



**DCHC MPO Board
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

9:00 AM

Teleconference

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.

3. Adjustments to the Agenda**4. Public Comments****5. Directives to Staff**[22-100](#)

Attachments: [2022-05-11 \(22-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**6. Approval of the April 13, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**[22-146](#)

Kayla Peloquin, LPA Staff

A copy of the April 13, 2022 Board meeting minutes is attached.

Board Action: Approve the April 13, 2022 Board meeting minutes.

Attachments: [2022-05-11 \(22-146\) 4.13.22 MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

ACTION ITEMS

7. Triangle Bikeway Study (5 minutes)[21-157](#)**Dale McKeel, LPA**

Since April of 2020 the DCHC MPO and Capital Area MPO have been working on the Triangle Bikeway Study to look at the idea of a 23-mile bicycle and pedestrian path linking Raleigh, Cary, Morrisville, Research Triangle Park (RTP), Durham, and Chapel Hill along I 40 and NC 54. The study includes design and construction recommendations between Raleigh and Research Triangle Park and a corridor assessment feasibility study for the connection west between Research Triangle Park and Chapel Hill. The study also includes recommendations for connections to existing and proposed transit and bicycle/pedestrian facilities along the corridor.

The MPO Board received a presentation and released the Triangle Bikeway Study for a minimum 30-day public comment period at their April meeting and will conduct a public hearing today. The study report, is available from the MPO website: <https://www.dchcmo.org/what-we-do/projects/current-projects/triangle-bikeway-study/>. A copy of the public comments received as of 5/3/2022 is attached.

Board Action: Conduct a public hearing and consider final Board approval at the June MPO Board meeting.

Attachments: [2022-05-11 \(21-157\) TriangleBikewayPublicComments 05-03-22](#)

8. Durham and Orange Transit Governance Study Update (45 minutes)[22-147](#)**Adam Howell, Atkins**

In 2011, Durham County approved a county-wide transit plan, which included a joint recommendation for the development of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) project. In 2013, an interlocal agreement (ILA) was developed and approved by the County Board of Commissioners, the DCHC MPO Board, and GoTriangle Board of Trustees. Upon the discontinuation of the D-O LRT project, it was realized that a new governance framework was necessary to guide the implementation of future county transit plans.

Project goals include:

- Creation of a clear, operationally efficient governance structure that ensures that Durham County priorities are funded and implemented with the County transit taxes and fees; and
- Formation of new levels of accountability, which includes development of an equitable set of processes, seeking to gain further community trust.

In the fall of 2021, this study invited many of you, as well as staff, to participate in initial small group interviews. From those interviews, the team learned about overall needs and the study process continued to allow for a facilitated workshop with elected officials from each of the transit plan governing boards. These needs were defined through five overall elements to be incorporated into a new governance framework: Representative, Equitable, Collaborative, Transparent & Accessible.

From these five elements, you as elected officials helped to further weigh in on just how much change was necessary to be made on primary elements of the existing framework. The feedback provided leadership and guidance to develop draft alternatives for consideration in a new governance framework. Staff from all three parties to the existing governance framework in each county attended a joint workshop in early March 2022. This workshop focused on critical elements that inform the foundation of a what a new ILA could offer to all parties. Discussion focused on multiple alternatives of critical elements that comprise the following four areas: Membership, Voting Structures, Financial Planning, and Program & Plan Development.

Initial outcomes of this workshop indicate parties desire to:

- Formalize greater involvement from the City of Durham at the Staff Working Group level (the technical recommending body for plan implementation elements) and associated representative voting structures;
- Clearly define roles & responsibilities for each signatory to the updated interlocal agreement;
- Solidify each county's role in annual work program/budget development with the tax district administrator;
- Define terminology and language consistently to ensure clarity and transparency for all parties who will use this updated governance framework for plan implementation in the future; and

- To reference State Statutes as necessary and update the ILA and supporting documentation to further define equity as it relates to utilization of tax revenues throughout each county, as well as accounting for regional transit needs.

During the spring of 2022, staff and agency management will be reviewing draft governance framework alternatives through an updated Interlocal Agreement between the counties, DCHC-MPO & GoTriangle, as well as draft supportive policies and procedures (updated Staff Working Group Bylaws, Financial Policies, as well as incorporating plan implementation administration/management elements throughout). County staff supporting this study expect that draft alternatives will be formed into a final set of recommendations in partnership with cooperating agencies and will come before the County Commissioners in June for approval.

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

Attachments: [2022-05-11 \(22-147\) Durham-Orange Transit Governance Study Update Memo](#)
[2022-05-11 \(22-147\) Durham-Orange Transit Governance Study Update Preser](#)

9. **FY23 Durham and Orange Transit Work Programs and Material Changes to the Durham County Transit Plan (30 minutes)** [22-149](#)

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

As part of the appropriations process for the Durham and Orange Transit Plans (Transit Plans), an annual Work Program is developed which produces a budget and selects projects for funding for the upcoming year. The Interlocal Implementation Agreements (ILAs) in each county specify that the GoTriangle Board of Trustees will adopt the Work Programs for Durham and Orange counties. This is an opportunity for DCHC MPO Board members to provide input and comment on the draft Work Programs.

The FY22 Work Programs were released for public comment from April 19, 2022 to May 10, 2022. Comments received through May 3, 2022 are attached.

As part of the development of the FY23 Durham Work Program, several new items were identified to begin in FY23 that will require a material change to the Durham Transit Plan, per the specifications of the ILA. Material changes to a plan require the approval of all three parties to the ILA: the DCHC MPO Board, the Durham County Board of Commissioners, and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees. These items include:

- Northern Durham Improvements (GoDurham Routes 9A & 9B)
- New Paratransit Maintenance Facility
- Durham Station Improvements
- Bus Stop Improvements

The MPO Board is asked to review these proposed material changes and take action at its June meeting.

Board Action: Review and provide input on the proposed FY23 Work Programs and the proposed material changes to the Durham Transit Plan.

Attachments: [2022-05-11 \(22-149\) Material Changes and Work Programs Presentation](#)
[2022-05-11 \(22-149\) FY23 Work Program Memo](#)
[2022-05-11 \(22-149\) Material Changes to the Durham Transit Plan Memo](#)
[2022-05-11 \(22-149\) FY23 Work Program Public Comments - Durham \(as of M](#)
[2022-05-11 \(22-149\) FY23 Work Program Public Comments - Orange \(as of Ma](#)

10. Roadway Safety (30 minutes)[22-151](#)**Dale McKeel, LPA Staff****Brian Mayhew, NCDOT****Brian Murphy, NCDOT**

The MPO Board adopted targets for safety performance measures at the January 2022 meeting. Staff recommended and the MPO Board adopted targets that were developed by NCDOT, which allows the MPO to use the NCDOT methodology and data for on-going monitoring. The safety performance targets were also incorporated into the adopted 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Prior to adopting the targets the MPO Board received a letter jointly signed by several organizations expressing concerns about rising rates of injuries and deaths on our streets and roadways, and requesting that the MPO Board work with staff, local jurisdictions, and NCDOT to take immediate steps to evaluate why our efforts to improve safety are not working and to chart a path forward that prevents the fatalities and serious injuries that are occurring on our transportation network. Similar public comments were made at the January meeting.

North Carolina is a Vision Zero state and in 2014 set a goal to cut fatalities and serious injuries in the state in half by the year 2030. The [2019 North Carolina Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#) (SHSP) serves as a roadmap for Federal, State, local, and other agencies who strive to reduce all crashes, serious injuries, and fatalities on North Carolina roadways. More recently, in February 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation released the [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#) (NRSS) intended to significantly reduce serious injuries and deaths on our Nation's highways, roads, and streets.

This item will begin the discussion of what is currently being done and what more can be done in terms of funding, projects, coordination, and monitoring to address rising rates of injuries and deaths on our streets and roadways.

Board Action: Receive the Roadway Safety Presentation.

Attachments: [2022-05-11 \(22-151\) NCDOT Safety Presentation](#)
[2022-05-11 \(22-151\) DCHC MPO - LocalProcesses](#)
[2022-05-11 \(22-151\) 1-12 Resolution Endorsing Targets for Safety Performance](#)
[2022-05-11 \(22-151\) Jan-2022-DCHC-letter-on-safety-targets](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. IJA Standing Update [22-148](#)
Mariei Klein, LPA Staff

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed on November 6, 2021, provides several significant opportunities for transportation funding to be available starting in 2022 for a period of 5 years. This standing informational item will seek to update the MPO Board on current and upcoming funding opportunities through the bill.

Attachments: [2022-05-11 \(22-148\) IJA Standing Memo May 2022](#)

12. Draft FY2024-2033 STIP [22-152](#)
Kayla Peloquin, LPA Staff

On April 25, 2022, NCDOT released the first version of the draft FY2024-2033 STIP. MPO staff are reviewing the draft STIP and will have materials and a presentation prepared for the May TC and June MPO Board meetings.

The SPOT/STIP Units will host a condensed 2024-2033 STIP Education Webinar intended for local elected officials on **Tuesday, May 17 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am**. This policy education webinar will focus on how Workgroup collaboration was utilized to develop a path forward, process in developing the 2024-2033 STIP without using P6.0 scoring results, and next steps including project swapping. The content will be designed to last 15-20 minutes but the session will reserve the rest of the hour for questions. This webinar will be held using WebEx. This meeting will also be recorded and placed on the Prioritization Resources website for those that are unable to attend. Please hold the time on your calendar and use the link to access the meeting: <https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/j.php?MTID=mab6f5923623e02d7064a04c7cf692023>.

The North Carolina Association of MPOs (NCAMPO), an organization of MPO staff that advocates for metropolitan transportation initiatives and policy, Attached is a letter from Chris Lukasina, the Capital Area MPO Executive Director and NCAMPO President, on behalf of all of the member organizations of NCAMPO, regarding the process that has been utilized so far for the development of the STIP.

Attachments: [2022-05-11 \(22-152\) NCAMPO Letter to NCDOT - STIP Development](#)

REPORTS:

13. Report from the Board Chair [22-101](#)
Jenn Weaver, Board Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the Board Chair.

14. Report from the Technical Committee Chair [22-102](#)
Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair

Board Action: Receive the report from the TC Chair.

15. Report from LPA Staff [22-103](#)

Board Action: Receive the report from LPA staff.

Attachments: [2022-05-11 \(22-103\) LPA staff report](#)

16. NCDOT Reports [22-104](#)

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT

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

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT

Nick Morrison - NCDOT IMD

Board Action: Receive the reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2022-05-11 \(22-104\) NCDOT Reports](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting: June 8, 2022, 9 a.m., Meeting to be held via teleconference

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None