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DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

February 27, 2019

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on February 27, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Committee Room, located on the second floor of Durham City Hall. The following people were in attendance:

Nish Trivedi (Chair)	Orange County Planning
Ellen Beckmann (Vice Chair)	City of Durham Transportation
Kumar Neppalli (Member)	Chapel Hill Engineering
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham Public Works
Tina Moon (Member)	Carrboro Planning
Zach Hallock (Member)	Carrboro Planning
Margaret Hauth (Member)	Hillsborough County Planning
Evan Tenenbaum (Member)	Durham County Planning
Tom Altieri (Member)	Orange County Planning
Chance Mullis (Member)	Chatham County Planning
John Hodges-Copple (Member)	TJCOG
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
Kurt Stolka (Member)	University of North Carolina
Tim Brock (Member)	Research Triangle Foundation
Joey Hopkins (Member)	NCDOT, Division 5
David Keilson (Alternate)	NCDOT, Division 5
Richard Hancock (Alternate)	NCDOT, Division 5
Pat Wilson (Alternate)	NCDOT, Division 7
Bryan Kluchar (Member)	NCDOT, Division 8
Bill Judge (Alternate)	City of Durham Transportation
Patrick McDonough (Alternate)	GoTriangle
Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
Brian Rhodes	DCHC MPO
Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
Meg Scully	DCHC MPO
Mo Devlin	DCHC MPO
Robert Jahn	DCHC MPO
Dale McKeel	City of Durham/DCHC MPO
Julian Ali	Durham County Cooperative Extension
Cy Stober	City of Mebane

Quorum Count: 20 of 31 Voting Members

46 Chair Nish Trivedi called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. A roll call was performed. The Voting
47 Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Technical Committee (TC) were identified and
48 are indicated above. Chair Nish Trivedi reminded everyone to sign-in using the sign-in sheet that was being
49 circulated.

50 **PRELIMINARIES:**

51 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

52 Aaron Cain requested that agenda item #5, Durham and Orange County Transit Tax Q2 Update, be
53 referred back to staff, and it will be presented to the TC at a later date.

54 **3. Public Comments**

55 There were no members of the public signed up to speak during the meeting.

56 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

57 **4. Approval of January 23, 2019, Meeting Minutes**

58 Chair Nish Trivedi asked if there were any comments for the January 23, 2019, meeting minutes.

59 Evan Tenenbaum made a motion to approve the January 23, 2019, meeting minutes. Tom Altieri
60 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

61 **5. Durham and Orange County Q2 Transit Tax Update**
62 **Jennifer Keep, GoTriangle**

63 This item was referred back to staff.

64 **ACTION ITEMS:**

65 **6. Draft FY2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
66 **Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

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68 Meg Scully stated that, on January 16, 2019, the MPO Board reviewed the draft FY2020 UPWP
69 and released the document for public comment. Meg Scully continued that \$164,000 of additional
70 Planning (PL) Section 104(f) funding was made available by NCDOT to the MPO for FY20 since the public
71 release, and it was programmed in the current draft FY20 UPWP. Meg Scully added that the additional PL

72 funding would be considered for a bikeway study and improvements to the Transportation Improvement
73 Program (TIP) database, or other projects as needed. Meg Scully also stated that the local match would not
74 change with the additional PL funds.

75 Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann and Meg Scully discussed that there are plans for a subcommittee of
76 DCHC MPO and Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) staff to meet and discuss the
77 bikeway project. John Hodges-Copple, Meg Scully, and Aaron Cain discussed the TIP database. Meg Scully
78 stated that it is intended to track TIP projects throughout their lifecycles. Aaron Cain added the
79 improvements will be released within two weeks of the TC Meeting. Meg Scully discussed the possibility of
80 training or a demonstration of the TIP database for the TC and MPO Boards, respectively.

81 Margaret Hauth made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board hold a public hearing and
82 approve the FY2020 UPWP. Kumar Neppalli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

83 **7. Resolution on I-3306AC, I-40/NC 86 Interchange Improvement**
84 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

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86 Aaron Cain stated that, at the January 16, 2019 DCHC MPO Board meeting, two members of the
87 public discussed concerns regarding the proposed improvements in one of the conceptual designs for the
88 I-40/NC 86 interchange, and in response the MPO Board directed staff to draft a resolution based on
89 comments of the proposals for 4A and 4B. Aaron Cain commented that the MPO resolution states that
90 option 4B is preferred. Aaron Cain added that the Town of Chapel Hill and Orange County have also
91 adopted resolutions based on the proposals. Kumar Neppalli requested that two items from the resolution
92 from the Town of Chapel Hill be included in a revised MPO resolution:

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- 94 • Maintain left turn movements from Eubanks Road onto northbound NC 86 as much as
95 possible, potentially as a short term measure until traffic levels exceed certain
96 thresholds.
 - 97 • Widen the eastbound I-40 exit ramp to create an additional lane of traffic exiting onto
98 NC 86. This would be in addition to the proposed slip lane from the exit ramp onto
99 Eubanks Road.

100 Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann asked about bicycle and pedestrian facilities for the interchange design.
101 Aaron Cain replied that the proposed 4B design is not the final design, however, the MPO resolution
102 includes language about making alternative mode facilities a priority in the final design. Margaret Hauth
103 raised concerns about the maintenance of sidewalks, including facilities outside of Chapel Hill.

104 Kumar Neppalli made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board adopt the resolution on the
105 design of the I-40/NC 86 interchange as amended by adding the two additional requirements from Chapel
106 Hill and Orange County. Zach Hallock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

107 **8. Chapel Hill North-South Bus Rapid Transit Update**
108 **Matt Cecil, Chapel Hill Transit**

109 There was no report for this agenda item.

110 **9. FY2020-2029 Draft STIP Comments**
111 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

112 Aaron Cain requested that all input for the FY 2020-2029 Draft State Transportation
113 Improvement Program (STIP) comments be sent to him by March 1 in order for NC Department of
114 Transportation Secretary Trogdon have enough time to review for the MPO Board meeting and one-on-
115 one meeting on March 13. Margaret Hauth added that the Town of Hillsborough no longer supports the
116 Orange Grove Road Extension project, but no official action has been taken. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann
117 and Aaron Cain discussed that the purpose of the one-on-one meeting is to address the draft STIP and
118 discuss policy issues rather than reviewing specific engineering designs and issues. Chair Nish Trivedi and
119 Aaron Cain discussed that member jurisdictions are invited to the one-on-one meeting with Secretary
120 Trogdon.

121 **10. SPOT 6 Initial Submittal List**
122 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

123 Aaron Cain stated that MPO staff developed an initial list of projects for submittal for SPOT 6,
124 which is the process that will develop the FY2022-2031 State Transportation Improvement Program

125 (STIP). Aaron Cain added that a subcommittee meeting for 10:30 a.m. is scheduled for March 13 to
126 discuss the SPOT 6 Initial List.

127 Aaron Cain added that the DCHC MPO is allowed 23 submittal spots per mode, and historically
128 the Divisions have donated to the MPO several bicycle and pedestrian submittal spots. Aaron Cain
129 added that after the 18 projects from SPOT 5 that did not receive funding, there are a total of 30
130 potential projects for the five open highway slots. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann and Aaron Cain discussed
131 of reevaluating SPOT 5 projects that did not receiving funding based on how well they would score in
132 SPOT 6. Chair Nish Trivedi and Aaron Cain discussed that the Town of Carrboro, the Town of Chapel Hill,
133 and Chatham County have not yet submitted their preferred projects. Aaron Cain requested that the
134 final submission of preferred projects from member jurisdictions be sent to him by March 7.

135 Chair Nish Trivedi and Aaron Cain discussed that the ten projects that were in the pre-
136 submission process will not be returned until spring 2019. Aaron Cain added that his tentative schedule
137 is to compile the Initial Submittal List by June 2019, submit for the public comment period in August,
138 and submit the final list in September. Aaron Cain added that the new SPOT criteria is scheduled to be
139 released in June. Chair Nish Trivedi and Aaron Cain discussed that there are no DCHC MPO
140 representatives on the SPOT 6 working group, however, Chris Lukasina from CAMPO will be present.
141 There was discussion about the schedule for the MPO Board meeting with Secretary Trogdon. John
142 Hodges-Copple suggested reviewing the process of developing projects for the SPOT 6 scoring process
143 and revising strategies. Chair Nish Trivedi and Aaron Cain discussed how formula scoring impacts the
144 submittal process. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann and Patrick McDonough recommended that TAP and
145 CMAQ policies funding be discussed at the one-on-one meeting, and reminded the TC Board that 2019 is
146 a rescission year.

147 **11. Amendment #10 to the FY2018-2027 TIP**
148 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

149 Aaron Cain stated that Amendment #10 to the FY2018-2027 Transportation Improvement
150 Program (TIP) includes two requests from the City of Durham: allocate approximately \$2.2M of
151 additional STBGDA funds to C-4928, Morreene Road Bike/Ped; and allocate an additional approximately
152 \$1.5M of STBGDA funds to U-4726HN, Hillandale Road Bike/Ped. John Hodges-Copple and Vice Chair
153 Ellen Beckmann discussed the P-5706, East Durham Siding, project. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann and Andy
154 Henry discussed the impact of the East Durham Siding project for North Carolina Railroad. John Hodges-
155 Copple stated that there is a public input meeting for the project on March 14. John Hodges-Copple
156 raised the issue of reviewing the practice of recommending approval of actions to the MPO Board
157 before the public comment period has ended.

158 Kumar Neppalli made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment #10 to the FY2018-2027
159 TIP. Evan Tenenbaum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

160 **12. Amendment #11 to the FY2018-2027 TIP**
161 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

162 Aaron Cain stated that Amendment #11 to the FY2018-2027 Transportation Improvement
163 Program (TIP) consists of EB-5703, LaSalle Street Sidewalks, and EB-5715, Duke Street Sidewalks. Aaron
164 Cain added that these two projects are required to be released for a 21-day public comment period due
165 to the additional cost of more than \$1M for each project.

166 John Hodges-Copple made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board release Amendment
167 #11 to the FY2018-2027 TIP for a 21-day public comment period. Margaret Hauth seconded the motion.
168 The motion passed unanimously.

169 **12a. Authorization to Release the Amended County Transit Plans for Public Comment**
170 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

171 Aaron Cain stated that, on January 16, the MPO Board approved the release of the amended
172 County Transit Plans on or before February 6 for public comment, however, due to the federal
173 shutdown the transit plans were not able to be released. Aaron Cain requested that the TC recommend

174 that the MPO authorize the release of the amended County Transit Plans for public comment upon
175 availability. Patrick McDonough stated that the original date was not met due to actions at the federal
176 level. John Hodges-Copple stated that adjustments to the agenda should be introduced in agenda item
177 #2, Adjustments to the Agenda.

178 Evan Tenenbaum made a motion to recommend that the MPO authorize the release of the
179 amended County Transit Plans for public comment when they are available. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann
180 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

181 **REPORTS:**

182 **13. Reports from the LPA Staff**

183 Felix Nwoko, Andy Henry, LPA Staff

184 Dale McKeel stated that there is a Bicycle and Pedestrian Workshop at the Hale Cultural Arts
185 Center in Apex on March 29 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

186 **14. Report from the DCHC MPO TC Chair**

187 Nish Trivedi, DCHC MPO TC Chair

188 There was no report from Chair Nish Trivedi.

189 **15. NCDOT Reports**

190 Richard Hancock, NCDOT Division 5, stated that there will be a road closure at the U-5745, Hope
191 Valley Road and University Drive roundabout, project starting the week of March 11. Richard Hancock
192 stated that the EB-4707B, Old Chapel Hill Road, project is scheduled for completion in April 2019. Aaron
193 Cain stated that the EB-4707A, Old Durham Road, project will be let in April 2019. Richard Hancock also
194 stated that the public comment period for Division 5 occurred during the week of February 25.

195 Patrick Wilson, NCDOT Division 7, stated that there has been one public meeting each for I-3306A,
196 widening I-40, project and the I-3306AC, Interchange improvements at I-40 and NC86, project. Patrick
197 Wilson stated that the Division 7 public comment period will occur during the week of 4 March from 8 a.m.
198 – 5 p.m.

199 Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Division 8, stated that funding was secured to alleviate flooding at Jeremiah
200 Road, and construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2019. Bryan Kluchar also stated that the public
201 comment period for Division 8 will begin the week of March 4.

202 Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division, stated that TPD plans to present the NC
203 Moves 2050 program to the TC on March 27 and the MPO Board on April 10. Julie Bogle also stated that an
204 additional survey will be available April through May 2019, and email updates are also available.

205 There was no report from NCDOT Traffic Operations.

206 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

207 **16. Recent News, Articles, and Updates**

208 There were no informational items.

209 **ADJOURNMENT:**

210 There being no further business before the DCHC MPO Technical Committee, the meeting was
211 adjourned at 10:01 a.m.