



September 20, 2022
7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

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I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Excused Absences, Equity and Land Acknowledgment 7:00 pm

Present: Ed Rizzuto, Michael Moorman, Susanne Schmal, Scott Carter, Kai Monast, Tyler Dewey, Brian Hawkins, Cesar Castro, Dan Clever, Deniz Aydemir, James Barnes, Landon Baucom, Ryan Phillips, Mike Shepherd, Heidi Carter, Javiera Caballero

Excused Absences: Monica Green, Mac Kendall, Aidil Ortiz

Staff – Dale McKeel Aaron Cain, Eric Vitale, Brian Taylor

Guests – Sonya, Volker Blum

II. Adjustments to the Agenda - 7:15 pm

- New item for BPAC to consider by Scott Carter - 3 minutes.

III. Approval of Minutes – 7:16 pm

- Motion made to approve by Tyler Dewey, seconded by Kai Monast. Motion approved.

IV. Public Comments – 7:17 pm

- None

V. Presentation : Draft of FY2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program Update (Aaron Cain) - 7:19 pm

- Long range transportation plan for region.
 - o Comprehensive Transportation Plan – 30+ years, all potential projects
 - o 20+ Year MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan – joint with CAMPO, required by fed statute, fiscally constrained, updated every 4-5 years
 - o Transportation Improvement Plan TIP – typically 10 years, where projects get funded, required by fed statute
- STIP delayed one year, then two
 - o Map Act
 - o Disaster Recovery
 - o Reduced revenue during pandemic
 - o Overextension/ under budgeting
 - o No new projects in the 2024-33 STIP, only current projects, and not all of those

- STIP Dev Calendar
 - o First version released 4-25-22
 - o State budget adopted in July 2022 – dedicated additional sales tax revenue to transportation
 - o Updated Draft STIP released August 4, 2022
- What is in the Draft STIP moving forward?
 - o Public transit projects stay on schedule
 - o Rail projects stay on schedule
 - o BikePed Projects in Durham on schedule other than 2 which were pushed back due to non-fiscal restraints
 - o No significant delays on Highway Projects – draft STIP contains funding for projects that are not in the adopted MTP, needs to be resolved between DCHC MPO and NCDOT staff

VI. Committee Reports - 8:10 pm

- o **Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Susanne Schmal)**
 - John with Bike Durham joined us for last meeting. We are going to plan to partner with them in the future by providing helmets for events.
 - OCI discussed. John is going to request feedback on this from us and be opportunities for education.
 - Vision Insights Support and Advocacy Group event on October 7th to celebrate 5th anniversary. Mayor O’Neil will be joining, held from 10am-12pm. Durham Lions Club will be the location.
 - October 15th is White Cane Safety Day
 - First book club was held on Confessions of a Recovering Engineer: Transportation for a Strong Town, by Charles Marohn. We plan to do book club again in the future.
- o **Development Review Committee Report (Dan Clever)**
 - Newly submitted development plan for Streets at Southpoint Mall. Dev Rev submitted some comments previously and the plan is to submit many of the same comments to improve pedestrian pathways and traffic flow within their proposal.
 - Bike Durham hosting meeting with Capital Broadcasting to see what options are available for connections from the Durham Rail Trail to ATT.
- o **Bike and Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report (Michael Moorman)**
 - Resurfacing letter drafted for City of Durham, sending to Leslie Tracey. The letter encourages City to seek engagement earlier on projects. A number of suggestions given for current projects and high risk areas. Some alterations made during meeting.
 - Motion by Ed Rizzuto to send the letter. Seconded by Kai Monast. Motion approved.
 - “Erwin Road” letter was also drafted. This letter concerns the resurfacing of Erwin Road and BPAC’s disappointment in the way in which the study of

this project was done and the failure of the DOT to take action on certain pedestrian measures to increase safety of foot / cycling traffic in this high volume traffic area. Some further suggestions are given by BPAC in order to increase safety in the Erwin Road area.

- Motion to approve letter and send made by Michael Moorman, seconded by Dan Clever. Motion approved.
- **Updates from Liaisons**
 - Durham City Council (Javiera Caballero) – Thursday (9/22) there will be transit update from Go Triangle, will be online.
 - Durham Board of County Commissioners (Heidi Carter) – As a follow up from Commuter Rail study last month, there is a substantial funding deficit for this. Will be important to identify all possible funding opportunities and looking at ways to advance the project incrementally.
 - Duke University (Tyler Dewey) - will be discussing with Duke facilities as to connections with Erwin Road through campus, will happen on Friday and Tyler will update us at the next meeting.
 - NC Central University (TBD) – No report
 - Comprehensive Plan (Ed Rizzuto) – Last week planning department released revised version of Comp Plan. There are links in Ed’s previous emails to the document and the policy statements. There will be two meetings next week to give feedback, can also be via email, etc.
- Other Community Updates (All)
 - None

VII. Old Business 9:01 pm

- Review of Presentation Topics for Upcoming Meetings
 - Dale confirmed that there is interest in receiving an update from the Neighborhood Improvement Services Dept at the October meeting on the Equitable and Green Infrastructure Program.

VIII. New Business 9:08 pm

- Future meeting format – Remote vs. In-Person
 - City has agreed that virtual meetings can continue as is instead of moving to in person.
 - Can do some meetings in person and some virtual as long as they are advertised.
- Much more traffic on ATT with E-bikes and there is increased growth with E-bikes in the area/nationally.
 - Could BPAC recommend a controlled speed on E-bike to lower from 20 mph to lower speed if used on trails, etc.
 - EEE will try to address this in our next meeting to come up with recommendation.

IX. Announcements and Updates - 9:20 pm

X. Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees - 9:20 pm

- Connect with public meetings regarding projects
- Public review of STIP in October
- October is Vision Insights 5th Anniversary
- October 15th White Cane Awareness Day
- Two letters that Dev Rev/ PIE committee drafted and were approved
- NC Central rep needed, recommendations
- Comp Plan policy drafts out for feedback
- E-bikes issue to be investigated and discussed in EEE as starting point

XI. Adjourn – 9:23 pm