

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

2 **BOARD**

3 **January 23, 2024**

4 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

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7 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on
8 January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Long Leaf Conference Room located at Central
9 Pine Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

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11	Karen Howard Board Chair	City of Durham
12	Javiera Cabellero Board Vice Chair	Town of Carrboro
13	Carl Rist*	City of Durham
14	Camille Berry*	Town of Chapel
15	Jamezetta Bedford	Orange County
16	Wendy Jacobs	Durham County
17	Danny Nowell	Town of Carrboro
18	Michael Parker	GoTriangle
19	Mark Bell	Town of Hillsborough
20	Yolanda Jordan	Federal Highway Administration
21	Lisa Mathis	NC Board of Transportation
22	Melissa McCullough	Town of Chapel
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24	Brandon Jones *	NCDOT, Division 5
25	Chad Reimakoski*	NCDOT, Division 7
26	Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT, Division 8
27	Darlene Weaver*	Orange County
28	Amy Fowler*	Orange County
29	Tina Moon*	Town of Carrboro
30	Josh Mayo*	Town of Chapel Hill
31	Ben Berolzheimer*	Town of Chapel Hill
32	Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
33	Caroline Dwyer*	Town of Chapel Hill
34	Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
35	Matt Day	Central Pines Regional Council
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37	Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
38	Geoff Green*	GoTriangle
39	Eric Vitale*	City of Durham
40	Bill Judge*	City of Durham
41	Tom Devlin*	City of Durham
42	Matt Efird*	Town Hillsborough
43	Julie Bogle*	NC Department of Transportation
44	Thanh Schado*	Chatham County
45	Ed Harrison*	
46	Catherine Fray*	Town of Carrboro
47	Bryan Murphy	NCDOT- Traffic Safety Unit
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49	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
50	David Miller	DCHC MPO
51	Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
52	Filmon Fishastion*	DCHC MPO
53	Andy Henry*	DCHC MPO
54	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
55	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
56	KC Chae	DCHC MPO
57	Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
58	Madeline Galliano	DCHC MPO

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61 Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members

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64 Chair Karen Howard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was performed.

65 The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified

66 and are indicated above.

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PRELIMINARIES:

68 **1. Ethics Reminder**

69 The ethics reminder was not read aloud.

70 **2. Roll Call**

71 The roll call was performed by Doug Miller.

72 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

73 Chair Karen Howard asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There were

74 no adjustments to the agenda.

75 **4. Public Comments**

76 Chair Karen Howard asked if there were any members of the public comments. There

77 were no public comments.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

80 **5. Approval of the December 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

81 **Jean Debnam, MPO Staff**

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83 **6. FY 2024 UPWP Amendment #5**
84 **David Miller, MPO Staff**
85 **Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**

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88 **7. Triangle Mobility Hub Letter of Support**
89 **Jay Heikes, GoTriangle**

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92 **8. City of Durham Letter of Support Request to RAISE 24 for USDOT Grant**
93 **Application**
94 **Eric Vitale, City of Durham**

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96 Javiera Cabellero made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Michael Parker
97 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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100 **ACTION ITEMS:**

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102 **9. Target for Safety Performance Measures**
103 **David Miller, MPO Staff**
104 **Brian Murphy, NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit**

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106 David Miller gave an overview of the targets for safety performance measures stating
107 that MPOs may either agree to support the targets developed by the state, or they may
108 develop and adopt their own. The MPO must adopt the safety performance measures by
109 February 27, 2024. Mr. Miller introduced Brian Murphy, Traffic Safety Systems Engineer from
110 NCDOT's Traffic Safety Unit, who provided an overview of the safety performance measures
111 and shared safety data specific to the DCHC MPO urbanized area. MPO staff recommends
112 supporting the state's safety targets by resolution. The attached resolution includes NCDOT's
113 safety performance measure targets, and the attached presentation provides additional
114 background and information.

115 Brian Murphy walked the Board through the statewide safety data trends and how the
116 trends correspond to the safety targets. He stated whether the MPO adopts the State plan or
117 not, it is all guided by the 2019 State Highway Strategic Plan whose Goal is the reduce all
118 fatalities by 2035. The last assessment revealed that we did not meet or make significant
119 progress towards those performance targets. Melissa McCullough stated given the vehicle
120 crash rate is much greater if a vehicle is big, she would like to see the type of vehicles on the
121 crash rate report.

122 Michael Parker asked about changes has NCDOT made to try to do better at meeting
123 the target goal. Brian Murphy answered that the consequences for not meeting those goals is

124 NCDOT must spend all their federal safety funding and also, they have to do more reporting
125 and develop a plan each year to state how they plan to spend the funding. Mr. Murphy said
126 NCDOT can focus on low-cost efforts in rural areas that have tremendous impacts on safety.

127 Michael Parker asked why the state was raising speed limits when it is evident that
128 speed has a negative impact that increases fatalities.

129 Wendy Jacobs said we should get serious about our safety. Ms. Jacobs referred the
130 board to an article from the New York Times “Why are Americans driving so deadly”. The
131 article agrees with the MPO’s discussion that we are designing speedways, and speed is not
132 being enforced and the behaviors of motorist. Wendy Jacobs said more people died in
133 Durham riding bikes and crossing streets than due to gun violence.

134 Javiera requested to add data from other states who have been aggressive with their
135 safety efforts so we can see how other communities are tackling the safety issue.

136 Camille Berry asked if Mr. Murphy could look at presenting different opportunities for
137 setting more realistic goals. Ms. Berry also suggested we consider having two visits not so
138 close to the end of the year to discuss these issues.

139 Doug Plachcinski commended NCDOT for their work on vision zero action and he plans
140 to coordinate some return visits to this discussion and to gather information from the Safe
141 Streets for All grant. Through the SS4A grant, we have letters of interest for consultants and a
142 broadly supported stakeholder process set up with the hopes of having a consultant by March.
143 This process should help with improving our process.

144 Chair Karen Howard asked for Chatham County numbers to be added to the report and
145 she asked if we could see percentages based on the population growth.

146 Javiera Cabellero requested adding whether drivers were insured or uninsured. Brian
147 responded that he could investigate all these requests.

148 Michael Parker made a motion to adopt the resolution that supports state safety targets.
149 Jamezetta Bedford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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151 **10. Public Hearing: Amendment #1 to the FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement**
152 **Program (TIP)**
153 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**
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155 Colleen McGue filled in for Filmon Fishastion. Mrs. McGue asked for a motion to open
156 the public hearing. Javiera Cabellero moved to open the public hearing. Jamezetta Bedford
157 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Colleen asked for public comments.
158 There were no public comments. Javiera Caballero moved to close the public comments.

159 Jamezetta Bedford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Colleen discussed
160 Amendment #1 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which included
161 the addition of funding to existing projects as well as adding new projects from the FY24 Call for
162 Projects. The amendment also includes carryover adjustments from FY2020-2029 TIP
163 Amendments 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, and 16. These amendments were already approved by the Board
164 in previous meetings and are reissued for administrative purposes to reconcile data between the
165 old and new plans, ensuring a more seamless transition into the State TIP (STIP).

166 Additional projects in this amendment include Item N updates from NCDOT (state-
167 provided amendments and modifications), and other such project updates that fall under
168 administrative modifications. Two projects from Item N are not being amended into the TIP at
169 this time as they are not in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); they are HN-0013 Erwin
170 Road turn lanes and HN-0014 Cornwallis Road turn lanes.

171 Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to approve Amendment #1. Javiera Cabellero
172 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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174 **11. FY2024 UPWP Draft**
175 **David Miller, MPO Staff**
176 **Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**

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178 David Miller presented the FY 2024 Draft and explained that the DCHC MPO is
179 required by federal regulations to prepare an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
180 that details and guides the urban area transportation planning activities. Funding for the UPWP
181 is provided by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The
182 UPWP must identify MPO planning tasks to be performed with the use of federal transportation
183 funds. Mr. Miller discussed a few of the priorities of the UPWP.

184 Wendy Jacobs asked if the Chapel Hill Transit High-Priority Transit Corridor Feasibility
185 Study would interface with what Durham is doing with their corridors. Doug Plachcinski said
186 there will be it is part of the Scope Development Study.

187 Carl Rist asked for an explanation of the Fast Study 2 and The Local Project Delivery
188 Study. Doug Plachcinski explained both studies.

189 Mark Bell made a motion to release the FY2024 UPWP draft for public comment. Lisa
190 Mathis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

12. Public Hearing and Destination 2055 Goals and Objectives Engagement Updates

Kelly Fomenko, MPO Staff

Andy Henry, MPO Staff

Colleen McGue, MPO Staff

Karen Howard asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Javiera Cabellero made a motion to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Lisa Mathis. The motion passed unanimously. Kelly Fomenko asked if there was anyone who wished to speak. There was no one present or online. Lisa Mathis made a motion to close the public hearing. Javiera Cabellero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kelly Fomenko gave an overview of the Destination Goals and Objectives Engagement updates she reminded the Board that the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is the long-range transportation plan that covers the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) regional boundaries. This plan is updated every four years, and this update is being led with the campaign name of "Destination 2055". The update of this plan is extensive and generally takes two years to complete. Engagement is guided through a Public Engagement Strategy which was approved for use by both MPO Boards in late 2023.

The first engagement phase for Destination 2055 starts with the visioning process, which looks at the goals and objectives of the plan. The goals and objectives survey was publicly released on November 16, 2023, and closed on January 15, 2024. Public hearings were scheduled at the CAMPO Board meeting on January 17 and at the DCHC MPO Board meeting on January 23, prior to the joint CAMPO and DCHC MPO Board meeting to occur on January 31.

Other engagement efforts included: pop-up events at Durham Station, the Boxyard, and the Regional Transit Center; newspaper advertisements in the Triangle Tribunal, Que Pasa, and the News & Observer; and direct outreach to community groups.

REPORTS:

13. Report of Board Chair

Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair

There was no report from the Chair.

14. Report from the Technical Committee Chair

Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

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235 There was no report from the TC Chair.

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237 **15. Report from the MPO Staff**
238 **Douglas Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

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240 Doug Plachcinski reported the MPO has new members joining the Staff in March. And
241 gave an update on the Safe Streets for All.

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243 **16. NCDOT REPORTS**

244 **Lisa Mathis, NCDOT Board Transportation**

245 Lisa Mathis reported that under the new teen drivers' law, the Level I license has
246 increased nine months. Mrs. Mathis also reported on the Booze- It or Lose- It campaign and
247 the Governors Highway Safety Program.

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249 **Brandon Jones, NCDOT Division 5**

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251 No additional report.

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253 **Chad Reimakoski, NCDOT Division 7**

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255 No additional report.

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257 **Reuben Blakley, NCDOT Division 8**

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259 No additional report.

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261 **Julie Bogle, NCDOT**

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263 No additional report.

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265 **John Grant, NCDOT Traffic Operations**

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269 **Nick Morrison, NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division**

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271 No additional report.

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273 **17. Recent News Articles**

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275 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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277 There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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