

DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

24 January 2018

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on January 24, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Committee Room, located on the second floor of Durham City Hall. The following people were in attendance:

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| Ellen Beckmann (Chair) | City of Durham Planning |
| Margaret Hauth (Vice Chair) | Hillsborough Planning |
| Kayla Seibel (Member) | Chapel Hill Planning |
| Kumar Neppalli (Member) | Chapel Hill Engineering |
| Hannah Jacobson (Member) | City of Durham Planning |
| Tina Moon (Member) | Carrboro Planning |
| Bergen Watterson (Member) | Chapel Hill Planning |
| Evan Tenenbaum (Member) | Durham County Planning |
| Scott Whiteman (Member) | Durham County Planning |
| Nishith Trivedi (Member) | Orange County Planning |
| Tom Altieri (Member) | Orange County Planning |
| Cara Coppola (Member) | Chatham County Planning |
| John Hodges-Copple (Member) | Triangle J Council of Governments |
| Geoff Green (Member) | GoTriangle |
| Julie Bogle (Member) | NCDOT, TPD |
| Kurt Stolka (Member) | UNC |
| Jonathan Peeler (Member) | NC Central University |
| Bryan Poole (Alternate) | City of Durham Transportation |
| David Keilson (Alternate) | NCDOT, Division 5 |
| Richard Hancock (Alternate) | NCDOT, Division 5 |
| Ed Lewis (Alternate) | NCDOT, Division 7 |
| Bryan Kluchar (Member) | NCDOT, Division 8 |
| Eddie Dancausse | Federal Highway Administration |
| Dale McKeel | City of Durham/DCHC MPO |
| Felix Nwoko | DCHC MPO |
| Andy Henry | DCHC MPO |
| Meg Scully | DCHC MPO |
| Brian Rhodes | DCHC MPO |
| Aaron Cain | DCHC MPO |
| Anne Phillips | City of Durham Transportation |

Quorum Count: 22 of 31 Voting Members

Chair Ellen Beckmann called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A roll call was performed. The Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Technical Committee (TC) were identified and are indicated above. Chair Ellen Beckmann reminded everyone to sign-in using the sign-in sheet that was being circulated.

Jonathan Peeler, the new Member representing NC Central University, was introduced to the TC.

PRELIMINARIES:

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Aaron Cain stated that he would be providing updates on the Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) process and the North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NCAMPO) conference.

3. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Approval of December 20, 2017 TC Meeting Minutes

Geoff Green made a motion to approve the December 20, 2017, TC meeting minutes. Vice Chair Margaret Hauth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of the location of the minutes, which went out after the agenda, in response to an inquiry from Evan Tenenbaum.

ACTION ITEMS:

5. Safety Performance Measures and Targets Endorsement

Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager

Felix Nwoko stated that the MPO was required to set safety performance measures and targets to comply with a Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requirement. Felix Nwoko stated that the MPO would be required to set performance measures and targets for five areas. He added that the MPO could set its own targets, or adopt the state's targets. Felix Nwoko described some of the

70 common problems associated with crash data. He also discussed the methodology that the MPO used to
71 develop its targets, and the timeline for complying with the FAST Act requirement. Felix Nwoko
72 discussed the MPO's fatality and serious injury targets. He also reviewed MPO crash data, and problems
73 associated with collecting crash data for areas within the MPO's boundary.

74 Chair Ellen Beckmann discussed differences between the bicycle and pedestrian crash rate and
75 bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries. Felix Nwoko discussed where the MPO was in
76 relation to meeting its safety targets. He also discussed risks associated with the MPO developing its
77 own targets, and benefits associated with adopting and endorsing state targets.

78 Felix Nwoko and Vice Chair Margaret Hauth discussed potential penalties for not meeting the
79 safety targets. Eddie Dancausse stated that the safest option was for the MPO to follow the state's
80 targets. He also discussed potential outcomes associated with not meeting the safety targets. Felix
81 Nwoko and Bergen Watterson discussed the safety targets and performance measures in relation to
82 state and local Vision Zero programs.

83 Chair Ellen Beckmann and Felix Nwoko discussed other potential FAST Act targets and
84 performance measures, and whether they could potentially be in conflict with each other. John Hodges-
85 Copple discussed how two targets, those related to transit and safety, would be reflected in the 2045
86 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Tina Moon and Felix Nwoko discussed the role that
87 jurisdictions would play in meeting the safety targets, and whether they would be given any additional
88 tools to meet the targets. There was discussion of how DCHC MPO and the Capital Area Metropolitan
89 Planning Organization (CAMPO) were doing on meeting targets compared to the state and peer MPOs.

90 John Hodges-Copple made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board approve the Resolution
91 endorsing the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Safety Performance Targets. Geoff
92 Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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6. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Andy Henry, LPA Staff

Andy Henry reviewed recent steps in the development of the MTP. He drew attention to the full MTP report, and a new document consisting of all of the comments received on the MTP. Andy Henry discussed corrections that were made to the MTP, and how all FAST Act performance measures and targets would be incorporated into the MTP. Andy Henry discussed, specifically, how the FAST Act transit and safety performance measures and targets were incorporated into the MTP. Andy Henry discussed portions of the MTP that have remained stable, particularly the project list and the financial plan. Andy Henry added that the MTP report would now be stable. Andy Henry stated that public input period for the MTP would be extended, possibly to March 2, 2018. Evan Tenenbaum, Andy Henry, and John Hodges-Copple discussed reasons for extending the public input period.

Chair Ellen Beckmann and Andy Henry discussed the adoption deadline that would allow DCHC MPO to be exempt from new FAST Act requirements. Eddie Dancausse explained that even if the MTP was adopted and exempt from the new FAST Act requirements, amending the MTP would require FAST Act compliance.

Nishith Trivedi made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board adopt the 2045 MTP by resolution, and adopt version 6 of the Triangle Regional Model (TRM) by letter and resolution. Hannah Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Draft FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Meg Scully, LPA Staff

Meg Scully stated that the draft UPWP was released for public comment after the MPO Board reviewed it and recommended that it be released. Geoff Green suggested that Mo Devlin be added to the Lead Planning Agency (LPA) staff chart.

Scott Whiteman made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board hold a public hearing and approve the draft FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program at its February 14, 2018, meeting. Nishith Trivedi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Draft Local Input Points Methodology

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Aaron Cain discussed the timeline for adopting the Local Input Points methodology. Aaron Cain stated that no changes were made since the TC last saw the draft methodology. Aaron Cain added that the methodology was released for public comment, but that no comments were received.

Geoff Green made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board adopt the Draft Local Input Points Methodology. Evan Tenenbaum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Added Agenda Item: SPOT Update

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Aaron Cain stated that there has been a lot of discussion at the staff and elected official level regarding transit mobility projects in the SPOT process, and whether the DCHC MPO needs to rethink its prioritization of projects in order to help its highest priority project move forward. He added that CAMPO would be discussing, and potentially deciding on, whether or not to remove some of their transit mobility projects from SPOT consideration in order to further regional top priority projects within both the DCHC MPO and CAMPO at an upcoming meeting. Aaron Cain stated that it has been suggested that the DCHC MPO look at its transit projects that were submitted in the mobility category, and consider which projects should be withdrawn from final scoring in order to help the DCHC MPO's top priorities. Aaron Cain requested that the TC authorize a subcommittee to meet, discuss, and make final recommendations about which projects might be withdrawn to help high-priority projects at the February MPO Board meeting.

In response to a suggestion from Andy Henry, Aaron Cain clarified the role of the subcommittee. Felix Nwoko and Aaron Cain discussed the subcommittee's timeline for developing recommendations for the MPO Board.

Geoff Green made a motion to authorize the subcommittee to make a recommendation to the MPO Board for potential modifications to the public transit mobility projects submitted to SPOT 5.0. Bergen Watterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. 2018 TC Elections

Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Aaron Cain reviewed by-laws governing TC chair and vice chair eligibility. Aaron Cain stated that the nominations committee did not receive any other nominations for chair, other than to bring Chair Ellen Beckmann back for a second term.

Kumar Neppalli made a motion to recommend that Chair Ellen Beckmann be re-elected chair. Vice Chair Margaret Hauth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Aaron Cain reminded the TC that Vice Chair Margaret Hauth could serve another term as Vice Chair, but that she had no desire to be TC chair. John Hodges-Copple discussed the nominations that were received for vice chair, noting that another potential candidate did not wish to be considered for the vice chair position. John Hodges-Copple stated that the TC would be electing a new chair and vice chair at its next election.

John Hodges-Copple made a motion to re-elect Vice Chair Margaret Hauth as TC vice chair. Geoff Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

10. Reports from the LPA Staff

Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager

Aaron Cain stated that Dr. Allie Thomas from UNC Chapel Hill and Dr. Michael Munger from Duke University would be the plenary speakers at the NCAMPO conference. Aaron Cain stated that session

proposals were due on February 9, and encouraged members of the TC to submit presentation proposals. Aaron Cain reviewed the mobile tours that would be offered at the conference, and asked mobile tour organizers to submit a brief description of their tours for the conference agenda.

There was discussion of whether the March TC meeting could be held at the Durham Convention Center in order to accommodate the conference, and whether the meeting could be canceled if there were no action items. Andy Henry encouraged TC members to suggest potential presenters to the DCHC MPO conference planning committee, so that the committee could reach out to potential presenters.

Aaron Cain stated that American Institute of Certified Planner (AICP) credits would be available for participating in the conference. In response to a question from Chair Ellen Beckmann, Aaron Cain reviewed the social events that would be taking place at the conference. There was discussion of a potential session for MPO Board members. John Hodges-Copple stated that sessions could be held on the state of MTPs or Transportation Demand Management (TDM). Aaron Cain reminded the TC of the February 9, 2018, deadline for submitting session proposals. In response to a question from Geoff Green, there was discussion of the type of sessions usually held at the NCAMPO conference. Dale McKeel, Aaron Cain, and Vice Chair Margaret Hauth discussed the possibility of holding legal and/or ethics sessions.

11. Report from the DCHC MPO TC Chair

Ellen Beckmann, DCHC MPO TC Chair

There was no report from the TC Chair.

12. NCDOT Reports

Richard Hancock, NCDOT Division 5, stated that the recent snow storm has delayed several projects, and that the Division was concentrating on snow removal. He added that the closure of the South Miami Bridge project was delayed due to the weather, and that the Division would put out a press release with updated closure information at a later date.

Ed Lewis, NCDOT Division 7, stated that an all-way stop has been installed at the Buckhorn Road intersection in Mebane. He also provided updates on the Greensboro Street/Estes Drive roundabout in

Carrboro. He added that the public meeting for the Orange Grove Road extension project in Hillsborough was delayed, likely for about six weeks. Ed Lewis also stated that a contractor was about to start work on the Orange Grove Road fence project.

Kumar Neppalli asked for and received an update on the C-3306 project at the I-40 NC 86 interchange. Bergen Watterson asked that Chapel Hill staff be included in an upcoming meeting about the project.

There was no additional report from Division 8.

Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division, provided an update on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) 2.0 initiative. Julie Bogle stated that TPD has been working with MPOs to streamline and enhance the CTP planning products and process. She described upcoming changes to the CTP process. Julie Bogle state that TPD would be providing an overview presentation and guidance to all MPOs and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) explaining the CTP 2.0 initiative in coming months.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

13. Recent News, Articles, and Updates

There were no informational items.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the DCHC MPO Technical Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.