

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

2 **June 8, 2022**

3 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

4 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on June 8,  
5 2022, at 9:00 a.m. remotely via Zoom. The following people were in attendance:

6	Jenn Weaver (Chair)	Town of Hillsborough
7	Karen Howard (Vice Chair)	Chatham County
8	Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
9	Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
10	Leonardo Williams (Member)	City of Durham
11	Javiera Caballero (Member)	City of Durham
12	Pam Hemminger (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
13	Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
14	Damon Seils (Member)	Town of Carrboro
15	Mark Bell (Alternate)	Town of Hillsborough
16	Adam Searing (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
17	Ellen Beckmann	Durham County
18	Nishith Trivedi	Orange County
19	Tom Altieri	Orange County
20	Josh Mayo	Chapel Hill Planning
21	Bergen Watterson	Chapel Hill Planning
22	Matt Cecil	Chapel Hill Transit
23	Tina Moon	Carrboro Planning
24	Brandon Dawson	Chatham County
25	Bill Judge	City of Durham
26	Brian Taylor	City of Durham
27	Sean Egan	City of Durham
28	Evian Patterson	City of Durham
29	Matt Day	Triangle J Council of Government
30	Jay Heikes	GoTriangle
31	Meg Scully	GoTriangle
32	Kurt Stolka	University of North Carolina
33	Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
34	Tracy Parrott	NCDOT Division 5
35	Pat Wilson	NCDOT Division 7
36	Stephen Robinson	NCDOT Division 7
37	Bryan Kluchar	NCDOT Division 8
38	Jeron Monroe	NCDOT Division 8
39	Nick Morrison	NCDOT IMD
40	Julie Bogle	NCDOT Planning Division

41	Monique Holsey-Hyman	City of Durham
42	DeDreana Freeman	City of Durham
43	Eric Vitale	City of Durham
44	Erin Convery	City of Durham
45	Tasha Johnson	City of Durham
46	Tom Devlin	City of Durham
47	Jacob Rigg	Regional Transportation Alliance
48	Joe Geigle	USDOT Division 5
49	Kevin Robinson	Town of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation
50	Travis Crayton	Research Triangle Park
51	Rachel Stair	Raleigh Durham Airport Authority
52	Brian Rhodes	Resident
53	Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
54	Dale McKeel	DCHC MPO/City of Durham
55	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
56	Kayla Peloquin	DCHC MPO
57	Mariel Klein	DCHC MPO
58	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
59	David Miller	DCHC MPO

60 Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members

61 **1. Roll Call**

62 Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Voting Members and Alternate  
 63 Voting Members of the MPO Board were identified through a roll call and are indicated above.

64 Chair Jenn Weaver shared that the MPO’s new Executive Director, Doug Plachcinski, will begin  
 65 his tenure on July 5. Aaron Cain added that Dr. Monique Holsey-Hyman has been appointed as the  
 66 MPO’s new Alternate Voting Member for the City of Durham.

67 **PRELIMINARIES:**

68 **2. Ethics Reminder**

69 Chair Jenn Weaver pointed out the Ethics Reminder and asked if there were any known  
 70 conflicts of interest with respect to matters coming before the MPO Board and requested that if there  
 71 were any identified during the meeting for them to be announced. There were no known conflicts  
 72 identified by MPO Board Members.

73 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

74 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

75 **4. Public Comments**

76 There were no public comments.

77 **5. Directives to Staff**

78 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Directives to Staff included in the agenda packet and stated  
79 most are in progress with one item pending.

80 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

81 **6. Approval of the May 11, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes**

82 Kayla Peloquin, LPA Staff

83 **7. FY22 UPWP Amendment #3**

84 Mariel Klein, LPA Staff

85 **8. FY23 UPWP Amendment #1**

86 Mariel Klein, LPA Staff

87 **9. FFY 2022 Section 5307/5340 Full Apportionment Split Letter**

88 Mariel Klein, LPA Staff

89 **10. FFY 2022 Section 5339 Full Apportionment Split Letter**

90 Mariel Klein, LPA Staff

91 **11. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Grant – FY21 and**  
92 **FY22 Call for Projects and Program Management Plan**

93 Mariel Klein, LPA Staff

94 **12. TIP Amendment #11**

95 Kayla Peloquin, LPA Staff

96 Pam Hemminger made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jamezetta Bedford seconded  
97 the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**ACTION ITEMS:****99 13. Draft FY2024-2033 STIP****100 Kayla Peloquin, LPA Staff**

101 Kayla Peloquin provided an overview of the preliminary draft of the 2024-2033 State  
102 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that was released on April 25, 2022, which included its  
103 development from the previous 2020-2029 STIP, as well as an introduction to the swap process. Kayla  
104 Peloquin explained that since the 2020-2029 STIP was over-programmed on projects, no new projects  
105 have been included in the draft 2024-2033 STIP. Kayla Peloquin said that project swaps must be agreed  
106 to by NCDOT and MPO/RPO(s), that projects swapped in cannot be of a higher tier than those being  
107 swapped out, and project budgets swapped in must be within 10% of projects being swapped out. Kayla  
108 Peloquin then shared the prominent DCHC MPO projects in the draft 2024-2033 STIP, updates to their  
109 implementation schedule, projects that were not included in the draft 2024-2033 STIP, and a timeline  
110 for identifying, recommending and approving project swaps.

111 Chair Jenn Weaver thanked Kayla Peloquin for the presentation and stated that in depth  
112 discussion of possible swaps is slated to occur at the MPO Board's August meeting. Brandon Jones  
113 mentioned for clarification purposes that projects listed as Right of Way (ROW) starting in FY29 or later  
114 are considered non-committed and need to go back through Prioritization 7.0 unless they are included  
115 in a swap. Pam Hemminger stated that she believes a project is missing from the draft and will  
116 investigate this with her staff. Damon Seils asked if the Technical Committee also reviewed and  
117 discussed the draft, and Kayla Peloquin replied that they did at their previous meeting and will continue  
118 to do so throughout the swap process.

119 Wendy Jacobs said that she appreciates the opportunity to swap projects. Wendy Jacobs asked  
120 what the process is for projects in the draft that may change or are in progress. Aaron Cain replied that  
121 this conversation is occurring with NCDOT, but if a project is changed significantly, then it would have to  
122 go through reprioritization. Aaron Cain added that project descriptions are being considered that would

123 meet the needs of both the City of Durham and NCDOT. Wendy Jacobs asked about impacts if the East  
124 Durham railway improvement project received funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act  
125 (IIJA) bill that would allow the project to be completed sooner, and Aaron Cain stated that this is a  
126 committed and fully-funded project by the state and that other projects continue to be identified that  
127 could receive funding from the IIJA bill. Jay Heikes added that there are active discussions investigating  
128 the potential to use STIP projects to help leverage federal funds through the IIJA bill.

129 This item was for informational purposes; no further action was required by the Board.

130 **14. Material Changes to the Durham County Transit Plan**

131 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

132 Aaron Cain stated that per the inter-local agreement in Durham County, projects above certain  
133 thresholds are considered material changes to the transit plan and therefore requires approval by the  
134 Durham County Board of Commissioners, the MPO Board, and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees. Aaron  
135 Cain stated that as part of development of the FY23 Work Program, there are four projects the Staff  
136 Working Group (SWG) requested to be considered as material changes to the work program so they can  
137 move forward: a new paratransit maintenance facility, improvements to GoDurham's routes 9A and 9B,  
138 an increase to funding for bus stop improvements, and funding for improvements at Durham Station.  
139 Aaron Cain stated that the MPO Board is the first of the three entities receiving this information for  
140 consideration.

141 Wendy Jacobs stated that this item will be on the June 13, 2022 meeting agenda for the Durham  
142 County Board of Commissioners.

143 Damon Seils made a motion to approve the four material changes through resolution. Javiera  
144 Caballero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

145 **15. Triangle Bikeway Study**  
146 **Dale McKeel, LPA Staff**

147 Aaron Cain stated that the Triangle Bikeway Study resolution that is being presented for  
148 consideration would indicate that the MPO Board accepts the study, that it will work with partners to  
149 advance the project forward, and that they study will help ensure that the identified corridor continues  
150 to be protected and known for future construction when funding becomes available.

151 Wendy Jacobs stated that it is important for the MPO Board to adopt this study as it is  
152 contingent on investments from other jurisdictions, and that the public comments were helpful and  
153 should be shared. Damon Seils agreed with Wendy Jacobs and is excited about this project moving  
154 forward. Wendy Jacobs mentioned that the surge in E-Bike popularity as an equitable and reasonably  
155 affordable mode of transportation adds to the importance of this plan, and that local jurisdictions could  
156 look into offering E-Bikes to its community. Leonardo Williams stated that he supports the project and  
157 emphasized that all demographics across the various regions continue to be considered moving forward.

158 Wendy Jacobs made a motion to accept the Triangle Bikeway Study through resolution. Damon  
159 Seils seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

160 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

161 **16. IJJA Standing Update**  
162 **Maribel Klein, LPA Staff**

163 Maribel Klein said that projects continue to be considered for potential IJJA bill funding and that  
164 an update will be provided at each MPO Board meeting. Chair Jenn Weaver stated that she appreciates  
165 this being a standing item. Leonardo Williams asked if there is a formal plan for requesting IJJA funds,  
166 and Aaron Cain replied that there is no formal plan yet due to this opportunity being new and that  
167 information about the program continues to be shared publicly. Wendy Jacobs asked if the competitive  
168 bridges grant opportunity that is expected to open in May is currently being explored, and Maribel Klein

169 replied that she will review that particular grant program's information and will follow up with Board  
170 members.

171 **17. Letter of Support for Proposed Updates to the New Car Assessment Program**

172 Chair Jenn Weaver introduced the letter of support for proposed updates to the new car  
173 assessment program to be sent to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Chair  
174 Jenn Weaver stated that the letter of support for program updates aligns with the MPO's goals of  
175 promoting safety and achieving zero transportation-related deaths and injuries. Chair Jenn Weaver  
176 thanked MPO staff for signing a letter of support as well.

177 The MPO Board agreed by consent to have Chair Jenn Weaver sign the letter of support.

178 **18. Recent News Articles and Updates**

179 Chair Jenn Weaver mentioned an article in the agenda packet that is related to changes in public  
180 transit commuting patterns that is relevant to the working goals of the MPO. Chair Jenn Weaver also  
181 mentioned a news item that discussed the \$58 million in federal funds awarded to the Raleigh-to-  
182 Richmond rail line.

183 **REPORTS:**

184 **19. Report from the MPO Board Chair**  
185 **Jenn Weaver, Board Chair**

186 Chair Jenn Weaver had no report.

187 **20. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**  
188 **Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair**

189 Ellen Beckmann shared that the Orange County Transit Plan's proposed projects are available  
190 online and ready for review. Ellen Beckmann also mentioned that Durham anticipates making available  
191 its draft plan in late June.

192 **21. Report from LPA Staff**

193 Aaron Cain mentioned that the federal government is piloting a program based on miller-based  
194 user fees, and that they have requested up to three elected officials from each MPO participate by  
195 attaching an electronic device to their vehicle that would calculate what their user fee would be. Aaron  
196 Cain added that this pilot program is being investigated as an alternative to the current gas tax and  
197 could serve as a standing fee that is not adjusted by inflation.

198 Aaron Cain stated that his interpretation of North Carolina state law indicates that MPO Board  
199 meetings will need to resume in-person meetings beginning at its August meeting, and while  
200 technology has been acquired that will allow non-voting members to attend meetings virtually, voting  
201 members and alternates will be required to attend meetings in person in order to vote and be counted  
202 towards a quorum.

203 Aaron Cain stated that Kayla Peloquin is leaving the MPO staff due to relocation and that her  
204 last day is June 30.

205 Dale McKeel stated that the annual Golden Modes program will be held June 14 from 2-3 p.m.  
206 and will explore sustainable transportation and travel options in the Triangle. Dale McKeel shared that  
207 the event will feature Governor Roy Cooper, Julie White from NCDOT, and Raleigh City Council Member  
208 Jonathan Melton. Dale McKeel shared the following link in the Zoom chat feature to attend virtually:  
209 [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ek56yEWLRcSRhRGUDhhuGA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ek56yEWLRcSRhRGUDhhuGA).

210 Chair Jenn Weaver thanked Kayla Peloquin for her work with the MPO and mentioned  
211 comments in the Zoom chat feature expressing the same.

212 **22. NCDOT Reports**

213 **Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

214 There was no report.

215 **Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT**

216 There was no report.

217 **Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT**

218 Pat Wilson said that utility adjustments continue on the resurfacing project on Franklin and  
219 Main Street, that paving is not expected until the end of June, and the project is on schedule to be  
220 completed by the MPO Board's August meeting. Pat Wilson also mentioned that work along the  
221 shoulder of I-40 is expected to begin in late June to early July.

222 Damon Seils thanked Pat Wilson for the update, especially in regards to the resurfacing project  
223 in Carborro and Chapel Hill, and the impact it is expected to have on their respective downtowns.

224 Chair Jenn Weaver reminded MPO Board members that the East End Connector celebration will  
225 be held on June 30 at 10 a.m.

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

227 There was no report.

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

229 There was no report.

230 **John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT**

231 There was no report.

232 **Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT**

233 Nick Morrison said that NCDOT's consultant team at Kittleson has begun design charrettes in  
234 Henderson and Franklinton, will continue to offer public meetings in the communities within the S-Line  
235 corridor, and that two additional public meetings will be held in Raleigh in mid-June. Nick Morrison  
236 stated that he expects a wrap-up summary to be provided at the next MPO Board meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

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Chair Jenn Weaver welcomed Durham City Council member and new MPO Board Alternate

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Voting Member, Dr. Monique Holsey-Hyman.

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There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03

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