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Liz Switzer	Quest Corp
Michael Waldroup	Resident
Matthew Simmons	NCDOT Rail Division

Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members

Chair Damon Seils called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was performed. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are indicated above. Chair Damon Seils reminded everyone to sign-in using the sign-in sheet that was being circulated.

PRELIMINARIES:

2. Ethics Reminder

Chair Damon Seils read the Ethics Reminder and asked if there were any known conflicts of interest with respect to matters coming before the MPO Board and requested that if there were any identified during the meeting for them to be announced. There were no known conflicts identified by the MPO Board Members.

Aaron Cain stated that he plans to verify that every MPO Board Member and Alternate has signed the Statement of Economic Interest and Real Estate Disclosure for 2019.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

4. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public on any subject that was not on the agenda.

5. Directives to Staff

The Directives to staff were included in the agenda packet for review.

CONSENT AGENDA:

75 **6. April 10, 2019 MPO Board Meeting Minutes**

76 There was no discussion about the April 10, 2019 MPO Board Meeting Minutes.

77 **7. FFY19 Section 5307/5340 FULL Apportionment Split Letter**

78 **Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

79 There was no discussion about the FY19 Section 5307/5340 FULL apportionment Split Letter.

80 Michael Parker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ellen Reckhow seconded the
81 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

82 **ACTION ITEMS:**

83 **8. US 15-501 Corridor Study**

84 **Andy Henry, LPA staff**

85 Andy Henry stated that the US 15-501 Corridor Study is currently paused because of the
86 discontinuation of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) project, and it will continue
87 following guidance from the MPO Board. Andy Henry noted that multimodal transportation and
88 transit options were listed as important to stakeholders and residents during previous US 15-501
89 public input sessions. Andy Henry stated that the Garrett Road and 15-501 project (W-5705C) is
90 committed, and there are several other projects that are in the planning stages for this corridor that
91 are not yet committed. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs stated that possible Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations
92 and Bike-Ped facilities should be considered for the upcoming project design.

93 Andy Henry stated that Option A for the US 15-501 Corridor Study is to continue with the
94 study as originally planned without any changes to budget or schedule. Andy Henry stated that
95 Option B for the Corridor Study is to increase the budget and schedule in order to address the
96 impacts of the D-O LRT discontinuation. Andy Henry added that the exact schedule and budget has
97 not yet been determined for Option B. There was discussion among MPO Board Members that
98 Option B was more prudent. Mike Waldroup, a resident associated with Patterson Place along the
99 15-501 corridor, presented his plans and designs for the 15-501 corridor given the discontinuation of

100 the D-O LRT, which included plans for BRT. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs and Aaron Cain discussed
101 sending information to the MPO Board about an upcoming informational visit to Richmond and
102 Alexandria, VA that will highlight bus rapid transit and commuter rail.

103 Andy Henry stated that the deadline for submitting projects for Strategic Planning Office of
104 Transportation (SPOT) 6 is September 2019. There was discussion about what course of action would
105 be most advisable for BRT projects in SPOT 6. There were concerns expressed about how projects
106 submitted in SPOT 6 would relate to future and long-term transit plans within the MPO. Aaron Cain
107 stated that it would be necessary to gather more information for any BRT projects before they could
108 be submitted to SPOT 6. There was discussion about how the County Transit Plans from Durham and
109 Orange counties would impact submissions for SPOT 6. Lydia Lavelle noted that additional MPO
110 Board meetings may need to occur to meet the submittal deadlines. Ellen Reckhow commented that
111 a replacement for the public input meeting that was originally scheduled in May could occur at a
112 later date. There was discussion about what information is already known about BRT from past
113 studies in proximity to the US 15-501 corridor. Chair Damon Seils and Andy Henry discussed what
114 information and materials would be needed from Orange and Durham counties for the SPOT 6
115 submittal. Andy Henry and Chair Damon Seils discussed that further reports on the status of this
116 project from MPO staff to the MPO Board will be necessary. Renee Price requested that Durham and
117 Orange Counties receive informational items on the 15-501 Corridor Study.

118 Ellen Reckhow made a motion to choose Option B for the US 15-501 Corridor Study as
119 presented by Andy Henry during the DCHC MPO Board Meeting. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs seconded
120 the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

121 **9. East Durham Railroad Safety Project Update**
122 **Matthew Simmons, NCDOT Rail Division**
123 **James Bridges, NCDOT Rail Division**

124 Matthew Simmons stated that the East Durham Railroad Safety Project is mostly
125 concentrated in two locations: Ellis Road and Cornwallis Road. Matthew Simmons stated that the
126 siding extension will not continue near Ellis Road. Matthew Simmons stated that the railroad was
127 built in 1849, and current conditions require that certain updates be made, such as curvature
128 realignment.

129 Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs and Matthew Simmons discussed how right-of-way will impact
130 residents, and Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs asked how many homes would need to be relocated per the
131 North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rail Division's plans. Mr. Simmons did not
132 know but stated that he would get that information for the MPO Board. There was further
133 discussion about accommodating future growth. Matthew Simmons stated that NCDOT Rail Division
134 will accommodate bike lanes and pedestrian facilities on both proposed bridges. Matthew Simmons
135 continued that the railroads will add a 5% match to the funding of the required pedestrian facilities
136 per NCDOT policy. Matthew Simmons stated that there will be only one location where there is a
137 design for a roundabout in the East Durham Railroad Safety Project, which will be near Glover Road
138 and US 70.

139 Matthew Simmons discussed scheduling of the project. Matthew Simmons stated that Glover
140 Road and Ellis Road are not scheduled to be closed concurrently. Matthew Simmons stated that the
141 right-of-way purchase is proposed to begin in 2020 and construction is planned for FY2026-2028.
142 Matthew Simmons also mentioned that the East Durham Railroad Safety Project is funded by
143 Statewide funding, and was previously funded by Regional funding.

144 No action is necessary at this time. This item is for informational purposes only.

145 **10. Triangle Regional Freight Plan**
146 **Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

147 Andy Henry stated that the MPO Board released the Triangle Regional Freight Plan in
148 September 2018 and conducted a public hearing in October. Andy Henry continued that the MPO

149 Board received a presentation in April about changes to the Freight Plan that included: additional
150 information on freight and passenger coexistence within North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) corridor;
151 and additional adjustments to the Strategic Freight Corridor (SFC). Andy Henry stated that, at the
152 MPO Board's request, MPO staff added additional text to the Policy and Program section on
153 resiliency, including language about risks of natural and man-made disasters as well as disaster
154 prevention. There was discussion about the involvement of North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) and
155 Norfolk Southern in the creation of the Freight Plan.

156 Renee Price made a motion to approve the Triangle Regional Freight Plan. Vice Chair Wendy
157 Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

158 **11. Resolution for Programming of D-O LRT Funds**

159 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

160 Aaron Cain stated that the funds that were previously programmed to discontinued Durham-
161 Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) project in the FY2020-2029 Draft STIP became available to be
162 programmed to other projects. Aaron Cain stated that \$130M of the total \$190M will be allocated to
163 cost overruns on highway projects in the region. Aaron Cain added that the remaining \$60M is
164 proposed to be allocated to the Morrisville to Clayton Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, which was the
165 highest scoring non-highway project in Division 5 for Strategic Planning Office of Transportation
166 (SPOT) 5. Aaron Cain added that North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has
167 requested that the Boards of both DCHC MPO and Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
168 (CAMPO) adopt a resolution approving the funds be programmed to Morrisville to Clayton BRT,
169 which has an estimated cost of \$100M. Aaron Cain noted that, under this proposal, the state would
170 still be able to meet its four percent requirement for non-highway projects across North Carolina,
171 even without programming the funds to the Morrisville-Clayton BRT project. Nina Schlosberg-Landis
172 stated that the policy of reallocation of funding for discontinued transit projects should be discussed
173 with stakeholders and NCDOT. There was discussion about scoring strategies for transit projects in

174 SPOT 6. There was further discussion about how County Transportation Plans impact the scoring of
175 transit projects in the SPOT 6 cycle.

176 Ellen Reckhow made a motion to adopt the resolution in support of the programming of
177 funds to Morrisville to Clayton BRT. Michael Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed
178 unanimously.

179 **12. Update of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan**

180 **Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

181 **Robert Jahn, LPA Intern**

182 Meg Scully stated that the DCHC MPO is the Designated Recipient for federal funding through
183 Section 5310, and receives under \$250,000 per year to be distributed among eligible sub-recipients.

184 Meg Scully added that federal transit law requires that projects funded through this program be
185 derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan
186 (CTP), which must be updated every five years. Meg Scully continued that the current CTP for the
187 DCHC MPO region was approved by the MPO Board in January 2014.

188 Meg Scully stated that LPA staff prepared the updated CTP through a process that involved
189 seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of transportation and human services providers,
190 and other members of the public. Meg Scully added that the CTP elements include: an assessment of
191 available services; an assessment of transportation needs; strategies or projects to address the gaps
192 in service; and priorities for implementation based on resources available. Meg Scully continued that
193 the MPO hosted a workshop to receive feedback from a diverse set of stakeholders as well as
194 received input via email. Meg Scully added that the proposed projects were grouped into categories
195 as follows: Coordination/Mobility Hub for Human Services and Public Transportation; Expanded
196 Transportation Services; Expanded Education Services; Application Process Improvement; and Bus
197 Stop Access Improvements.

198 Meg Scully stated that after the MPO Board has released the CTP for public comment, staff
199 will return to the Technical Committee (TC) who will be asked to recommend a public hearing and
200 approve the plan. Meg Scully continued that the MPO Board would then schedule a public hearing
201 and approve the CTP on June 12.

202 There was discussion between Meg Scully and Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs about
203 implementation of the CTP. There was further conversation about the results being shared with
204 neighboring jurisdictions and counties. Nina Schlosberg-Landis encouraged the results of the CTP to
205 continue with the aid of charitable foundation funding and continue with stakeholder workshops.
206 There was discussion that Durham County Access (DCA) will soon be operated by the City of Durham.
207 Meg Scully reminded that Durham County must spend its funding for DCA by June 30, in order to
208 retain the funding that has already been allocated. Chair Damon Seils and Meg Scully discussed that
209 Section 5310 funding allows for 10% to be used for administrative purposes, but the MPO programs
210 less than is allowed, preferring to use the money for its sub-recipients.

211 Renee Price made a motion to receive the report and release it for a 21-day public comment
212 period. Vernetta Alston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

213 **13. Revision to Approved FY2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
214 **Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

215 Meg Scully stated that the MPO Board previously approved the FY2020 Unified Planning
216 Work Program (UPWP), however, the LPA has since received notice from the NCDOT that additional
217 \$189,000 of federal funds were available for programming. Meg Scully added that LPA staff proposed
218 purchasing Streetlight Data and associated data management tasks that might occur with its
219 purchase.

220 There was discussion about Vision Zero funding. Ellen Beckmann stated that Vision Zero is a
221 City of Durham Department of Transportation project that is not part of the MPO, therefore it is not
222 included in the UPWP.

223 Ellen Reckhow made a motion to approve the revision of the FY2020 UPWP and sign the
224 resolutions. Michael Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

225 **14. Amendment #12 to the FY2018-2027 TIP**
226 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

227 Aaron Cain stated that the DCHC MPO received approximately \$1.4M in additional highway
228 infrastructure funds. Aaron Cain stated that Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
229 #12 includes additional funding to one Bike-Ped project in the Town of Chapel Hill and one in the City
230 of Durham receiving STBGDA funds: C-5179, North Estes Drive; and C-5183B, Alston Avenue
231 Sidewalks, respectively. Aaron Cain added that DOT agreed to swap the \$1.4M of highway
232 infrastructure funds for STBG-Any Area. There was discussion about how the funding was allocated
233 and that different jurisdictions agreed to this form of funding. There was further discussion about
234 how NCDOT will likely disburse further funding in August 2019, and there was discussion about a
235 possible future rescission.

236 Ellen Reckhow made a motion to approve Amendment #12 to the FY2018-2027 TIP. Jenn
237 Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

238 **15. Amendment #13 to the FY2018-2027 TIP**
239 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

240 Aaron Cain stated that Amendment #13 to the FY2018-2027 Transportation Improvement
241 Plan (TIP) consists of a request from the City of Durham to add funding to four Bike-Ped projects.
242 Aaron Cain added that, per MPO policy, these amendments must complete a 21-day public comment
243 period prior to approval.

244 Ellen Reckhow made a motion to release Amendment #13 to the FY2018-2027 TIP for a 21-
245 day public comment period. Renee Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

246 **REPORTS:**

247 **16. Report from the MPO Board Chair**
248 **Damon Seils, Board Chair**

249 Chair Damon Seils stated that the Joint DCHC-CAMPO meeting will be on May 29, 2019, at the
250 Research Triangle Park Headquarters at 9:00 a.m.

251 **17. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

252 Nish Trivedi, TC Chair

253 There was no report from the Technical Committee.

254 **18. Report from LPA Staff**

255 **Felix Nwoko, Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

256 Aaron Cain stated that the FY2020-2019 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) was
257 scheduled to be adopted by the MPO Board in June 2019, and will now be delayed until September.

258 Aaron Cain added that the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) will not be adopted until November
259 or December 2019.

260 Andy Henry stated that there will be a federal audit, which occurs every four years, of MPO
261 processes on May 20, 2019, from 1-5:30 p.m., and there will be a public meeting from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

262 Andy Henry added that the results of the federal audit and certifications will be reported to the MPO
263 Board at a future MPO Board meeting.

264 **19. NCDOT Report**

265 Richard Hancock, Division 5, reported that the Old Chapel Hill Road project (EB-4707B) is
266 scheduled to finish soon. Richard Hancock stated that the Old Durham Road (EB-4707A) project has
267 been successfully bid, and the completion date is scheduled for August 2020. Richard Hancock stated
268 that, for the Alston Avenue project (U-3308), Main Street to Hope Avenue is scheduled to be reopened
269 in June 2019, and the section of Alston Avenue from Main Street to Taylor Street is scheduled to be
270 completed by July 7.

271 Charlie Reece asked about the speed reduction at Hebron Road in Durham. Richard Hancock
272 responded that he will relay any important information to Charlie Reece. There was discussion about
273 the recent car crash on NC 751, and the need to educate more residents about safely operating

274 vehicles in proximity to bicyclists. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs also discussed a recent hit and run incident
275 involving a bicyclist on West Club Boulevard. Charlie Reece and Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs discussed the
276 2017 Durham Bike-Walk Implementation Plan and how it relates to West Club Boulevard.

277 Pat Wilson, Division 7, reported that the Greensboro Street and Estes Drive Roundabout
278 project (U-5846) was successfully bid, and there was discussion about scheduling. Pat Wilson stated
279 that the West Franklin Street and Merritt Mill Road project (U-5847) is ongoing in its attempt to obtain
280 right-of-way permits, and there are plans to begin the projects on areas that are not impacted by right-
281 of-way issues. Pat Wilson also stated that the Main Street/Franklin Street Resurfacing project (W-
282 5707K) will extend from Brewer Lane to Graham Street. There was discussion about the schedule for
283 completion of the project but the date is not yet known. Pat Wilson added that John Howell will
284 oversee NCDOT construction for Orange County, and Ed Lewis has retired. Pam Hemminger and
285 Michael Parker requested a formal announcement from NCDOT on its decision in the widening of I-40
286 from I-85 in Orange County to Durham County line (I-3306A). Pam Hemminger and Pat Wilson
287 discussed that the scheduled completion date for the Bennet Circle Roundabout project (U-5854) is
288 April 2020.

289 Bryan Kluchar, Division 8, stated that there is no additional report.

290 Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Branch, reminded everyone to complete the NC Moves
291 2050 Plan survey, which will be available until June 2, 2019.

292 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

293 **20. Recent News, Articles, and Updates**

294 Recent News, Articles and Updates are located in the agenda packet.

295 There was discussion about adding an informational item about scooters as a mode of
296 transportation within the MPO and scooter policy.

297 **ADJOURNMENT:**

298 There being no further business before the DCHC MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at
299 11:22 a.m.