

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

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3 **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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5 **January 9, 2024**

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7 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

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9 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met  
10 on January 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following  
11 members were in attendance:

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13	Nishith Trivedi (Chair)	Orange County
14	Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
15	Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
16	Ben Berolzheimer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
17	Caroline Dwyer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
18	Thanh Schado (Member)	Chatham County
19	Tom Devlin (Member)	City of Durham
20	Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
21	Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
22	Aaron Cain (Member)	Durham County
23	Ryan Eldridge (Member)	Durham County
24	Matt Efird (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
25	Darlene Weaver (Member)	Orange County
26	Matt Day (Member)	Central Pines Regional Council
27	Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
28	Joe Geigle (Member Non-Voting)	Federal Highway Administration
29	Meg Scully	GoTriangle
30	Nathan Ziegler (Alternate)	Town of Carrboro
31	Matt Cecil (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
32	Chance Mullis (Alternate)	Chatham County
33	Bill Judge	City of Durham
34	Erin Convery (Alternate)	City of Durham
35	Brandon Jones (Member)	NCDOT Division 5
36	Tracy Parrott (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
37	Chad Reimakoski (Member)	NCDOT Division 7
38	Stephen Robinson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
39	Nishant Shah (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
40	Bryan Kluchar (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 8
41	John Grant (Member)	NCDOT Traffic Operation
42	Delia Chi	Raleigh Durham Airport Authority
43	Anne Calef (Alternate)	Research Triangle Foundation
44	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
45	Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
46	David Miller	DCHC MPO
47	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
48	Dolly Hall-Quinlan	DCHC MPO

49	Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
50	KC Chae	DCHC MPO
51	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
52	Madeline Galliano	DCHC MPO
53	Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
54	Brian Murphy	NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit
55	Heidi Perov	BikeWalk NC

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58 Nish Trivedi called the meeting to order at 9:00. a.m.

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60 **PRELIMINARIES:**

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62 **1. DCHC MPO Non-Discrimination Policy Notice**

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64 **2. Roll Call**

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66 The roll call was completed using the Zoom participant list for remote attendees.

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68 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

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

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the agenda. Eric Vitale requested a Letter of Support for the RAISE24 Grant application

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for the City of Durham be added to the agenda. Filmon Fishastion requested that Item

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#10 FY2025 Call for Projects Recommendation and Release for Public Comments be

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moved to Informational Items. There were no other adjustments.

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76 **4. Public Comments**

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78 There were no public comments.

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81 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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84 **5. Approval of the November 15, 2023, TC Meeting Minutes**

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Jean Debnam, MPO Staff

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87 **6. Triangle Mobility Hub Letter of Support**

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Jay Heikes, GoTriangle

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90 **7. FY2024 UPWP Amendment #5**

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David Miller, MPO Staff

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Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff

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94 Eric Vitale made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the inclusion of the  
95 Letter of Support for City of Durham RAISE24 Grant application. The motion was seconded  
96 by Tom Devlin. The motion passed unanimously.

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

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100 **8. DCHC MPO Technical Committee Officer Election**  
101 **Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager**

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Per Article IV Section 2 of the TC bylaws, officers are to be elected every year at  
the first meeting of the calendar year. Officers may serve up to two consecutive terms  
in their respective positions. Nish Trivedi is completing his first year as the Chair and  
Ellen Beckmann is completing her first year as Vice Chair. Nish Trivedi and Ellen  
Beckmann accepted a second term as Chair and Vice Chair. Eric Vitale made a  
motion to install Nish Trivedi as Chair and Ellen Beckmann as Vice Chair of the TC  
Board. The motion was seconded by Matt Efird. The motion passed unanimously.

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**9. Targets for Safety Performance Measures**  
111 **David Miller, MPO Staff**  
112 **Brian Murphy, NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit**

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David Miller shared details about the MPO's federal requirement to adopt annual  
targets for safety performance measures. Brian Murphy, Traffic Safety Systems  
Engineer from NCDOT's Traffic Safety Unit, provided an overview of the safety  
performance measures and shared safety data specific to the DCHC MPO urbanized  
area. Heidi Perov asked a question regarding alcohol use and seat belt crashes, and  
how many of those crashes overlapped. Brian Murphy replied that a lot of those crashes  
do overlap, but if the crashes did involve alcohol, then it was flagged for that.  
A motion was made by Eric Vitale that the DCHC MPO Board adopt the resolution that  
supports the state's safety targets. Tom Devlin seconded the motion. The motion

123 passed unanimously.

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125 **10. FY2025 Call for Projects Recommendation & Release for Public Comment**  
126 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

127 Filmon Fishastion stated that the MPO invited member agencies to submit  
128 applications for federal funding from the Regional Flexible Funding (RFF) pool in  
129 November 2023. Funding applications were due on December 8, 2023.

130 The RFF pool for FY25 consists of four funding sources that come directly to the  
131 DCHC MPO: Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (BGDA),  
132 Transportation Alternatives Program Direct Attributable (TAPDA), Carbon Reduction  
133 Program Direct Attributable (CRPDA), and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ).  
134 The call for projects that was conducted by MPO staff is consistent with federal  
135 requirements for CMAQ and TAPDA funds and can be applied to all funding sources.  
136 A memo detailing the amount of available funding, scores, and MPO staff  
137 recommendations will be distributed prior to the meeting on 1/9/2024.

138 Filmon Fishastion and Colleen McGue requested more time to prepare the information.  
139 Filmon Fishastion requested this item be moved to informational items. Colleen McGue  
140 stated that the MPO needed more time to do final analysis before a proposal was  
141 presented. Filmon Fishastion discussed the RFF overview and schedule updates and  
142 gave the next steps. Following these updates the Call for projects will be ready for  
143 release in February for comments and then be adopted in March. Erin Convery asked if  
144 there was a date, they could expect to see some preliminary recommendations. Colleen  
145 said the goal was to get them out the week of January 22, before the Board Meeting on  
146 January 23, 2024. Meg Scully asked if NCDOT was requesting federal funds through  
147 the MPO process and if this was the first time this has been done. Doug Plachcinski  
148 explained the reason NCDOT is requesting these funds is because they will be owning

149 the underlying real estate on behalf of the communities.

150 Aaron Cain asked how difficult of a choice we will have to make about which  
151 projects will be funded. Colleen McGue answered that the amount of money requested  
152 far exceeds the amount of money we have available. We will not be able to fund all the  
153 new projects requested. The decision will be difficult, but DCHC will be bringing  
154 recommendations forward at the next meeting.

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156 11. **Amendment #1 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
157 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

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159 Filmon Fishastion introduced Amendment #1 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation  
160 Improvement Program to the Technical Committee, which includes the addition of  
161 funding to existing projects as well as adding new projects from the FY24 Call for  
162 Projects. The amendment also includes carryover adjustments from  
163 FY2020-2029 TIP Amendments 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, and 16. These amendments were  
164 already approved by the Board in previous meetings and are reissued for administrative  
165 purposes to reconcile data between the old and new plans, ensuring a more seamless  
166 transition into the State TIP (STIP). Additional projects in this amendment include Item  
167 N updates from NCDOT (state Additional projects in this amendment include Item N  
168 updates from NCDOT (state provided amendments and modifications), and other such  
169 project updates that fall under administrative modifications. Two projects from Item N are  
170 not being amended into the TIP at this time as they are not in the Metropolitan  
171 Transportation Plan (MTP); they are HN-0013 Erwin Road turn lanes, and HN-0014  
172 Cornwallis Road turn lanes.

173 Public input is currently being accepted for Amendment #1 until Friday, January 19,  
174 2024. Colleen McGue added that, there were no public comments received by that  
175 time.

176 Eric Vitale made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment #1. The  
177 motion was seconded by Tom Devlin. The motion passed unanimously.

178 Doug Plachcinski commented we may not have received formal comments about  
179 the TIP Amendment, but it does have a social media presence.

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181 **12. FY2025 UPWP Draft**

182 **David Miller, MPO Staff**

183 **Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**

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185 David Miller presented the details of the FY2025 UPWP draft, which included the funding  
186 sources, priorities and initiatives, special study requests, and a breakdown of the funding  
187 requests by individual agency.

188 Eric Vitale made a motion to release the FY2025 draft for public comment. The motion  
189 was seconded by Tom Devlin. The motion passed unanimously.

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191 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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195 **13. Destination 2055 Goals and Objectives Engagement Updates**

196 **Kelly Fomenko, MPO Staff**

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198 **Colleen McGue, MPO Staff**

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200 Kelly Fomenko gave an update on the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan  
201 (MTP) which is the long-range transportation plan that covers the Durham-Chapel Hill-  
202 Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) and the Capital Area  
203 Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) regional boundaries. This plan is updated  
204 every four years, and this update is being led with the campaign name of "Destination  
205 2055". The update of this plan is extensive, and the final plan is expected to be updated  
206 in late 2025. Engagement is guided through a Public Engagement Strategy which was  
207 approved for use by both MPO Boards in late 2023. The website

208 [www.destination2055nc.com](http://www.destination2055nc.com) had been created to inform the public of the update and  
209 collect public comments. The first engagement phase is the goals and objectives  
210 visioning which began on November 16, 2023. The survey had been extended to  
211 January 15, 2024. Approximately 375 people have taken the survey and 1300 have  
212 visited the site as of January 9. About half of the people who took the survey are from  
213 the DCHC area. The MTP Goals will be presented at the Joint Board Meeting and again  
214 at the February TC Meeting.

215 Eric Vitale asked if the MPO was concerned about the low number of responses.  
216 Kelly Fomenko stated the MPO is not worried about the low number of responses at this  
217 time but we are working towards increasing those numbers by continuing to educate the  
218 public about the process. There was additional discussion amongst the members about  
219 the likelihood of increased community participation in the planning process during the  
220 upcoming phases of MTP development as project alternatives are provided to the public  
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#### **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

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225 **14. Report from MPO Staff**

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

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Doug Plachcinski had no addition to his written report, but informed the  
committee that there has been discussion on the federal level about a potential  
government shutdown. We will be advocating maintaining funding.

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231 **15. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

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**Nish Trivedi, TC Chair**

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No additional report.

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236 **16. NCDOT Reports**

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**Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

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No report.

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242 **Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 – NCDOT**

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246 **Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski), Division 7 – NCDOT**

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248 No additional report. Chad Reimakoski had 3 new SPOT projects and will send the  
249 updated report. Nish Trivedi asked about other SPOT safety projects going forward in  
250 Orange County. Mr. Reimakoski will include it in his updated report.

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252 **NCDOT Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT**

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256 **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**

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

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264 **Nick Morrison- NCDOT-IMD**

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266 Not present. No Report.

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268 **17. Recent New Articles**

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271 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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273 There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.