



**DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda**

Monday, September 30, 2024

9:00 AM

Central Pines Regional Council

4307 Emperor Blvd
Durham, NC 27703

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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.

1. Roll Call
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
3. Public Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approval of August 27, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes** [24-189](#)
Jean Debnam, MPO Staff

A copy of the August 27, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes is attached.

Board Action: Approve the August 27, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [2024-09-30 \(24-189\) August 27, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

5. **FY 2025 UPWP Amendment #2** [24-173](#)
Tom Porter, MPO Staff

The attached memo details the proposed Amendment #2 for the FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

TC Action: Recommended the MPO Board approve FY 2025 UPWP Amendment #2.

Board Action: Approve the FY 2025 UPWP Amendment #2.

Attachments: [2024-9-30 \(24-173\) UPWP Amendment 2 Memo](#)

ACTION ITEMS**6. Draft FY26 Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP): Release for Public Comment (10 minutes)** [24-186](#)**Thomas Porter, MPO Staff**

The draft Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP) for FY26 is being presented for public review and comment.

TC Action: Recommended MPO Board release the draft FY26 UPWP for public comment.

Board Action: Release the draft FY26 UPWP for public comment.

Attachments: [2024-09-30 \(24-186\) FY26 Draft UPWP](#)

7. DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossing Planning Study (20 minutes) [24-183](#)**David Miller, MPO Staff****Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) began developing a wildlife crossing plan for its planning area in early 2024 as part of its safety planning efforts. With guidance from a Core Technical Team of MPO members and stakeholders, MPO staff are leading this study to identify transportation improvements at wildlife crossing hotspots in the MPO's planning area to help eliminate wildlife-vehicle crashes while also protecting the natural environment and promoting wildlife connectivity. A presentation will be provided on the MPO's planning process and draft plan.

TC Action: Recommended the MPO Board release the draft plan for a 21-day public comment period.

Board Action: Release the draft plan for a 21-day public comment period.

Attachments: [2024-9-30 \(24-183\) DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossings Plan - Board Presentation 0](#)
[2024-09-30 \(24-183\) Draft DCHC MPO Wildlife Crossings Plan 09182024](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**8. Division Needs Local Point Allocation Update for SPOT 7.0 (10 Minutes)**[24-184](#)**Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

On February 27, 2024, the DCHC MPO Board approved the revised Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Methodology for Identifying and Ranking New Transportation Improvement Program Project Requests, which was subsequently approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation on March 1, 2024. The approved methodology is provided in the attachments for reference. The approved methodology directs DCHC MPO staff to apply certain criteria to all Regional and Division projects (and Statewide projects that cascade to the Regional level) as an initial determination of which projects should receive local points during the Statewide Prioritization Process.

The project ranking for the Division Needs projects requires the allocations of the Regional Impact projects to be complete prior to being released for public comment in order to score the Regional Impact projects that will be cascading to the Division level. The current timeline for adoption is as follows:

- October 8: TC recommends Board release for public comment
- October 22: Board release for public comment
- November 8: TC recommends Board approves LIP assignment
- November 19: Board approves LIP assignment
- November 29: LIP due to SPOT Office

TC Action: Received the update and provided comments on Division Needs projects.

Board Action: Receive the update and provide comments on Division Needs projects.

Attachments: [2024-9-24 \(24-184\) Division LIP Intro Board](#)

9. Transit Ridership Research (15 Minutes)[24-187](#)**Samad Rangoonwala, MPO Intern**

At a recent MPO Board meeting, Board members brought up some questions regarding the impacts of congestion on transit ridership in the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Region since the COVID-19 pandemic. MPO staff have researched this topic and are presenting findings for review and discussion.

TC Action: Received the report and provided comments.

Board Action: Receive the report and provide comments.

Attachments: [2024-09-30 \(24-187\) Transit Ridership One Pager](#)
[2024-09-30 \(24-187\) Transit Choices Presentation](#)

10. Destination 2055: September 2024 Update (10 Minutes)[24-188](#)**Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager**

MPO Staff will provide a regular update to members on Destination 2055, the joint Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO and Capital Area MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) at each meeting until the MTP is adopted (expected early 2026). The current planning phase is the Analysis and Evaluation Phase, which occurs throughout 2024 and into 2025. This phase involves the examination of data on existing conditions, forecasting future deficiencies in the transportation network, and the development and evaluation of alternative scenarios. Public engagement for this phase is expected to occur during in early 2025.

TC Action: Received the report and provided comments.

Board Action: Receive the report and provide comment.

Attachments: [2024-9-30 \(24-188\) Destination 2055 September Board Updates](#)

REPORTS:

11. **Report from Board Chair** [24-104](#)
Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair
Board Action: Receive report from Board Chair
12. **Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [24-105](#)
Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair
Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair
13. **Report from MPO Staff** [24-106](#)
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director
Board Action: Receive the report from the MPO Staff
Attachments: [2024-09-30 \(24-106\) MPO Staff Report](#)
14. **NCDOT Reports** [24-107](#)
Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation
Brandon Jones (Tracy Parrott, David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT
Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT
Reuben Blakey (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT
Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT
John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT
Bryan Lopez (Interim), Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT

Board Action: Receive the NCDOT Reports
Attachments: [2024-9-30 \(24-107\) NCDOT Reports](#)
15. **Recent News Articles and Updates** [24-108](#)
Attachments: [2024-09-30 \(24-108\) No. Removing Traffic Lines Won't Slow Emergency Vehicle](#)
[2024-09-30 \(24-108\) Europe beats the US for walkable, livable cities, study sho](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: October 22, 2024, 9:00 am, Central Pines Regional Council- Long Leaf Conference Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: Regional Transportation Safety Summit: October 8, 2024, 8:30am-12pm, North Carolina Central University