



**DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

9:00 AM

Central Pines Regional Council

4307 Emperor Blvd
Durham, NC 27703

1. DCHC MPO Non-Discrimination Policy Notice[25-112](#)

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) coordinates transportation planning in Durham County, and portions of Orange County and Chatham County. Members of the public are encouraged to speak at all public meetings, including the Board and Technical Committee regularly scheduled monthly meetings. There is an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of every meeting on the DCHC MPO calendar.

When speaking, please tell us your name and place of residence; comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. If you are interested in speaking at an upcoming meeting, you can submit this form or email your request to Beth.Davis@dchcmpo.org at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting start time. You may also sign up in person on the day of the meeting by adding your name to the sign-up sheet prior to the start of the meeting.

It is the policy of DCHC MPO to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (nondiscrimination), the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (compliance with Civil Rights legislation in all operations), Executive Orders 12898 (Environmental Justice) and 13166 (Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency), and related nondiscrimination statutes and regulations in all programs and services.

It is the policy of the DCHC MPO that no person shall be subjected to discrimination in any form based on race, color, sex, age, income status, national origin, language proficiency, or disability. If you believe you have been subjected to discrimination, please contact the DCHC MPO Title VI Coordinator at (919) 503-4119. For details on the DCHC MPO's Title VI non-discrimination plan, or to submit a complaint form, please see: <https://www.dchcmpo.org/work-with-us/non-discrimination-policy-title-vi>.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Executive Order 13166, accommodations will be provided for persons who require assistance in order to participate in the DCHC MPO's meetings. If assistance is needed or to request this document in an alternative form, please contact the DCHC MPO office at (919) 503-4119 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired and you use a teletypewriter (TTY) service, please call North Carolina Relay at (800) 735-2962 and request a connection to the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization at (919) 503-4119.

For details on the DCHC MPO's ADA Transition Plan, which aims to ensure nondiscrimination and access for individuals with disabilities in state and local government services, please see: <https://www.dchcmpo.org/home/showdocument?id=1022&t=637489635629500000>.

Si necesita ayuda o para solicitar este documento en un formulario alternativo, comuníquese con la oficina de la MPO de DCHC al Monet.Moore@dchcmpo.org al menos 48 horas antes de la reunion.

2. Ethics Reminder[25-119](#)

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.

3. Roll Call**4. Adjustments to the Agenda****5. Public Comments****CONSENT AGENDA****6. Approval of the November 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**[25-117](#)

Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board

A copy of the November 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes is attached.

Board Action: Approve the November 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [2025-01-28 \(25-117\) Draft Board MINUTES November 19 2024](#)

7. Executive Director Performance Evaluation[25-120](#)

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Board Action: Set executive director salary at \$172,500 retroactive to July 1, 2024.

ACTION ITEMS

8. **Approval of the DCHC MPO Rebrand to Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (5 Minutes)** [25-118](#)

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director
Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager

The MPO's name and branding changes are the result of a collaboration between the MPO, Carrboro Creative, and Triangle Digital Media that began in early 2024. This collaboration included a focus group meeting with the MPO Board in March 2024. The new brand includes fresh new colors, fonts, and a logo that better captures the excitement with which we do our work. The new name, Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization and brand are an opportunity to further commit our organization to equitable, innovative, and collaborative transportation work in the western part of the Research Triangle. An excerpt from the Brand Guidelines and presentation are included in the attachments.

Board Action: Approve the new name, Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization, and new brand.

Attachments: [2025-01-28 \(25-118\) Triangle West TPO Brand Presentation](#)
 [2025-01-28 \(25-118\) Triangle West TPO Memo](#)
 [2025-01-28 \(25-118\) TWTPO - Brand Guidelines](#)

9. **FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates (5 Minutes)** [24-204](#)

Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Amendment #5 to the FY2024-33 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) continues to modify and add projects from the recent Call for Projects. This amendment also incorporates recently awarded funds such as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant and 5310 funds into both existing and new projects.

As there are projects with changes in excess of \$2 million and 25% from the original amount, per the MPO's Public Involvement Plan (PIP), this amendment will be released for a 21-day public comment period. The current timeline for adoption is as follows:

- November 5: TC recommended Board release for public comment
- November 19: Board released for public comment
- January 14: TC recommended Board approve the amendment
- January 28: Board approves the amendment

Additionally, the call for amendments for TIP Amendment #6 was open through January 21, 2025. Details regarding the process for submitting an amendment are attached.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board approve TIP Amendment #5.

Board Action: Approve TIP Amendment #5.

Attachments: [2025-01-28 \(24-204\) Amendment #5 Full Documentation](#)
[2025-01-28 \(24-204\) Amendment #5 Public Comments](#)
[2025-01-28 \(24-204\) Amendment #6 Call for Amendments](#)
[2025-01-28 \(24-204\) FY24-25 Amendment Schedule](#)

10. **2024 Update to Program Management Plan (PMP) for the Section 5310 Grant: Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**
(5 Minutes)

[24-193](#)

Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager

Every 2 years, the MPO selects and funds transportation projects that improve mobility for seniors and people with disabilities through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Grant. The Program Management Plan, or PMP, creates the rules for how the MPO will select, fund and implement these projects. The PMP is being updated with references to recently updated 2024 Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan (the Coordinated Plan). Additional edits include clarification around the relationship between the City of Durham, the Direct Recipient of Section 5310 funding in the Durham UZA, and the DCHC MPO which manages the implementation of the Coordinated Plan and selection of 5310 Program of Projects, as well as the addition of a Checklist for Project Manager Review of Uniform Guidance Audit Findings as requested by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) during recent discussions with the City of Durham. The 2024 Update to the PMP is included as an attachment. The Draft PMP was posted on the MPO website, on social media, and emailed to stakeholders from the Coordinated Plan update for their review. No public comments were received.

Schedule:

- October 8, 2024: TC recommended MPO Board release the 2024 Draft Update to the PMP for 21-day public comment period.
- October 22, 2024: MPO Board released the 2024 Draft Update to the PMP for 21-day public comment period.
- November/December 2024: MPO staff finalizes the Draft 2024 PMP, including recommendations received during public comment period.
- January 2025: TC reviewed the 2024 Update to the PMP and recommended MPO Board adoption.
- January 2025: MPO Board adopts the 2024 Update to the PMP.

TC Action: Recommended the MPO Board adopt the 2024 Update to the PMP.

Board Action: Adopt the 2024 Update to the PMP.

Attachments: [2025-01-28 \(24-193\) 2024 5310 PMP 01052025](#)
 [2025-01-28 \(24-193\) Social Media Kit - PMP 2024](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Targets for Safety Performance Measures (15 minutes)[25-111](#)**David Miller, MPO Staff****Brian Murphy, NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit**

Per federal statute, MPOs must adopt targets for safety performance measures. MPOs may either agree to support the targets developed by the state (NCDOT), or they may develop and adopt their own. The MPO must adopt the targets for safety performance measures by February 27, 2025.

Brian Murphy, Traffic Safety Systems Engineer from NCDOT's Traffic Safety Unit, will present an overview of NCDOT's safety performance measures and targets, and share safety data specific to the DCHC MPO planning area. This presentation will be provided as information for discussion before it is brought back to the Technical Committee and Board in February for action before the February 27 deadline.

As part of its safety planning work, DCHC MPO is developing a regional Safety Action Plan in partnership with MPO members, NCDOT and other stakeholders. A product of the Safety Action Plan will be data that could support MPO-developed safety targets. The MPO has supported NCDOT's safety targets in the past, but the Safety Action Plan will offer an opportunity for the MPO to develop its own safety targets if MPO staff are directed to do so. The plan is expected to be completed in late Spring 2025, and the data could be used for MPO-developed safety target setting in 2026.

A presentation, a sample resolution supporting NCDOT's 2025 safety targets, and an MPO safety target setting matrix developed by the MPO's Safety Action Plan consultant team (Toole Design and VHB) are included as attachments.

TC Action: Received the presentation and provided feedback on targets for safety performance measures.

Board Action: Receive the presentation and provide feedback on targets for safety performance measures.

Attachments:[2025-01-28 \(25-111\) Safety TPM Presentation - Board](#)[2025-01-28 \(25-111\) MPO Safety Target Adoption Template - 2025CY FromTr](#)[2025-01-28 \(25-111\) MPO Safety Target Setting Matrix](#)

12. Destination 2055: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (10 minutes)[25-115](#)**Monet Moore, Principal Planner**

The development of Destination 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan continues. Staff are finalizing the deficiency analysis and will be discussing it at the joint Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) Board meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025. The full deficiency analysis will be presented to the Technical Committee and DCHC MPO Board in February for review. Once the deficiency analysis is finalized, the Proposed Alternatives will be developed and refined. Public outreach and engagement for the Proposed Alternatives to begin in early April 2025. An updated plan for public outreach and engagement will be shared with the Technical Committee and Board prior to conducting the outreach and engagement for the proposed alternatives.

TC Action: Received the report and provided comment.

Board Action: Receive the report and provide comment.

Attachments: [2025-01-28 \(25-115\) Destination 2055 MTP Update](#)

13. Annual Ethics Reminder (5 Minutes)[25-110](#)**Colleen McGue, MPO Planning Manager****Beth Seidel, Clerk to the Board**

This is an annual reminder for all MPO Board members and alternates that the annual State Ethics Commission filing period for members started on January 1st. All Board members and alternates need to file new Statements of Economic Interest (SEIs) and Real Estate Disclosure (RED) forms. The annual filing period runs from January 1st through April 15th.

Beth Seidel, our new Clerk to the Board, is the new MPO Ethics Liaison. If you have any questions regarding filing with the State Ethics Commission, please reach out to Beth. An informational sheet from the State Ethics Commission is attached, which explains the obligations for all MPO Board members and alternates, along with tips for filing electronically. There is a statutory Grace Period which commences with the 30 Day Notice letter; failure to file in that 30 day window can result in fines being levied. Fines total \$500, and failure to file is a misdemeanor.

Board Action: Receive the information.

Attachments: [2025-01-28 \(25-110\) Board ethics new member information 2024](#)

REPORTS:

14. **Report from the Board Chair** [25-105](#)
Karen Howard, DCHC MPO Board Chair
Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair.
15. **Report from the Technical Committee Chair** [25-106](#)
Eric Vitale, TC Chair
Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair.
16. **Report from MPO Staff** [25-107](#)
Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director
Board Action: Receive the report from the MPO Staff.
Attachments: [2025-01-28 \(25-107\) MPO Staff Report](#)
17. **North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Reports** [25-108](#)
Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation
Becca Gallas (Tracy Parrott, David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT
Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski, Nishant Shah), Division 7 - NCDOT
Reuben Blakely (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8, NCDOT
Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT
John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT
Regan Buchanan, Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT
Board Action: Receive the NCDOT Reports.
Attachments: [2025-01-28 \(25-108\) NCDOT Report](#)
18. **Recent News Articles and Updates** [25-109](#)
Attachments: [2025-01-28 \(25-109\) 2024 Bicycle Friendly State Rankings - North Carolina - Le](#)
[2025-01-28 \(25-109\) Death of Cyclist in Paris Lays Bare Divide in Mayor's War.](#)
[2025-01-28 \(25-109\) Enough Talk. It's Time for Transportation Agencies To Fin](#)
[2025-01-28 \(25-109\) How Denver Became America's Biggest E-Bike Booster - I](#)
[2025-01-28 \(25-109\) Installing E.V. Chargers is Finally Paying Off for Retailers -](#)
[2025-01-28 \(25-109\) NC receives federal grant to build red wolf crossings. WU](#)
[2025-01-28 \(25-109\) Taller vehicles amplify danger of speed in pedestrian crash](#)
[2025-01-28 \(25-109\) Traveling between Raleigh and Durham on Amtrak](#)
[2025-01-28 \(25-109\) UDOT installs touchless crosswalk buttons across norther](#)
[2025-01-28 \(25-109\) Why widening highways doesn't reduce traffic congestion.:](#)
[2025-01-28 \(25-109\) Will construction on Raleigh's Bus Rapid Transit begin this](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: February 25, 9 a.m., Central Pines Regional Council

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: