

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

2 **November 9, 2022**

3 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

4 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on November
5 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor Committee Room at Durham City Hall, as well as
6 through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in attendance:

7	Jenn Weaver (Chair)	Town of Hillsborough
8	Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
9	Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
10	Javiera Caballero (Member)	City of Durham
11	Leonardo Williams (Member)	City of Durham
12	Damon Seils (Member)	Town of Carrboro
13	Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
14	Adam Searing (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
15	Karen Howard (Vice Chair)*	Chatham County
16	Sally Greene (Alternate)*	Orange County
17	Lisa Mathis (Alternate)*	NC Board of Transportation
18	Ellen Beckmann	Durham County
19	Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
20	Kevin Robinson*	Town of Chapel Hill
21	Caroline Dwyer*	Town of Chapel Hill
22	Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
23	Tina Moon*	Town of Carrboro
24	Sean Egan*	City of Durham
25	Evian Patterson*	City of Durham
26	Bill Judge	City of Durham
27	Brian Taylor*	City of Durham
28	Eric Vitale	City of Durham
29	Brian Fahey*	City of Durham
30	Tom Devlin*	City of Durham
31	Erin Convery*	City of Durham
32	Matt Day*	Triangle J Council of Governments
33	Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
34	Meg Scully*	GoTriangle
35	Kurt Stolka	The University of North Carolina
36	Cha'ssem Anderson*	The University of North Carolina
37	David Keilson	NCDOT Division 5
38	Brandon Jones*	NCDOT Division 5
39	Tracy Parrott*	NCDOT Division 5
40	Pat Wilson*	NCDOT Division 7
41	Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT Division 8
42	Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 8

43	Julie Bogle*	NCDOT Planning Division
44	Nick Morrison*	NCDOT IMD
45	Joe Geigle*	Federal Highway Administration
46	Jacob Rigg*	Regional Transportation Alliance
47	Wannetta Mallette*	Burlington-Graham MPO
48	Heidi Perry*	BikeWalk NC
49	Dave Connelly*	Resident

50	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
51	Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
52	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
53	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
54	Dale McKeel*	DCHC MPO
55	Dolly Hall-Quinlan*	DCHC MPO
56	Filmon Fishastion*	DCHC MPO
57	David Miller	DCHC MPO

58 Quorum Count: 8 of 10 Voting Members
59 *Attended remotely

60 **1. Roll Call**

61 Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The roll call was completed using a
62 sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees. Chair Jenn
63 Weaver asked the Board to approve an excused absence for Member Pam Hemminger, which the Board
64 approved.

65 **PRELIMINARIES:**

66 **2. Ethics Reminder**

67 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Ethics Reminder included in the agenda packet.

68 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

69 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

70 **4. Public Comments**

71 Aaron Cain read a question posed by Dave Connelly in the Zoom chat about why two Durham
72 trail projects listed in Item #6: Amendment #13 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement

73 Program (TIP) are delayed. Bill Judge explained that the design of the trails is taking longer than
74 expected.

75 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

76 **5. Approval of the October 12, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes**
77 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

78 **6. Amendment #13 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
79 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

80 Michael Parker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Damon Seils seconded the
81 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

82 **ACTION ITEMS:**

83 **7. Durham County Transit Plan Recommended Scenario and Release for Public Comment**
84 **Ellen Beckmann, Durham County Transportation Manager**
85 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

86 Ellen Beckmann said that state law requires DCHC MPO, GoTriangle and the Durham Board of
87 County Commissioners approve the Durham County Transit Plan (DCTP). Ellen Beckmann stated that the
88 current DCTP was first approved in 2011 with a successful sales tax referendum, and was updated in 2017.
89 Ellen Beckmann said that the draft DCTP will guide how to use the sales tax and fees through 2040. Ellen
90 Beckmann shared the planning process timeline, ongoing public engagement activities, the financial
91 breakdown of the DCTP revenues, and the planned and continuing projects through 2040.

92 Aaron Cain shared the key themes of the draft DCTP: improve the current system, more projects
93 sooner, connect the region with quick and reliable service, and a better experience at stops and station.
94 Aaron Cain shared the details of the services and financial breakdown of the six key buckets in the draft
95 DCTP, which include enhancing and extending bus service, commuter rail, bus stop improvements and
96 transit centers, more routes going more places, faster and more reliable bus service, and paratransit
97 improvements. Ellen Beckmann shared that this is a financially constrained plan, and that the model
98 meets requirements agreed to by GoTriangle and Durham County.

99 Damon Seils asked how the DCTP and Orange County Transit Plan (OCTP) are working together to
100 connect the two counties. Ellen Beckmann replied that collaboration on the two plans has included a
101 corresponding financial match to the 400-405 bus service, increased mid-day service, and Durham helping
102 fund improvements that extend into Orange County.

103 Michael Parker asked if North Carolina statute requires the transit plan to be modified every five
104 years. Ellen Beckmann replied that the Interlocal Agreement guides the frequency of updates. Michael
105 Parker pointed out that there will be subsequent changes during the life of the DCTP, and that it could be
106 beneficial to reconceptualize the Bus Rapid Transit approach to ensure that corridors needing improved
107 transit are identified first before proposing a specific mode to solve the problem.

108 Leonardo Williams asked if studies are necessary for all projects. Ellen Beckmann replied that the
109 DCTP process benefited from having a study conducted to due to its large scale of projects and potential
110 commitments. Aaron Cain added that many major capital projects relying on federal funding typically
111 require a study as a necessary first step. Leonardo Williams asked how the public can follow projects, and
112 Ellen Beckmann replied that project information is published online for public consumption.

113 Sally Greene stated that connecting transit to downtown Durham and UNC hospitals should be a
114 priority, and that a shared consultant working on both the OCTP and DCTP would have been ideal. Ellen
115 Beckmann replied that both plans have been coordinated together and have matching and shared
116 services. Wendy Jacobs asked where on-demand service fits in with the draft DCTP, and Aaron Cain
117 replied that funding has been set aside for GoDurham Connect to expand, and for van service subsidies.
118 Javiera Caballero asked if the public will be able to view the financial tables associated with the DCTP, and
119 Ellen Beckmann replied that they are available. Javiera Caballero asked what information is being shared
120 with the public about the commuter rail study, and Ellen Beckmann replied that while the project is
121 included in the DCTP, it is acknowledged that it is not currently committed.

122 Damon Seils made a motion to release the Draft DCTP for a 21-day public comment period.

123 Michael Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

124 **8. MPO Board Officer Nominations for 2023**

125 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director**

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127 Doug Plachcinski shared the MPO Board Officer nominating process. Chair Jenn Weaver stated

128 that she will appoint a nominating committee after the Board meeting.

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REPORTS:

130 **9. Report from the MPO Board Chair**

131 **Jenn Weaver, Board Chair**

132 Chair Jenn Weaver shared that she recently participated in an e-Bike tour of Asheville offered by

133 the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, which highlighted bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and

134 showcased a joint economic development project between NCDOT, the area MPO, and public input.

135 **10. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

136 **Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair**

137 Ellen Beckmann had no new information to share.

138 **11. Report from LPA Staff**

139 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director**

140 In addition to the LPA Staff written report, Doug Plachcinski said that a transition plan for the

141 MPO will be shared with the Governance Subcommittee soon. Doug Plachcinski shared that David Miller

142 was recently promoted to the MPO's Business Services Administrator, and that a new Planner has been

143 hired and will start at the MPO in mid-November.

144 **12. NCDOT Reports**

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

146 Lisa Mathis shared that the last Draft 2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program

147 (STIP) public comment opportunity has ended, that NCDOT is working on collaborative efforts to have

148 zero carbon emissions, the NC By Train service recently achieved an all-time high with passenger ridership,

149 shared an aviation art contest opportunity, and provided details about the upcoming 2023 N.C.
150 Transportation Summit.

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

152 There was no additional report.

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

154 There was no additional report.

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

156 There was no additional report.

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

158 There was no additional report.

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

160 There was no additional report.

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

162 Nick Morrison stated that an IMD quarterly update webinar will occur on November 10, and that
163 a request has been made to develop a presentation about the S-Line project.

164 **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

165 **13. Recent News Articles and Updates**

166 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the recent news articles and updates.

167 **ADJOURNMENT:**

168 There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42
169 a.m.