



## **Technical Committee Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

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 July 26, 2017 TC Meeting Minutes** [17-172](#)

A copy of the July 26, 2017 minutes is enclosed.

**TC Action:** Approve the minutes of the July 26, 2017 TC meeting.

**Attachments:** [2017-08-23 \(17-172\) TC Meeting Minutes 7.26.17.pdf](#)

### **ACTION ITEMS**

5. **Approval of Amendment #11 to the FY2016-25 Transportation Improvement Plan (10 minutes)** [17-171](#)

**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

NCDOT pushed back the concurrency and effectiveness date for the upcoming FY2018-27 TIP from October 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018. The result of this delay is that projects will not be able to access FY18 STBGDA or CMAQ funds during the interim period. In order to allow projects that are ready to access those funds, an amendment to the current FY2016-25 is required.

Three DCHC MPO projects meet this description:

- C-5650, South Greensboro Street Sidewalk in Carrboro (this is a new TIP number due to the inclusion of CMAQ funds, previously U-4726Dx);
- U-5543, Variable Message Signs in Chapel Hill; and
- U-5549, Churton Street Improvements in Hillsborough.

This amendment will allow these projects to access FY18 STBGDA and FY18 CMAQ funds in early October. A summary list and full report of the changes are included as attachments along with a resolution to be signed by the MPO Board Chair upon approval by the Board.

**TC Action:** Recommend the Board approve Amendment #11 to the FY2016-25 Transportation Improvement Plan.

**Attachments:** [2017-08-23 \(17-171\) TIP Amendment #11 Summary Sheet.pdf](#)  
[2017-08-23 \(17-171\) TIP Amendment #11 Full Report.pdf](#)  
[2017-08-23 \(17-171\) TIP Amendment #11 Resolution.pdf](#)

**6. SPOT P5.0 Project Recommendations (25 minutes)**[17-173](#)**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

Under North Carolina's Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) program, transportation revenues are allocated based on data-driven scoring and local input. The DCHC MPO is currently determining which projects will be submitted for scoring into SPOT 5.0. DCHC's projects will be rated along with projects from across the state to determine which will be funded in the FY2020-29 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

DCHC may submit up to 23 projects per mode for SPOT 5.0 consideration. DCHC also gets an additional highway submittal because a project was dropped from the FY 2019-27 TIP. LPA staff has been working with a subcommittee of local government staff to determine the 24 highway and 23 bicycle/pedestrian projects that will be submitted for DCHC. In addition, 21 transit and 10 rail projects have been identified for entry in SPOT 5.0. The TC is asked to review and discuss the recommendation from the subcommittee and recommend the projects from each mode to the DCHC MPO Board for approval at its September 13 meeting. New project submissions must be entered into SPOT 5.0 by September 29.

**TC Action:** Review and discuss the recommendation from the subcommittee for the top priority highway, bicycle/pedestrian, transit, and rail project submittals and make a recommendation to the DCHC MPO Board for approval and submission to SPOT 5.0.

**Attachments:**      [2017-08-23 \(17-173\) SPOT 5.0 Project Lists - 2.pdf](#)

7. **2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) -- Alternatives Analysis** [17-155](#)  
**(15 minutes)**

**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

LPA staff will provide an update on the Alternatives Analysis and discuss steps in the development of the Preferred Option (or, the draft 2045 MTP).

The Board released the Alternatives Analysis for public input at their August meeting and will conduct a public hearing at their September meeting. The metrics and maps are available on the MPO's Alternatives Analysis Web page:

[www.bit.ly/DCHC-MTP-Alternatives](http://www.bit.ly/DCHC-MTP-Alternatives). The draft public input plan for the Alternatives Analysis is attached. The LPA staff will continue to work with local staff to develop presentation materials for the public input events.

The next step in the MTP process is to develop the Preferred Option. The LPA staff will work with local staff to identify the projects that should be in the Preferred Option, and then likely conduct a sub-committee meeting to discuss the budget and project selection in the first few weeks of September (in time to include the materials in the September Technical Committee meeting).

The schedule for the 2045 MTP is as follows:

- \* Deficiency Analysis; Board released in June
- \* Alternatives Analysis, Board released in August
- \* Preferred Option, Board to release in October
- \* Adopted 2045 MTP, Board to adopt in December.

**TC Action:** Provide comments on the Alternative Analysis and Preferred Option process, and recommend that the Board conduct a public hearing on the Alternatives Analysis at their September meeting.

**Attachments:** [2017-08-23 \(17-155\) MTP Public Review Schedule.pdf](#)

8. **Review of NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy (10 minutes)** [17-174](#)  
**Aaron Cain, LPA Staff**

In late June, DCHC MPO staff learned that the N.C. Board of Transportation is considering changes to the NCDOT Sidewalk and Pedestrian Policy. It is not clear what role MPOs and RPOs will have in the review of the policy. LPA staff recommend that over the next few weeks the members of the Technical Committee review the existing Sidewalk and Pedestrian Policy and provide comments and suggestions for change, which will be reviewed at the September Technical Committee meeting and provided to the MPO Board for consideration. A subcommittee meeting may be convened if necessary.

**TC Action:** Solicit and compile comments on the Sidewalk and Pedestrian Policy for review by the Technical Committee at its September meeting.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

9. **Report from Staff** [17-107](#)  
Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff  
TC Action: Receive report from Staff.

Attachments: [2017-08-23 \(17-107\) LPA staff report.pdf](#)

10. **Report from the Chair** [17-108](#)  
Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair  
TC Action: Receive report from the TC Chair.

11. **NCDOT Reports** [17-109](#)  
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 Branch - NCDOT  
Traffic Operations - NCDOT  
TC Action: Receive reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2017-08-23 \(17-108\) NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Adjourn**

**Next meeting: September 27, 9 a.m., Committee Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**