



**DCHC MPO Board  
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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.

On or by April 15, 2018, all MPO Board members and their alternates or designees must file both a 2018 Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) and a 2018 Real Estate Disclosure Form with the State Ethics Commission. The 2018 Real Estate Disclosure Form MUST accompany the 2018 Statement of Economic Interest. MPO Board members, their alternate or designees must file these forms each year.

Forms are available from the State Ethics Commission website (<http://www.ncsbe.gov/Ethics/SEI>). The State Ethics Commission prefers electronic filings for the guarantee of an arrival with confirmation.

## 3. Adjustments to the Agenda

## 4. Public Comments

## 5. Directives to Staff

[18-100](#)

Attachments: [2018-03-14 \(18-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff.pdf](#)

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 6. February 14, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

[18-124](#)

A copy of the February 14, 2018 Board meeting minutes will be provided at the April 11, 2018 Board meeting.

**Board Action:** No action is required at this time.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 7. Draft North Carolina Multimodal Strategic Plan (30 minutes)

[18-123](#)

**Julie White, Deputy Secretary for Multi-Modal Transportation,  
NCDOT**

Julie White, the Deputy Secretary for Multi-Modal Transportation, will introduce herself and present an update on the Draft Multimodal Strategic Plan. The Multimodal Strategic Plan is an effort to make consistent various local multimodal efforts from across the state, as well as evaluate and address the state's transportation needs beyond highways. Ms. White is also seeking input from Board members on the framework and development of the plan to date.

**Board Action:** Provide input on the Draft Multimodal Strategic Plan.

**8. Update on Coordinated Transit Efforts (30 minutes)**[18-125](#)**John Hodges-Copple, TJCOG****Mo Devlin, DCHC MPO****Geoff Green, GoTriangle****Bergen Watterson, Chapel Hill Transit**

Staff from the Triangle J Council of Governments, DCHC MPO, GoTriangle and Chapel Hill will provide a brief overview of the region's planned major transit infrastructure investments, how they are reflected in the current three county transit plans, their status in the planning process, and how the two MPOs are working together to advance major transit infrastructure projects.

**Board Action:** No action is required at this time, this item is for informational and discussion purposes only.

**9. Quarterly Update on the Durham County Transit Plan, Orange County Transit Plan, and Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project (20 minutes)**[18-117](#)**Geoff Green, GoTriangle****Mo Devlin, LPA Staff**

On April 28, 2017, the DCHC MPO Board adopted the updated Orange County Transit Plan and the Durham County Transit Plan (the "Transit Plans"). GoTriangle is presenting its quarterly report on progress under the Transit Plans, including implementation of services and capital projects identified in the Transit Plans, and the status of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project.

In addition, at the November DCHC MPO Board meeting, a member of the Board requested that staff provide an overview of the pedestrian and bicycle studies that are taking place as part of the design of the D-O LRT Project. GoTriangle has been studying pedestrian and bicycle facilities at select locations along the D-O LRT Project corridor and around stations as part of ongoing engineering work. The facilities under study have come out of ongoing coordination with third-party stakeholders.

The pedestrian and bicycle studies are continuing as part of overall engineering design advancement. GoTriangle will describe a few examples of these ongoing studies and share how these projects can provide residents with multimodal accessibility to the light-rail project.

**Board Action:** Receive information regarding implementation of the Transit Plans, the status of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project, and pedestrian and bicycle studies taking place as part of the design of the D-O LRT Project.

**Attachments:** [2018-03-14 \(18-117\) GoTriangle Quarterly Update.pdf](#)  
[2018-03-14 \(18-117\) D-O LRT Bike-Ped Studies.pdf](#)

**10. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) (20 minutes)**[17-155](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

The MPO Board released the full 2045 MTP report, and Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures and Targets for public input in January, and in February extended the public input period to March 2. Today's adoption includes the SE Data, 2045 MTP projects and financial plan, Goals/Objectives/ Performance Measures/Targets, and the full report by a single resolution, and the approval of the Triangle Regional Model (version 6) by a separate resolution and letter.

Change to Report

There have been several changes to the full report since the January release. Staff does not consider any of the changes to be significant but are nonetheless worth identifying. The changes include:

- \* A multiuse path between Carrboro and Hillsborough that runs along Old NC 86/Churton St. was added to the regional routes in Appendix 4 -- Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects. This is the only change to the core of the 2045 MTP, i.e., project list and financial plan.

- \* The resolutions that adopt the new federal Transportation Performance Measures will be added to the 2045 MTP appendices as the resolutions become available. So far, this will include the two resolutions for the transit state of good repair and the roadway safety measures.

- \* There are three changes to chapter 9, which basically describes the relationship of the 2045 MTP to the community, federal requirements, and other planning processes.

- > A table and narratives that shows the strength of the relationship between the MPO's goals and the federal "Critical Factors in the Planning Process" has been added.

- > A table has been added to the Environmental Justice section that describes the benefits, burdens and mitigation strategies for various project groups (e.g., highway, transit).

- > Some additional information has been added to the section that identifies how the 2045 MTP is FAST Act compliant.

Public Comments

The MPO received about four dozen comments on the Bolin Creek Trail. The great majority of the comments either want the Trail to be removed from the 2045 MTP or want to ensure that the Trail is not paved. There were several comments supportive of the Trail. The Lead Planning Agency (LPA) staff offer the following information with respect to the request to remove the Trail:

- \* The 2045 MTP does not list bicycle and pedestrian projects, but instead references the local plans. Since the 2045 MTP defers to the local plans, should a jurisdiction or county amend an existing plan sometime in the future, the amended local version would govern.

- \* Bolin Creek Trail is listed among the regional routes, or corridors, in Appendix 4. This listing helps to coordinate interjurisdictional connections and to identify corridors that are eligible for the DCHC MPO's Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian funding. Removing Bolin Creek Trail from Appendix 4 does not remove the project from the local plans but might make it ineligible for Regional funding.

- \* Appendix 4 does not identify any specifics for the listed trail project such as surface type (e.g., pavement) or the exact alignment (i.e., trail must only connect Chapel Hill and

Carrboro in the vicinity of Bolin Creek).

In addition, the MPO received a resolution from the Town of Carrboro. The 2045 MTP supports the comments in the resolution and thus no further action is required.

The attachments include the following:

- \* A compilation of the public comments received during the Alternatives Analysis and Preferred Option processes (Note: the online survey gathered public input for the Goals/Objectives process);
- \* The Town of Carrboro resolution;
- \* The full report for the 2045 MTP;
- \* The Goals/Objectives/Performance Measures;
- \* The Targets;
- \* The resolution that the Board Chair will sign to adopt the 2045 MTP; and,
- \* The letter and resolution that the Board Chair will sign in March to adopt version 6 of the Triangle Regional Model (TRM).

The full report and an interactive highway and fixed guideway map are available at the MPO's 2045 MTP Web site, [www.bit.ly/DCHC-MTP-Adopted](http://www.bit.ly/DCHC-MTP-Adopted).

**TC Action:** That the MPO Board receive an update on the 2045 MTP and that the MPO Board adopt the 2045 MTP by resolution, and adopt version 6 of the TRM by letter and resolution.

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**Attachments:**      [2018-03-14 \(17-155\) GoalsObjectivesPMs.pdf](#)  
[2018-03-14 \(17-155\) Targets.pdf](#)  
[2018-03-14 \(17-155\) CompilationOfComments.pdf](#)  
[2018-03-14 \(17-155\) FullReportAndAppendices.pdf](#)  
[2018-03-14 \(17-155\) TRM-ResolutionAndLetter.pdf](#)  
[2018-03-14 \(17-155\) MTP-Resolution.pdf](#)  
[2018-03-14 \(17-155\) CarrboroResolution.pdf](#)

**11. Local Input Points Methodology (5 minutes)** [18-120](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

On February 14, 2018, the DCHC MPO Board approved the Local Input Points Methodology, and LPA staff submitted that Methodology to the NCDOT Review Committee. On February 23, 2018, the NCDOT Review Committee submitted its comments to DCHC MPO staff. LPA staff has edited the Methodology to reflect those comments; a marked and a clean copy are attached for your review. An adopted version must be submitted to NCDOT by April 1 in order to be able to apply local points in SPOT 5.0.

The vast majority of the comments received from the NCDOT Review Committee were either for clarification or stylistic purposes. The NCDOT Review Committee had no concerns with the substantive aspects of the Methodology. LPA staff had no concerns with addressing any of the comments.

**TC Action:** Recommended approval of the revised Local Input Points Methodology.

**Board Action:** Adopt the revised Local Input Points Methodology.

**Attachments:** [2018-03-14 \(18-120\) Local Points Methodology - Revised 2-23-18 Markup.pdf](#)  
[2018-03-14 \(18-120\) Local Points Methodology - Revised 2-23-18\\_Clean.pdf](#)

**REPORTS:****12. Report from the Board Chair** [18-101](#)**Damon Seils, Board Chair**

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

**13. Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [18-102](#)**Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair**

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

**14. Report from LPA Staff** [18-103](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager**

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

**Attachments:** [2018-03-14 \(18-103\) LPA staff report.pdf](#)

**15. NCDOT Report** [18-104](#)

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 Division - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

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

Attachments: [2018-03-14 \(18-104\) NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****16. Recent News Articles and Updates** [18-105](#)

Attachments: [2018-03-14 \(18-105\) news\\_articles.pdf](#)

**Adjourn**

**Next meeting: April 11, 9 a.m., Committee Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings:**

**NCAMPO 2018 Conference April 25-27, Durham**

**Joint Policy Board Meeting May 31, 9 a.m.-noon, RTP Headquarters (12 Davis Drive)**