

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

2 **October 12, 2022**

3 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

4 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on October
5 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor Committee Room at Durham City Hall, as well as
6 through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. The following members were in attendance:

7	Jenn Weaver (Chair)	Town of Hillsborough
8	Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
9	Michael Parker (Member)	GoTriangle
10	Leonardo Williams (Member)	City of Durham
11	Damon Seils (Member)	Town of Carrboro
12	Pam Hemminger (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
13	Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
14	Mark Bell (Alternate)	Town of Hillsborough
15	Dr. Monique Holsey-Hyman (Alternate)	City of Durham
16	Brenda Howerton (Alternate)*	Durham County
17	Lisa Mathis (Alternate)*	NC Board of Transportation
18	Ellen Beckmann	Durham County
19	Tom Altieri*	Orange County
20	Benjamin Clark*	Orange County
21	Josh Mayo*	Town of Chapel Hill
22	Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
23	Kevin Robinson*	Town of Chapel Hill
24	Matt Cecil*	Chapel Hill Transit
25	Tina Moon*	Town of Carrboro
26	Kent Johnson*	Town of Carrboro
27	Sean Egan*	City of Durham
28	Evian Patterson*	City of Durham
29	Bill Judge*	City of Durham
30	Brian Taylor*	City of Durham
31	Eric Vitale	City of Durham
32	Erin Convery	City of Durham
33	Matt Day*	Triangle J Council of Governments
34	Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
35	Kurt Stolka*	The University of North Carolina
36	David Keilson*	NCDOT Division 5
37	Brandon Jones	NCDOT Division 5
38	Tracy Parrott*	NCDOT Division 5
39	Pat Wilson*	NCDOT Division 7
40	Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT Division 8
41	Jeron Monroe*	NCDOT Division 8
42	Julie Bogle*	NCDOT Planning Division

43	John Grant*	NCDOT Traffic Operations
44	Nick Morrison*	NCDOT IMD
45	Jacob Rigg*	Regional Transportation Alliance
46	Travis Crayton*	Research Triangle Park
47	Frankie Tran*	Burlington-Graham MPO
48	Eric Patel	JDA
49	Heidi Perry*	BikeWalk NC
50	Michael Page*	North Carolina Central University
51	Brian Rhodes*	Resident
52	Adora Harris*	Resident
53	Quazi Minhaz Tabassum*	Resident
54	Hailey Neal*	Resident
55	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
56	Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
57	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
58	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
59	Dale McKeel*	DCHC MPO
60	Dolly Hall-Quinlan*	DCHC MPO
61	Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
62	David Miller	DCHC MPO

63 Quorum Count: 8 of 10 Voting Members
 64 *Attended remotely

65 **1. Roll Call**

66 Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The roll call was completed using a
 67 sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees. Chair Jenn
 68 Weaver asked the Board to approve excused absences for Karen Howard and Javiera Caballero. Pam
 69 Hemminger made a motion to approve the excused absences. Michael Parker seconded the motion. The
 70 motion passed unanimously.

71 **PRELIMINARIES:**

72 **2. Ethics Reminder**

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

74 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

75 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

76 **4. Public Comments**

77 Eric Patel shared information about the Department of Energy's Small Business Innovation
78 Research (SBIR) funding program. Eric Patel stated that he and his colleagues at JDA in Durham will be
79 applying to this program to develop a tool that could be used to inform communities and policy boards
80 about their impact on climate and how it affects vulnerable groups. Eric Patel requested a letter of
81 support from the MPO. Pam Hemminger made a motion to approve a letter of support. Damon Seils
82 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

83 Heidi Perry stated that the mechanism for the public to provide feedback online for the Draft
84 FY2024-2033 STIP could be reformatted and more descriptive in order to provide citizens more
85 information about the projects being considered. Heidi Perry mentioned that the BikeWalk NC
86 Transportation Summit will be held October 27-29, 2022 in Greenville.

87 **5. Directives to Staff**

88 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Directives to Staff included in the agenda packet.

89 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

90 **6. Approval of the September 14, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes**

91 David Miller, LPA Staff

92 **7. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Grant – FFY22 Program**
93 **of Projects**

94 Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

95 **8. FY24 UPWP Development Schedule**

96 Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

97 **9. IJA Standing Update**

98 Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

99 Wendy Jacobs stated that Durham County submitted its Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant
100 application. Ellen Beckmann shared that many letters of support were received to accompany the
101 application, and project information has been posted to the Durham County website. Wendy Jacobs
102 mentioned that an individual was fatally wounded recently when struck by a train, which reinforces the

103 importance of this grant project. Doug Plachcinski stated that the MPO's Safe Streets and Roads for All
104 grant application recently submitted could help mitigate crashes along the Triangle's rail corridor. Doug
105 Plachcinski mentioned that MPO staff are exploring the Thriving Communities program made available by
106 the Department of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development for capacity building.

107 Pam Hemminger made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Michael Parker seconded the
108 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

109 **ACTION ITEMS:**

110 **10. Orange County Transit Plan Update**
111 **Tom Altieri, Orange County**

112 Tom Altieri provided a background of the current 2017 Orange County Transit Plan (OCTP), and
113 an update on the Draft OCTP. Tom Altieri stated that the Draft OCTP is meant to build upon the 2017
114 OCTP, which includes both programmed projects and new projects. Tom Altieri provided a timeline and
115 recap of public engagement activities, the project selection process, funding sources, transit equity
116 efforts, and remaining schedule and adoption process.

117 Aaron Cain stated that the Draft OCTP requires a public hearing per the MPO's Public Involvement
118 Plan, and asked the Board if the public hearing scheduled for November 1 at the Board of Orange County
119 Commissioners (BOCC) meeting could serve as the sole public hearing in order to consolidate public
120 engagement efforts. Aaron Cain mentioned that this consolidation process could also be done for the
121 Durham County Transit Plan. Board members were supportive of this request.

122 Damon Seils asked how the upcoming policy steering committee meeting to discuss revenue
123 projections and the North-South Bus Rapid Transit project will impact the Draft OCTP that will be
124 presented to the public for comment. Tom Altieri replied that outcomes from the policy steering
125 committee will be shared at the BOCC public hearing on November 1. Michael Parker asked if it is
126 appropriate to release the Draft OCTP for public comment when it could ultimately have significant

127 revisions. Tom Altieri replied that there are no changes to the programmed projects in the Draft OCTP,
128 and that the public comment period is focusing on finances and the language of the Plan.

129 Damon Seils made a motion to release the Draft OCTP for public comment. Michael Parker
130 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

131 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

132 **11. Durham County Transit Plan Update**
133 **Ellen Beckmann, Durham County Transportation Manager**
134 **Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

135 Ellen Beckmann shared an update about the recommended Durham County Transit Plan (DCTP)
136 being developed, which included how the DCTP has been in development concurrently with other local
137 transportation plans, potential funding sources, a breakdown of funding by project type, a financial
138 breakdown of expected revenues, and four key themes presented in the recommended DCTP. Aaron Cain
139 shared the public engagement activities; the results and key findings from public feedback efforts; the
140 reported demographics of public feedback respondents through Phases I, II and III; and the next steps in
141 the development and adoption process.

142 Damon Seils asked how the priorities identified from target populations during the public
143 engagement activities translated into the recommended DCTP. Aaron Cain replied that improvements to
144 the operations of existing services will encompass the first part of the plan before beginning capital
145 projects, and that regional transit systems continue to be considered. Ellen Beckmann added that bus
146 stop improvements have been prioritized. Michael Parker said that the transit plans should also serve as
147 an advocacy document that describes projects that could be implemented if more funding was available,
148 as well as advocating for funding from regional sources and the state of North Carolina.

149 **REPORTS:**

150 **12. Report from the MPO Board Chair**
151 **Jenn Weaver, Board Chair**

152 Chair Jenn Weaver mentioned that Town of Hillsborough staff developed a map to help guide and
153 prioritize where electric vehicle charging stations should be considered for installation. Wendy Jacobs
154 asked MPO staff to explore producing a similar map.

155 **13. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**
156 **Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair**

157 Ellen Beckmann said that the governance study related to the transit plan process is nearing
158 completion. Ellen Beckmann recognized Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day.

159 **14. Report from LPA Staff**
160 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director**

161 In addition to the written report, Doug Plachcinski shared that the Governance Subcommittee
162 met the previous week, and that the agenda materials for the upcoming Membership Subcommittee will
163 be distributed soon.

164 **15. NCDOT Reports**
165 **Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

166 Lisa Mathis shared NCDOT's efforts during Tropical Storm Ian, that Disadvantaged Business
167 Enterprise (DBE) information sessions are forthcoming, a groundbreaking ceremony in Graham County for
168 the Corridor K project, that a grant project will become available to improve broadband and electric
169 vehicle infrastructure, and a recap of the 2022 Fall Litter Sweep.

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

171 Brandon Jones shared that the Division 5 Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Drop-In open house is scheduled
172 for October 10-14, 2022.

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

174 Pat Wilson provided an update to the I-40 project.

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

176 There was no additional report.

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

178 There was no additional report.

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

180 There was no additional report.

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

182 Nick Morrison said that an IMD informational handout is being developed for inclusion in future
183 MPO agenda packets. Nick Morrison stated that the Triangle Bicycle and Pedestrian Workshop will be
184 held in Clayton on October 14, 2022.

185 **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

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

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

188 **17. Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Public Feedback Information Flyer**

189 Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the Draft FY2024-2033 STIP Public Feedback Information Flyer.

190 **ADJOURNMENT:**

191 There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45
192 a.m.