



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

9:00 AM

Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall

Regular Meeting

1. Roll Call

Chair Jenn Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The roll call was completed using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees. Chair Jenn Weaver asked the Board to consider approving an excused absence for Member Michael Parker, which the Board approved.

2. Ethics Reminder

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

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

Doug Plachcinski requested item 7: FY2022-23 UPWP Amendment #2, and item 8: Resolution in Support of Grant Application for Paved Trails Feasibility Study by the Town of Chapel Hill be moved from Consent to Action Items. Javiera Caballero asked to move item 6: 2023 Meeting Calendar from Consent to Action Items. Wendy Jacobs asked to move item 9: CTP Amendment #5 from Consent to Action Items.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Approval of the November 9, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

David Miller, LPA Staff

Damon Seils made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Leonardo Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Minutes was approved.

6. 2023 Meeting Calendar

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, LPA Staff

Javiera Caballero asked members if the proposed November 8, 2023 Board meeting date posed concerns due to it occurring the day after municipal elections. Board members had no concerns. Leonardo made a motion to approve the 2023 meeting calendar. Damon Seils seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

7. FY2022-23 UPWP Amendment #2

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski stated that NCDOT has requested to postpone this item until the January 2023 Board meeting.

This Resolution was tabled.

8. Resolution in Support of Grant Application for Paved Trails Feasibility Study by the Town of Chapel Hill
Bergen Watterson, Town of Chapel Hill

Doug Plachcinski stated that the Town of Chapel Hill has requested a resolution from the MPO Board to support its grant application for the Paved Trails Feasibility Study opportunity. Doug Plachcinski said that additional resolution requests from MPO members for this opportunity may be forthcoming. Wendy Jacobs made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting the Town of Chapel Hill's Paved Trails Feasibility Study grant application. Lisa Mathis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

9. CTP Amendment #5

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director

Doug Plachcinski stated that the Technical Committee (TC) recommended that Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment #5 be released for public comment, but requested this item be postponed due to continued development of the amendment's problem statements.

Damon Seils made a motion to remand the recommendation back to the TC until each member jurisdiction with projects affected by the proposed amendment has a reasonable opportunity to review the project problem statements. Leonardo Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was referred to the Technical Committee due back on 3/29/2023

ACTION ITEMS:**10. Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study Update and MOU Extension**
(30 minutes)

Katharine Eggleston, Chief Development Officer, GoTriangle

Chuck Lattuca shared the projected population, job growth, and the need to address vehicle congestion along the proposed commuter rail corridor. Katharine Eggleston shared current cost estimates, implementation challenges, and potential solutions along the proposed commuter rail corridor, phased implementation scenarios, potential state and federal funding opportunities, and outlined the next steps in the planning process.

Damon Seils asked how the project can receive a higher score within the New Starts program. Katharine Eggleston replied that current scoring criteria prioritizes larger regions, though the Greater Triangle Region is expected to continue growth, which may lead to an increased score. Wendy Jacobs suggested ancillary rail improvements that ultimately supported CRT be included in public engagement

efforts. Lisa Mathis asked when new scoring could occur, and Katharine Eggleston replied that updated criteria that could impact the score is expected in 2023.

Javiera Caballero made a motion to approve a one-year extension to the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study. Damon Seils seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

11. Orange County Transit Plan Update Adoption (15 minutes)
Tom Altieri, Orange County

Tom Altieri provided a timeline of the Orange County Transit Plan planning process and stated that no comments were received during its public comment period.

Damon Seils made a motion to adopt the 2022 Orange County Transit Plan Update, including the revised financial summary, which incorporates additional funding for the Chapel Hill Transit N-S BRT project. Jamezetta Bedford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

12. Durham and Orange Counties Transit Governance Study (30 minutes)
Adam Howell, Atkins

Adam Howell shared the Durham and Orange Counties Transit Governance Study including the ILA project need and timeline, project goals, proposed Staff Working Group membership and voting structure updates, and primary outcomes of the study.

Adam Howell stated that Orange County requested postponing ILA adoption because GoTriangle and Orange County were not in consensus regarding Vehicle Rental fee income distribution and GoTriangle bonding authority. Javiera Caballero stated the City of Durham would also like to postpone approval of the Study to coordinate with the master participation agreement being presented and distributed to Durham city/county. Ellen Beckman stated that a contract extension with Atkins is in motion to complete this work, that funding is allocated in the work program, and that draft bylaws and the participation were distributed to the SWG and the City in September with only the MPO responding with comments. Wendy Jacobs stated that Durham County supports moving forward. Ellen Beckmann asked that the MPO Board propose specific revision language if it did not approve the ILA. Chair Jenn Weaver recommended that this discussion should continue offline.

Damon Seils made a motion to delay consideration of Durham and Orange County's Interlocal Agreements. Javiera Caballero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Wendy Jacobs made a motion to extend the contract with Atkins though June 30, 2023, that DCHC MPO staff will work with the City of Durham on this contract extension, and that this item will be presented at the MPO Board's January 11, 2023 meeting. Karen Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was referred to the Technical Committee due back on 2/22/2023

13. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Updates (15 minutes)
Yanping Zhang, LPA Staff
Jaehoon Kim, LPA Staff

Yanping Zhang introduced the Congestion Management Process (CMP), which included the data collection and process, and the CMP's goals and objectives. Damon Seils asked if the CMP needs to be incorporated into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) after approval, and Yanping Zhang replied that approved goals by the MPO Board would be eligible for consideration in the next MTP iteration.

Damon Seils made a motion to approve the CMP goals and objects. Leonardo Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

14. Report from the Board Chair Jenn Weaver, Board Chair

Chair Jenn Weaver had no report.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

15. Report from the Technical Committee Chair Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair

Ellen Beckmann stated that NCDOT is issuing the Safe Routes to School program with 100% state funding. Ellen Beckmann shared that the Durham Transit Plan is nearing completion, and the public comment period has been extended to 28 days due to the holidays.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

16. Report from LPA Staff Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

In addition to the LPA Staff written report, Doug Plachcinski mentioned that additional Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunities are being investigated, and presentations are being shared with local jurisdictions pertaining to the Triangle Bikeway Study and DCHC MPO's annual report.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

17. NCDOT Reports 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

Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation: Lisa Mathis recognized NCDOT Division 8's response to recent power outages in Moore County. Lisa Mathis stated that NCDOT has been recognized as a gold level military-friendly employer for a second consecutive year. Lisa Mathis shared that that NCDOT's aviation division is accepting applications for its 2023 Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy Grant

Program, and that scholarship applications are being accepted for HBCU students pursuing transportation-related fields.

Brandon Jones (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT: David Keilson shared updates on Alston Avenue projects, and stated that work continues on the East End Connector project.

Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7 - NCDOT: Pat Wilson had no additional updates. Chair Jenn Weaver inquired about updates to the New Hope Church Road Bridge Replacement project, and I-40 construction and exit markings around Hillsborough, and Pat Wilson said he will follow up and address any concerns with his department.

Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 - NCDOT: There was no additional report.

Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division - NCDOT: Julie Bogle shared that the Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan is on the NCDOT website and its comment period is open, and that NCDOT will offer a public information session and update on December 20 regarding the N.C. Clean Transportation Plan.

John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT: There was no additional report.

Nick Morrison, Integrated Mobility Division - NCDOT: Nick Morrison reminded the Board about an upcoming Safe Routes to School program webinar and the Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Grant program.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

18. Recent News Articles and Updates

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the recent news articles and updates.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

19. North Carolina Railroad Company (NCCR) 2022 CRISI Grant Application Support Letter

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

Chair Jenn Weaver referenced the support letter as information.

This Informational Report was received and filed.

ACTION ITEMS:

20. MPO Board Officer Nominations for 2023 (5 minutes)

Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHCMPO Executive Director

Damon Seils recommended Jenn Weaver serve as Chair, and Karen Howard serve as Vice Chair. Wendy Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This Resolution was adopted.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Next meeting: January 11, 2023, 9 a.m., Committee Room

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings:

N.C. Transportation Summit, January 18-19, 2023, at the Raleigh Convention Center (500 S Salisbury St, Raleigh)