



Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

9:00 AM

Teleconference

101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

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

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approval of the August 25, 2021 TC Meeting Minutes**

[21-172](#)

A copy of the August 25, 2021 TC meeting minutes are enclosed.

TC Action: Approve the minutes of the August 25, 2021 TC meeting.

Attachments: [2021-09-22 \(21-172\) 8.25 TC Meeting Minutes_LPA2](#)

ACTION ITEMS

5. 2050 MTP -- Alternative Analysis (40 minutes)[21-155](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO Board conducted a public hearing on the Alternatives Analysis at their September meeting and a lengthy discussion followed the hearing. The Board 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. Since that time, staff has named the first option the Vision Plan and the second option the Traditional Plan. The Board made additional points, including:

- * There is little difference among the Alternatives in terms of outcome because all the Alternatives have a majority of highway investments. VMT (vehicle miles traveled) changes very little among the Alternatives because of this highway predominance.
- * The performance measures are not measuring what is most important to the MPO.
- * The highway project and cost data is detailed but there is much less information on transit, complete streets, and other non-highway projects.

A presentation is attached that begins the process of identifying the highway and transit projects for the Vision and Traditional plans. Staff will continue to develop those plans, add information to this presentation, and provide an updated presentation at the September Technical Committee (TC) meeting. A summary and compilation of public comments and copies of comments from the MPO Board public hearing are attached. A summary of the survey will be provided at the September TC meeting.

Given the importance of developing the Preferred Option and the fact that there are three weeks between the September TC and October Board meetings, the TC should consider scheduling a subcommittee meeting to continue development of the Preferred Option.

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

TC Action: Received a presentation and provided comments on the 2050 MTP Preferred Option.

Attachments: [2021-09-22 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-PreferredOptionPresentation](#)
 [2021-09-22 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-AltsAn-PublicComments](#)
 [2021-09-22 \(21-155\) 2050MTP-AltsAn-PublicHearingComments](#)

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

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

Attachments: [2021-09-22 \(21-176\) Federal Funding Policy Draft \(TC\)](#)

7. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #8 (5 minutes)[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: Recommend 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: [2021-09-22 \(21-175\) TIP Amendment #8 Summary Sheet](#)
[2021-09-22 \(21-175\) TIP Amendment #8 Full Report](#)
[2021-09-22 \(21-175\) TIP Amendment #8 Resolution](#)

8. **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: Recommend 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: [2021-09-22 \(21-174\) 5307 and 5339 Proposed Program of Projects](#)

9. 5310 Grant Program of Projects Amendment (10 minutes) [21-173](#)**Mariei 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: Approve 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: [2021-09-22 \(21-173\) POP 2021 Amended](#)
 [2021-09-22 \(21-173\) GoDurham CARES Act Application 2021](#)
 [2021-09-22 \(21-173\) POP Resolution](#)

Minutes Recording Document [21-110](#)**REPORTS FROM STAFF:****10. Report from Staff** [21-107](#)**Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

TC Action: Receive report from Staff.

Attachments: [2021-09-22 \(21-107\) LPA staff report](#)

11. Report from the Chair [21-108](#)**Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair**

TC Action: Receive report from the TC Chair.

12. NCDOT Reports[21-109](#)

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
TC Action: Receive reports from NCDOT.

Attachments: [2021-09-22 \(21-109\) NCDOT Progress Report](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**Adjourn**

Next meeting: October 27, 9 a.m., meeting to be held via teleconference

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: Joint MPO Board Meeting with
CAMPO September 29 at 9:00 a.m., meeting to be held via teleconference**