



**DCHC MPO Board  
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor  
Durham City Hall 101 City Hall Plaza  
Durham, NC 27701

## 1. Roll Call

## 2. 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.

On or by April 15, 2017, all MPO Board members and their alternates or designees must file both a 2017 Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) and a 2017 Real Estate Disclosure Form with the State Ethics Commission. The Real Estate Disclosure Form MUST accompany the 2017 Statement of Economic Interest. MPO Board members, their alternate or designees must file these forms each year.

### **2017 SEI and RED Filing Reminders**

[17-148](#)

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-148\) EIS-MPO and RPO TAC Members 2017 SEI and RED Filing Reminders](#)

## 3. Adjustments to the Agenda

## 4. Public Comments

## 5. Directives to Staff

[17-100](#)

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff.pdf](#)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### 6. **March 8, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**

[17-145](#)

A copy of the March 8, 2017 Board meeting minutes is enclosed.

**Board Action:** Approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 Board meeting.

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-145\) MPO Board Meeting Minutes 3.8.17\\_LPA2.pdf](#)

**7. Resolution to Request Transfer of FHWA Funds to FTA** [17-138](#)**Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

On behalf of GoDurham, the Lead Planning Agency is requesting the transfer of Federal Highway Administration funds to the Federal Transit Administration for use on transit projects. This resolution supports the transfer for the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro urban area.

**TC Action:** Recommended the Board approve and sign the resolution to transfer funds.

**Board Action:** Approve and sign the resolution to transfer funds.

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-138\) Resolution to transfer FHWA funds to FTA 41217.pdf](#)

**8. FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2** [17-139](#)**Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

Amendment #2 of the FY2017 UPWP proposes to re-allocate, de-obligate, and obligate Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds. The attached memorandum and resolution with tables provide details.

**TC Action:** Recommended the Board approve the FY2017 UPWP Amendment #2.

**Board Action:** Approve the FY2017 UPWP Amendment #2.

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-139\) Memorandum FY17 UPWP Amend 2 041217.pdf](#)  
[2017-04-12 \(17-139\) 2017 UPWP amend 2 Resolution with table 041217.pdf](#)

9. **Revision to Approved FY2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** [17-140](#)  
**Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO is required by federal regulations to prepare an annual UPWP that details and guides the urban area transportation planning activities. The UPWP must identify MPO planning tasks to be performed with the use of federal transportation funds. On February 8, 2017, the Board approved the FY2018 UPWP. At that time, staff described two projects which were to be added to the FY2018 UPWP once LPA staff further defined the scope, cost, and funding partners for each project. The revised FY2018 UPWP, including additional funding for the two projects, along with a memorandum describing the document revisions, is attached. Also attached is a resolution supporting the proposed revision to the FY2018 UPWP.

**TC Action:** Recommended the Board approve the revisions to the FY2018 UPWP and sign the resolution.

**Board Action:** Approve the revisions to the FY2018 UPWP and sign the resolution.

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-140\) FY18 UPWP revisions Memo to Board 4.12.17.pdf](#)  
[2017-04-12 \(17-140\) FY18 UPWP Approved Revised.pdf](#)  
[2017-04-12 \(17-140\) FY18 UPWP Resolutions for Revisions.pdf](#)

10. **Approval of Amendment #9 to the FY2016-25 Transportation Improvement Plan** [17-141](#)  
**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

Amendment #9 to the FY2016-25 Transportation Improvement Plan includes two requests from the City of Durham. The first is changes to increase the funding for EB-4707B, Old Chapel Hill/Old Durham Road Bike Lanes, to address increased cost estimates and the re-purposing of a federal earmark that was previously designated for the Duke Belt Line project. The second is a request by NCDOT, through the City of Durham, to program a budget for the upgrade of the City's signal system (U-5968). Previously, this project had only been programmed for a planning and environmental study.

In addition to the requests from the City of Durham, there are five requested modifications from NCDOT and three deletions. A summary list and full report of the changes are included as attachments along with a resolution to be signed by the MPO Board Chair upon approval by the Board.

**TC Action:** Recommended the Board approve Amendment #9 to the FY2016-25 Transportation Improvement Plan.

**Board Action:** Review and approve Amendment #9 to the FY2016-25 Transportation Improvement Plan.

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-141\) FY16-25 TIP Amendment #9 Full Report.pdf](#)  
[2017-04-12 \(17-141\) FY16-25 TIP Amendment #9 Summary Sheet.pdf](#)  
[2017-04-12 \(17-141\) FY16-25 TIP Amendment #9 Resolution.pdf](#)

**ACTION ITEMS****11. Introduction and Remarks of Secretary of Transportation James H.**[17-144](#)**Trogdon, III (10 minutes)****Steve Schewel, MPO Board Chair****Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

Secretary James H. Trogdon, III was appointed to his position by Governor Cooper in January 2017. Secretary Trogdon is a registered professional engineer with more than 30 years of experience in transportation. He began his career with NCDOT in 1985 as a highway engineer, and in 2000 was named NCDOT's Division 4 Engineer.

Trogdon later worked with the N.C. General Assembly as director of Strategic Transportation Planning. In this role, he made recommendations and provided analysis on transportation issues, as well as drafting transportation legislation for General Assembly members and reviewing transportation programs and projects for effectiveness.

In 2009, Trogdon was named NCDOT's chief operating officer, a position he held until his retirement in 2013. As COO, he was a key leader in the department's effort to professionalize its decision-making process and become a performance-based organization with an emphasis on accountability and transparency.

Trogdon also held several private sector positions after retiring from NCDOT, including national transportation director for SAS Institute.

In addition to his work as an engineer with NCDOT, Trogdon has more than three decades of military service. His duties included serving as the plans officer for road and school construction in Honduras and Ecuador, as well as infrastructure improvements in Italy. After being selected to command the 105th Engineer Group, his unit was mobilized to provide command and control for security forces at U.S. Army installations throughout North Carolina and Virginia. His unit was again mobilized in 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Multi-National Division North Engineer Brigade to command and control two engineer battalions, and provide assured mobility and general engineering support within northern Iraq. Major General Trogdon retired from the military in 2016 as the Deputy Adjutant General for the North Carolina National Guard.

Trogdon earned a master's of strategic studies at the U.S. Army War College as well as a master's in civil engineering with a minor in statistics and computer science and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State University.

**Board Action:** The MPO Board welcomes Secretary Trogdon and greatly appreciates his taking the time to participate in our meeting with NCDOT staff.

**12. Introduction and Remarks of Federal Highway Administration Division** [17-147](#)**Administrator John F. Sullivan, III PE (10 minutes)****Steve Schewel, MPO Board Chair****Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

On May 4, 2003, John Sullivan became Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration in Raleigh, North Carolina. He leads a multi-level disciplinary staff, which provides technical assistance and guidance to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and local governments.

John has been with the Federal Highway Administration for 18 years and has served in several positions within FHWA at the Division and Headquarters level. These positions included Assistant Area Engineer, Virginia Division; Area Engineer, Maryland Division; Highway Engineer, Pavement Division, Headquarters; Highway Engineer, Construction and Maintenance Division, Headquarters; Operations and Pavement Engineer, Alabama Division; and Assistant Division Administrator, South Carolina Division.

Prior to joining the FHWA, John worked with an engineering firm in Norfolk, Virginia. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute.

**Board Action:** The MPO Board welcomes Administrator Sullivan and greatly appreciates his taking the time to participate in our meeting with NCDOT staff.

**13. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) -- Final (10 minutes)** [16-183](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff****Julie Bogle, NCDOT**

Staff will provide a short update today and bring the final CTP and report to the MPO Board at their May meeting for adoption. The MPO Board received an update on the draft CTP and provided comments at their March meeting. Staff reviewed and addressed all the comments received from the public, local staff, local boards and commissions and the MPO Board. The attached document provides details on how the comments were addressed. The document is organized by mode and then by the source of the comments, e.g., local board, staff, public, etc. The last column indicates which jurisdiction in the MPO might be affected by the comment, and comment text in **bold font** indicates a possible major change to the draft CTP.

The final CTP maps that are proposed for adoption can be found at the following links: poster-sized PDFs - <http://bit.ly/DCHCMPO-CTP>; and, online interactive maps -- <http://bit.ly/DCHCMPO-Draft-CTP> (see Adopted tab).

**TC Action:** Forward to MPO Board for update and comments.

**Board Action:** Provide comments.

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(16-183\) ChangesToDraftCTP.pdf](#)

**14. FY2018-27 Draft STIP Public Hearing (15 minutes)**[17-132](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

The draft FY2018-27 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) was released by NCDOT on December 22, 2016. The MPO Board release the draft STIP for public comment on March 8, 2017, and scheduled a public hearing for April 12, 2017. Comments from the public will be incorporated into the record as LPA staff develops the FY2018-27 MTIP.

**TC Action:** Recommended that the MPO Board release the draft FY2018-27 STIP for public comment and hold a public hearing.

**Board Action:** Hold a public hearing on the FY2018-27 draft STIP.

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-132\) Draft FY2018-2027 STIP for DCHC MPO.pdf](#)

15. **Public Hearing for Durham County and Orange County Transit Plans** [17-126](#)  
**(30 minutes)**

**John Tallmadge and Geoff Green, GoTriangle**

Per the Interlocal Implementation Agreements executed by GoTriangle, DCHC MPO, and both Durham and Orange counties, the adopted Bus and Rail Investment Plans for each county are due for detailed review and update. Each agreement established a Staff Working Group that was charged with conducting the reviews and proposing updates. Due to a request from the Federal Administration (FTA) regarding additional documentation from the counties, GoTriangle, DCHC MPO, and the counties agreed to an accelerated schedule to deliver and approve updated county transit plans by April 30.

The draft updated Durham County Transit Plan and draft updated Orange County Transit Plan were released to the public on Friday, March 31 for a 21-day comment period. Copies of the draft plans are attached, and are also available on the DCHC MPO website ([dchcmpo.org](http://dchcmpo.org)) and the GoTriangle website at [ourtransitfuture.com](http://ourtransitfuture.com). Public meetings and presentations to local elected officials are scheduled during the public comment period; information about those opportunities is attached.

A public hearing for the updated transit plans takes place during this meeting. Other public hearings are scheduled to be held in Durham County on Tuesday, April 11, and in Orange County on Tuesday, April 18. Four public workshops are also scheduled during the week of April 10, and local governments are being briefed throughout the public comment period.

Final versions incorporating the public comment are planned to be prepared and released for approval by the Staff Working Groups to each of the counties, DCHC MPO, and GoTriangle during the week of April 24. The DCHC MPO Policy Board is scheduled to meet on Friday, April 28 to give final approval of the draft plans.

**Board Action:** Receive the draft Durham County and Orange County Transit Plans and hold a public hearing on those plans.

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-126\) Draft Durham County Transit Plan.pdf](#)  
[2017-04-12 \(17-126\) Draft Orange County Transit Plan.pdf](#)  
[2017-04-12 \(17-126\) Public Comment Opportunities for Durham and Orange Co](#)

16. **Minutes Recording Document** [17-134](#)

**REPORTS:**

17. **Report from the Board Chair** [17-101](#)  
**Steve Schewel, Board Chair**

**Board Action:** Receive the report from the Board Chair

18. **Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [17-102](#)  
**TC Chair**

**Board Action:** Receive the report from the TC Chair.



19. **Report from LPA Staff** [17-103](#)  
Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager

**Board Action:** Receive the report from LPA Staff.

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-103\) LPA staff report.pdf](#)

20. **NCDOT Report** [17-104](#)

Joey Hopkins (David Keilson/Richard Hancock), Division 5 - NCDOT

Mike Mills (Pat Wilson/Ed Lewis), Division 7 - NCDOT

Brandon Jones (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT

Traffic Operations - NCDOT

**Board Action:** Receive the reports from NCDOT.

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-104\) NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

21. **Recent News Articles and Updates** [17-105](#)

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-105\) news\\_articles.pdf](#)

22. **Old NC 86 - NCDOT Response Letter** [17-146](#)

**Attachments:** [2017-04-12 \(17-146\) Old NC 86 Response Letter.pdf](#)

## **Adjourn**

**Next meeting: April 28, 9 a.m., Committee Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**