



**DCHC MPO Board  
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor  
Durham City Hall 101 City Hall Plaza  
Durham, NC 27701

**1. Roll Call****2. 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.

**3. Adjustments to the Agenda****4. Public Comments****5. Directives to Staff**[17-100](#)

**Attachments:** [2017-05-10 \(17-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff.pdf](#)

**CONSENT AGENDA****6. April 12, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**[17-150](#)

A copy of the April 12, 2017 Board meeting minutes is enclosed.

**Board Action:** Approve the minutes of the April 12, 2017 Board meeting.

**Attachments:** [2017-05-10 \(17-150\) MPO Board Meeting Minutes 4.12.17\\_LPA2.pdf](#)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**7. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) -- Final (20 minutes)**[16-183](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff****Julie Bogle, NCDOT**

At the April Board meeting, staff provided a detailed list of the comments received from the public, local staff, and boards and commissions, and stated how each comment was addressed in the final CTP. Staff has incorporated those changes into the final CTP and created the detailed CTP report. The final CTP maps and report that are proposed for adoption can be found at the following links:

\* online interactive maps and report -- <http://bit.ly/DCHCMPO-Draft-CTP> (see Adopted tab), and,

\* poster-sized PDF maps and report -- <http://bit.ly/DCHCMPO-CTP>.

A CTP adoption resolution is attached for Board review and Board Chair signature.

The final report is almost three hundred pages. The attached document "Guide to Review CTP Report" can help the review process. The document lists a few notable project changes made for the final CTP, and suggests ways in which the reviewer might be able to focus on the parts that are of most interest.

The MPO staff is presenting one additional change to the CTP report as presented today. As described in the attached "Guide to Review CTP Report," the Technical Committee (TC) changed the status of the central Durham one-way street pairs 1) Duke St/Gregson St/Vickers Av and 2) N Roxboro St/Mangum St (US 15/501 Business) from "existing" to "needs improvement." The NCDOT Planning Branch and Division 5 office subsequently met with the MPO and City of Durham transportation staff to request that these one-way pairs remain "existing" in the CTP. Instead of designating the roadways as "needs improvement," they suggested that a problem statement for the Downtown Loop conversion project be created and include a description of any deficiencies on the one-way street pairs (above) to show support of further study of the streets before recommending a solution.

NCDOT has ensured the City of Durham that the "existing" designation will not preclude any future study, and will not prevent an improvement project for these streets from receiving points from Division 5 in the SPOT prioritization process. However, other factors might preclude the assignment of Division 5 local input points, so discussions about future maintenance responsibility of the roadways, and safety and congestion impacts are needed prior to point assignment.

Given NCDOT support of a study and the MPO's interest in moving forward to adopt the CTP, the MPO staff recommends that these two one-way street pairs be designated as "existing" in the adopted CTP.

**TC Action:** Forward final CTP to the MPO Board for adoption.

**Board Action:** Discuss and adopt the proposed final CTP.

**Attachments:**      [2017-05-10 \(16-183\) CTPReportGuide.pdf](#)  
                                 [2017-05-10 \(16-183\) ResolutionAdoptCTP.pdf](#)

**8. Proposed Modifications and Deletions for SPOT 5.0 (15 minutes)**

[17-125](#)

**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

The MPO is required to submit any revisions, modifications, or deletions to existing projects for consideration in SPOT 5.0 by June 16, 2017. As shown in the attachment, staff has identified several projects to amend. This includes committed and developmental projects in the Draft STIP, such as:

- Rescope projects I-5702A, managed lanes on I-40, and U-5774F, NC-54 improvements from I-40 into Chapel Hill, in order to devise a way to have the NC-54 improvements take place prior to the managed lanes (because of the scoring in SPOT 4.0, managed lanes would have to be constructed first).
- Rescope U-5720C&D, conversion of US-70 to an expressway from Miami Boulevard to TW Alexander Drive, in order to incorporate an interchange at the future Aviation Parkway Extension and include an adjacent multi-use path.
- Extend the scope of project U-5937, operational improvements on NC-147 from Briggs Avenue to Duke Street, to Chapel Hill Street and include bike/ped and safety improvements at the interchanges.
- Include within the scope of R-5821, operational improvements for NC-54 from Orange Grove Road to Old Fayetteville Road, a superstreet design and intersection improvements at Old Fayetteville Road.

Projects that were not funded in SPOT 4.0 are required to be resubmitted for SPOT 5.0. The modifications of these projects, as shown in the attachment, will be reflected in the resubmission. Projects that were requested to be deleted will not be resubmitted.

NCDOT has requested further discussion on several of these items. Staff feels that there will not be sufficient time to submit the project modifications to NCDOT if approval is given at the June MPO Board meeting (the next Board meeting is scheduled for June 14). Therefore, staff requests flexibility from the Board to alter modifications based on future discussion with NCDOT staff.

**TC Action:** Recommended approval of this item to the MPO Board with the understanding that the requests could change before the submission deadline because additional discussions with NCDOT are required.

**Board Action:** Approve the proposed modifications and deletions for SPOT 5.0, subject to further modification as a result of discussions with NCDOT.

**Attachments:**      [2017-05-10 \(17-125\) Project Modifications and Deletions for SPOT 5.0.pdf](#)

**REPORTS:**

9. **Report from the Board Chair** [17-101](#)  
Steve Schewel, Board Chair

**Board Action:** Receive the report from the Board Chair

10. **Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [17-102](#)  
TC Chair

**Board Action:** Receive the report from the TC Chair.

11. **Report from LPA Staff** [17-103](#)  
Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager

**Board Action:** Receive the report from LPA Staff.

**Attachments:** [2017-05-10 \(17-103\) LPA staff report.pdf](#)

12. **NCDOT Report** [17-104](#)

Joey Hopkins (David Keilson/Richard Hancock), Division 5 - NCDOT

Mike Mills (Pat Wilson/Ed Lewis), Division 7 - NCDOT

Brandon Jones (Bryan Kluchar, Jen Britt), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT

Traffic Operations - NCDOT

**Board Action:** Receive the reports from NCDOT.

**Attachments:** [2017-05-10 \(17-104\) NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

13. **Recent News Articles and Updates** [17-105](#)

**Attachments:** [2017-05-10 \(17-105\) news\\_articles.pdf](#)

## **Adjourn**

**Next meeting: June 14, 9 a.m., Committee Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**