



## **DCHC MPO Board Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

9:00 AM

Central Pines Regional Council

4307 Emperor Blvd  
Durham, NC 27703

**DCHC MPO Non-Discrimination Policy Notice**[24-121](#)

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**1. Ethics Reminder**

It is the duty of every Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

**2. Roll Call****3. Adjustments to the Agenda****4: Public Comments****CONSENT AGENDA****5. Approval of June 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes [24-181](#)**

**Jean Debnam, MPO Staff**

A copy of the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes is attached.

**Board Action:** Approve the June 25, Board Meeting Minutes.

**Attachments:** [2024-8-27 \(24-181\) June 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

**6. FY25 UPWP Amendment #1 [24-173](#)**

**Tom Porter, MPO Staff**

The attached memo details the proposed Amendment #1 for the FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

**TC Action:** Recommended the MPO Board approve FY 2025 UPWP Amendment #1.

**Board Action:** Approve FY 2025 UPWP Amendment #1.

**Attachments:** [2024-8-27 \(24-173\) FY2025 Amendment #1](#)  
[2024-8-27 \(24-173\) FY2025 UPWP Amendment #1 Resolution](#)

**7. New 5339 Split Letter for Lapsing Funds**[24-180](#)**Tom Porter, MPO Staff****Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**

The MPO has been advised that NCDOT/Orange Public Transit has lapsing 5339 funds from FFY17, FFY18, FFY19, FFY20, and FFY21 for a total of \$95,133. In consultation with the FTA and the four fixed-route transit operators within the DCHC MPO, it has been decided to reallocate Orange Public Transit's lapsing funds to Chapel Hill Transit to utilize these funds. The letter to the Federal Transit Administration is included in the attachments for reference.

**TC Action:** Recommended MPO Board approve the authorization of the split letter.

**Board Action:** Approve the authorization of the split letter.

**Attachments:**      [2024-8-27 \(24-180\) Split Letter DCHC MPO 5339 Lapsing Funds](#)

**ACTION ITEMS****8. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Metropolitan Report Card (MRC) (15 Minutes)**[24-126](#)**Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff****Mushtaqur Rahman, Baseline Mobility Group, Inc.****Zachary Bugg, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.**

The congestion management process (CMP) is a systematic and regionally-accepted approach for managing congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date information on transportation system performance as well as assessments of alternative strategies for congestion management that meets State and local needs. Federal requirements state that the CMP shall be developed and implemented as an integrated part of the metropolitan transportation planning process. The 2024 CMP and Mobility Report Cards (MRC), along with the MRC dashboard, have been completed. A summary with recommendations will be presented at the TC meeting

The remaining schedule includes:

- August 2024: The Board releases the full 2023 CMP and MRC reports for public comment.
- October 2024: TC Action: Recommend that the Board adopt the full 2023 CMP and MRC by resolution.
- October 2024: The Board adopts the 2023 CMP and MRC by resolution.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the MPO Board release the 2023 CMP and MRC reports for a 21-day public comment period.

**Board Action:** Release the 2023 CMP and MRC reports for a 21-day public comment period.

**Attachments:**[2024-08-27 \(24-126\) CMP and MRC Presentation](#)[2024-8-27 \(24-126\) CMP Executive Summary v1.3](#)[2024-8-27 \(24-126\) DCHC CMP 2024 finalreport v1.3](#)[2024-8-27 \(24-126\) DCHC MobiltyReportCard 2023 Final 07052024rev](#)

9. **Amendment #4 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (5 Minutes)**

[24-174](#)

**Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

Amendment #4 to the FY2024-33 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) continues to modify and add projects from the recent Call for Projects. This amendment also incorporates recently awarded funds such as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant and the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant into both existing and new projects. This amendment also includes some transit project changes to obligate funds that would otherwise lapse.

As there are projects with changes in excess of \$2 million and 25% from the original amount, per the MPO's Public Involvement Plan (PIP), this amendment will be released for a 21-day public comment period. The current timeline for adoption is as follows:

- August 13: TC recommended Board release for public comment
- August 27: Board released for public comment
- October 8: TC recommended Board approves amendment
- October 22: Board approves amendment

**TC Action:** Recommended that the MPO Board release TIP Amendment #4 for public comment.

**Board Action:** Recommend that the MPO Board release TIP Amendment #4 for public comment.

**Attachments:**

[2024-8-27 \(24-174\) Amendment 4 Memo](#)

[2024-8-27 \(24-174\) FY24-33 Amendment 4 Full Documentation](#)

[2024-8-27 \(24-174\) FY24-33 Amendment 4 Summary Sheet](#)

[2024-8-27 \(24-174\) Memo to DCHC MPO - Defederalizing Vertical Protection at](#)

[2024-8-27 \(24-174\) Memo to DCHC MPO - Horton Road \(BL-0063\) Additional F](#)

[2024-8-27 \(24-174\) Split Letter DCHC MPO 5339 Lapsing Funds](#)

**10. Local Point Allocation & Project Ranking for SPOT 7.0 (10 Minutes)**[24-159](#)**Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

On February 27, 2024, the DCHC MPO Board approved the revised Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Methodology for Identifying and Ranking New Transportation Improvement Program Project Requests, which was subsequently approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation on March 1, 2024. The approved methodology is provided in the attachments for reference. The approved methodology directs DCHC MPO staff to apply certain criteria to all Regional projects (and Statewide projects that cascade to the Regional level) as an initial determination of which projects should receive local points during the Statewide Prioritization Process. The MPO Board approved the public release of the initial list of projects to receive local points on June 25, 2024.

Since the initial list of projects to receive local input points in the Statewide Prioritization Process was created, MPO staff have continued to coordinate with the MPO's local and regional partners to get a better sense of both local and regional priorities and identify and document any potential deviations from the initial list of projects.

A report is included with this agenda item summarizing the MPO staff's coordination efforts, outreach efforts, and highlighting projects that are a priority in the region, as well as the revised list of projects to receive local input points from the DCHC MPO. Also attached to this item are the most recent Local Input Point lists from our neighboring MPOs/RPOs. These lists are DRAFT versions pending approval from their respective Boards. The MPO's local input point assignments are to be approved and submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) by August 30, 2024.

**TC Action:** Provided comments and recommended that the MPO Board adopt the Local Input Point Assignments for submittal to NCDOT.

**Board Action:** Provide comments and adopt the Local Input Point Assignments for submittal to NCDOT.

**Attachments:**      [2024-8-27 \(24-159\) DCHC Regional LIP Assignment](#)  
                              [2024-8-27 \(24-159\) LIP Presentation](#)  
                              [2024-8-27 \(24-159\) LIP Report](#)  
                              [2024-8-27 \(24-159\) DCHC P7 Local Input Points Methodology](#)  
                              [2024-8-27 \(24-159\) CPRPO LIP Assignment](#)  
                              [2024-8-27 \(24-159\) Kerr-Tar LIP Assignment](#)  
                              [2024-8-27 \(24-159\) CAMPO LIP Assignment](#)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****11. Priority of Existing Committed Projects (10 Minutes)**[24-175](#)**Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

As part of the development of the 2026-2035 Draft STIP, NCDOT sought input from Planning Organizations (POs) and Divisions on priorities of existing committed projects. These projects have previously been selected for funding through Prioritization 3.0 (P3.0), Prioritization 4.0 (P4.0), or Prioritization 5.0 (P5.0). The input will be used to assist the STIP Unit when adjusting schedules to meet federal and state fiscal constraint requirements. The P7.0 funding availability for many of the Regional Impact and Division Needs funding categories is in the negative. For these funding categories, schedule changes will occur to meet federal and state fiscal constraint requirements for the Draft 2026-2035 STIP. In June the MPO forwarded this list to its members to provide comments. After receiving comments, the MPO met with both Division 5 and Division 7 individually to coordinate on revised rankings for the existing committed projects. The resulting ranked lists of existing committed projects are included in the attachments. Only the existing committed project rankings for Division 5 and Division 7 have been modified. The Division 7 rankings have been updated again as a result of discussions at the Technical Committee meeting.

**TC Action:** Received the information and provided comments on the priority of Existing Committed Project lists.

**Board Action:** Receive the information and provide comments.

**Attachments:**      [2024-8-27 \(24-175\) Division 5](#)  
                              [2024-8-27 \(24-175\) Division 7](#)  
                              [2024-8-27 \(24-175\) Division 8](#)  
                              [2024-8-27 \(24-175\) Region C](#)  
                              [2024-8-27 \(24-175\) Region D](#)

**12. 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)- Transit Modeling**[24-176](#)**Assumptions and Projects (5 Minutes)****Yanping Zhang, MPO Staff**

The first scenario in the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan will be the Existing plus Committed (E+C) Scenario. The assumptions of transit modeling together with regional/wide-area impact projects in the E+C scenario will be presented.

**TC Action:** Received the presentation and provide comments.

**Board Action:** Receive the presentation and provide comments.

**Attachments:**      [2024-08-27 \(24-176\) 2055 \(E+C\) - Transit Assumptions](#)



**13. Re-imagine Durham Freeway Study (15 Minutes)**[24-179](#)**Erin Convery, City of Durham**

The Re-imagine Durham Freeway is a community-led study that addresses how to mitigate the damage caused by the construction of the Durham Freeway. The study will support the development of a vision that acknowledges and evaluates the impacts of the Durham Freeway; re-imagines the future character of the corridor and reconnects the vital communities in the heart of Durham.

**TC Action:** Recommended the MPO Board receive the presentation and provided comments.

**Board Action:** Receive the presentation and provide comments.

**Attachments:**      [2024-8-27 \(24-179\) Durham Freeway MPO 081324 condensed](#)

**14. Public Involvement Policy, Environmental Justice Report, Limited English Proficiency Plan, ADA Transition Plan, and Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan Update (10 Minutes)** [24-178](#)

**Monet Moore, MPO Staff**

Staff of the DCHC MPO are preparing to update the Public Involvement Policy (PIP), the Environmental Justice (EJ) Report, the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, the ADA Transition Plan, and the Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan in 2025. The DCHC MPO Public Involvement Policy, also referred to as the Public Participation Plan, was last updated by the DCHC MPO Board on February 10, 2021. The PIP guides efforts to proactively involve the public to plan a regional multimodal transportation system. The DCHC MPO Board adopted the 2020 Environmental Justice (EJ) Report on September 9, 2020. The report contains an overview of EJ populations in the DCHC area and an assessment of the MPO's major planning activities. The populations addressed in the report are people who identify as a racial and/or an ethnic minority, low-income households, elderly households, zero-car households, and people with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). The Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan was adopted on February 10, 2021. The LEP Plan provides guidance on how to provide meaningful access to programs and services to people who are unable to communicate effectively in English. The MPO's current Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan was adopted in 2019 and specifies how the MPO will comply with Title VI.

These four plans are interrelated in terms of purpose and ensuring access to participation in regional transportation planning for people who are underrepresented, therefore there is a benefit to updating these planning documents concurrently and consolidating where possible. A tentative schedule for the plan updates will be presented.

**TC Action:** Received the information and provided comment.

**Board Action:** Receive the information and provide comment.

**Attachments:** [2024-8-27 \(24-178\) EJ Report Title VI PIP Update](#)

**15. Annual DCHC MPO Membership Survey Update (5 Minutes)** [24-177](#)

**Monet Moore, MPO Staff**

The DCHC MPO Membership Survey will be available this month for completion. Last year, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization released its first membership survey, in partnership with Central Pines Regional Council, to gain a better understanding of how the DCHC MPO is performing. This year's survey has been revised and includes fewer questions for the convenience of respondents. Additionally, the Membership Survey will inform the DCHC MPO's Strategic Plan.

**TC Action:** Received the information

**Board Action:** Receive the information.

**REPORTS:****16. Report from Board Chair** [24-104](#)

Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair

Board Action: Receive report from Board Chair

**17. Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [24-105](#)

Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair

**18. Report from MPO Staff** [24-106](#)

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Board Action: Receive the report from the MPO Staff

**Attachments:** [2024-8-27 \(24-106\) MPO Staff Report](#)**19. NCDOT Reports** [24-107](#)

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

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

Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT

Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Bryan Lopez (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT

Board Action: Receive the NCDOT Reports

**Attachments:** [2024-08-27 \(107\) NCDOT Reports](#)**20. Recent News Articles and Updates** [24-108](#)**Attachments:** [2024-8-27 \(24-108\) America's High Drunk-Driving Limit - The New York Times](#)  
[2024-8-27 \(24-108\) Philadelphia demands city workers return to the office. Can](#)  
[2024-8-27 \(24-108\) Ulez expansion led to significant drop in air pollutants in Lor](#)  
[2024-8-27 \(24-108\) These Are New York's Hottest Bus Stops. And Not in a Goo](#)  
[2024-8-27 \(24-108\) TETC AdvaNce Presentation](#)**Adjourn****Next meeting: September 24, 2024, 9:00 am, Central Pines Regional Council- Long Leaf Conference Room****Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: Regional Transportation Safety Summit: October 8, 2024, 9am-12pm, North Carolina Central University**

