



DCHC MPO Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

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**[21-100](#)

Attachments: [2021-10-13 \(21-100\) MPO Board Directives to Staff](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**6. Approval of the September 1, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**[21-177](#)

A copy of the September 1, 2021 meeting minutes is enclosed.

Board Action: Approve the minutes of the September 1, 2021 Board meeting.

Attachments: [2021-10-13 \(21-177\) 9.1 MPO Board Meeting Minutes_LPA2](#)

7. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #8[21-175](#)**Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #8 primarily consists of projects that have been amended in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by NCDOT, and therefore need to be amended in the DCHC MPO TIP.

TIP Amendment #8 also includes the CMAQ funding that the Town of Chapel Hill received for Estes Drive (C-5179) during the FY 22 Call for Projects. Because this funding is \$1 million, this amendment must be released for a 21-day public comment period in accordance with DCHC MPO's Public Involvement Policy.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board release TIP Amendment #8 for a 21-day public comment period.

Board Action: Release TIP Amendment #8 for a 21-day public comment period.

Attachments: [2021-10-13 \(21-175\) TIP Amendment #8 Summary Sheet](#)
[2021-10-13 \(21-175\) TIP Amendment #8 Resolution](#)
[2021-10-13 \(21-175\) TIP Amendment #8 Full Report](#)

8. 5310 Grant Program of Projects Amendment[21-173](#)**Marisel Klein, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO received a CRRSAA (CARES Act) 5310 apportionment in the amount of \$47,435 in early 2021. A call for projects was released on April 14, 2021, and GoDurham ACCESS's proposal to use the funds to support on-demand transportation services to enhance mobility service for seniors and individuals with disabilities in response to decreased transportation options during the COVID-19 pandemic was selected and approved to receive the full funding amount by the DCHC MPO Board on June 9, 2021.

In order to begin expending those funds, staff recommends that the DCHC MPO approve the addition of these funds to the 2021 5310 Program of Projects (POP). By adding this funding to the POP, GoDurham agrees to fulfill CRRSAA 5310 reporting requirements.

TC Action: Approved the amended POP to include the awarding of CRRSAA funds to GoDurham ACCESS.

Board Action: Adopt the resolution amending the POP to include CRRSAA funds for GoDurham ACCESS.

Attachments:[2021-10-13 \(21-173\) POP 2021 Amended](#)[2021-10-13 \(21-173\) GoDurham CARES Act Application 2021](#)[2021-10-13 \(21-173\) POP Resolution](#)**ACTION ITEMS**

9. **GoDurham Section 5307 and 5339 Proposed Program of Projects (10 minutes)** [21-174](#)

Pierre Osei-Owusu, GoDurham

GoDurham will hold a public hearing at the DCHC MPO Board meeting on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, to receive public comments on the Section 5307 and Section 5339 Proposed Program of Projects (POP) identified in the attachment. The 5307 capital activities identified in the Program of Projects are associated with the City of Durham's operation of GoDurham and the purchase of replacement buses. The 5339 capital activities identified in the Program of Projects are associated with the purchase of a GoDurham bus and vans for ACCESS service.

To meet the Federal Transit Administration's requirements for receiving federal funds, GoDurham annually publishes its Program of Projects (POP) to inform the public about the receipt of federal funds and how the transit system plans to use those funds. In addition to placing a notice in a local newspaper, GoDurham holds a hearing to give the public the chance to provide comments related to the POP.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board hold a public hearing for GoDurham's 5307 and 5339 Proposed Program of Projects.

Board Action: Hold a public hearing for GoDurham's 5307 and 5339 Proposed Program of Projects.

Attachments: [2021-10-13 \(21-174\) 5307 and 5339 Proposed Program of Projects](#)

10. 2050 MTP -- Preferred Option (45 minutes)[21-155](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff****Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

At the September meeting, the DCHC MPO Board conducted a public hearing on the Alternatives Analysis and approved a directive to staff to provide two options for the Preferred Option. One option would reflect the MPO's policy priorities around climate change, environmental impacts, racial equity, safety, and human health and well-being. Another option would reflect the TIP in the first decade and then follow the MPO's policy priorities. Staff has named the first option the Vision Plan and the second option the Traditional Plan for the purpose of distinguishing between them.

Two presentations are attached: an outline of the components of the Preferred Option highways, transit, financial plan, and land use; a summary of the Alternatives Analysis public engagement activities. Staff continue developing the Preferred Option, especially the transit and financial plan, and any updates will be provided at the board meeting today. A document is attached that contains a table and map of the highways that will be included in the Vision Plan and Traditional Plan. As the various components of the Preferred Option are completed, they will be detailed and presented in a similar document. Copies of the public comments and public hearing comments for the Alternatives Analysis are attached, as well.

The schedule for completing the 2050 MTP includes:

- * Release Preferred Option -- by October 27
- * Conduct public hearing on Preferred Option -- November 10
- * Approve Preferred Option for 2045 MTP; release full 2050 MTP report, including SE Data and Triangle Regional Model -TRM; release Air Quality Conformity Determination report -- December 8
- * Adopt by resolution the 2050 MTP (adoption includes SE Data and TRM), and Air Quality Conformity Determination -- January 12 or February 9, 2022

The DCHC MPO Public Involvement Plan requires a minimum 42-day public comment period for key MTP decision points such as the Preferred Option. The Air Quality Conformity Determination is a 21-day minimum comment period.

The 2050 MTP Web page is <https://bit.ly/2050MTP-AltsAn>.

TC Action: Recommend that the Board authorize the TC subcommittee to release the 2050 MTP Preferred Option for public comment.

Board Action: Provide comments and authorize the TC subcommittee to release the 2050 MTP Preferred Option for public comment.

Attachments: [2021-10-13 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-PrefOpt-Presentation](#)
[2021-10-13 \(21-155\) AltAnalysisSurveyandFocusGroup](#)
[2021-10-13 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-AltsAn-PublicComments](#)
[2021-10-13 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-AltsAn-PublicHearingComments](#)
[2021-10-13 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-PrefOpt-Roadways](#)

11. Federal Funding Policy Update (20 minutes)

[21-176](#)

Anne Phillips, LPA Staff

During the FY22 Call for Projects, the MPO Board directed LPA staff to review and update the Policy Framework for DCHC MPO Federal Funds, last updated in 2015. The federal funding policy guides the distribution of federal funds that flow through the MPO such as Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBGDA), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ).

To inform the update, MPO staff had conversations with local agencies and a peer MPO, reviewed other MPO policies from North Carolina and throughout the US, and convened a TC subcommittee to provide feedback on drafts of the updated policy. DCHC MPO's Public Involvement Plan requires that the draft policy be released for a 21-day public period before it is adopted.

TC Action: Recommended that the MPO Board release the draft policy for a 21-day public comment period.

Board Action: Provide feedback on the draft policy, and release the draft policy for a 21-day public comment period.

Attachments: [2021-10-13 \(21-176\) Federal Funding Policy Overview](#)
[2021-10-13 \(21-176\) Federal Funding Policy Compiled Comments](#)
[2021-10-13 \(21-176\) Federal Funding Policy Draft](#)
[2021-10-13 \(21-176\) The Innovative MPO Focus Area 3 \(Funding\)](#)

12. Durham County Transit Plan Update (30 minutes)

[20-154](#)

Ellen Beckmann, Durham County Transportation Manager
Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

The Board will receive a presentation with an update on the Durham County Transit Plan.

Board Action: No action is necessary on this item; it is for informational purposes only.

Attachments: [2021-10-13 \(20-154\) Durham County Transit Plan Update Memo](#)
[2021-10-13 \(20-154\) FULL Phase II Outreach Summary](#)
[2021-10-13 \(20-154\) SHORT Phase II Outreach Summary](#)

Minutes Recording Document[21-110](#)**REPORTS:****13. Report from the Board Chair**[21-101](#)**Wendy Jacobs, Board Chair****Board Action:** Receive the report from the Board Chair**14. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**[21-102](#)**Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair****Board Action:** Receive the report from the TC Chair.**15. Report from LPA Staff**[21-103](#)**Board Action:** Receive the report from LPA Staff.**Attachments:**[2021-10-13 \(21-103\) LPA staff report](#)[2021-10-13 \(21-103\) Response to SPOT 6 + STIP Reprogramming Letter](#)**16. NCDOT Report**[21-104](#)**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 Branch - NCDOT****John Grant, Traffic Operations - NCDOT****Board Action:** Receive the reports from NCDOT.**Attachments:**[2021-10-13 \(21-104\) NCDOT Progress Report](#)**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****17. Recent News Articles and Updates**[21-105](#)**Attachments:**[2021-10-13 \(21-105\) News Articles](#)**Adjourn****Next meeting: November 10, 9 a.m., Meeting location to be determined****Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**