

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

2                                   **ORGANIZATION BOARD**

3   **May 10, 2023**

4   **MINUTES OF MEETING**

5           The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board  
6           met on May 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor Committee Room at  
7           Durham City Hall, as well as through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The  
8           following members were in attendance:

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10	Jenn Weaver (Chair)	Town of Hillsborough
11	Karen Howard (Vice Chair)	Chatham County
12	Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
13	Javiera Caballero (Member)	City of Durham
14	Leonardo Williams (Member)	City of Durham
15	Damon Seils (Member)	Town of Carrboro
16	Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
17	Wendy Jacobs (Member)*	Durham County
18	Nida Allam (Alternate)	Durham County
19	Camille Berry (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
20	Danny Nowell (Alternate)	Town of Carrboro
21	Ellen Beckmann	Durham County
22	Nishith Trivedi	Orange County
23	Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
24	Matt Efirid*	Town of Hillsborough
25	Sean Egan	City of Durham
26	Bill Judge*	City of Durham
27	Evian Patterson*	City of Durham
28	Tom Devlin*	City of Durham
29	Eric Vitale*	City of Durham
30	Erin Convery*	City of Durham
31	Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
32	Cha'ssem Anderson*	The University of North Carolina
33	Tracy Parrott	NCDOT Division 5
34	Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
35	David Keilson*	NCDOT Division 5
36	Stephen Robinson*	NCDOT Division 7
37	Patrick Wilson*	NCDOT Division 7
38	Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT Division 8
39	Bergman Waterson*	Town of Chapel
40	John Tallmadge*	Bike Durham
41	Brenda Howerton*	Durham County

42	Carol Dwyer*	Chapel Hill Transit
43	?*	Community Engagement NIS
44	Frankie Tran*	?
45	Heidi Perov*	?
46	Jacob Rigg*	RTA
47	John Grant*	NCDOT Traffic Operations
48	Josh Mayo*	Chapel Hill
49	Julie Bogle*	NCDOT TPD
50	Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
51	Nick Morrison*	NCDOT IMD
52	Sean Egan*	City of Durham
53	Tina Moon*	Town of Carrboro
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55	Travis Crayton*	Research Triangle Foundation
56	Joe Geigle*	Federal Highway Administration
57	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
58	Colleen McGue*	DCHC MPO
59	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
60	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
61	Dale McKeel	DCHC MPO
62	David Miller	DCHC MPO
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64	Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
65	Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members	
66	*Attended remotely	

67 **1. Roll Call**

68 Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The roll call was  
69 completed using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list  
70 for remote attendees. Chair Jenn Weaver asked the Board to consider excuses  
71 absences for Vice Chair Lisa Mathis. Michael Parker made a motion to approve the  
72 excused absences. Damon Seils seconded the motion. The motion passed  
73 unanimously.

74 **PRELIMINARIES:**

75 **2. Ethics Reminder**

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

78 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

79 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

80 **4. Public Comments**

81 John Hodges (Retired Commissioner) shared his thoughts on the GoTriangle  
82 studies. Regarding the regional rail discussions. Mr. Hodges discussed the rails future  
83 and gave his ideas on the need for a Mobility Hub which would include intercity rail,  
84 regional rail, regional buses, Wake BRT ( and future Durham) BRT and bicycle  
85 commuting. John's thoughts were that if a mobility hub were pursued it could cause  
86 short- and long-term success.

87 John Talmadge\* reminded the TC Board of the need to for urgency in moving  
88 forward with the Safe Streets for All plan and the Vision Zero plan that the MPO received  
89 funds in February. Mr. Talmadge brought the attention to the board of the need to not  
90 divert our attention to Capital area projects and forget about smaller capital projects.  
91 John used the example of the Light Rail Project (which never came to fruition), on which  
92 much attention was diverted and leaving little attention to other smaller projects.

93 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

94 **5. Approval of the April 12, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes**  
95 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

96 **6. FFY 2023 Section 5339 Full Apportionment Split Letter**  
97 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

98 **7. FFY 2023 Section 5307/5340 Full Apportionment Split Letter**  
99 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

100 **8. Amendment #15 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
101 **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

102 Michael Parker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was  
103 seconded by Damon Seils and passed unanimously.

104 **ACTION ITEMS**

105 **9. Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition, and System Performance**  
106 **David Miller, LPA Staff**

107 David Miller presented Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance  
108 and explained the federal laws requiring these measurements and recommended the  
109 MPO Board  
110 use the NCDOT targets instead of developing their own because the targets are  
111 challenging. The Technical Committee recommended the MPO Board support the  
112 states targets at the April 26,2023 meeting. The MPO Board must adopt the measures  
113 by the end of June 2023. Mr. Miller also presented a resolution that includes NCDOT's  
114 safety measure targets. Mr. Miller recommended the DCHC MPO Board adopt the  
115 resolution that supports the state's pavement and bridge condition and system  
116 Performance targets. Damon Seils made a motion to approve the resolution and it was  
117 seconded by Nida Allam and the vote passed unanimously.

118 **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

119 **10. Triangle Bikeway Update**  
120 **Dale McKeel, LPA Staff**

121 Dale McKeel stated it has been a year since the triangle bikeway study had been  
122 visited and he thought it would be good to give an update. Mr. McKeel explained the  
123 conception of the bike way study and gave the relation of the study to I-40. He gave  
124 case studies and implementation strategies, 2022-2023 highlights and the next steps

125 and discussed the finding approved by Wake County Board of Commissioners and  
126 Research Triangle Foundation.

127 **11. FY 2024-2033 Draft STIP Update**  
128 **Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff**

129 Kelly Fomenko shared the final list of STIP projects, including those swapped.  
130 This would put the timeline at three months for the MPO to adopt its Transportation  
131 Improvement Plan. (TIP)

132 **REPORTS**

133 **12. Report from Board Chair**  
134 **Jenn Weaver, Board Chair**

135 Jenn Weaver has no additional report.

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137 **13. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

138 **Nish Trivedi, TC Chair**

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140 Nish Trivedi had no additional report.

141 **14 .Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

142 Announced Dale McKeel is retiring. Jean Debnam is the new Administrative  
143 Coordinator, and Colleen McGue as the new Planning Manager. Mr. Plachcinski. He  
144 also reminded the Board of the ethics forms online. He will be reaching out to  
145 membership and government subcommittees to schedule meetings. Mr. Plachcinski  
146 appreciated Bike Durham’s advocacy and their comments about the Safe Streets for all  
147 and explained where we are with Safe Streets for all in detail.

148 Doug Plachcinski made the board award that regarding the Amendments that are  
149 coming up as we work towards having a concurrent TIP and MTP, the Board needs to

150 meet between June and August. Jenn suggested Doug follow up with the Board via  
151 email with a meeting date plan and/or backup plan.

152 **15. NCDOT Reports**

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

154 No report was provided by Lisa Mathis and shared with the Board due to her  
155 absence.

156 **Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT**

157 Brandon Jones the Alston Avenue project bridge was scheduled for demolition in  
158 April, but agreements are still being worked on between NC Railroads and Norfolk  
159 Southern. Mr. Jones stated the Annual Transportation Summit will be held on May 21-  
160 22, 2024, in Greensboro NC.

161 **Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT**

162 Pat Wilson stated additional night lanes closures will take place on I-40. And work  
163 in the median will continue for the foreseeable future.

164 Michael Parker questioned when the target completion date is and will the  
165 resurfacing on I-40 West from 15-501 East into Durham County be going on  
166 simultaneously. Brandon Jones stated he would answer those questions for Mr. Parker

167 **Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT**

168 Bryan Kluchar had no additional report.

169 **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT**

170 Julie Bogle has no additional report.

171 **John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT**

172 Traffic operations had agreed to contribute to the local match contribution to Safe  
173 Streets for All and that goes to the tuning Board for approval.

174 **Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division – NCDOT**

175 Nick Morrison stated that the NCDOT IMD Multimodal Planning Grant Program call  
176 for projects has closed, and eighteen applications were received and are in review. The  
177 applications have gone to the Board of Transportation for their June meeting and IMD will  
178 announce them as soon as they are officially awarded. Also, their Transportation  
179 Demand Management program will go to the Board of Transportation for their June  
180 meeting.

181 IMD's quarterly webinar will be held on May 25, 2023, at 10 a.m. and there will be  
182 a presentation on the Clean Transportation Plan. Brian Murphy from the Traffic Safety  
183 Unit will give a presentation on Comprehensive Safety Action Plans.

184 **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

185 **16. Recent News Articles and Updates**

186 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the recent news articles and updates.

187 **17. Orange County and Triangle Clean Cities Clean Energy to Communities**

188 **Program Letter of Support**

189 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced Orange County and Transit CCCE to  
190 Communities Program letter of support.

191 **18. Triangle Regional Model Progress Report - FY23 Q3**

192 Chair Jenn Weaver references the Triangle Regional Model Progress Report

193 **19. Rail and Regional Transit Considerations**

194 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Rail and Regional Transit Considerations.

195 **ADJOURNMENT:**

196 There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at  
197 10:14 a.m.