

**DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**October 28, 2020**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Durham-Chapel Hill Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee met on October 28, 2020 at 9:03 a.m. through a teleconferencing platform. The following members in attendance were as follows:

Nishith Trivedi (Chair)	Orange County
Ellen Beckmann (Vice Chair)	City of Durham
Kayla Seibel (Member)	City of Durham
Tasha Johnson (Member)	City of Durham
Brooke Ganser (Member)	Durham County
Scott Whiteman (Member)	Durham County
Chance Mullis (Member)	Chatham County
Tina Moon (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Bergen Watterson (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Jomar Pastorelle (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Zach Hallock (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Kumar Neppalli (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Margaret Hauth (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
John Hodges-Copple (Member)	TJCOG
Jay Heikes (Member)	GoTriangle
John Grant (Member)	NCDOT Traffic Operations
Julie Bogle (Member)	NCDOT TPD
Bill Judge (Alternate) City of Durham	
Richard Hancock (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 5
Steven Robinson (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 7
Bryan Kluchar (Alternate)	NCDOT Division 8
Brian Taylor (Alternate)	City of Durham Transportation
Kathryn Zeringue	NCDOT IMD
Sean Egan City of Durham	
Tamara Njegovan NCDOT Division 7	
Felix Nwoko	DCHC MPO
Brian Rhodes	DCHC MPO

43	Aaron Cain	DCHC MPO
44	Andy Henry	DCHC MPO
45	KC Chae	DCHC MPO
46	Dale McKeel	City of Durham/DCHC MPO
47	Anne Phillips	DCHC MPO
48	Yanping Zhang	DCHC MPO
49	Jaehoon Kim	DCHC MPO
50	Joelle Davis Carter	DCHC MPO

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52 Quorum Count: 22 of 31 voting members

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54 Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Vice Chair  
55 Beckmann began the meeting and inquired if there were any new members. Aaron Cain  
56 stated that Kathryn Zeringue would become the new alternate for John Grant but there  
57 has not been official notification as of yet. Kathryn Zeringue introduced herself to the  
58 committee as a member of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's  
59 Integrated Mobility Division. Aaron Cain noted that the roll call could be completed by  
60 utilizing the participant list .

61 **PRELIMINARIES:**

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63 **Adjustments to the Agenda**

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65 Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda  
66 and Aaron Cain noted that a CTP amendment would be added to the end of the agenda  
67 and Andy Henry would present the item.

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69 **Public Comments**

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71 Vice Chair Ellen Beckman asked if there any requests for public comment. There  
72 were no public comments.

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74 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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76 **4. Approval of August 26, 2020 TC Meeting Minutes**

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78 **5. Approval of the September 23, 2020 TC Meeting Minutes**

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80 Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann called for a motion to approve the consent agenda  
81 that included both the August 26, 2020, and September 23, 2020, meeting minutes.  
82 Kumar Neppalli made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Jay Heikes seconded  
83 the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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85 **ACTION ITEMS:**

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87 **6. Triangle Region ITS Strategic Deployment Plan Update**

88 **Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

89 **Casey Chae, LPA Staff**

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91 Felix Nwoko reminded the committee that this item was discussed at the last TC  
92 meeting and was released for public comment. To date, no public comments have been  
93 received.

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96 Scott Whiteman made a motion to recommend Board approval of the Triangle  
97 Region ITS Strategic Deployment Plan. Jomar Pastorelle seconded the motion. The  
98 motion passed unanimously.

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100 **7. State of the Region Report**

101 **Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

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103 Felix Nwoko informed the group that this report was presented at the last TC  
104 meeting and released for public comment by the MPO Board. To date, no public

105 comments have been received. The recommended action was for the TC to recommend  
106 that the Board adopt the 2019 State of Region report.

107 There were inquires about any changes made to the report from comments made  
108 at the last TC meeting. Felix Nwoko noted that there were no changes to the report but  
109 staff contacted Durham City-County Planning to share to discuss further coordination,  
110 as that was the main comment received from the Board. Dale McKeel and Felix Nwoko  
111 discussed whether changes would be made to how certain areas were named in the  
112 report.

113 Evan Tenenbaum made a motion to recommend that the Board adopt the 2019  
114 State of the Region Report. Kumar Neppalli seconded the motion. The motion passed  
115 unanimously.

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117 **8. TIP Amendment #3**  
118 **Anne Phillips, LPA Staff**

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120 Anne Phillips shared that Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
121 Amendment #3 was complex and mainly involved projects amended in the State  
122 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by the NCDOT. The amendment also  
123 included projects affected by the STIP reprogramming exercise performed by NCDOT.  
124 She further noted DCHC worked with the local planners to update project schedules  
125 for locally administered projects (LAP). These projects are also being amended and a  
126 list was included in the agenda packet.

127 Based on conversations with NCDOT regarding the STIP reprogramming, there  
128 were three local project schedules adjusted in Durham: 1) Third Fork Creek Trail, 2)  
129 Guess Road Sidewalks, and 3) NC 55 Sidewalks. The DCHC adjusted these schedules

to allow the Woodcroft Parkway Extension project to move forward so that the City of Durham would not lose design work that has already been completed.

Anne Phillips stated that these changes do not require a release for public comment as defined by the MPO Public Involvements Policy (PIP), but that the the Board may decide to release the amendment if they find the changes to be significant.

Anne Phillips stated that the action for this meeting is for the TC to recommend that the Board approve TIP Amendment #3. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann recommended that when this item is presented to the Board, it should be noted that the Guess Road Sidewalks and NC 55 Sidewalks are underfunded in the current TIP with both federal funds and the local match is also not appropriated by the City at this point. There was also discussion about the 21-day public comment period. Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann made a motion to recommend that the MPO Board approve TIP Amendment #3. Scott Whiteman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **9. NC Moves 2050 Draft Recommendations**

##### **Julie Bogle, NCDOT**

Julie Bogle provided an update on the NCDOT's long-range, multi-modal transportation plan, NC MOVES 2050. She indicated that by collaborating with subject matter experts (SMEs) they were able to refine strategies and actions. The effort included a public interest survey garnering approximately 15,000 responses and the data was converted into eight different languages. There were eight strategies developed with specific actions. Examples include quality of life and multi-modal access to regional jobs. The action items were divided into three implementation tiers: 1) 10 years, 2) 20 years, and 3) 30 years. The tiers were based upon a number of factors that

include timing, deployment based on NCDOT readiness, risk level, experience and support, resources, and partners involved.

Fifteen tier-1 options were developed that align and cover the primary five objectives. The action items include conducting a statewide vulnerability assessment of transportation users with mobility challenges, and identifying or prioritizing multi-modal transportation improvements while enhancing performance and reliability. The public comment on these action items will be from October 9<sup>th</sup> through November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Profile sheets have been developed and assigned to each action item to facilitate the implementation process. Each sheet includes information about the action based upon readiness, risks, partners, and resources needed to complete these actions. A webtool will be made available to track and view the progress of the action items after the plan is adopted. Julie Bogle stated that the plan will be going to the Board of Transportation in December 2020. Members were encouraged to visit [ncmoves.gov](http://ncmoves.gov) and social media platforms to stay updated and to interact with the plan. Chair Nishith Trivedi encouraged action to collect as many public comments as possible.

**9A.. Release of CTP Amendment #2 for Public Comment**  
**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

Andy Henry requested release of Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment #2 for a 30-day public comment period. He stated that this change would entail removing the southern Briggs Avenue Extension from the CTP. The primary reasons are due to the extension not having much impact on the grid, that it would impact a residential area (Hickory Nut Drive), and the projected high cost to construct a bridge over the CSX rail lines.

179           There was discussion concerning the implications of the proposed change. Key  
180 issues included this being a minor amendment change and having a public comment  
181 period.

182           Vice Chair Ellen Beckmann made a motion to release the CTP Amendment #2  
183 for a 30-day comment period. Zach Hallock seconded the motion. The motion passed  
184 unanimously.

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186 **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

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188 **10. REPORT from Staff**

189 **Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

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191           Aaron Cain announced that Vice Chair Ellen Beckman, is leaving the City of  
192 Durham and going to work for Durham County. The current bylaws do not address  
193 these circumstances. Aaron Cain asserted that based on the bylaws and conversations  
194 with county officials, Ellen Beckmann could retain the position by being appointed to the  
195 TC by Durham County. Aaron Cain asked the members of the TC if they have any  
196 concerns with moving forward with this interpretation of the bylaws. There were no  
197 concerns, but John Hodges-Copple recommended that a statement about TC's decision  
198 be put in writing for future reference and understanding about the process. John  
199 Hodges-Copple recommended that the TC document how these transitions will be  
200 handled. It was agreed that if this was noted in the minutes, this documentation would  
201 substantiate the decision for Ellen Beckmann's transition from Durham City to Durham  
202 County.

Bergen Watterson had a question regarding the FY22 UPWP spreadsheets and narratives that are due on Monday (November 2<sup>nd</sup>). Felix Nwoko offered to discuss her question offline to ensure the appropriate submission of the documents.

**11. Report from the Chair**  
**Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

Chair Nishith Trivedi reported that the Board of County Commissioners approved the Research Triangle Park report.....There are some development pressures... [Could not understand the rest of his comments from here]

**14. NCDOT Reports**  
**Joey Hopkins (David Kelison, Richard Hancock), Division 5-NCDOT**

Richard Hancock stated that there was no report or additional information to provide at this time. Dale McKeel inquired about additional information on the Alston Avenue project and reminded the TC that recent reports state the completion date is February 2021. Richard Hancock responded that he did not believe the completion date was that soon but would get additional information back to the TC. There was also a request for an update on the Belt Line contract approval.

**Wright Archer (Pat Wilson, Stephen Robinson), Division 7-NCDOT**

Stephen Robinson reported that there have not been many changes to projects shown in the report, but construction has begun on paved shoulders, turning lanes and overlays on West Ten Road from Buckhorn Road to Bushing Cook Road. There is a start date of November 13<sup>th</sup> but the freeze has resulted in a completion date of April 2021.



The additional adjustment is a guardrail installation on NC 86 has been delayed one year. The start date has been delayed from October 2020 to October 2021 and the completion date was moved from April 2021 to April 2022.

**Brandon Jones (Bryan Klucher, Jen Britt), Division 8-NCDOT**

Bryan Kluchar indicated that updates were located on page 10. There were no verbal updates.

**Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division-NCDOT**

There was no additional report.

**John Grant, Traffic Operations-NCDOT**

There was no additional report.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Aaron Cain noted that the joint DCHC-CAMPO online virtual meeting will be held on December 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

An inquiry was posed to Kathryn Zeringue regarding the Belt Line project and the possibility of future funding from NCDOT if costs increased. There was a request for guidelines or changes to policy on this matter to share with others. Kathryn Zeringue agreed to inquire about the policy and share with members.

Aaron Cain reminded members that due to Veteran's Day and the Thanksgiving holiday, meeting dates have been shifted. The MPO Board Meeting will be November 4<sup>th</sup> and the TC meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup>. There was also an inquiry about the concerns discussed with the 15-501 project. Andy Henry stated these concerns would be addressed at the November MPO Board meeting as an agenda item.

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**Adjourn**

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**Next Meeting: November 18, 9:00 a.m., Meeting to be held by teleconference**

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