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6	The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Plannin	
7	September 12, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Co	
8	floor of Durham City Hall. The following people were in	attendance:
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10	Damon Seils (MPO Board Chair)	Town of Carrboro
11	Wendy Jacobs (MPO Board Vice Chair)	Durham County
12	Vernetta Alston (Member)	City of Durham
13	Charlie Reese (Member)	City of Durham
14	Ellen Reckhow (Member) Jenn Weaver (Member)	GoTriangle Town of Hillsborough
15 16	Karen Howard (Member)	Chatham County
10	Lydia Lavelle (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
17	Michael Parker (Alternate)	Town of Chapel Hill
10	Mark Marcoplos (Alternate)	Orange County
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20	David Keilson	NCDOT, Division 5
22	Richard Hancock	NCDOT, Division 5
23	Patrick Wilson	NCDOT, Division 7
24	Bryan Kluchar	NCDOT, Division 8
25	Julie Bogle	NCDOT, TPD
26	Zach Hallock	Town of Carrboro
27	Bergen Watterson	Town of Chapel Hill
28	Geoff Green	GoTriangle
29	Scott Whiteman	Durham County
30	Nishith Trivedi	Orange County
31	Terry Bellamy	DCHC MPO
32	Felix Nwoko	DCHC MPO
33	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
34	Meg Scully	DCHC MPO
35	Aaron Cain Brian Rhodes	DCHC MPO DCHC MPO
36 37	Robert Jahn	DCHC MPO
37	Ellen Beckmann	City of Durham Transportation
39	Bill Judge	City of Durham Transportation
40	Eddie Dancausse	FHWA
41	Phil Post	Durham Resident, The Oaks HOA
42	Mark Hazelrigg	Durham Resident, Patterson Rd
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44	Quorum Count: 9 of 10 Voting Members	
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47	Chair Damon Seils called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A roll call was performed. The
48	Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the DCHC MPO Board were identified and are
49	indicated above. Chair Damon Seils reminded everyone to sign-in using the sign-in sheet that was being
50	circulated.
51	Michael Parker made a motion to excuse Mayor Pam Hemminger from attendance of the MPO
52	Board Meeting. Vernetta Alston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
53	At the October 10, 2018 MPO Board Meeting, Renee Price stated that staff was meant to notify
54	the MPO Board before her absence so that her absence would be excused.
55	PRELIMINARIES:
56	2. Ethics Reminder
57	Michael Parker read the Ethics Reminder and asked if there were any known conflicts of
58	interest with respect to matters coming before the MPO Board and requested that if there were any
59	identified during the meeting for them to be announced. There were no known conflicts identified by
60	the MPO Board members.
61	3. Adjustments to the Agenda
62	There was an Agenda Item added as, "Item 16 described as Authorize Durham City Manager on
63	behalf of DCHC MPO to enter into agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation
64	(NCDOT) for the Metropolitan Planning Program Grant (Section 5303)," which is detailed below. The
65	previous Item 16 will now be referred to as Item 16a.
66	4. Public Comments
67	There were no public comments.
68	5. Directives to Staff
69	The Directives to Staff were included in the Agenda packet for review. Chair Damon Seils and
70	Aaron Cain discussed MPO staff developing a rescission strategy. Aaron Cain added that he will add it to

71	the Directives to Staff for the next MPO Board Meeting after discussing it with the Technical Committee
72	(TC).
73	CONSENT AGENDA:
74	6. Approval of August 18, 2018, Meeting Minutes
75 76 77	7. Resolution to Request Transfer of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Funds to Federal Transportation Agency (FTA)
78	Ellen Reckhow made a motion to approve the two items included in the Consent Agenda.
79	Michael Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
80	ACTION ITEMS:
81 82 83	8. NC 98 Corridor Study Andy Henry, MPO Staff
83 84	Andy Henry stated that the MPO Board released the draft report of the NC 98 Corridor Study for
85	a minimum 30-day public comment period on August 8. Andy Henry reported that some MPO Board
86	members at the August MPO Board Meeting were concerned that the public involvement was not
87	sufficiently long, therefore the TC recommended extending the final date for the comment period from
88	September 6 to the proposed September 19. Andy Henry added that the approval of the final NC 98
89	Corridor Study report is scheduled to occur at the MPO Board meeting on October 8. Andy Henry added
90	that the Durham Board of County Commissioners asked to be given a resolution for the multiuse path
91	option for the Durham section of NC 98. Chair Damon Seils opened a public hearing for the NC 98
92	Corridor study. There was no comment from the public. Chair Damon Seils closed the public hearing.
93	Michael Parker made a motion to extend the public comment period to September 19 and final
94	MPO Board approval to the October MPO Board meeting. Ellen Reckhow seconded the motion. The
95	motion passed unanimously.
96 97	9. Air Quality Conformity Determination Report Andy Henry, MPO Staff

99 Andy Henry stated that the ruling in a recent court case made it necessary that the MPO 100 continue to complete the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQ-CDR) to demonstrate that 101 the area's transportation sector continues to be designated as "in attainment." Andy Henry continued 102 that the AQ-CDR was drafted, and the emissions information is projected to be completed by early 103 October. Andy Henry stated the TC recommended that the MPO Board grant authorization to staff to 104 release the draft AQ-CDR at the time of completion. Andy Henry also added that the AQ-CDR is a Regional document, and Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and Burlington-105 106 Graham Metropolitan Planning Organization (BG MPO) will also approve the document. 107 Ellen Reckhow made a motion to authorize staff to release the AQ-CDR for a minimum 30-day 108 public comment period as soon as the report is ready. Vernetta Alston seconded the motion. The 109 motion passed unanimously. 110 10. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) -- Amendment #1 Andy Henry, LPA Staff 111

Andy Henry stated that federal and state oversight agencies reviewed the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY2018-27 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and found inconsistencies between the two documents, which resulted in the need to amend the 2045 MTP so that it matched the information found in the FY2018-2027 STIP. Andy Henry added that the changes are minor, and the projects therein were not modified or altered. Andy Henry stated that the required 30-day public comment period, which would be scheduled

to end on the October 16. Andy Henry also mentioned conducting a public hearing at the next MPO
 Board Meeting on October 10, and the MPO Board would adopt the Amendment #1 at the following
 MPO Board Meeting on November 14.
 Michael Parker made a motion to review Amendment #1 to the 2045 MTP, provide comments,

and release Amendment #1 for a minimums 30-day public comment period. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs
 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

124 11. Release of Final Scores for Regional Impact Projects

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Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

127 Aaron Cain stated that NCDOT released the final scores for Regional Impact projects for Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT) 5. Aaron Cain related that the final score is comprised 128 from 70% of the NCDOT's quantitative score; 15% from the DCHC MPO points; and 15% comes from 129 130 Division points. Aaron Cain continued that the DCHC projects that scored well enough to be funded are: the Durham-Orange Light Rail (D-O LRT) project; NC 55 third southbound lane and bike/ped 131 132 improvements from Meridian Parkway to I-40; and US 15-501 from the NC 54 interchange to Ephesus Church Road. Aaron Cain added that none of the three projects are programmed for the first five years 133 134 of the STIP, so they must be scored again in SPOT 6. Aaron Cain also mentioned that \$190M was 135 designated for D-O LRT in total, \$154 from Division 5 and \$36M from Division 7. 136 There was discussion about the prioritization of the D-O LRT project. Aaron Cain stated that 137 there were already many projects in the first five years of SPOT 5, and that it would be necessary to 138 move one of those projects back in order to move D-O LRT forward in priority. Chair Damon Seils and Aaron Cain agreed that MPO and DOT staff should convene and make their recommendations about 139 140 which committed project would move toward the latter part of the SPOT 5. 141 Michael Parker stated that the required work on other projects might make the impacts on 15-142 501 worse without any further improvements. Aaron Cain responded that the impacts of 15-501 could be mitigated by future projects, and he planned to discuss this issue with NCDOT. 143 144 Aaron Cain listed the five projects that are in the current STIP, but upon rescoring will not be in 145 the FY2020-2029 STIP: (1) P-5716, Grade separation of NCRR at West Ellis Drive in Durham; (2) P-5728, Grade separation of NCRR at Neal Road in Durham; (3) U-5720 C&D, US 70 from South Miami to 146

Alexander Drive in Durham and Wake counties; (4) U5774 H, NC 54 from NC 751 to Fayetteville Road in 147

- 148 Durham; and (5) U-6071, NC 54/Old Fayetteville Road intersection in Carrboro. Aaron Cain mentioned
- 149 that (1) P-5716 was the second highest scoring non-highway project in the state at the Regional level,

150	but will need to be resubmitted. Aaron Cain continued that (2) P-5728 did not score well at neither the
151	Division nor the Regional tier. Aaron Cain added that (3) U-5720 C&D was the highest scoring highway
152	project in the state that did not get funding and will remain a sibling project, and he added that this
153	project could be submitted as a Build NC candidate. Aaron Cain stated that (4) U-5774 H did not score
154	well. Aaron Cain stated that (5) U-6071 would score well at the Division level, and could stay in the STIP
155	at that tier.
156	Charlie Reese asked if the projects that did not rescore well were a result of a policy change that
157	needed to be addressed or corrected by the MPO Board. Aaron Cain responded that the scoring rubric
158	changes for each quantitative score in the respective SPOT cycle.
159	There was no action required by the MPO Board.
160 161 162	12. Allocation of Local Input Points for Division Needs Projects Aaron Cain, LPA Staff
163	Aaron Cain stated that on August 8, 2018, the DCHC MPO Board approved the release of the
164	Initial Allocation of Local Input Points for Division Needs Projects for SPOT 5, based on the adopted
165	Methodology. Aaron Cain added that the public input process began on August 22. Aaron Cain stated
166	that the TC has provided an initial set of recommendations for allocation of Local input points for
167	Division Needs projects per the MPO Board's request.
168	Aaron Cain stated that the recommendations are based on staff analysis and discussions at the
169	August 22 TC subcommittee meeting. Aaron Cain added that there is a possibility for the initial
170	recommendations to change. Aaron Cain stated that staff and the TC have more information of funding
171	possibilities at the Division Needs level because the scores from the Regional Impact scoring process
172	have recently been released. Aaron Cain added that he will continue to work with neighboring MPOs to
173	allocate points to maximize viability. Aaron Cain continued that LPA staff will continue to work with
174	NCDOT to get the most up-to-date data on funding availability at the Division level.

175 Aaron Cain stated that a TC subcommittee meeting will be held to finalize the recommendation 176 to the TC and the MPO Board. Aaron Cain added that the MPO Board is not scheduled to take action on Division points until its meeting on October 10. The deadline for submittal of local input points for 177 178 Division Needs projects is November 2. Aaron Cain requested that the MPO Board allow staff to alter the 179 points allocation pending the release of point allocation list by the neighboring MPOs and pending 180 approval by the MPO Chair Damon Seils and Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs. 181 Ellen Reckhow asked about the location of the Sandy Creek Trail project. Ellen Beckmann 182 responded that it would go north from Pickett Road, run parallel to Cornwallis Road, and finish to the 183 east of the Al Buehler trail. Ellen Beckmann added that it is a priority of the Durham Department of Parks and Recreation. 184 185 Charlie Reese asked about the American Tobacco Trail Tunnel project. Ellen Beckmann responded that it will be a trail that links the Belt Line to the American Tobacco Trail, but the conceptual 186 187 design will likely be altered originating from design changes in the D-O LRT. 188 Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs raised concern about how certain projects would relate to the D-O LRT 189 project. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs asked how bicycle and pedestrian facilities and multiuse trails were 190 considered. Aaron Cain responded that the determining factors included cost, engineering, scoring, and 191 available right-of-way. 192 Ellen Reckhow asked if there was any developer participation on the intersection at Hillandale 193 Road and Horton Road. Bill Judge responded that the developer was unwilling to assist with the 194 proposed roundabout, but the developer was required to perform a traffic impact analysis. Ellen 195 Reckhow also addressed the issue of safety and unsightliness of recently completed roundabouts. Ellen 196 Reckhow, Bill Judge, and Richard Hancock discussed adding landscaping to the center of the 197 roundabouts in order to make the islands more visible and eliminate public eyesores. 198 **13. Triangle Regional Freight Plan** 

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Andy Henry stated that, in 2015, the DCHC MPO, CAMPO, and NCDOT partnered to hire a 200 201 consultant, WSP, to complete the first freight plan for the Triangle. Andy Henry added that the study team provided updates to the TC and MPO Board, and the draft Triangle Regional Freight Plan report 202 203 is now completed. Andy Henry continued that the purpose of the Freight Plan was to determine 204 policy and investment, and it would be based on the 2045 MTP goals. Andy Henry stated that there 205 was a regional freight advisory committee that met several times during the Freight Plan survey. 206 Andy Henry stated that current freight inventory and trends were examined. Andy Henry stated that 207 the freight industry wanted to avoid low bridges.

Andy Henry stated that the freight plan identified 24 project recommendations at a total cost of \$2.2B. Andy Henry also added that most of these projects are already listed in the 2045 MTP, CTP, or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Andy Henry also added that grade crossings and the support of GoTriangle passenger rail would benefit the freight industry.

212 Andy Henry stated that there were many freight-intensive industries in the Triangle, 213 including; retail, manufacturing, construction and wholesale. Andy Henry added that one-third of the 214 gross regional product in North Carolina is related to freight. Andy Henry indicated the key freight cluster areas. Andy Henry stated that the freight industry requested to have facilities closer to where 215 they are needed. Andy Henry addressed another recommendation which is to adopt roadway design 216 217 standards that are more adequate for heavy truck traffic. Andy Henry concluded that the approval of 218 the Freight Plan means that the MPO Board will consider including the Plan's recommendations in 219 the MPO's long-range transportation plans and policies.

220 Chair Damon Seils and Andy Henry discussed that the Rail Division of the NCDOT was 221 involved in this project. Mark Marcoplos asked about future economic development areas. Andy 222 Henry replied that a land use model was used, which was incorporated by the consultant. Vice Chair 223 Wendy Jacobs asked about how future technology would be incorporated into the Freight Plan. Andy

224	Henry stated that self-driving vehicles were not included in this plan, however, electronic variable
225	message signs were mentioned. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs and Andy Henry discussed safety elements
226	in the Freight Plan. Ellen Reckhow asked about the rate of growth of freight in the Triangle. Andy
227	Henry responded that he did not have the growth rate, but home delivery and technology were the
228	two biggest areas for growth. Jenn Weaver asked about the pipeline's effect on the Freight Plan.
229	Michael Parker asked about issues of natural disaster resiliency in the Freight Plan. Chair Damon Seils
230	and Andy Henry discussed the planning aspects around the same corridors used for light rail and
231	freight rail, especially in Downtown Durham. Andy Henry stated that the Freight Plan does not
232	address cross section issues, but it does address grade crossings and crossing improvements.
233	Michael Parker made a motion to release the draft Triangle Regional Freight Plan for public
234	comment. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
235 236	14. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment #1 Andy Henry, LPA Staff
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capacity, which would be more than the projected 31K daily trips. Michael Parker and Andy Henry
 discussed the feasibility of Southwest Durham Drive being able to attract drivers away from Farrington
 Drive.

Andy Henry stated that the Regional Operation Maintenance Facility (ROMF) for the D-O LRT is between I-40 and Farrington Road. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs and Andy Henry discussed that the decision to choose between a multiuse pathway or a sidewalk and bike lanes will be decided when funding is identified. Ellen Reckhow and Andy Henry discussed the roads associated with the Park and Ride station that would need to be built by GoTriangle.

258 Phil Post, a Durham resident and representative of a nearby homeowners association, spoke 259 about his concerns in making the section of Farrington Road into a two-lane cross section. Phil Post 260 stated that the projections of future traffic were not consistent with the rate of development he had 261 witnessed in the area. Phil Post also stated that there were concerns over this roadways section and 262 diminished the right-of-way and ability to be considered a complete street. Phil Post also discussed the 263 need to better plan for the future development of this roadway.

Geoff Green stated that the design was limited by right-of-way constraints due to the D-O LRT tracks and the ROMF. Geoff Green also stated that the nearby residents of the proposed ROMF preferred to maintain the character of the neighborhood by making it as hidden as possible. Geoff Green continued that the right-of-way constraints included the flexibility to add an additional lane to I-40 if needed. Geoff Green added that having two two-lane roadways for drivers to choose from would increase resiliency of the traffic grid. Geoff Green confirmed that the traffic projections were not near what Phil Post mentioned in his statements.

Ellen Reckhow restated her commitment to a two-lane divided roadway, also due to the possibility of the bicycle and pedestrian facilities being more used along a two-lane divided roadway. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs also reiterated her support for a two-lane divided roadway from a multimodal

274	perspective in order to elicit bicycle and pedestrian use. Phil Post asked about the likelihood of
275	Southwest Durham Drive being built. Andy Henry responded that there is a plan to get both roads
276	funded. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs and Ellen Reckhow discussed funding options for both roadways.
277	Ellen Reckhow made a motion to adopt Amendment #1 to the CTP. Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs
278	seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
279 280 281 282	15. Update of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (CTP) Meg Scully, LPA Staff Robert Jahn, LPA Intern
282 283	Meg Scully stated that DCHC MPO is the Designated Recipient for federal funding through the
284	Section 5310 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, and receives
285	under \$250K per year to be distributed among eligible sub-recipients. Meg Scully continued that transit
286	law requires that projects funded through this program be derived from a locally developed,
287	coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan (CTP) that must be updated every five
288	years. Meg Scully added that current CTP for the DCHC MPO region was approved by the MPO Board in
289	January, 2014, and LPA staff is now in the process of preparing an updated plan. Meg Scully stated that
290	development of a CTP must involve seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of
291	transportation and human services providers, and other members of the public. Meg Scully described
292	that the CTP elements include: an assessment of available services; an assessment of transportation
293	needs; strategies or projects to address the gaps in service; and priorities for implementation based on
294	resources available.
295	Meg Scully stated that, in order to identify needs and prioritize projects, two workshops will be
296	held in the MPO region: September 18 at the Chapel Hill Seymour Center and September 20 at the
297	Durham County Cooperative Extension. Meg Scully concluded that the workshops will be followed by
298	development of the final plan and approval by the MPO Board.
299	There was no action required by the MPO Board.

300 16a. Authorize Durham city Manager on behalf of DCHC MPO to enter into agreement with North 301 Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for Metropolitan Planning Program Grant (Section 302 5303) 303 Meg Scully, LPA Staff 304 305 Meg Scully stated that the Metropolitan Planning Program Grant, Section 5303, scope and 306 budget for FY19 were approved by the MPO Board as part of the FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on February 14, 2018. The Durham City Manager, on behalf of the DCHC MPO, is the 307 308 contractor's authorized representative for the agreement between NCDOT and then City of Durham. 309 Meg Scully added that the MPO must authorize the City Manager to enter into agreement with the 310 NCDOT. 311 Michael Parker made a motion to authorize the Durham City Manager to enter into agreement 312 with NCDOT. Vernetta Alston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 313 16. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Grant - FFY17 and FFY18 Program of Projects 314 Meg Scully, LPA Staff 315 316 317 Meg Scully stated that The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310) provides funds to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities 318 319 by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. Meg 320 Scully continued that DCHC MPO is the Designated Recipient of the funds for the Durham Urbanized 321 Area (UZA) and distributes the funds to eligible sub-recipients through a competitive selection process 322 every other year. Meg Scully stated that applications for funding were reviewed by a subcommittee, and 323 the recommended Program of Projects (PoP) is attached. Meg Scully stated the selected projects were; Chapel Hill EZ Rider Senior Shuttle, GoDurham Access, Durham County Access, and Orange County 324 Mobility Management program. Meg Scully added that the cost savings from the DCHC MPO 325 administrative costs for this year will allow for a new project with Chapel Hill Transit. Meg Scully 326 concluded that LPA staff will begin the grant application process once the PoP is approved by the MPO 327 328 Board.

329	Karen Howard made a motion to approve the proposed PoP. Michael Parker seconded the
330	motion. The motion passed unanimously.
331 332 333	17. Amendment #5 to the FY2018-2027 TIP Aaron Cain, LPA Staff
334 334	Aaron Cain stated that Amendment #5 adds to the FY2018-2027 TIP various projects from the
335	5310 program in FY19.
336	Ellen Reckhow made a motion to approve Amendment #5 to the FY2018-2017 TIP. Vice Chair
337	Wendy Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
338	<u>REPORTS:</u>
339 340	<b>18. Report from the Board Chair</b> Damon Seils, Board Chair
341	Chair Damon Seils announced that the next Joint MPO Board meeting will be on October 31, at
342	9a.m. at RTP Headquarters. Chair Damon Seils added that the agenda will focus on policy. Chair Damon
343	Seils also added that he will not be able to attend the meeting, and Vice Chair Wendy Jacobs will lead
344	the meeting for the DCHC MPO.
345 346	<b>19. Report from the Technical Committee Chair</b> Ellen Beckmann, TC Chair
347	Ellen Beckmann discussed a recent article that was circulated regarding states' loss of
348	Transportation Alternatives Programs (TAP) funds. Ellen Beckmann stated that the MPO is in the process
349	of obligating \$7.6M worth of TAP funding for the Durham Beltway project, which will decrease the
350	amount of federal rescission for North Carolina. Ellen Reckhow added that the amount of time between
351	award and expenditure has been shortened, therefore it is important to quickly obligate TAP funding.
352 353	<b>20. Report from LPA Staff</b> Felix Nwoko, LPA Manager
354	Meg Scully stated that the Annual Report for FY2018 is now on the MPO website at
355	www.DCHCMPO.org. Geoff Green discussed the schedule for public outreach for the short term plans

of GoTriangle, Chapel Hill Transit, and Orange Public Transit. Geoff Green discussed that the public
 outreach schedule could be impacted by Hurricane Florence, and GoTriangle is implementing different
 strategies to increase public turnout.

359 **21. NCDOT Report** 

360 Richard Hancock, NCDOT Division 5, stated that the comment period for the Division tier input 361 points is from October 3-16. Richard Hancock stated that Division 5 also released Regional input points. 362 Richard Hancock stated that the Old Chapel Hill Road project is scheduled to be completed in May 363 2019. Richard Hancock stated that currently pedestrian fence is being installed along I-40. Richard 364 Hancock also stated that concrete is ready to be poured on the northbound lands on the East End 365 Connector project. Richard Hancock also stated that the ramp on I-70 westbound to NC 98 is scheduled to reopen. Lydia Lavelle and Richard Hancock discussed that there was a fabrication issue with the 366 girders on the bridge for the Cornwallis Road Project, and it is scheduled to be open within the next 367 few weeks. Ellen Beckmann and Richard Hancock discussed the Roxboro Road / Latta Road / Infinity 368 Road project. Richard Hancock shared that the design alternatives are ongoing and a final 369 370 determination is planned to be made within the following weeks.

371 Patrick Wilson, NCDOT Division 7, stated that there will be a public drop-in period for comment 372 on the Division level point allocation from September 24-28. Patrick Wilson also commented that the roundabout in Carrboro at Estes Road and North Greensboro Street will need to be rebid for a third 373 374 time, which will also require analysis from contractors to determine the reason for the relatively high bids. Patrick Wilson also stated that the roundabout at West Franklin Street and Merritt Mill Road is 375 376 currently in the plan finalization stage, and is planned to be under contract by October 2018. Patrick 377 Wilson also stated that the project is planned to be completed before fall 2019. Patrick Wilson also 378 stated that he plans to discuss recent developments with the Town of Carrboro officials and staff.

379	Bryan Kluchar, Division 8 stated that the public comment period for Period 5 is between
380	September 24 and October 5.
381	Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD), stated that the TPD recently
382	receive the full notice to proceed with the Statewide Plan. Julie Bogle also mentioned that the
383	strategic transportation corridor studies recently temporarily worked across the development to
384	reevaluate the scope.
385	There was no report from NCDOT Traffic Operations.
386	<b>INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:</b>
387	22. Recent News, Articles, and Updates
388	No informational items were discussed.
389	ADJOURNMENT:
390	There being no further business before the DCHC MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at
391	11:12 a.m.