



# Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Durham Transportation Department · 101 City Hall Plaza · Durham, NC 27701

August 17, 2021  
7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

## MINUTES

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Excused Absences 7:00**
- Present: Aidil Ortiz, Michael Moorman, Deniz Aydemir, Susanne Schmal, Adam Pyburn, Dan Clever, Tony Patterson, David Fellerath, Ed Rizzuto, Idreese Foxworth, Heidi Carter and Javiera Caballero
  - Absent: Mike Shepherd (excused), Emily Egge (excused)
  - Staff: Dale McKeel, Hannah Reynolds
  - Guests: Gordon Box, John Kent
  - Updates: George Tait has resigned and Amanda De Hoedt's term has expired and she did not reapply to be on commission; Dale introduced Hannah Reynolds as new Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Planner in the City of Durham Transportation Department
- II. Adjustments to the Agenda 7:07**
- No adjustments except that Tony will take minutes when Aidil leaves at 8pm
- III. Approval of Minutes from June Meeting 7:08**
- Tony moved to approve the June minutes, Dan 2nd, and motion passes unanimously
- IV. Public Comments 7:09**
- No public comments
- V. Presentations 7:10**
- 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Dale McKeel)  
Andy Henry is a staff person with the DCHC MPO who has managed the development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. There is a lot more information on the MPO web site.

Dating back to the 60's, MPOs (Metropolitan Planning Organizations) got created because of lack of coordination between cities and states when building new highways. DCHC (Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro) MPO covers all of Durham, much of Orange and some of Chatham. CAMPO (Capital Area MPO) is another MPO that covers Wake County and portions of other counties on the eastern side of the Triangle. These two MPOs work closely together to make a plan together and adopt it together. Only projects included in this plan are eligible for state or federal dollars. Has to be updated every 4 years. After the Alternative Analysis, there is an option selection and then adoption in February 2022.

### Highlights:

- support for more biking, sidewalks, coordinated land use with transportation, reduce personal use of vehicles
- Have had to project pop: in 2050. Region will have 1.3 million people (50% increase of Durham residents by 2050 than now). Looks at where jobs are located too.
- Three scenarios: 1) Business as Usual: using current land use plans and policies, 2) Shared Leadership: increases intensity and mix of land use and additional transportation scenario with less

roadway improvements, 3) All together scenario: focuses on equity driven metrics on serving low income households with more transit amenities and is most expensive

-The metrics used to evaluate the scenarios include: congestion, emissions, equity measures, travel time, etc.

-There will be a presentation on September 1

-Will be coordinated with the Durham County Transit Plan and the MTP will incorporate what is adopted in Transit Plan

Discussion:

-New opportunities have come up since the light rail project ended. BRT could be a real way to address needs until better forms of funding are available from federal infrastructure dollars.

-Federal bills under consideration do seem to be offering money for various transportation improvements including rail options

## **VI. Committee Reports**

**8:00**

### ▪ Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Susanne Schmal)

-Discussed the Interlocal agreement and made a minor adjustment to membership roles based on our June meeting.

-Discussed and clarified term length.

-Discussed definition of youth and we will work with other Commissions to have a consistent definition. Most likely the age will be 24.

-Motion to approve changes/updates - Dan Clever, seconded by Michael Moorman, approved unanimously

-Interlocal Agreement changes/updates approved unanimously.

-EEE still discussing BikeWalk NC letter.

### ▪ Development Review Committee Report (Dan Clever)

-Met in July and August but had a joint meeting with PIE in August

Follow up on American Tobacco Mixed Use Phase I (expansion into old University Ford site).

Update on Courtyards at Southpoint III (development plan near Herndon Park on the ATT).

Update on Highgate Commercial (rezoning near Roses and NC54)

Reviewed the new development plan tracker.

### ▪ Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report (Michael Moorman)

-Reviewed access to transit plans during August meeting. Plan does not talk about the length of time to complete a route under the different plans.

-Collaborative Sciences Center for Road Safety at UNC has had seminars throughout the summer. Most recent seminar discussed who was responsible for road safety and how planners should have some responsibilities. They also discussed challenges of getting community input.

### ▪ Updates from Liaisons

- Durham City Council (Javiera Caballero) - No additional updates. Shared information earlier in the meeting. Goals and objectives are being incorporated in Council packets. Great to see direct comments from citizens and focus groups in packets during meetings.

- Durham Board of County Commissioners (Heidi Carter) - No specific updates. Did share information earlier in the meeting

- Duke University (TBD) - No one present.

- NC Central University (Tony Patterson) - Transportation survey was shared with all students, faculty, and staff. Classes started on 8/16/21 so lots of traffic and parking issues around and on campus.
- Recreation Advisory Commission (David Fellerath) - Discussing use of Wheels Fun Park property (purchased by the City) and different options. No specifics at this time. Followed up on commitment to Equity project that Parks and Recreation started last year. Members of the commission will work with staff to engage the community related to equity issues and equitable planning.
- Comprehensive Plan (Aidil Ortiz & Ed Rizzuto) - Goals and objectives were adopted earlier this summer and now people are breaking up into policy groups. The outreach groups are transitions to created concrete policy proposals, such as Housing and Transportation.
- Other Community Updates (All) - No additional community updates.

**VII. Old Business 8:25**

- Review of Interlocal Agreement and Bylaws (Dale McKeel)  
Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Equity and Land Acknowledgement Statements (Aidil Ortiz)  
Discussed concern over identifying a single native group as the original inhabitant of Durham County when there is the possibility that up to three other native cultures that were here. Propose we discuss this in more detail with historians for accuracy.  
  
Other question is what does it mean for us to do a land acknowledgement? Are we doing anything on BPAC specific to native groups? What are ways that we can make our land acknowledgement meaningful.  
  
Just wanted to discuss what a land acknowledgment statement has to do bike and pedestrian issues in 2021?  
  
We do not need to be too precise at this risk of being inaccurate. Having a broader statement that includes self-reflection and acknowledging history.  
  
Discussion of what “place making” means? We would like to have more clarity because “place making” can be good or bad depending on the context. Also discussion of “property”.  
  
We will discuss more at next month’s EEE committee meeting.
- Letter to BikeWalkNC (Susanne Schmal, Aidil Ortiz, Emily Egge) - Tabled. Plan to review during September meeting.

**VIII. New Business 8:50**

- None

**IX. Announcements and Updates 8:50**

Deniz received test space on the software system and is testing some ideas for BPAC that could be a good visual tool for BPAC to keep track of bicycle and pedestrian issues.

Dale announced city projects that were delayed are back up and running. Two projects are going out to bid related to building new bike lanes and the first phase of Neighborhood Bike Routes.

**X. Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees 8:55**

Need to help fill our vacant positions when communication is formally announced.

EEE committee still needs a chair. If you are interested contact Susanne. Discussed the possibility of having a rotating chair.

**XI. Adjourn 9:00**