

1 **DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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3 **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

4
5 **March 12, 2024**

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7 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

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9 The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical
10 Committee held a meeting on March 12, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at Central Pines Regional
11 Council in the Long Leaf Conference Room and through the Zoom teleconferencing
12 platform. The following members were in attendance:

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14	Nishith Trivedi (Member-Chair)	Orange County
15	Ellen Beckmann (Member-Vice Chair)	Durham County
16	Eric Vitale (Member)	City of Durham
17	Tom Devlin (Member)	City of Durham
18	Erin Convery (Alternate)	City of Durham
19	Ryan Eldridge (Member)	Durham County
20	Thanh Schado (Member)	Chatham County
21	Nathan Ziegler (Member)	Town of Carrboro
22	Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
23	Ben Berolzheimer (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
24	Caroline Dwyer (Member)	Chapel Hill Transit
25	Matt Efirm (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
26	Paul Black (Member)	GoTriangle
27	Brandon Jones (Member)	NCDOT Division 5
28	Chad Reimakoski (Member)	NCDOT Division 7
29	Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
30	Travis Crayton (Member)	Research Triangle Foundation
31	Cha'ssem Anderson (Member)*	University of North Carolina
32	Landon Coley (Alternate)	University of North Carolina
33	Matt Day (Member)	Central Pines Regional Council
34	Bill Judge*	City of Durham
35	Lindsay Smart*	City of Durham
36	Jeff Lecky (Alternate)	City of Durham
37	Bill Judge*	City of Durham
38	David Keilson (Alternate)*	NCDOT Division 5
39	Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT Division 8
40	John Grant*	NCDOT Traffic Operations
41	Meg Scully (Alternate)*	GoTriangle
42	Jay Heikes (Alternate)*	GoTriangle
43	Delia Chi*	Raleigh Durham Airport Authority
44	Anne Calef*	Research Triangle Foundation
45	Jordon Powell*	VHB
46	Rob Crook	Friends of Bolin Creek
47	Julie McClintock	Friends of Bolin Creek

48	Alpesh Patel	Cambridge Systematics
49	Ann Steedly	Planning Communities
50	Jason Jones	ETC
51	Derrick Lewis	NCDOT-Feasibility Studies Unit
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52	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
53	Colleen McGue	DCHC MPO
54	Kelly Richard	DCHC MPO
55	Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
56	David Miller	DCHC MPO
57	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
58	Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO
59	KC Chae*	DCHC MPO
60	Madeline Galliano	DCHC MPO

61 Quorum Count: 18 of 31 Voting Members
62 *Attended remotely

63 **2. Roll Call**

64 Chair Nish Trivedi called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. The roll call was completed
65 using a sign-in sheet for in-person attendees, and the Zoom participant list for remote attendees.

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67 **3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

68 Chair Nish Trivedi asked for any adjustments to the agenda. MPO staff requested to
69 add a Triangle Regional Transit Survey to be presented by Alpesh Patel and Ann Steedly directly
70 following the Consent Agenda, and to move the US 70 East Corridor Study Phase 1 (Item 23-
71 120) to the April TC meeting.

72 **4. Public Comments**

73 Chair Nish Trivedi asked for public comments. Rob Crook with Friends of Bolin Creek
74 voiced his concerns about the Bolin Creek Project.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

76 **5. Approval of the February 13, 2024, Technical Committee Minutes**
77 **Jean Debnam, MPO Staff**

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79 Eric Vitale made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded
80 by Caroline Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.

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PRESENTATION:

Triangle Regional Transit Survey

Alpesh Patel, Cambridge Systems, Consultant
Ann Steedly, Planning Communities, Consultant

Alpesh Patel presented the results from the 2023 Triangle Regional Transit Survey to the MPO Technical Committee. He stated this study is an Origin-Destination (OD) survey which does not collect data about customer satisfaction but is more focused on trip purpose and more focused on what happens when a person leaves their home to their bus stop and what occurs in between. He stated the survey is typically conducted every five years and this survey was conducted last year as a 1st cross-regional tablet-based survey with several participating agencies. Alpesh gave the outcomes of the surveys and shared the interactive dashboard, which is available online.

Ann Steedly gave the GoDurham Survey and Chapel Hill Transit Survey findings. Jason Jones gave an overview of the Triangle Regional NC Transit dashboard and what it can offer.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. US 70 East Corridor Study Phase 1 Final Report Presentation

David Miller, MPO Staff
Andy Henry, MPO Staff
Ann Lenart-Redmond, STV
Adil Ortiz, Aidilisms

This item was deferred to the April 9, 2024, Technical Committee Meeting.

7. Amendment #2 FY 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff

Filmon Fishastion gave several highlights of the amendment. He mentioned GoTriangle's purchase of two 40-foot buses and the Chapel Hill Transit Facility Expansion. Mr. Fishastion also gave the latest updates on several projects. He made a special mention of Project TG-4812B which was not listed on the agenda that went out but has been added to the amendment for release.

120 Eric Vitale made a motion to release Amendment #2 for a 21-day public comment period. The
121 motion was seconded by Caroline Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.

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123 **8. FY2025 Call for Projects Recommendation & Release for Public Comment**

124 **Colleen McGue, MPO Staff**

125 **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**

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127 Colleen McGue introduced the FY2025 Call for Projects and Fillmon Fishastion presented
128 the 3 scenarios. Mr. Fishastion noted the changes to the call for projects minimum project costs
129 have changed from \$100,000 to \$250,000, among other recent changes to the federal funding
130 policy. Doug Plachcinski suggested for the next call for projects the MPO creates an environment
131 where project sponsors come together with initial project scores and review them as a group before
132 they are presented to this body because a lot of the applications were incomplete or did not have
133 accompanying updated information.

134 Paul Black made a motion to release scenario one as the proposed projects to be funded
135 through the FY2025 Calls for Project for a 21-day public comment period. Ellen Beckmann
136 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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138 **9. FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Approval**

139 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**

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141 Doug Plachcinski gave an update on the UPWP. Tom Devlin requested a breakout of
142 the membership dues and asked what options exist for members not able to pay their dues due
143 to budget constraints. Mr. Plachcinski replied that the budget and scope of work would have to
144 be reduced, Mr. Plachcinski explained the significant increases in the dues.

145 Eric Vitale asked if there was any plan to update the MPO bylaws. Doug Plachcinski
146 said there is a discussion happening to update the bylaws.

147 Ellen Beckmann made a motion to approve the FY2025 UPWP with the addition to add
148 the membership dues. Matt Efird seconded the motion. The motion passed with four in
149 opposition: Tom Devlin, Eric Vitale, Erin Convery, and Jeff Lecky.

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156 **10. NCDOT Express Designs**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

157 **Derrick Lewis, NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit Head**
158 **Kelly Richards, MPO Staff**
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160 Kelly Richard reminded the technical committee about their interest in Express Designs
161 and introduced Derrick Lewis to give an overview of the design process. Mr. Lewis gave a very
162 detailed overview of the project scoping process and a detailed definition of an express design
163 evaluation, the express design traffic evaluation (EDTE), and why it is important for initial
164 conversations regarding scope. Mr. Lewis explained that the process is still being streamlined
165 but stakeholder participation is a critical piece of the process.

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167 **11. Staff Report on Locally Administered Projects**
168 **Colleen McGue, MPO Staff**
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170 Colleen McGue gave the history and definition of Locally Administered Projects (LAP). Mrs.
171 McGue covered the project delivery steps and the federal funding sources. She gave the status
172 of the overall projects per county and listed the next steps. Colleen answered a previous
173 question regarding when the next call for projects is scheduled. To which she answered it would
174 take place after the LAP study is completed.

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178 **REPORT FROM STAFF:**

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180 **17. Report from MPO Staff**
181 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM, DCHC MPO Executive Director**
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183 Doug Plachcinski added that the MPO was working through several procurement processes.
184 Mr. Plachcinski introduced Monet Moore as the new principal planner for DCHC MPO. Monet
185 greeted the technical committee and introduced herself.

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187 **18. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**
188 **Nish Trivedi, TC Chair**
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190 Chair Nish Trivedi reminded the technical committee that several workshops are scheduled
191 for March and April.

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193 **19. NCDOT Reports**
194 **Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**
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196 Not present. No report

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198 **Brandon Jones (David Keilson, Tracy Parrott), Division 5 - NCDOT**
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200 Brandon Jones reported that work continues Alston Ave.

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202 **Wright Archer (Chad Reimakoski), Division 7 – NCDOT**

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204 No additional report.

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206 **Reuben Blakley (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT**

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208 No additional report.

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210 **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**

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212 No additional report.

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214 **John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**

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218 **Bryan Lopez (Interim) - Integrated Mobility Division -NCDOT**

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223 **20. Recent News Articles and Updates**

224 Chair Nish Trivedi referenced the recent news articles and updates attached to the
225 agenda packet.

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227 **ADJOURNMENT:**

228 There being no further business before the Technical Committee, the meeting was
229 adjourned at 4:00 p.m.