

1 **DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **BOARD**
3 **October 22, 2024**
4 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

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6 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on
7 October 22, 2024, at 9:07 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at Central
8 Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

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10	Javiera Caballero (MPO Board Vice Chair)	City of Durham
11	Carl Rist (Member)	City of Durham
12	Melissa McCullough (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
13	Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
14	Michael Parker (Member)	Go Triangle
15	Danny Nowell (Member)	Town of Carrboro
16	Mark Bell (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
17	Amy Fowler (Alternate)	Orange County
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19	Eric Vitale	City of Durham
20	Joe Geigle	FHWA
21	Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
22	Julie Bogle*	NCDOT TPD
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24	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
25	David Miller	DCHC MPO
26	KC Chae	DCHC MPO
27	Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
28	Samad Rangoonwala	DCHC MPO
29	Cameron Schuler	DCHC MPO
30	Thomas Porter	DCHC MPO
31	Beth Davis	DCHC MPO

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33 Quorum Count: 8 of 10 Voting Members

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36 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Doug Plachcinski
37 introduced Beth Davis as the new Clerk to the Board. Vice Chair Javiera Caballero asked
38 everyone in the room to introduce themselves. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting
39 Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are indicated above.

40 **PRELIMINARIES:**

41 **Ethics Reminder**

42 **Adjustments to the Agenda**

43 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero stated that there was one adjustment to the agenda after
44 item 18, which would be a Closed Session for the Executive Director evaluation.

45 Melissa McCullough moved to approve the agenda with adjustments, and the motion
46 was seconded by Michael Parker. The motion passed unanimously.

47 **Roll Call**

48 **Public Comments**

49 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero asked if any members of the public were signed up to
50 speak. There were none.

51 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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53 **5. Approval of September 30, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**
54 **Beth Davis, MPO Staff**

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56 Michael Parker moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by

57 Amy Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS:

60 **6. Public Hearing: Draft FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP)**
61 **Thomas Porter, MPO Staff**

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63 Thomas Porter presented the FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP) to the
64 Board. One public comment was received during the public outreach period. There were no
65 additional public comments.

66 There was one question from the Board about multimodal hub at RTP being a part of the
67 UPWP. Doug Plachcinski responded that it was not broken out separately in the UPWP.

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69 **7. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Mobility Report Card**
70 **Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff**

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72 Yanping Zhang shared that the congestion management process (CMP) is a systematic
73 and regionally accepted approach for managing congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date
74 information on transportation system performance as well as assessments of alternative

75 strategies for congestion management that meets State and local needs. Federal requirements
76 state that the CMP shall be developed and implemented as an integral part of the metropolitan
77 transportation planning process. The 2024 CMP and Mobility Report Cards (MRC), along with
78 the MRC dashboard, have been completed. Mr. Zhang shared that one public comment was
79 submitted.

80 Michael Parker made a motion to adopt the 2024 Update of the Congestion
81 Management Process. The motion was seconded by Amy Fowler. The motion passed
82 unanimously.

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84 **8. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates**
85 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

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87 Filmon Fishastion provided an update on The Transportation Improvement Program.
88 Amendment #4 completed its public comment period, and the comments received can be found
89 in the item attachments. Filmon Fishastion made a disclaimer to the Board that one of the new
90 projects being requested by the City of Durham had had its ownership changed to NCDOT and
91 they have directly created a STIP ID for this project. Wendy Jacobs shared comments regarding
92 project HE-007D and also proposed that the Board direct MPO staff to work with NCDOT to
93 develop a model Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Policy for the region.

94 Michael Parker made a motion to adopt the TIP Amendment #4. The motion was
95 seconded by Melissa McCullough. The motion passed unanimously.

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97 **9. Division Needs Local Point Allocation Update for SPOT 7.0**
98 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

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100 Filmon Fishastion provided an update on the Division Needs local point allocation. With
101 the release of the Regional Impact funding assignment, all the remaining unfunded projects
102 have been cascaded to the Division Needs level. In addition to the input from the MPO's TC and

103 the public, the MPO will continue to coordinate the Division Needs LIP assignments with the
104 local NCDOT Divisions and neighboring MPOs/RPOs during the public comment period.

105 Michael Parker made a motion to release the allocation of Division Needs Local Input
106 Points (LIP) for public comment. The motion was seconded by Wendy Jacobs. The motion
107 passed unanimously.

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109 **10. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Grant –**
110 **FFY24 Program of Projects**

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

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113 Doug Plachcinski shared that the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with
114 Disabilities program (Section 5310) provides funds to improve mobility for seniors and
115 individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding
116 transportation mobility options. The City of Durham is the designated recipient of the funds for
117 the Durham UZA and works with the DCHC MPO to distribute the funds to eligible sub-
118 recipients through a competitive selection process every other year. A Call for Projects was
119 conducted for a total of \$811,163.00 in federal funds, which represents funds appointed to the
120 Durham UZA for FFY2023 and FFY2024. Applications were reviewed by MPO staff, and the
121 recommended Program of Projects (PoP) was included in the agenda packet.

122 Melissa McCullough made a motion to approve the proposed Program of Projects. The
123 motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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125 **11. 2024 Draft Update to Program Management Plan (PMP) for the Section 5310 Grant:**
126 **Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for Public Release**
127 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

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129 Doug Plachcinski provided an update on the 2024 Draft Update to the Program
130 Management Plan (PMP) for the Section 5310 Grant: Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and
131 Individuals with Disabilities. Earlier this year, the DCHC MPO adopted the 2024 Coordinated
132 Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (the Coordinated Plan). The Draft

133 Program Management Plan (PMP) has been revised to reference the new plan. Additional edits
134 include clarification around the relationship between the City of Durham, the Direct Recipient of
135 Section 5310 funding in the Durham UZA, and the DCHC MPO which manages the
136 implementation of the Coordinated Plan and selection of 5310 Program of Projects, as
137 well as the addition of a Checklist for Project Manager Review of Uniform Guidance
138 Audit Findings as requested by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) during recent
139 discussions with the City of Durham.

140 Carl Rist made a motion to release the 2024 Draft Update to the Program Management
141 Plan (PMP) for 21-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Melissa
142 McCullough. The motion passed unanimously.

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144 **12. Presentation of Guide Totals for Development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation**
145 **Plan**

146 **Matt Day, CPRC Staff**

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148 Matt Day presented the Board with Guide Totals for the development of the 2055

149 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Guide Totals are forecasts of the amount, type, and location
150 of population and jobs for the time frame of the plan (2055).

151 Michael Parker made a motion to approve the Guide Totals for Development of the 2055
152 MTP. The motion was seconded Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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154 **13. Triangle Model for Development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
155 **Presentation**

156 **Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff**

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158 Yanping Zhang presented the Board with information on the Triangle Regional Model for
159 Development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Triangle Regional Model

160 Generation 2 is a travel demand forecasting tool that supports regional transportation planning.

161 The Triangle Regional Model Generation 2 Version 2 (TRM G2 V2) was proposed to be used in
162 the development of the MTP. The study area in TRM G2 V2 was expanded to include all of

163 Johnston County and a larger portion of Harnett County. Additional improvements featured in
164 the TRM G2 V2 include refinement in mode choice and enhances summary and reporting tools.

165 Mark Bell made a motion to approve the use of TRM G2 V2 in developing the 2055
166 MTP. The motion was seconded by Amy Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

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REPORTS:

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14. Report from Board Chair

171 **Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair**

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173 No report.

15. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

175 **Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

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177 No report.

16. Report from MPO Staff

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

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181 Mr. Plachcinski added that there will be Bus Rapid Transit Fast and Smart meeting with
182 the Regional Transportation Alliance on Wednesday, November 6 from 10 am – 12 pm. The
183 purpose of the meeting is to create a working group that will discuss bus rapid transit
184 implementation strategies to inform project stakeholders.

17. NCDOT Reports

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

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189 Report was emailed.

Brandon Jones, (Tracy Parrott, David Keilson), Division 5 – NCDOT

191 Mr. Jones gave an update on the roads that were affected by Hurricane Helene. Over
192 1,500 roads were closed, 818 roads have reopened, 97 with partial access. 57 roads were
193 opened over the past weekend and 39 roads over the past two days. Contractors and DOT
194 crews have been helping. 468 road closures that exist today, 72 are primary roads. 120 bridges

195 that will have to be replaced. There is a long way to go, but progress is being made every day.
196 There has been help from Florida and Kentucky as well.

197 **Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 – NCDOT**

198 Updated report is in packet; changes are noted in red.
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200 **Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT**

201 No report
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203 **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**

204 Ms. Bogle emailed her report due to connection issues. Alpesh Patel will be the new
205 Director of the Transportation Planning Division, and Dominique Boyd is the new Eastern
206 Piedmont Supervisor.
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208 **John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**

209 No report
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211 **Bryan Lopez (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division**

212 No report
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214 **18. Recent News Articles & Updates**

215 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero pointed out the news articles included in the agenda packet.
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217 **19. Closed Session**

218 **ADJOURNMENT**

219 The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 following the Closed Session.