

1 **DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **BOARD**
3 **November 19, 2024**
4 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

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6 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on
7 November 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Pines Conference Room at Central
8 Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

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10 Javiera Caballero (MPO Board Vice Chair) City of Durham
11 Jamezetta Bedford (Member) Orange County
12 Carl Rist (Member) City of Durham
13 Melissa McCullough (Member) Town of Chapel Hill
14 Wendy Jacobs (Member) Durham County
15 Danny Nowell (Member) Town of Carrboro
16 Mark Bell (Member) Town of Hillsborough
17 Camile Berry (Alternate) Town of Chapel Hill
18 Michael Parker (Member) GoTriangle
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20 Ellen Beckmann (TC Vice Chair) Durham County
21 Brandon Jones NCDOT Division 5
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23 Doug Plachcinski DCHC MPO
24 David Miller DCHC MPO
25 Andy Henry DCHC MPO
26 KC Chae DCHC MPO
27 Filmon Fishastion DCHC MPO
28 Colleen McGue DCHC MPO
29 Yanping Zhang DCHC MPO
30 Samad Rangoonwala DCHC MPO
31 Cameron Schuler DCHC MPO
32 Thomas Porter DCHC MPO
33 Beth Davis DCHC MPO

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35 Quorum Count: 8 of 10 Voting Members
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38 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked
39 everyone in the room to introduce themselves. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting
40 Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are indicated above.

41 **PRELIMINARIES:**

42 **1. Ethics Reminder**

43 Vice Chair Javier Caballero reminded everyone of the ethics reminder.

44 **2. Roll Call**

45 Doug Plachcinski asked everyone to introduce themselves. Member Jamezetta Bedford
46 shared that this would be her last meeting.

47 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

48 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero noted a few additions to the agenda: 1) there will be a
49 closed session at the end of the meeting, and 2) they would be taking nominations from the
50 floor for Chair and Vice Chair. She also reminded everyone of the ethics reminder.

51 **4. Public Comments**

52 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero asked if any members of the public were signed up to
53 speak. There were none.

54 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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56 **5. Approval of October 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**
57 **Beth Davis, MPO Staff**

58 Michael Parker moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mark
59 Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

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62 **ACTION ITEMS:**

63 **6. Draft FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP)**
64 **Thomas Porter, MPO Staff**

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66 Thomas Porter presented the FY2026 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP) to
67 the Board..

68 Wendy Jacobs asked if Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) for roundabouts was
69 included in the FY2026 UPWP. She proposed that ICE be added to the UPWP. Doug
70 Plachcinski added that this work is already being done, but is not explicitly listed.

71 Wendy Jacobs moved to approve the FY2026 UPWP on the condition of adding ICE,
72 and the motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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74 **7. DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossing Planning Study**

75 **David Miller, MPO Staff**

76 **Madaline Galliano, MPO Staff**

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78 David Miller shared a presentation on the MPO's Wildlife Crossings Planning Study, which
79 included an overview of the public engagement period, an analysis of the survey results (from
80 129 respondents), updates made to the draft plan, and remaining timeline.

81 There were some questions about how the age demographic was decided. David responded
82 that this was consistent with the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) public
83 engagement process. Wendy Jacobs asked about how the plan would be implemented. David
84 shared that this plan will serve as guidance when plans are being carried out and integrated into
85 those plans. Doug noted that public comment requests were also distributed in Spanish. Wendy
86 requested that this plan be sent out to all the Planning departments in the MPO.

87 Carl Rist moved to adopt the Wildlife Crossings Plan. The motion was seconded by Wendy
88 Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

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90 **8. Division Needs Local Point Allocation Update for SPOT 7.0**

91 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

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93 Filmon Fishastion gave an update on the P7 Schedule and presented the current steps for
94 the Local Input Point Allocation and Project Ranking for SPOT 7.0. Mr. Fishastion reviewed the
95 Division local point input allocation with the Committee. The MPO has 1,700 points to distribute
96 towards Division Needs projects. The bulk of these points went towards Bicycle and Pedestrian
97 projects.

98 Wendy Jacobs made a motion to adopt the Division Needs Local Point Allocation. The
99 motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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101 **9. 2025 DCHC MPO Meeting Schedule**

102 **Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager**

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104 Colleen McGue reviewed the proposed 2025 meeting schedule. Changes for 2025
105 include no meeting during the month of May. During the months with five Wednesdays, there
106 will be joint meetings with DCHC MPO and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
107 (CAMPO). Special meetings can always be called if needed.

108 There was discussion about when to conduct the Executive Director evaluation, and
109 there was a suggestion to do this as a Closed Session in May. There was also a suggestion to
110 move the June meeting a week earlier to June 17. Doug pointed out that there would be a
111 Board Retreat on Friday, January 10 beginning at 10 am.

112 Michael Parker made a motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule with suggested
113 amendments. The motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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115 **10. Presentation of Performance Measures for the Development of Destination 2055**
116 **Monet Moore, Principal Planner**
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118 Monet Moore shared performance measures associated with the goals and objectives
119 for the MTP and asked for review and comments. Monet reviewed the performance measures
120 along with comments received as well as responses from the MPO. She requested
121 recommendation of approval for use in the development of the 2055 MTP.

122 There was discussion about some of the measurements. Board members requested the
123 inclusion of performance measures relating to multi-modal transportation, land development
124 patterns, and mode shift. Staff provided an explanation regarding why certain performance
125 measures are not feasible and other planning documents that capture the expressed desires of
126 the Board. Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to accept the proposed Performance Measures
127 for the Development of Destination 2055. The motion was seconded by Wendy Jacobs. The
128 motion passed unanimously.

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130 **11. FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)**
131 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**
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133 Filmon Fishastion reviewed Amendment #5 of the FY2024-33 TIP. This amendment
134 continues to modify and add projects from the recent Call for Projects and incorporates recently
135 awarded funds such as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity
136 (RAISE) grant and 5310 funds into both existing and new projects.

137 Michael Parker made a motion to release TIP Amendment #5 for public comment. The
138 motion was seconded by Jamezetta Bedford. The motion passed unanimously.

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140 **12. Orange County Short Range Transit Plan**
141 **Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**
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143 Nish Trivedi presented the Orange County Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) with the
144 Board. This plan was completed following a year-long planning process that included 2 rounds
145 of public engagement, multiple pop-up events, and other public events. The final published plan
146 was approved by Orange County on October 15, 2024, and is available to view online.

147 Melissa McCullough moved to accept the Orange County Short Range Transit Plan, and
148 the motion was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion passed unanimously.

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150 **13. Orange County Safe Routes to Schools Plan**
151 **Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**
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153 Nish Trivedi shared that the 2014 Orange County Safe Routes to School Action Plan
154 was updated with public involvement, field investigation, and extensive analysis. The update
155 included planning level analysis of existing transportation around schools, all Orange County

156 public schools, youth involvement in the planning process, implementation, and more. The plan
157 was presented to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on November 7.

158 Wendy Jacobs moved to accept the Orange County Safe Routes to School Plan, and
159 the motion was seconded by Mark Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

160 **14. Orange County Multimodal Plan**
161 **Nish Trivedi, Orange County Transportation Services**

162 Nish Trivedi shared that WSP and Orange County have completed the County's
163 Transportation Multimodal Plan (TMP), which focuses on the unincorporated portions of Orange
164 County and consolidates all approved transportation related plans, projects, and programs into
165 a single plan. The Orange County Transportation Services Director presented this plan on July
166 10th and August 19th to the Orange Unified Transportation Board and collected feedback, which
167 has been incorporated into the plan.

168 Wendy Jacobs moved to accept the Orange County Transportation Multimodal Plan.
169 The motion was seconded by Melissa McCullough. The motion passed unanimously.

170 **REPORTS:**

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172 **15. Report from Board Chair**
173 **Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair**

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175 Vice Chair Caballero thanked MPO staff for coming to the National Day of Remembrance in
176 Durham, including Doug and Colleen.

177 **16. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**
178 **Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

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180 No report.

181 **17. Report from MPO Staff**
182 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**
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184 Mr. Plachcinski shared that with the new administration, there will be new opportunities
185 to work with different partners and seek new funding opportunities. There has been a lot of new
186 information coming out about hurricane recovery.

187 **18. NCDOT Reports**

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

190 No report
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192 **Brandon Jones, (Tracy Parrott, David Keilson), Division 5 – NCDOT**

193 Mr. Jones gave an update on the roads that were affected by Hurricane Helene.
194 Reopened 1,050 roads in Western NC, 294 road closures left. 180 bridges have to be totally
195 repaired, with an estimated cost of \$5 billion. Mr. Jones announced this would be his last
196 meeting, he will be retiring.

197 **Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 – NCDOT**

198 No report
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200 **Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT**

201 No report
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203 **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**

204 No report
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206 **John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**

207 No report
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209 **Bryan Lopez (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division**

210 No report
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212 **19. Officer Nominations**

213 Vice Chair Caballero opened the floor for nominations. Jamezetta Bedford nominated
214 Karen Howard as Chair, and this was seconded by Melissa McCullough. Michael Parker

215 nominated Javiera Caballero as Vice Chair and was seconded by Carl Rist. The motion to
216 elect these officers passed unanimously.

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218 **20. Recent News Articles & Updates**

219 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero pointed out the news articles included in the agenda packet.

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221 **21. Closed Session**

222 Vice Chair Javiera Caballero adjourned the meeting and went into closed session.

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ADJOURNMENT

224 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am, following the Closed Session.