

43	Jacob Rigg*	Regional Transportation Alliance
44	John Tallmadge*	Bike Durham
45	Brian Rhodes*	Resident
46	Edward Harrison*	Resident
47	Heidi Perov*	Resident
48	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
49	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
50	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
51	Yanping Zhang*	DCHC MPO
52	Dale McKeel*	DCHC MPO
53	Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
54	David Miller	DCHC MPO

55 Quorum Count: 7 of 10 Voting Members

56 *Attended remotely

57 **1. Roll Call**

58 Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. The roll call was completed using a
59 sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees. Chair Jenn
60 Weaver asked the Board to consider approving an excused absence for Member Wendy Jacobs and
61 Alternate Lisa Mathis. Pam Hemminger made a motion to approve the excused absences. Javiera
62 Caballero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

63 **PRELIMINARIES:**

64 **2. Ethics Reminder**

65 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Ethics Reminder included in the agenda packet.

66 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

67 Doug Plachcinski requested that Item 5: Approval of the December 14, 2022 Board Meeting
68 Minutes be pulled and action postponed until the February 8, 2023 Board meeting.

69 **4. Public Comments**

70 There were no public comments.

71 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

72 **6. Surface Transportation Block Grant - Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) and Transportation Alternative**
 73 **Program (TAP) Funding Distribution for FY24**
 74 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

75 **7. Amendment #13 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
 76 **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

77 **8. FY2022-23 UPWP Amendment #2**
 78 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

79 **9. City of Durham Request to Flex FHWA Funds (STPDA/STBG/CMAQ) to FTA (5307) Funds**
 80 **Tom Devlin, City of Durham**

81 Pam Hemminger made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Leonardo Williams seconded
 82 the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

83 **ACTION ITEMS:**

84 **10. MPO Legal Services Procurement**
 85 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

86 Doug Plachcinski stated that the MPO's 2022 governance study recommended it obtain
 87 independent legal counsel. Doug Plachcinski stated that a procurement document has been created and
 88 was reviewed by the City of Durham. Doug Plachcinski requested that the Board initiate the
 89 procurement process and stated that the Board would review proposals.

90 Michael Parker made a motion to approve initiating a request for legal services procurement
 91 process. Pam Hemminger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

92 **11. Authorize Lead Planning Agency Negotiations with Triangle J Council of Governments**
 93 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

94 Doug Plachcinski stated that the MPO continues to discuss switching Lead Planning Agencies
 95 (LPA) from the City of Durham to Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG). Doug Plachcinski stated
 96 that a draft agreement has been created between the MPO and TJCOG.

97 Michael Parker asked if there is a deadline to make the decision, and Doug Plachcinski replied
 98 that a decision should be made as soon as possible to help ensure the MPO is with a new LPA at the
 99 start of the new fiscal year. Doug Plachcinski stated that NCDOT is also assisting with this process.

100 Damon Seils asked what the benefits are of the MPO switching LPAs from the City of Durham to TJCOG.
101 Doug Plachcinski replied that both TJCOG and the MPO coordinate at the regional level, both agencies
102 are member-driven, and that the MPO's technology will be housed within the Town of Cary along with
103 TJCOG and Capital Area MPO (CAMPO).

104 Damon Seils made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a new MPO Lead
105 Planning Agency Agreement with the Triangle J Council of Governments. Michael Parker seconded the
106 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

107 **12. FY2024 Draft Unified Planning Work Program**
108 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

109 David Miller stated that due to ongoing development of the FY2024 UPWP with MPO member
110 jurisdictions, an amended development schedule was needed. David Miller stated that the amended
111 schedule would delay the draft FY2024 UPWP presentation until the Board's February 8 meeting.

112 Pam Hemminger made a motion to approve the FY2024 UPWP development schedule. Michael
113 Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

114 **13. Targets for Safety Performance Measures**
115 **Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

116 Andy Henry shared the targets for safety performance measures from 2018 to 2022, the proposed
117 safety targets for 2023, and stated that adopting the safety targets are required by federal legislation.
118 Andy Henry said that the MPO has the option to establish its own safety targets or adopt the safety targets
119 developed by NCDOT and added that the MPO has supported the safety targets NCDOT has developed.

120 Michael Parker said that safety should be part and parcel of all the MPO's initiatives, such as
121 climate action and planning for transportation needs. Damon Seils asked if the safety targets that have
122 been adopted previously are impacting policy, and Andy Henry replied that they help establish safety
123 targets for the MPO. Javiera Caballero and Leonardo Williams stated they have received comments from

124 the public regarding safety concerns and road fatalities, and they would like for residents to have access
125 to information about what safety measures are being implemented and how to voice concerns.

126 Camille Berry asked where the safety targets go and who do they inform after they are adopted.
127 Andy Henry replied that the safety targets are shared with NCDOT, and the MPO's Board, Technical
128 Committee, and staff. Andy Henry stated that local jurisdictions typically have monthly discussions with
129 NCDOT about safety, which can touch on the targets. Doug Plachcinski added that the MPO would like to
130 take a proactive approach to safety that will include working with local partners and NCDOT. Jamezetta
131 Bedford stated that Orange County meets with NCDOT quarterly, which provides the opportunity to
132 discuss safety. Damon Seils said there must be policy and systems changes at NCDOT for change to
133 happen. Chair Jenn Weaver said her interpretation of setting targets with no consequences insinuates
134 they are not attainable, and that Vision Zero goals more closely align with the MPO.

135 Michael Parker recommended that the DCHC MPO Board adopt the resolution that supports the
136 state's safety targets. Jamezetta Bedford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

137 **REPORTS:**

138 **14. Report from the Board Chair**

139 **Jenn Weaver, Board Chair**

140 Chair Jenn Weaver reminded the Board about the upcoming NC Transportation Summit being
141 held in January.

142 **15. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

143 **Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair**

144 Ellen Beckmann shared that the public hearing for the Durham Transit Plan has been delayed
145 allowing for additional public comments, and that the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) is in the process of being
146 extended through the end of June 2023.

147 **16. Report from LPA Staff**

148 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

149 Doug Plachcinski stated that he has been enjoying presenting the MPO's annual report to member
150 jurisdictions. Doug Plachcinski said that a new member MPO orientation session will be offered soon.

151 **17. NCDOT Reports**

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

153 Lisa Mathis reminded Board members about the forthcoming NC Transportation Summit, and
154 shared that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently ordered all domestic flights to be
155 temporarily stalled due to computer issues.

156 **Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT**

157 Tracy Parrot said that the Alston Avenue project continues to move forward, that the East End
158 Connector still has ongoing work despite it being open, and that FY24-33 Draft STIP Swaps discussions are
159 progressing. Leonardo Williams asked what will be done regarding congestion on the East End Connector,
160 and Tracy Parrot replied that NCDOT has been monitoring the congestion and that it is occurring around
161 peak hours and is related to driver habits. Tracy Parrot added that NCDOT will continue to monitor the
162 East End Connector to determine if modifications need to be made.

163 **Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT**

164 Pat Wilson stated that the New Hope Church Road Bridge Replacement Project is expected to be
165 completed by mid-February.

166 **Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT**

167 There was no additional report.

168 **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT**

169 There was no additional report.

170 **John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT**

171 There was no additional report.

172 **Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT**

173 Nick Morrison reminded the Board that the Safe Routes to School call for applications is open until
174 February 6, and that funding is at 100%. Nick Morrison said that more than sixty applications were
175 received for the Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Grant program, and that recommendations are
176 expected within two weeks.

177 **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

178 **18. Recent News Articles and Updates**

179 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the recent news articles and updates.

180 **ADJOURNMENT:**

181 There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02
182 a.m.