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DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

24 January 2018

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on January 24, 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
Margaret Hauth (Vice Chair)	Hillsborough Planning
Kayla Seibel (Member)	Chapel Hill Planning
Kumar Neppalli (Member)	Chapel Hill Engineering
Hannah Jacobson (Member)	City of Durham Planning
Tina Moon (Member)	Carrboro Planning
Bergen Watterson (Member)	Chapel Hill Planning
Evan Tenenbaum (Member)	Durham County Planning
Scott Whiteman (Member)	Durham County Planning
Nishith Trivedi (Member)	Orange County Planning
Tom Altieri (Member)	Orange County Planning
Cara Coppola (Member)	Chatham County Planning
John Hodges-Copple (Member)	Triangle J Council of Governments
Geoff Green (Member)	GoTriangle
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT, TPD
Kurt Stolka (Member)	UNC
Jonathan Peeler (Member)	NC Central University
Bryan Poole (Alternate)	City of Durham Transportation
David Keilson (Alternate)	NCDOT, Division 5
Richard Hancock (Alternate)	NCDOT, Division 5
Ed Lewis (Alternate)	NCDOT, Division 7
Bryan Kluchar (Member)	NCDOT, Division 8
Eddie Dancausse	Federal Highway Administration
Dale McKeel	City of Durham/DCHC MPO
Felix Nwoko	DCHC MPO
Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
Meg Scully	DCHC MPO
Brian Rhodes	DCHC MPO
Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
Anne Phillips	City of Durham Transportation

Quorum Count: 22 of 31 Voting Members

45 Chair Ellen Beckmann called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A roll call was performed. The
46 Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Technical Committee (TC) were
47 identified and are indicated above. Chair Ellen Beckmann reminded everyone to sign-in using the sign-in
48 sheet that was being circulated.

49 Jonathan Peeler, the new Member representing NC Central University, was introduced to the TC.

50 **PRELIMINARIES:**

51 **2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

52 Aaron Cain stated that he would be providing updates on the Strategic Prioritization Office of
53 Transportation (SPOT) process and the North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
54 (NCAMPO) conference.

55 **3. Public Comments**

56 There were no comments from the public.

57 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

58 **4. Approval of December 20, 2017 TC Meeting Minutes**

59 Geoff Green made a motion to approve the December 20, 2017, TC meeting minutes. Vice Chair
60 Margaret Hauth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

61 There was discussion of the location of the minutes, which went out after the agenda, in
62 response to an inquiry from Evan Tenenbaum.

63 **ACTION ITEMS:**

64 **5. Safety Performance Measures and Targets Endorsement**

65 Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager

66 Felix Nwoko stated that the MPO was required to set safety performance measures and targets
67 to comply with a Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requirement. Felix Nwoko stated
68 that the MPO would be required to set performance measures and targets for five areas. He added that
69 the MPO could set its own targets, or adopt the state's targets. Felix Nwoko described some of the

70 common problems associated with crash data. He also discussed the methodology that the MPO used to
71 develop its targets, and the timeline for complying with the FAST Act requirement. Felix Nwoko
72 discussed the MPO's fatality and serious injury targets. He also reviewed MPO crash data, and problems
73 associated with collecting crash data for areas within the MPO's boundary.

74 Chair Ellen Beckmann discussed differences between the bicycle and pedestrian crash rate and
75 bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries. Felix Nwoko discussed where the MPO was in
76 relation to meeting its safety targets. He also discussed risks associated with the MPO developing its
77 own targets, and benefits associated with adopting and endorsing state targets.

78 Felix Nwoko and Vice Chair Margaret Hauth discussed potential penalties for not meeting the
79 safety targets. Eddie Dancausse stated that the safest option was for the MPO to follow the state's
80 targets. He also discussed potential outcomes associated with not meeting the safety targets. Felix
81 Nwoko and Bergen Watterson discussed the safety targets and performance measures in relation to
82 state and local Vision Zero programs.

83 Chair Ellen Beckmann and Felix Nwoko discussed other potential FAST Act targets and
84 performance measures, and whether they could potentially be in conflict with each other. John Hodges-
85 Copple discussed how two targets, those related to transit and safety, would be reflected in the 2045
86 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Tina Moon and Felix Nwoko discussed the role that
87 jurisdictions would play in meeting the safety targets, and whether they would be given any additional
88 tools to meet the targets. There was discussion of how DCHC MPO and the Capital Area Metropolitan
89 Planning Organization (CAMPO) were doing on meeting targets compared to the state and peer MPOs.

90 John Hodges-Copple made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board approve the Resolution
91 endorsing the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Safety Performance Targets. Geoff
92 Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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94 **6. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

95 Andy Henry, LPA Staff

96 Andy Henry reviewed recent steps in the development of the MTP. He drew attention to the full
97 MTP report, and a new document consisting of all of the comments received on the MTP. Andy Henry
98 discussed corrections that were made to the MTP, and how all FAST Act performance measures and
99 targets would be incorporated into the MTP. Andy Henry discussed, specifically, how the FAST Act
100 transit and safety performance measures and targets were incorporated into the MTP. Andy Henry
101 discussed portions of the MTP that have remained stable, particularly the project list and the financial
102 plan. Andy Henry added that the MTP report would now be stable. Andy Henry stated that public input
103 period for the MTP would be extended, possibly to March 2, 2018. Evan Tenenbaum, Andy Henry, and
104 John Hodges-Copple discussed reasons for extending the public input period.

105 Chair Ellen Beckmann and Andy Henry discussed the adoption deadline that would allow DCHC
106 MPO to be exempt from new FAST Act requirements. Eddie Dancausse explained that even if the MTP
107 was adopted and exempt from the new FAST Act requirements, amending the MTP would require FAST
108 Act compliance.

109 Nishith Trivedi made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board adopt the 2045 MTP by
110 resolution, and adopt version 6 of the Triangle Regional Model (TRM) by letter and resolution. Hannah
111 Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

112 **7. Draft FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

113 Meg Scully, LPA Staff

114 Meg Scully stated that the draft UPWP was released for public comment after the MPO Board
115 reviewed it and recommended that it be released. Geoff Green suggested that Mo Devlin be added to
116 the Lead Planning Agency (LPA) staff chart.

117 Scott Whiteman made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board hold a public hearing and
118 approve the draft FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program at its February 14, 2018, meeting. Nishith
119 Trivedi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

120 **8. Draft Local Input Points Methodology**

121 Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

122 Aaron Cain discussed the timeline for adopting the Local Input Points methodology. Aaron Cain
123 stated that no changes were made since the TC last saw the draft methodology. Aaron Cain added that
124 the methodology was released for public comment, but that no comments were received.

125 Geoff Green made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board adopt the Draft
126 Local Input Points Methodology. Evan Tenenbaum seconded the motion. The motion passed
127 unanimously.

128 **Added Agenda Item: SPOT Update**

129 Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

130 Aaron Cain stated that there has been a lot of discussion at the staff and elected official level
131 regarding transit mobility projects in the SPOT process, and whether the DCHC MPO needs to rethink its
132 prioritization of projects in order to help its highest priority project move forward. He added that
133 CAMPO would be discussing, and potentially deciding on, whether or not to remove some of their
134 transit mobility projects from SPOT consideration in order to further regional top priority projects within
135 both the DCHC MPO and CAMPO at an upcoming meeting. Aaron Cain stated that it has been suggested
136 that the DCHC MPO look at its transit projects that were submitted in the mobility category, and
137 consider which projects should be withdrawn from final scoring in order to help the DCHC MPO's top
138 priorities. Aaron Cain requested that the TC authorize a subcommittee to meet, discuss, and make final
139 recommendations about which projects might be withdrawn to help high-priority projects at the
140 February MPO Board meeting.

141 In response to a suggestion from Andy Henry, Aaron Cain clarified the role of the subcommittee.
142 Felix Nwoko and Aaron Cain discussed the subcommittee’s timeline for developing recommendations
143 for the MPO Board.

144 Geoff Green made a motion to authorize the subcommittee to make a recommendation to the
145 MPO Board for potential modifications to the public transit mobility projects submitted to SPOT 5.0.
146 Bergen Watterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

147 **9. 2018 TC Elections**
148 Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

149 Aaron Cain reviewed by-laws governing TC chair and vice chair eligibility. Aaron Cain stated that
150 the nominations committee did not receive any other nominations for chair, other than to bring Chair
151 Ellen Beckmann back for a second term.

152 Kumar Neppalli made a motion to recommend that Chair Ellen Beckmann be re-elected chair.
153 Vice Chair Margaret Hauth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

154 Aaron Cain reminded the TC that Vice Chair Margaret Hauth could serve another term as Vice
155 Chair, but that she had no desire to be TC chair. John Hodges-Copple discussed the nominations that
156 were received for vice chair, noting that another potential candidate did not wish to be considered for
157 the vice chair position. John Hodges-Copple stated that the TC would be electing a new chair and vice
158 chair at its next election.

159 John Hodges-Copple made a motion to re-elect Vice Chair Margaret Hauth as TC vice chair.
160 Geoff Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

161 **REPORTS:**

162 **10. Reports from the LPA Staff**
163 Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager

164 Aaron Cain stated that Dr. Allie Thomas from UNC Chapel Hill and Dr. Michael Munger from Duke
165 University would be the plenary speakers at the NCAMPO conference. Aaron Cain stated that session

166 proposals were due on February 9, and encouraged members of the TC to submit presentation proposals.
167 Aaron Cain reviewed the mobile tours that would be offered at the conference, and asked mobile tour
168 organizers to submit a brief description of their tours for the conference agenda.

169 There was discussion of whether the March TC meeting could be held at the Durham Convention
170 Center in order to accommodate the conference, and whether the meeting could be canceled if there
171 were no action items. Andy Henry encouraged TC members to suggest potential presenters to the DCHC
172 MPO conference planning committee, so that the committee could reach out to potential presenters.

173 Aaron Cain stated that American Institute of Certified Planner (AICP) credits would be available
174 for participating in the conference. In response to a question from Chair Ellen Beckmann, Aaron Cain
175 reviewed the social events that would be taking place at the conference. There was discussion of a
176 potential session for MPO Board members. John Hodges-Copple stated that sessions could be held on the
177 state of MTPs or Transportation Demand Management (TDM). Aaron Cain reminded the TC of the
178 February 9, 2018, deadline for submitting session proposals. In response to a question from Geoff Green,
179 there was discussion of the type of sessions usually held at the NCAMPO conference. Dale McKeel, Aaron
180 Cain, and Vice Chair Margaret Hauth discussed the possibility of holding legal and/or ethics sessions.

181 **11. Report from the DCHC MPO TC Chair**

182 Ellen Beckmann, DCHC MPO TC Chair

183 There was no report from the TC Chair.

184 **12. NCDOT Reports**

185 Richard Hancock, NCDOT Division 5, stated that the recent snow storm has delayed several
186 projects, and that the Division was concentrating on snow removal. He added that the closure of the South
187 Miami Bridge project was delayed due to the weather, and that the Division would put out a press release
188 with updated closure information at a later date.

189 Ed Lewis, NCDOT Division 7, stated that an all-way stop has been installed at the Buckhorn Road
190 intersection in Mebane. He also provided updates on the Greensboro Street/Estes Drive roundabout in

191 Carrboro. He added that the public meeting for the Orange Grove Road extension project in Hillsborough
192 was delayed, likely for about six weeks. Ed Lewis also stated that a contractor was about to start work on
193 the Orange Grove Road fence project.

194 Kumar Neppalli asked for and received an update on the I-3306AC project at the I-40 NC 86
195 interchange. Bergen Watterson asked that Chapel Hill staff be included in an upcoming meeting about the
196 project.

197 There was no additional report from Division 8.

198 Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division, provided an update on the Comprehensive
199 Transportation Plan (CTP) 2.0 initiative. Julie Bogle stated that TPD has been working with MPOs to
200 streamline and enhance the CTP planning products and process. She described upcoming changes to the
201 CTP process. Julie Bogle state that TPD would be providing an overview presentation and guidance to all
202 MPOs and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) explaining the CTP 2.0 initiative in coming months.

203 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

204 **13. Recent News, Articles, and Updates**

205 There were no informational items.

206 **ADJOURNMENT:**

207 There being no further business before the DCHC MPO Technical Committee, the meeting was
208 adjourned at 10:18 a.m.