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CTP Amendment #3 (15 minutes)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

The DCHC MPO Board released the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment #3 at their April meeting. Today, the Board will conduct a public hearing on Amendment #3 staff will provide an update. A compilation of public comments (received as of May 4th) is attached.

The CTP is a joint process in which both the MPO Board and the North Carolina Board of Transportation (BOT) adopt the final plan. NCDOT staff has asked that Amendment #3 provide more data and justification on the need to make changes to the particular projects. As a result, staff is working to create problem statements for the projects in Amendment #3 that include criteria such as volume exceeds capacity, safety data, and local plan designations.

It should be noted that Amendment #3 preserves the alignment of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit as a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) facility. The principal travel corridors also have BRT alignments designated: Fordham Boulevard; US 15-501, US 15-501 bypass, and NC 147 in Amendment #3; and, NC 54 in the original CTP. In some areas, these BRT facilities and the BRT designated for the former D-O LRT alignment are redundant. However, staff chose to keep all these facilities in the CTP until there is a clearer understanding of the desired transit alignments in these corridors. The Technical Committee (TC) dedicated considerable discussion to this topic and there will likely be additional staff meetings to continue that discussion over the next several weeks.

The Amendment #3 report (which provides background on the reason for the changes, lists the changes in a table, and displays the amended maps) and interactive maps are available at the MPO's CTP Web page: <http://www.dchcmpo.org/programs/ctp/default.asp#tabs4> Staff continues to review the details of the tables and maps for to ensure consistency and correctness.

The proposed adoption schedule includes:

- * MPO Board released for public comment -- 4/14/21
- * Conduct public engagement -- 4/14/21 through 5/26/21
- * Board conducts public hearing -- 5/12/21
- * MPO Board adopts -- 6/9/21

TC Action: Received update and provided comments. There was no action.

Board Action: Conduct a public hearing and provide comments.