



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall

Regular Meeting

1. Roll Call

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

2. Ethics Reminder

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

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

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

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 5. Approval of the December 14, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**
David Miller, LPA Staff

This Minutes was referred to the DCHC MPO Board due back on 2/8/2023

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

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

This Resolution was adopted.

- 7. Amendment #13 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff

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

This Resolution was adopted.

8. FY2022-23 UPWP Amendment #2

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

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

This Resolution was adopted.

9. City of Durham Request to Flex FHWA Funds (STPDA/STBG/CMAQ) to FTA (5307) Funds

Tom Devlin, City of Durham

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

This Resolution was adopted.

ACTION ITEMS:

10. MPO Legal Services Procurement

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

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

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

This Resolution was adopted.

11. Authorize Lead Planning Agency Negotiations with Triangle J Council of Governments

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

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

Michael Parker asked if there is a deadline to make the decision, and Doug Plachcinski replied that a decision should be made as soon as possible to help ensure the

MPO is with a new LPA at the start of the new fiscal year. Doug Plachcinski stated that NCDOT is also assisting with this process. Damon Seils asked what the benefits are of the MPO switching LPAs from the City of Durham to TJCOG. Doug Plachcinski replied that both TJCOG and the MPO coordinate at the regional level, both agencies are member-driven, and that the MPO's technology will be housed within the Town of Cary along with TJCOG and Capital Area MPO (CAMPO).

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

This Resolution was adopted.

12. FY2024 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (10 minutes)
David Miller, LPA Staff

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

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

This Resolution was adopted.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

13. Targets for Safety Performance Measures (10 minutes)
Andy Henry, LPA Staff

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

Michael Parker said that safety should be part and parcel of all the MPO's initiatives, such as climate action and planning for transportation needs. Damon Seils asked if the safety targets that have been adopted previously are impacting policy, and Andy Henry replied that they help establish safety targets for the MPO. Javiera Caballero and Leonardo Williams stated they have received comments from the public regarding safety concerns and road fatalities, and they would like for residents to have access to information about what safety measures are being implemented and how to voice concerns.

Camille Berry asked where the safety targets go and who do they inform after they are adopted. Andy Henry replied that the safety targets are shared with NCDOT, and the MPO's Board, Technical Committee, and staff. Andy Henry stated that local jurisdictions typically

have monthly discussions with NCDOT about safety, which can touch on the targets. Doug Plachcinski added that the MPO would like to take a proactive approach to safety that will include working with local partners and NCDOT. Jamezetta Bedford stated that Orange County meets with NCDOT quarterly, which provides the opportunity to discuss safety. Damon Seils said there must be policy and systems changes at NCDOT for change to happen. Chair Jenn Weaver said her interpretation of setting targets with no consequences insinuates they are not attainable, and that Vision Zero goals more closely align with the MPO.

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

This Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

14. Report from the Board Chair
Jenn Weaver, Board Chair

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

This Informational Report was referred to the DCHC MPO Board due back on 2/8/2023

15. Report from the Technical Committee Chair
Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair

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

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16. Report from LPA Staff
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

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

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17. NCDOT Reports
Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation
Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT
Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT
Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT
Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT
John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Nick Morrison - NCDOT IMD

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

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT: Tracy Parrot said that the Alston Avenue project continues to move forward, that the East End Connector still has ongoing work despite it being open, and that FY24-33 Draft STIP Swaps discussions are progressing. Leonardo Williams asked what will be done regarding congestion on the East End Connector, and Tracy Parrot replied that NCDOT has been monitoring the congestion and that it is occurring around peak hours and is related to driver habits. Tracy Parrot added that NCDOT will continue to monitor the East End Connector to determine if modifications need to be made.

Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT: Pat Wilson stated that the New Hope Church Road Bridge Replacement Project is expected to be completed by mid-February.

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT: There was no additional report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT: There was no additional report.

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT: There was no additional report.

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

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

18. Recent News Articles and Updates

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the recent news articles and updates.

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Adjourn

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

Next meeting: February 8, 2023, 9 a.m., Committee Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None