to overall D-O LRT
244 funding, and whether some bicycle and pedestrian projects in Chapel Hill could be used to similarly
245 contribute to the project total. Vice Chair Damon Seils asked for and received clarification about what
246 makes a project eligible to be counted as part of the D-O LRT funding. Vice Chair Damon Seil clarified

247 that the MPOs obligation was to find sources of funding for the \$20 million requested by GoTriangle and
248 to identify projects in Durham and Chapel Hill that could be rolled into the D-O LRT project and
249 therefore be counted towards the amount requested by GoTriangle.

250 Patrick McDonough discussed the schedule for updating the Bus and Rail Investment Plan and
251 engineering for the D-O LRT.

252 Don Moffitt commended the TC for their work on this item and commented on the importance
253 of protecting funding for Chatham, Carrboro, and Hillsborough.

254 Ellen Reckhow and Danny Rogers discussed the specific requirements of the FTA application and
255 whether the widening project on NC 54 could be included as part of the application.

256 Barry Jacobs and Meg Scully discussed how the money that would be allocated to D-O LRT
257 would normally be distributed and how allocating funds to the D-O LRT might affect the work of the
258 MPO. Barry Jacobs expressed his support for the MOU but noted that the Orange County Board of
259 County Commissioners had some concerns about the funding gap. Ellen Reckhow noted that Durham
260 Board of County Commissioners unanimously supported the MOU but had a motion with five points in
261 order to address similar concerns about the funding gap.

262 There was discussion of cost increases of the Chapel Hill BRT and its role in the funding gap.
263 Chair Steve Schewel reminded the MPO Board that they had previously voted to support the D-O LRT,
264 the Transportation Plan, and funding increases.

265 Danny Rogers discussed ongoing updates to Bus and Rail Investment Plans and noted that
266 various boards would have opportunities to provide input.

267 Vice Chair Damon Seils discussed reasons for the increased cost of the Chapel Hill BRT.

268 There was additional discussion of the term "held harmless," and other terminology that might
269 be used in its place.

270 Chair Steve Schewel and Meg Scully discussed the total funding that the MPO receives each
271 year, potential sources for the \$2 million a year requested by GoTriangle, and whether funds normally
272 allocated to planning should be excluded as a source of the funds requested by GoTriangle. There was
273 continued discussion of the funds that are used to support planning staff.

274 Don Moffitt made a motion to approve and authorize the Chair Steve Schewel to sign the non-
275 binding MOU to work to identify \$20 million dollars from federal funding sources over ten years (\$2
276 million a year) beginning in FY2020 to support the D-O LRT project, but to not negatively impact, as a
277 result of this action, the STBGP local discretionary amounts for Chatham County, Hillsborough, and
278 Carrboro as well as STBGP Transit. Ellen Reckhow seconded the motion. The motion passed
279 unanimously.

280 **11. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) – Release Draft**

281 Andy Henry, LPA Staff

282 Julie Bollinger, NCDOT

283 MPO, local government, and NCDOT staff have reviewed and developed the tables and maps of
284 the different modes in the draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) over the last several months.
285 MPO staff has provided updates to the MPO Board throughout the development process.

286 Andy Henry discussed the history of the CTP and its predecessors, and how the release of the
287 CTP would affect the MTP, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Strategic Planning
288 Office of Transportation (SPOT) prioritization process. Andy Henry described the maps that would be
289 adopted by the North Carolina Board of Transportation, and stated that the MPO Board could adopt the
290 maps as well as the accompanying report which includes tables and problem statements.

291 Andy Henry drew attention to a handout of the draft CTP and shared the schedule for taking the
292 CTP to local jurisdictions for additional feedback. Andy Henry discussed the key products of the CTP and
293 described how the maps would be presented online once the CTP is released.

294 Pam Hemminger made a motion to release the draft CTP for public input. Jim G. Crawford
295 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

296 Pam Hemminger commented on the improvements to the CTP presentation and noted that they
297 would provide a better opportunity for public input.

298 **12. 2017 MPO Board and Technical Committee Meeting Schedule**

299 Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager

300 Chair Steve Schewel called attention to the list of meeting dates in the packet and noted that
301 the MPO Board needed to vote to approve the meeting dates.

302 Felix Nwoko stated that there would be opportunities to change the meeting times after they
303 are approved. He provided examples of instances where such changes might be appropriate.

304 Barry Jacobs made a motion to approve the meeting schedule. Pam Hemminger seconded the
305 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

306 **13. Election of DCHC MPO Board Officers for 2017**

307 Steve Schewel, Board Chair

308 Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager

309 Chair Steve Schewel reminded the MPO Board of the members who were on the committee to
310 select officers for the coming year.

311 Bernadette Pelissier stated that the committee unanimously recommended that Chair Steve
312 Schewel and Vice Chair Damon Seils be re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the MPO Board
313 respectively.

314 Bernadette Pelissier made a motion to receive the recommendation from the Nominating
315 Committee and re-elect Chair Steve Schewel as Chair and Vice Chair Damon Seils as Vice Chair. Pam
316 Hemminger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

317 Pam Hemminger thanked Chair Steve Schewel and Vice Chair Damon Seils for their willingness
318 to serve.

319 **14. SPOT P4.0 Division Local Input Points**

320 Dale McKeel, LPA Staff

321 Dale McKeel provided an overview of the three levels of the SPOT process. Dale McKeel called
322 attention to a handout which identifies funded projects. He noted that a Division 8 project at NC 751
323 and O’Kelly Chapel Road does not appear on the handout, although it was funded, because it was a
324 regional project. Dale McKeel provided a list of projects that were funded by county.

325 Don Moffitt asked if a project receiving a programmed amount on the spreadsheet meant that
326 the project had received funding, and Dale McKeel clarified that this was the case.

327 Chair Steve Schewel asked whether projects that had scored lower than the Duke Belt Line
328 project had been funded, and Dale McKeel stated that lower-scoring projects in other divisions had been
329 funded. Chair Steve Schewel and Dale McKeel discussed the future of the Duke Belt Line Trail in the next
330 round of the SPOT process.

331 Vice Chair Damon Seils commented that he was glad to see that the Estes Drive project had
332 been funded, but wanted to know whether the project was contingent on NCDOT’s ability to acquire
333 right-of-way. Dale McKeel clarified that the project still needed to go through the project development
334 process. Dale McKeel clarified that the budget for the project includes assumptions about right-of-way
335 costs, but right-of-way costs may differ in reality and additional costs might have to be covered through
336 other means. Dale McKeel stated that projects may be managed locally and NCDOT may not be
337 responsible for acquiring right-of-way.

338 Vice Chair Damon Seils asked for and received clarification about the term “vehicle expansion.”

339 Vice Chair Damon Seils asked why the NC 54 intersection improvement project was not on the
340 handout, and Dale McKeel responded that it was because it was a regional project.

341 Chair Steve Schewel thanked Dale McKeel and the LPA Staff for their work on this item.

342 This item was informational and no further action was required by the MPO Board.

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REPORTS:

345 **15. Report from the DCHC MPO Board Chair**

346 Steve Schewel, DCHC MPO Board Chair

347 There was no report from the DCHC MPO Board Chair.

348 **16. Report from the DCHC MPO Technical Committee Chair**

349 David Bonk, DCHC MPO TC Chair

350 There was no report from the DCHC MPO TC Chair.

351 **17. Reports from LPA Staff**

352 Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager

353 There was no additional report from the LPA Staff.

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355 **18. NCDOT Reports:**

356 Richard Hancock, NCDOT Division 5, stated that the Herndon Road/Barbee Road roundabout
357 was let in November and has been awarded to Triangle Grading and Paving. Richard Hancock stated
358 that this project will most likely be scheduled in May, when school is out. Richard Hancock stated that
359 there is temporary signal work going on Alston Avenue, and beginning next year there will be
360 demolition of four railroad bridges in that area.

361 Pat Wilson, NCDOT Division 5, stated that Division 5 would consider the signs that Heidi Perry
362 and Vice Chair Damon Seils requested for bicyclists on Old 86 earlier in the meeting. Pat Wilson stated
363 that he would consider some of the other signage solutions that Heidi Perry mentioned in her
364 presentation at the November TC meeting. Pat Wilson clarified that his division did as much widening
365 as they could when they repaved the portion of Old 86 that Heidi Perry mentioned, but that there were
366 factors that limited the widening. Pat Wilson stated that Ephesus Church Road was opened on
367 December 2nd and that the project was completed a week later, ahead of schedule. Pat Wilson stated
368 that work was about to begin on another pipe project on Greensboro Road in Carrboro. Vice Chair
369 Damon Seils asked for and received clarification about the location of the new pipe project on
370 Greensboro Road.

371 Pat Wilson stated that his division was about to schedule the final inspection for the
372 roundabout at Mt. Carmel Church Road and Bennett Road and the design, which includes the sidewalk,
373 would be finalized with interested parties at a meeting planned for the beginning of 2017. David Bonk
374 asked about the cost of adding sidewalks to this project and Pat Wilson promised to provide him with
375 this information.

376 Pat Wilson stated that there would be a meeting with town staff, school officials, and transit
377 officials on Monday, December 19th, about the project on Greensboro and Estes Dr. Comments from
378 this meeting will be incorporated into the design of the project. Pat Wilson and Vice Chair Damon Seils
379 discussed the possibility of tying the recently funded Estes Drive extension into this project.

380 Pat Wilson stated that his division will meet with town staff early next year regarding concerns
381 about high cost estimates for the Franklin Street/Merritt Mill project.

382 David Bonk clarified that a project at I-40 and NC 86 is going to be part of the 2017 TIP, and Pat
383 Wilson confirmed that this was the case.

384 Jennifer Britt, NCDOT Division 8, stated that there would be a meeting on Monday, December
385 19th at 2pm with the Commissioners and DOT to discuss some of the issues pertaining to O'Kelly
386 Chapel Road. She reviewed some of the measures that have been taken to improve conditions on
387 O'Kelly Chapel Road and plans for future measures. Jennifer Britt stated that the project for center
388 line rumble strips and the extra wide reflective edge lines on O'Kelly Chapel Road has been delayed
389 due to Hurricane Matthew but is still planned. Jim G. Crawford thanked Jennifer Britt for traveling all
390 the way from Asheboro to deliver her report.

391 Julie Bollinger, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch, stated that the statewide freight plan
392 update will begin next year. Julie Bollinger stated that the CTP 2.0 effort is underway and will include
393 more user and prioritization-friendly maps and reports. Julie Bollinger stated that a Transportation
394 Planning Branch committee is working on recommendations for the maps and they are close to

395 finalizing them. The division is looking to have standards for maps and reports complete by April
396 2017.

397 There was no report from NCDOT Traffic Operations.

398 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

399 **19. Recent News, Articles, and Updates**

400 Chair Steve Schewel suggested that MPO Board members take a look at informational item #19
401 pertaining to website analytics. Chair Steve Schewel expressed his appreciation to the LPA Staff for their
402 work on the website.

403 **ADJOURNMENT:**

404 There being no further business before the DCHC MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at
405 11:44 a.m.