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DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

January 23, 2018

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on January 23, 2018, 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:

Ellen Beckmann (Chair)	City of Durham Transportation
Nishith Trivedi (Vice Chair)	Orange County Planning
Kumar Neppalli (Member)	Chapel Hill Engineering
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham Public Works
Christina Moon (Member)	Carrboro Planning
Zach Hallock (Member)	Carrboro Planning
Margaret Hauth (Member)	Hillsboro Planning
Linda Thomas Wallace (Member)	Durham County Cooperative Extension
Evan Tenenbaum (Member)	Durham County Planning
Scott Whiteman (Member)	Durham County Planning
Tom Altieri (Member)	Orange County Planning
Chance Mullis (Member)	Chatham County Planning
Bill Judge (Member)	City of Durham Transportation
Geoff Green (Member)	GoTriangle
John Hodges-Copple (Member)	TJCOG
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
Corey Liles (Alternate)	Chapel Hill Planning
David Keilson (Alternate)	NCDOT, Division 5
Ed Lewis (Alternate)	NCDOT, Division 7
Bryan Kluchar (Alternate)	NCDOT, Division 8
Felix Nwoko	DCHC MPO
Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
Meg Scully	DCHC MPO
Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
Brian Rhodes	DCHC MPO
Robert Jahn	DCHC MPO
Bryan Byfield	RFA

Quorum Count: 19 of 31 Voting Members

Chair Ellen Beckmann 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 Technical Committee (TC) were

45 identified and are indicated above. Chair Ellen Beckmann reminded everyone to sign-in using the sign-in
46 sheet. Chair Ellen Beckmann announced that she was unable to stay for the entirety of the TC Meeting,
47 and Vice Chair Nish Trivedi would conduct the meeting after her departure.

48 **PRELIMINARIES:**

49 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

50 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

51 **3. Public Comments**

52 There were no comments from the public.

53 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

54 **4. Approval of December 19, 2018, Meeting Minutes**

55 Tom Altieri made a motion to approve the December 19, 2018, Meeting Minutes. Zach Hallock
56 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

57 **ACTION ITEMS:**

58 **5. Draft FY2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

59 **Meg Scully, LPA Staff**

60 Meg Scully stated that the DCHC MPO is required by federal regulations to prepare an annual
61 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that details and guides the urban area transportation planning
62 activities. Meg Scully continued that funding for the UPWP is provided by the Federal Highway
63 Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Meg Scully discussed that there
64 were minor changes made to the original draft of the UPWP based on input from the TC and MPO
65 boards. Meg Scully added that the MPO Board reviewed the draft FY2020 UPWP and released the
66 document for public comment at its January 16, 2019 meeting. Meg Scully and Chance Mullis discussed
67 the amount of the local match from Chatham County.
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69 Geoff Green made a motion to recommend the MPO Board hold a public hearing and approve
70 the FY2020 UPWP. Vice Chair Nishith Trivedi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

71 **6. FY2020-2029 Draft STIP**

72 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

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Aaron Cain stated that the amount of funding available at the Division Needs level for the FY2020-2029 Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was significantly less than anticipated. Aaron Cain stated that the projects that were funded were: U-6120, NC 98 safety improvements from Junction to Lynn; U-6192, US 15/501 Synchronized Street in Chatham County; EB-5998, Fordham Blvd multiuse paths; EB-5994, NC 54 side path; TA-6719, three new ramp-equipped minivans for Chatham Transit Network; and TA-6721, two new light transit vehicles for Orange County Public Transit. Aaron Cain added that U-6120, U-6192, EB-5998, and EB-5994 are all developmental projects and will need to be rescored in the Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT) 6. Aaron Cain added that TA-6719 and TA-6721 are committed projects and will not need to be rescored in SPOT 6.

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Aaron Cain stated that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) released the initial draft FY2020-2029 STIP on January 10, 2019. Aaron Cain added that the NC Board of Transportation is scheduled to adopt the 2020-2029 STIP in June 2019, and the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is anticipated to be adopted in August 2019 by the MPO Board. Aaron Cain continued that MPO staff plans to schedule meetings with NCDOT staff.

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Aaron Cain stated that the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) project is planned to receive state transportation funding in FY24, which makes it a committed project, and runs through FY29. Aaron Cain discussed the updates for the current interstate and highway projects. Aaron Cain mentioned that there might be a scheduling conflict of widening I-85 in Orange and Durham counties. Aaron Cain also mentioned that there could be a traffic issue in Orange County if there is concurrent construction on both I-85 and I-40. Aaron Cain also stated that there are delays for the following projects: Managed Motorways; Churton Street widening; NC 147 widening from I-40 to I-885; NC 147 downtown operations; UNC Hospital Transfer Station; and sections of the NC 54 widening in Chapel Hill and Durham. Aaron Cain stated that the following projects will not be included in the next STIP: I-40 Managed Lanes; NC 54/Old Fayetteville Road

97 Intersection; West Ellis Road Grade Separation; Neal Road Grade Separation; and the GoTriangle Regional
98 Transit Center.

99 Chair Ellen Beckmann stated the importance of policy change from the NCDOT in order to increase
100 the amount of Bike/Ped projects that are funded and for complete streets program to be attached to all
101 future highway projects.

102 **7. Amendment #10 to the FY2018-2027 TIP**

103 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

104 Aaron Cain stated that Amendment #10 for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
105 includes requests from the City of Durham to allocate funding to the C-4928, Morreene Road Bike/Ped
106 project, and the U-4726HN, Hillandale Road Bike/Ped project. Aaron Cain added that Amendment #10
107 also includes: a new project for GoTriangle; a schedule change for TD-5284, UNC Hospitals Transfer
108 Station; and items from NCDOT. Scott Whiteman and Aaron Cain discussed the schedules of the TIP and
109 the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

110 Geoff Green made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment #10 to the FY2018-2027
111 TIP. Evan Tenenbaum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

112 **8. Election of TC Officers for 2019**

113 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

114 **John Hodges-Copple, TJCOG**

115 John Hodges-Copple stated that, per the DCHC MPO TC by-laws, an election for officers shall
116 take place at the first meeting of each calendar year. John Hodges-Copple continued that the current
117 Chair, Ellen Beckmann, cannot continue to be the Chair in 2019 due to having served two consecutive
118 terms. John Hodges-Copple added that the new Chair must come from a jurisdiction representing either
119 Orange or Chatham County, and the new Vice Chair must come from a county other than that
120 represented by the person who is elected Chair.

121 John Hodges-Copple made a motion that Nish Trivedi be Chair of the Technical Committee.

122 Margaret Hauth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

123 John Hodges-Copple made a motion that Chair Ellen Beckmann be Vice Chair of the Technical
124 Committee. Geoff Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

125 **REPORTS:**

126 **9. Reports from the LPA Staff**

127 Felix Nwoko, Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

128 Aaron Cain stated that the dates and times for the upcoming MPO Board meeting in February and
129 March are subject to change. Aaron Cain continued that the tentative schedule is for the MPO Board
130 meeting to occur on February 27 at 3 p.m., following the TC meeting at 9 a.m. Geoff Green later added
131 that the schedule change was made because it would allow GoTriangle to have maximum flexibility to
132 meet deadlines for the Durham Orange Light Rail Transit project. Aaron Cain added that the March 13
133 MPO Board meeting will now occur at 1 p.m., and North Carolina Secretary of Transportation James H.
134 Trogon III will attend to discuss relevant issues concerning the DCHC MPO.

135 Geoff Green stated that the proposal for grade separating the D-O LRT project through downtown
136 Durham will impact engineering plans as well as the overall cost. Geoff Green added that under state law,
137 the project D-O LRT must have non-federal and non-state funds secured by April 30, 2019, and the D-O LRT
138 must also have its federal funding secured by November 30, 2019. Geoff Green stated that the schedule is
139 to apply to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with the final financial plan at the end of February
140 2019, which will allow the MPO Board to have more flexibility in making decisions.

141 Geoff Green stated that there will be a public meeting to present the new Pettigrew Street designs
142 at the Durham County Administrative building on January 26 from 9-11 a.m.

143 **10. Report from the DCHC MPO TC Chair**

144 Ellen Beckmann, DCHC MPO TC Chair

145 Nishith Trivedi, DCHC MPO TC Vice Chair

146 Vice Chair Nishith Trivedi stated that Nathan Page was recently voted Chair of the Burlington-
147 Graham Metropolitan Transportation Organization (BGMPPO). Vice Chair Nish Trivedi continued that he has

148 been invited to the BGMPO TC meeting, and he would like to extend the same invitation to Nathan Page
149 for a future DCHC TC Meeting.

150 **11. NCDOT Reports**

151 David Keilson, NCDOT Division 5, stated that he had no additional comment.

152 Ed Lewis, NCDOT Division 7, stated that there is a public meeting about the proposed widening of
153 I-40 from I-85 to the Durham County line in Orange County on January 24, 2019, at the Passmore Center
154 from 4 – 7 p.m.

155 Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Division 8 stated that staff is currently attempting to secure funding to raise
156 Jeremiah Road near Jordan Lake by six feet in order to correct issues due to flooding.

157 Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division, stated that the traffic forecast shape file on ArcGIS is
158 currently online, but currently cannot be downloaded. Julie Bogle added that there is a traffic forecast
159 library at connect.ncdot.gov.

160 There was no report from NCDOT Traffic Operations.

161 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

162 **12. Recent News, Articles, and Updates**

163 Dale McKeel stated that there will be a bicycle and pedestrian workshop for the Triangle region on
164 March 29; a location has not yet been secured for the workshop.

165 **ADJOURNMENT:**

166 There being no further business before the DCHC MPO Technical Committee, the meeting was
167 adjourned at 9:45 a.m.