



Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor
Durham City Hall 101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

1. Roll Call
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
3. Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approval of the May 23, 2018 TC Meeting Minutes** [18-158](#)

A copy of the May 23, 2018 minutes is enclosed.

TC Action: Approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018 TC meeting.

Attachments: [2018-07-25 \(18-158\) 5.23.18 TC Meeting Minutes_LPA2.pdf](#)

ACTION ITEMS

5. **STBG Funding Swap Proposal (20 minutes)** [18-157](#)

Van Argabright, NCDOT

Mike Stanley, NCDOT

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Due to a federal redistribution of unused obligation authority, North Carolina has an opportunity to receive over \$100 million in additional obligation authority for projects across the state. In order to receive the maximum amount of funding for the state, NCDOT proposes to utilize approximately \$9.2 million in unobligated DCHC STBGDA funds for a current project already under construction (Alston Avenue, U-3308). Projects that have programmed STBGDA funding would have that funding replaced with STBG-Any Area funds. Further details are outlined in the attached letter.

There would be no net gain or loss for DCHC projects under this proposal, and no timetables would change due to the funding swap. Funds utilized now for U-3308 would be replaced with STBG funds, which will be available when they are needed for the designated projects. Several other MPOs are also considering or have approved a similar funding swap.

TC Action: Recommend that the Board approve the STBG-STBGDA funding swap as outlined.

Attachments: [2018-07-25 \(18-157\) STBG Funding Swap Memo - Unsigned.pdf](#)

6. Upcoming Federal Rescission (15 minutes)[18-156](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

As part of the FAST Act, one of the federal legislative acts authorizing transportation funding, a rescission of federal transportation funds is scheduled in 2019. Any CMAQ or TAP-DA funds that are unobligated as of September 30, 2019 are potentially subject to rescission. At this time, STBG and STBGDA funds are not subject to the rescission, though that could change should any congressional action take place in that regard. Additional information is included in the attachments.

The purpose of this item is to make sure all jurisdictions are aware of the upcoming rescission. LPA staff will be working with each jurisdiction and NCDOT to identify strategies to avoid having funds rescinded.

TC Action: This item is for informational purposes only, no action is required at this time.

Attachments:[2018-07-25 \(18-156\) Q&A - FAST Act Rescission.pdf](#)[2018-07-25 \(18-156\) FHWA Updates Estimates on FY 2020 FAST Act Highway](#)**7. NC 98 Corridor Study (25 minutes)**[18-145](#)**Will Letchworth, P.E., WSP****Andy Henry, MPO Staff**

In late 2016, the DCHC MPO and Capital Area MPO hired the consulting firm WSP to conduct a multimodal corridor study of NC 98 in Durham and Wake counties. The study is complete and the draft report is available. The consultant will present the study background, process and recommendations at today's meeting. Staff recommends that the MPO Board release the draft report for a 30-day public comment period at their August meeting, and then conduct a public hearing and approve the report at their September meeting. The approved report would then provide projects for inclusion in the MPO's multimodal long-range transportation plans as they are updated.

The attached document is a copy of today's presentation. The full report, dated 06-20-18, is available from the WSP Web site: <http://www.nc98corridor.com/library/>. The report provides the area context, public engagement process, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian recommendations, and an implementation plan.

The consultant and staff will also present the NC 98 Corridor Study to Durham City Council and the Durham Board of County Commissioners on August 23 and September 4, respectively, to receive local government comments.

TC Action: Receive the presentation, review the report, provide comments, and recommend that the MPO Board release the report for a 30-day public comment period.

Attachments:[2018-07-25 \(18-145\) NC98Study.pdf](#)

8. **Quarterly Update on the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project** [18-154](#)
(15 minutes)

Geoff Green, GoTriangle

On April 28, 2017, the DCHC MPO Policy Board adopted the Orange County Transit Plan and the Durham County Transit Plan (the “Transit Plans”), as well as the Interlocal Agreement for Cost-Sharing for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project. GoTriangle is presenting its quarterly report on the status of the D-O LRT Project as contemplated in the Transit Plans and the Interlocal Agreement.

TC Action: Receive information regarding the status of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project.

9. **D-O LRT Project Request for Design Change Input (20 minutes)** [18-155](#)
Geoff Green, GoTriangle

GoTriangle requests that the TC provide comment regarding two proposed design changes to the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project: modification of the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway Station park-and-ride, and modification of the Erwin Road alignment. Under the Design Change Approval Policy for the D-O LRT Project, adopted by the GoTriangle Board on July 26, 2017, and because of the scope of the proposed Erwin Road alignment modifications, these changes require approval by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees with review and input from the MPO Board.

Memos and maps explaining the proposed changes are attached.

TC Action: Provide comment on the proposed changes to the D-O LRT project to GoTriangle.

Attachments: [2018-07-25 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Map for Erwin Road - Ba](#)
[2018-07-25 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Map for Erwin Road - Re](#)
[2018-07-25 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Map for MLK Park-and-F](#)
[2018-07-25 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Memo for Erwin Road.pc](#)
[2018-07-25 \(18-155\) D-O LRT Project Design Change Memo for MLK Park-and](#)

10. Allocation of Local Input Points for Regional Impact Projects (10 minutes) [18-133](#)

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

On June 13, 2018, the DCHC MPO Board approved local input points for Regional Impact projects for Prioritization 5.0, subject to further discussions with MPOs, RPOs, and NCDOT, with any adjustments to be approved by the DCHC MPO Board Chair and Vice Chair. After discussions with NCDOT and other POs, a final allocation of local input points for Regional Impact projects has been developed. The final allocation will be provided for the TC's review prior to the meeting. The deadline for submission of local input points for Regional Impact projects is July 27, 2018.

TC Action: No action is necessary on this item, it is for informational purposes only.

11. Initial Allocation of Local Input Points for Division Needs Projects in Prioritization 5.0 (15 minutes) [18-153](#)

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

As with the process for Regional Impact projects, the first step in allocating local input points for Division Needs projects is to apply all eligible projects to the Methodology, adopted by the DCHC MPO Board on March 14, 2018. Based on the mode and ranking of projects under the methodology, an initial allocation has been developed for review. The initial allocation is attached.

Per the DCHC MPO Public Involvement Policy, this initial allocation must be released for a minimum 21-day public comment period and a public hearing held to receive comment on the initial allocation. LPA staff plans to bring the initial allocation to the MPO Board to release for public comment in August, hold a public hearing on the initial allocation in September, and then vote on a final allocation in October. The deadline for submittal of local input points for Division Needs projects is October 30, 2018.

The MPO will hold a TC Subcommittee meeting to discuss the initial allocation of local input points and begin to develop a final allocation on August 14, 2018, at 2:00 pm in the fourth floor conference room of Durham City Hall.

TC Action: Recommend that the MPO Board release the initial allocation of local input points for Division Needs projects for Prioritization 5.0 for public review and comment, and hold a public hearing at its September 12, 2018 meeting.

Attachments: [2018-07-25 \(18-153\) Initial Local Points Allocation for Division Needs Projects.p](#)

12. Amendment #4 to the FY2018-2027 TIP (5 minutes) [18-152](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

Amendment #4 to the FY2018-2027 TIP includes two local requests. One is from the Town of Carrboro to add STBGDA funds to U-4726 DE, Bolin Creek Greenway. The second is from Carrboro and Chapel Hill, to split EB-5886, Estes Road Bike/Ped, into two sections split at the municipal boundary in order to allow for each jurisdiction to move forward at an appropriate delivery schedule. The remaining modifications and additions, shown in the attachments, are requests from NCDOT to be consistent with the STIP. The full report, summary sheet, and resolution are attached.

TC Action: Recommend approval of Amendment #4 to the FY2018-2027 TIP.

Attachments: [2018-07-25 \(18-152\) TIP Amendment #4 Full Report.pdf](#)
[2018-07-25 \(18-152\) TIP Amendment #4 Summary Sheet.pdf](#)
[2018-07-25 \(18-152\) TIP Amendment #4 Resolution.pdf](#)

REPORTS FROM STAFF:**13. Report from Staff [18-107](#)****Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

TC Action: Receive report from Staff.

Attachments: [2018-07-25 \(18-107\) LPA staff report.pdf](#)

14. Report from the Chair [18-108](#)**Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair**

TC Action: Receive report from the TC Chair.

15. NCDOT Reports [18-109](#)**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**

TC Action: Receive reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2018-07-25 \(18-109\) NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Adjourn

Next meeting: August 22, 9 a.m., Committee Room

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings:
RTA Tri-Map Meeting, 10 a.m., September 19, 2018 at RTP Headquarters**