



Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

9:00 AM

~~Committee Room 2nd Floor Durham City Hall~~

~~101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701~~

Teleconference

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

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approval of the April 29, 2020 TC Meeting Minutes** [20-146](#)

A copy of the April 29, 2020 meeting minutes is enclosed.

TC Action: Approve the minutes of the April 29, 2020 TC meeting..

Attachments: [2020-05-27 \(20-146\) TC MEETING MINUTES 04.29.20 LPA2.pdf](#)

ACTION ITEMS

5. **2050 MTP -- Public Engagement Plan (10 minutes)** [20-144](#)
Andy Henry, LPA Staff

The DCHC adopted the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in March 2018, and thus federal rules require the MPO to adopt an updated plan within four years, i.e., by March 2022. Staff and local planners have already begun to update the demographic data and modeling networks that the 2050 MTP will require. The first step in developing the updated MTP is to identify the schedule and public engagement process, release those documents for public comment, and approve them for implementation. The DCHC MPO Public Involvement Policy requires that the schedule and Public Engagement Plan, which are attached, be released for a minimum 42-day public comment period and be part of an extensive effort to solicit public comment.

The proposed approval schedule for this item will be:

June - release the 2050 MTP schedule and Public Engagement Plan; and,
August - conduct public hearing and approve final schedule and public engagement process

TC Action: Review the schedule and public engagement plan, provides comments, and recommend that the MPO Board release these documents for public comment.

Attachments: [2020-05-27 \(20-144\) 2050MTP-PublicEngagementPlan\(Draft\).pdf](#)
[2020-05-27 \(20-144\) 2050 MTP Schedule 05-19-20.pdf](#)

6. 2050 MTP -- Goals and Objectives (10 minutes)[20-145](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

The DCH MPO dedicated considerable effort to develop the Goals and Objectives for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Staff conducted a workshop with the MPO Board, administered an online survey, designed Goals and Objectives that were aligned with a set of performance measures, and coordinated the process to ensure that the DCHC MPO and Capital Area MPO (CAMPO) adopted the same set of Goals/Objectives/Performance Measures. Consideration of any updates to this set of Goals and Objectives is among the first steps in the development of the 2050 MTP.

Given the difficulty of conducting public workshops and other in-person meetings during the social distancing requirement for Covid-19, staff used a method that takes advantage of public input processes from previous plans and studies. Staff reviewed and compared the visions, goals and objectives from over two dozen transportation-related plans throughout the Triangle area that have been completed over the last few years. These plans included long-range transportation plans, comprehensive plans, modal implementation plans (e.g., bicycle and pedestrian), strategic plans for local governments, and corridor and small area studies. For the most part, the current 2045 MTP Goals and Objectives matched the most common and important themes found in these other plans. However, staff identified a few themes that would strengthen the MPO's Goals and Objectives and therefore is recommending minor changes to the 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives -- see the attachment.

The MPOs have conducted informative online surveys for previous MTPs to identify citizens' transportation values. Staff plan to conduct an online survey with the release of the Goals and Objectives but that survey is still being developed. Staff will forward the proposed survey to the TC and MPO Board as soon as it is available.

The proposed approval schedule for this item will be:

June - release the 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives; and,
August - conduct public hearing and approve final 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives

TC Action: Review the proposed 2050 MTP Goals and Objectives, provide comments, and recommend that the MPO Board release it for public comment.

Attachments: [2020-05-27 \(20-145\) 2050MTPGoals&Objectives\(Proposed\).pdf](#)

7. Environmental Justice Draft Report (15 minutes)[20-143](#)**Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review the planning processes of metropolitan areas with populations over 200,000. In 2019, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) underwent a certification review that found that the metropolitan transportation planning process substantially meets federal requirements.

Although DCHC MPO was commended for developing environmental justice (EJ) metrics and conducting detailed draft analyses, it was recommended that the MPO update its demographic profile before finalizing its EJ analyses to reflect potential changes in communities of concern. The draft Environmental Justice Report contains an updated demographic profile and analysis of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the FY 2018-27 Transportation Improvement Program, and the FY 19-20 Unified Planning Work Program.

TC Action: Review the draft EJ report and provide comments. Recommend that the MPO Board release the draft Environmental Justice Report for a 45-day public comment period.

Attachments:[2020-05-27 \(20-143\) EnvironmentalJusticeDraftReport.pdf](#)[2020-05-27 \(20-143\) EnvironmentalJusticeDraftReportPresentation.pdf](#)

8. Status of FY 21 TDM Funding -- (10 minutes)[20-141](#)**Dale McKeel, LPA Staff****John Hodges-Copple, TJCOG**

For more than a decade, the Triangle TDM program has been supported by three funders: NCDOT, CAMPO, and DCHC MPO. The MPOs have used a portion of their CMAQ allocation from NCDOT for TDM. The anticipated funding from each source in FY 21 is \$554,851 from NCDOT, \$678,976 from CAMPO, and \$534,690 from DCHC. However, due to NCDOT's budget situation, none of the FY 21 funding has been approved by NCDOT.

Earlier this year, the TDM Oversight Committee met three times to review applications from local and regional TDM service providers and recommend the amount of funding to award to each applicant. TJCOG staff who administer the regional TDM program recently informed service providers that award notifications, typically sent in the spring, are not being sent until the funding issue is resolved.

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the status of TDM funding, discuss steps being taken to address the funding issue, and discuss options if the MPO CMAQ and NCDOT funding does not become available by the start of the fiscal year.

TC Action: Receive report from staff, and recommend that the MPO Board receive the report.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:**9. Report from Staff**[20-107](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

TC Action: Receive report from Staff.

Attachments: [2020-05-27 \(20-107\) LPA staff report.pdf](#)

10. Report from the Chair[20-108](#)**Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

TC Action: Receive report from the TC Chair.

11. NCDOT Reports[20-109](#)

Joey Hopkins (David Keilson/Richard Hancock), Division 5 - NCDOT

Mike Mills (Pat Wilson), 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: [2020-05-13 \(20-109\) NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Adjourn

Next meeting: June 24, 9 a.m., Location to be determined

Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None