

**DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 11, 2024**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on June 11, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Long Leaf Conference Room at the Central Pines Regional Council office and through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in attendance:

Nishith Trivedi (Chair)	Orange County
Ellen Beckmann (Vice Chair)	Durham County
Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Bergen Watterson* (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Ben Berolzheimer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Caroline Dwyer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Thanh Schado (Member)	Chatham County
Tom Devlin (Member)	City of Durham
Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
Aaron Cain (Member)	City of Durham
Ryan Eldridge (Member)	Durham County
Matt Efird (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Paul Black (Member)	GoTriangle
Matt Day (Member)	Central Pines Regional Council
Brandon Jones (Member)	NCDOT Division 5
Chad Reimakoski (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
Kelly Milligan (Member)	Orange County
Darlene Weaver * (Member)	Orange County
Anne Calef (Alternate)	Research Triangle Foundation
Cha'ssem Anderson *(Member)	University of North Carolina
Joe Geigle (Member Non-Voting)	FHWA
Meg Scully* (Alternate)	GoTriangle
Delia Chi* (Alternate)	RDU
Erin Convery (Alternate)	City of Durham
Bill Judge*	City of Durham
Brian Taylor *	City of Durham
Curtis Scarpignato (Alternate)	Durham County
Tracy Parrott*(Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
David Keilson* (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Nishant Shah* (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
Stephen Robinson* (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
Jeron Monroe* (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 8
Bryan Kluchar* (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 8
Hannah Salvaggio*	City of Durham
Lindsay Smart*	City of Durham
Dale McKeel*	Resident
Michelle Pendergrass*	Durham Public Schools

47 Alexius Farris\* Town of Chapel Hill  
48 Hendrik Jordt Carolina Friends School  
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50	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
51	Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
52	David Miller	DCHC MPO
53	Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
54	Dolly Hall-Quinlan*	DCHC MPO
55	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
56	K. C. Chae	DCHC MPO
57	Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
58	Madeline Galliano	DCHC MPO
59	Cameron Schuler	DCHC MPO
60	Monet Moore	DCHC MPO
61	Daniel McKiernan	DCHC MPO
62	Thomas Porter	DCHC MPO

63 Quorum count 21 of 27 voting members  
64 \*Attended remotely

65 Chair Nish Trivedi called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

66 **PRELIMINARIES:**

67 **2. Roll Call**

68 The roll call was completed verbally and by using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees along  
69 with the Zoom participant list for remote attendees. Doug Plachcinski introduced Thomas Porter as a new  
70 DCHC MPO staff member.

71 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

72 Chair Nish Trivedi asked the Technical Committee if there were any adjustments to the agenda.  
73 Colleen McGue stated that Item #12 -(24-159) Local Point Allocation & Project Ranking for SPOT would  
74 be moved to Action Items because the MPO was seeking release for public comment. Doug Plachcinski  
75 suggested moving it to item 9a.

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78 **4. Public Comments**

79 Chair Nish Trivedi asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 4. Approval of the May 14, 2024, Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Jean Debnam, MPO Staff**
- 5. FFY 2024 5307 Full Apportionment for Durham NC UZA**
- 6. FFY 2024 5339 Full Apportionment for Durham NC UZA**

Eric Vitale made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Tom Devlin seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 7. FY 2025-2029 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services**  
**Transportation Plan**  
**Colleen McGue, MPO Staff**

Colleen McGue gave an overview of the FY 2025-2029 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (FY 2025-2-29 CPT-HST Plan). She reminded the TC that the plan had been released for a 21-day public comment period in May and would remain open through June 19, 2024. Mrs. McGue stated the bulk of the changes were graphic design and adding imagery. The MPO Board previously requested to add a responsible agency for each proposed strategy and Colleen directed the TC to pages 22-25 of the presentation to view see those changes. Mrs. McGue’s presentation gave the results of the Stakeholder workshops, the challenges faced, and listed recommendations to address the challenges. Mrs. McGue stated a draft survey was created as part of the survey to gauge if strategies for the challenges resonated. The timeline for the project was presented, along with the timeline for the 5310 Program of Projects. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann asked how much opportunity there was to fund new programs. Doug Plachcinski explained that if there were projects that needed to be added or changed, we could leverage other funding resources to support this.

Eric Vitale made a motion to receive the revised plan and public comments and recommended the Board approve the final plan. The motion was seconded by Matt Efird. The motion passed unanimously.

113 **8. Amendment #3 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement**  
114 **Program (TIP)**  
115 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**  
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117 Filmon Fishastion informed the TC that beginning with Amendment #4 the board would be  
118 following an adjusted schedule that will allow for a full comment period before it comes back to the TC  
119 board. Mr. Fishastion said no changes had been made as far as the contents of the amendments. The  
120 report has the results of the recent Request for Flexible Funding and the swaps associated with the  
121 rescinded Covid funding. The MPO is still working with the NCDOT State Transportation Improvement  
122 Program Unit to generate STIP IDs for new projects as well as add additional funding for new projects.

123 Eric Vitale made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board approve this amendment. The  
124 motion was seconded by Tom Devlin. The motion passed unanimously.  
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126 **9. Destination 2055: Revised Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Objectives**  
127 **Monet Moore, MPO Staff**

128 Monet Moore gave an update and overview of the MPO's MTP outreach and public engagement  
129 activities. Ms. Moore went over the 2055 goals and objectives into which she had incorporated in the TC's  
130 feedback and gave a summary of the changes and presented four options that will make sure the  
131 language is adaptable to all the municipalities that the MPO serves.

132 Ellen Beckmann moved that the MPO approve the 4<sup>th</sup> option which was to increase travel choices  
133 and reliability while prioritizing multimodal improvements. Eric Vitale seconded the motion. The motion  
134 passed unanimously.  
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136 **9a. Local Point Allocation & Project Ranking for SPOT 7.0**  
137 **Colleen McGue, MPO Staff**  
138 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**  
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140 Filmon Fishastion discussed the SPOT P7 Schedule and the changes made to the schedule to  
141 give reasonable time for a public comment period and time for approval. Mr. Fishastion informed the TC  
142 of where we were currently in the process. Filmon presented the initial list that would be going out for

143 public review. Filmon also discussed the local input point allocations and the equal distribution of 2000  
144 points amongst 20 projects across the three different modes of transportation. He shared the next steps  
145 and asked if there were any questions. Eric Vitale asked if changes or alterations are made at the  
146 forthcoming subcommittee meeting on Friday, June 14, which list would the MPO Board release for public  
147 comment? Doug Plachcinski clarified that if the subcommittee decides that there should be a change, the  
148 MPO Board would receive both the initial list for consideration for the release of public comment, along  
149 with the subcommittee's recommendations.

150 Paul Black made a motion to recommend that the Board release the initial list for public review.

151 Eric Vitale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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153 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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156 **10. Adjustment to Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary and Adjusted (Smoothed)**

157 **US Census Urban Area (UA) Boundary**

158 **Cameron Schuler, MPO Staff**

159 **K.C. Chae, MPO Staff**

160 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CGM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

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162 Cameron Schuler addressed the technical adjustments that were needed on the MPA and the

163 AUA. One of the technical adjustments was related to the coordinate system used in the previous

164 boundary. Mr. Shuler presented maps to show how the AUA Boundary went outside of the MPA

165 Boundary in certain areas. He also presented a side-by-side view of the 2023 and the 2024 MPA so the

166 TC could see the overlap of some of the areas.

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169 **11. Status Report on Locally Administered Projects (LAP)**

170 **Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager**

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172 Colleen McGue gave an overview of the LAP program, discussed the federal funding sources,

173 and shared the overall project status. Colleen McGue discussed the status of projects within the individual

174 municipalities, highlighting the additions, funding changes and adjustments. Colleen McGue discussed the

175 Local Project Delivery Initiative and strategies expected to improve project delivery in the DCHC MPO

area and requested feedback on the draft scope of services for the forthcoming Local Project Delivery Initiative Request for Letters of Interest.

**12. Local Point Allocation & Project Ranking for SPOT 7.0**

**Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager**

**Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

*Colleen McGue requested during the “adjustments to the agenda” that this item be moved to*

*Action Items. This Item became Item 9a of this agenda.*

**13. Draft Scope for US 70 East Phase 2**

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

Doug Plachcinski presented the draft scope for the US 70 East Phase 2 study. Doug said the MPO Board felt the TC should try to consolidate the two alternatives explored in Phase 1 into a preferred one, so the MPO modified the draft scope to accommodate the consolidation. This consolidation will pick the best of both projects and move them into the Express Design Traffic Evaluation (EDTE), while simultaneously trying to define some metrics according to the MPO Goals and objectives. Mr. Plachcinski asked for comments and feedback. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann commented she did not think asking the consultant to identify the MPO goals and objectives was sending the right message to consultants who have the expertise in analyzing and providing the necessary information. Doug stated the MPO has a more defined process for developing EDTE and we hope to lean on the consultant to give us performance measures for projects.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

**14. Report from MPO Staff**

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

Doug Plachcinski had no additional report. Doug Plachcinski welcomed Thomas Porter to the DCHC MPO staff.

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

209 **Nish Trivedi, TC Chair**

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211 Chair Nish Trivedi gave updates on Orange County vacancies. He thanked MPO staff member,  
212 David Miller, for meeting with the Core Technical Team for the Orange County Multimodal Plan. Chair  
213 Nish Trivedi said the study's consultant, WSP, is providing a unique way of prioritizing projects, and he  
214 would like to invite them to the August TC meeting to present this process.  
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216 **16. NCDOT Reports**

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

218 Not present.

219 **Brandon Jones (David Keilson, Tracy Parrott) Division 5- NCDOT**

220 Brandon Jones had no additional report.  
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222 **Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 – NCDOT**

223 Chad Reimakoski had no additional report.  
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225 **Reuben Blakley (Bryan Kluchar, Jeron Monroe), Division 8 – NCDOT**

226 Bryan Kluchar had to leave, but stated via chat there was no additional report.  
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228 **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**

229 Julie Bogle announced traffic forecast updates for U-5774 were currently in progress. Ms. Bogle  
230 said U-5394 and U-5518 were completed on May 30, 2024.  
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232 **John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**

233 No report.  
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235 **Bryan Lopez (Interim) - NCDOT IMD**

236 Not present.  
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239 **17. Recent News Articles and Updates**

240 Chair Nish Trivedi referenced the recent news articles and updates included in the agenda packet.  
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242 **ADJOURNMENT**

243 There being no other business to discuss, Chair Nish Trivedi adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.