

## DCHC MPO

### 2045 MTP Alternatives Analysis Comments (as of 09/06/17)

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#### Introduction

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) released the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for public comment on August 9, 2017. The public comment period will close on September 20, 2017. This document compiles the public comments that the MPO has received on the MTP by email and use of the public comment form as of September 6, 2017.

For comments, questions and additional information:

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- MTP Web page: [www.bit.ly/DCHC-MTP](http://www.bit.ly/DCHC-MTP)

#### Comments by Email

08/25/17

A sidewalk for South Greensboro Street in Carrboro is long overdue. This is a main thoroughfare that is in need of pedestrian access.

Allen Stutts

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08/25/17

Hello, I do not see it explicitly in your list, but I strongly oppose the light rail project. Too expensive, and the numbers are not believable as far as ridership and costs. Please stop this program if you are in a position to do so.

Overall, having lived in Chapel Hill until 2010, I can tell you that Durham is way ahead of them in terms of sidewalks, bike lanes and traffic improvement. Keep up the good work!

Regards,  
John M. Kramer PE

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08/25/17

I support these goals and objectives. My only comment is that I want to reiterate that Durham has generally not done nearly enough to provide adequate multimodal transportation infrastructure. ALL new roadway construction must require - where feasible - separated bicycle facilities either on-street or adjacent. Let's be honest, sharrows don't really do anything and people just don't feel comfortable in bike lanes that don't have any barriers between them and 2-ton metal vehicles moving at 45 mph.

Thank you Andrew!

Nate  
City of Durham resident

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08/25/17

We need fast commuter rail from Durham to Raleigh five days a week. That is the most crucial component of any transportation plan. With the growing population, I-40 cannot handle the burden of so many daily commuters. Please consider the importance of fast commuter rail! r. n. ferguson

Thank you for driving slowly on neighborhood streets.

(summary of staff response: commuter rail likely to be in 2045 MTP)

08/30/17 (citizen response to staff response)

2045??????????? That's TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS FROM NOW!!!!

No, we need a fast commuter train to Raleigh from Durham NOW. It's top priority. We cannot continue to pave over paradise, making the ground impermeable, and forcing more and more vehicles onto a wider and wider I-40. Look, New York has long had commuter trains. Japan. They are all over England. WHY is it so impossible to have ONE train to Raleigh here in the Triangle, NOT in TWENTY-EIGHT years, but NOW. It's overdue as it is, since we were promised it in 2013.

(summary of staff response: commuter rail likely to be in 2035 time horizon in final Plan)

08/31/17 (citizen response to staff response)

2035??????????? That's eighteen years from now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**Comments from Comment Form**

Concerned that lack of parking will limit growth in downtown. Developers, City and County build parking only for their particular building or use without coordinating with other businesses in the corridor or area.

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I support a build all approach and I'm all for increased taxes and tolls to pay for everything. To me, transportation infrastructure of all modes is one of the highest priorities of the government. When you have great transportation infrastructure, it promotes a healthy economy, growth, and a great quality of life.

If I have to prioritize then this is my preferred order: 1) Build/widen interstates, promote HOT lanes. 2) Build mass transit, priority given to trains/high density

Of the highways that need widening, HOT lanes, the Durham Freeway (downtown to I-40) is the #1 priority.

For trains, Durham to Raleigh is #1 priority.

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