

Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO)

2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

(Amended May 9, 2007)

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to notify the public and interested partner agencies that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC-MPO) amended the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This document describes the 2030 LRTP and its importance, lists the changes to transportation projects, describes the public involvement activities, and provides the relevant signed resolutions.

MPO Approves Amendment and Report

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) for the DCHC MPO approved the amended 2030 LRTP and related Air Quality Conformity Determination Report at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 9, 2007. The two resolutions affirming this action are in Appendix A.

Information and Contact

Questions and comments can be directed to Andy Henry, (919) 560-4366, andrew.henry@durhamnc.gov.

Background -- 2030 LRTP

The 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is the guide for major transportation investments in the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC-MPO) area. The DCHC-MPO area covers the entire Durham County and the urbanized portions of Orange and Chatham Counties. The 2030 LRTP recommends major transportation projects, policies and strategies designed to maintain existing transportation systems and serve the region's future travel needs. The 2030 LRTP is also designed to support land use and air quality goals for the urban area, and was prepared in accordance with Federal requirements in order to obtain endorsements from the DCHC-MPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). These endorsements are pre-requisites for receiving Federal funds for the transportation improvement program defined in the 2030 LRTP, thus a transportation project cannot receive federal funding unless it is adequately represented in the 2030 LRTP.

The DCHC MPO adopted the 2030 LRTP on April 13, 2005, and subsequent federal agency review validated the Plan on June 15, 2005.

The main components of the 2030 LRTP include:

- Plan Development – A description of the quantitative methodology, such as the use of Socioeconomic data, travel demand modeling and deficiency analysis, and public involvement process used to develop the LRTP.
- Project Descriptions – A table of highway, transit, fixed guideway, bicycle, pedestrian, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Transportation System Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management projects that the MPO plans to implement in the study period. The table includes descriptions, costs, completion dates and other important data.
- Financial Plan – An analysis to demonstrate that the expected future revenues will meet the expected project costs.

Amendment

The Durham-Chapel Hill Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) amended their 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to ensure that the implementation schedule of the transportation projects in the Fiscal Year 2007-2013 State and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) documents agree with the project completion and descriptions in the 2030 LRTP. More specifically, recent funding constraints have delayed several projects in the FY 2007-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and policy changes, such as the delay of the TTA Phase I Rail System and the proposed tolling of the Triangle Parkway, required changes in the 2030 LRTP.

The changes to the project descriptions and completion schedules in the LRTP are listed in Table 1 on page 3:

- The first seven columns of Table 1 provide key data for each project from the 2030 LRTP;
- The second-to-last column provides the implementation status for each project from the FY 2007-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) information on each project; and,
- The last column summarizes the changes to that project.

It is important to note that this is an amendment in which changes only to specific projects are to be made rather than an update in which the analysis and evaluation methodology is conducted again for the entire LRTP. There will not be any change to the Plan's Goals and Objectives, Socioeconomic Data, air quality base year (2002) and horizon years (2010, 2020, and 2030), and financial plan, and no new facilities are being added.

L RTP No.	Project	Project Limits	TIP No.	County	Regional Significant?	AQ year	FY07-13 STIP	Amendment
1	Alexander Dr	Cornwallis Rd to NC 147	U-3309	Durham	No	2010	Completely funded by FY09.	Change AQ Year to 2020.
30	Hillandale Rd	I-85 to Carver St.	U-3804	Durham	No	2009	Completely funded by FY10.	Change AQ Year to 2020 Reconcile description.
66	NC 147 (Triangle Parkway)	I-40 to County Line	U-4763	Durham	Yes	2020	Not funded.	Change AQ Year to 2010
75	NC 55 (Alston Ave.)	NC 147 to NC 98	U-3308	Durham	No	2010	Completely funded by FY10	Change AQ Year to 2020
97	Smith Level Rd	Rock Haven Rd to NC 54 bypass	U-2803	Orange	No	2010	Completely funded by FY12.	Change AQ Year to 2020 Reconcile description.
98	South Columbia St	NC 54 to Manning Dr.	U-624	Orange	Yes	2010	Completely funded by FY10.	Change AQ Year to 2020
119	Weaver Dairy Rd	NC 86 to Erwin Rd	U-3306	Orange	No	2010	Completely funded by FY10.	Change AQ Year to 2020
Fixed Guideway	TTA Phase I Rail	Raleigh/RTP/Durham		Durham	Yes	2010	Unfunded Project.	Change AQ Year to 2020

Public Involvement

The public involvement process was conducted as stated below:

- Public Comment Period – The public was able to provide comments to the DCHC MPO on the proposed amendment to the 2030 LRTP during the 30-day public comment period, from March 24, 2007 through April 23, 2007.
- Public Hearing – The board of elected officials that makes the DCHC MPO policy decisions, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), conducted a public hearing at their April 11, 2007 meeting to permit any citizens to provide comments directly to the TAC.
- Submit Comments – Citizens were asked to submit comments to the DCHC MPO during the public comment period to Andy Henry, Transportation Planner, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701; or, by contacting Mr. Henry by e-mail or telephone, andrew.henry@durhamnc.gov, and, (919) 560-4366.
- Public Notices – The DCHC MPO published notices in three local newspapers to notify the public of the intended amendment and opportunities to comment on the amendment. The public notices are shown in Appendix B.

Air Quality Conformity Determination

The 2030 LRTP must comply with the provisions of the *Clean Air Act Amendments* and the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU). The 2030 LRTP (and, any amendments) must demonstrate that the plan implementation will eliminate or reduce violation of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) in the Triangle Area and accomplishes the intent of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. The 2030 LRTP demonstrated compliance with these measures, however, some of the changes in the proposed amended 2030 LRTP are regionally significant projects (such as Phase I of the TTA Rail project and the Triangle Parkway). As a result, an Air Quality Conformity Determination will need to be conducted for the amended 2030 LRTP.

The DCHC MPO included a public review of the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Determination Report in conjunction with the 2030 LRTP amendment. The DCHC MPO released, reviewed and approved these two documents together.

Appendix A

Resolutions:

**1 - 2030 LRTP
Amendment**

2 - Air Quality Conformity

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
AMENDED 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
FOR THE
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO (DCHC)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

A motion was made by Becky Heron and seconded by Alex Zaffron for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote, was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee is the duly recognized transportation decision making body for the 3-C transportation planning process (i.e., continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive) of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO); and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee approved the DCHC MPO 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on April 13, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO has amended the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to ensure that the Plan conforms to the intent and purpose of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (or interim emissions tests in areas where no SIP is approved or found adequate) in accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendment (CAAA); and,

WHEREAS, the Amended 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) meets the planning requirements of 23 CFR Part 134 and the public involvement policies of the DCHC MPO; and,

WHEREAS, that conformity determination was made according to the established interagency consultation procedures for North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Conformity Determination Analysis and Report demonstrate that the Amended 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) conform to the intent and purpose of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (or interim emissions tests in areas where no SIP is approved or found adequate) in accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendment (CAAA); and,

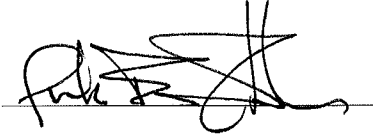
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Amended 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) be approved and adopted.

Alicia M. Gordon
TAC Chair

STATE of: North Carolina

COUNTY of: FREDERICK BRIAN RHODES

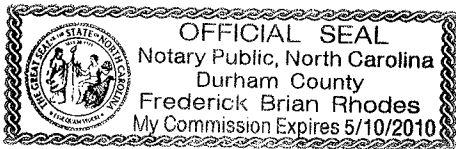
I, FREDERICK BRIAN RHODES Notary Public of DURHAM County, North Carolina do hereby certify that ALICE M. GORDON personally appeared before me on the 9th day of MAY, 2007 to affix his/her signature to the foregoing document.



(Seal)

Notary Public
101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

My Commission Expires: 5.10.10



**RESOLUTION
FINDING THE DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO (DCHC)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IN CONFORMITY WITH
THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP) OR INTERIM
EMISSIONS TESTS IN AREAS WHERE NO SIP IS APPROVED OR FOUND
ADEQUATE**

A motion was made by Becky Heron and seconded by Alex Zaffran for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote, was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee is the duly recognized transportation decision making body for the 3-C transportation planning process (i.e., continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive) of the Durham–Chapel Hill–Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO); and,

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) meets the planning requirements of 23 CFR Part 134; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency designated Durham County, Orange County, and the part of Chatham County within the DCHC MPO planning boundary as non-attainment for ozone on June 15, 2004, and redesignated Durham County as maintenance for carbon monoxide on September 18, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the conformity analysis of the DCHC MPO 2030 LRTP is based on the most recent estimates for population, employment, travel and congestion as required in 40 CFR Part 93.110; and,

WHEREAS, the projects in the DCHC MPO 2030 LRTP have been financially-constrained (i.e., projected revenues and costs reasonably balance); and,

WHEREAS, the most recent motor vehicle emissions model was used to prepare the quantitative emission analysis, as required in 40 CFR Part 93.111; and,

WHEREAS, those projects and programs included in the DCHC 2030 LRTP contribute to annual emissions reductions as shown by the quantitative emissions analysis; and,

WHEREAS, that conformity determination was made according to the established interagency consultation procedures for North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, there are no transportation control measures in the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (SIP) that pertain to the DCHC MPO, as required in 40 CFR Part 93.111(b); and,

WHEREAS, the programs and projects included in the DCHC MPO 2030 LRTP are consistent with the North Carolina SIP emissions budgets (i.e., one-hour ozone and carbon monoxide budgets) for Durham County, and Baseline emissions for Orange County and Chatham County based on an emissions analysis; and,

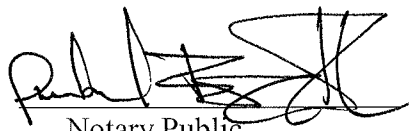
WHEREAS, the programs and projects included in the DCHC MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Year 2007-2013 are a direct subset of the 2030 LRTP.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that subject to the satisfaction of any comments by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the DCHC MPO 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan conforms to the purpose of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (or interim emissions tests in areas where no SIP is approved or found adequate) in accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendment (CAAA) on this 9th day of May, 2007.

Alice M. Gordon
TAC Chair

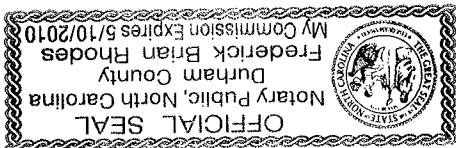
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I, ~~Frederick Brian Rhodes~~ Notary Public of DURHAM County, North Carolina do hereby certify that ALICE M. GORDON personally appeared before me on the 9th day of MAY, 2007 to affix his/her signature to the foregoing document.



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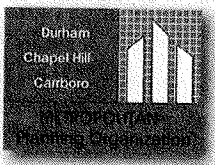
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Appendix B

Published Notices



ANNOUNCING
A Public Comment Period on a Proposed Amendment to the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) And Air Quality Determination Report

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www.dchcmpo.org -- Web site provides the Amended 2030 LRTP and Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for review and downloading.

Public Hearing -- Citizens can provide comments to local elected officials (Transportation Advisory Committee); Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 9:00 AM in the Committee Room (2nd Floor of Durham City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza). Persons with disabilities will be accommodated -- provisions must be requested at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Public Comment Period -- The 30-day public comment period will be open from Monday, March 26, 2007 through Tuesday, April 24, 2007. Comments should be forwarded to:

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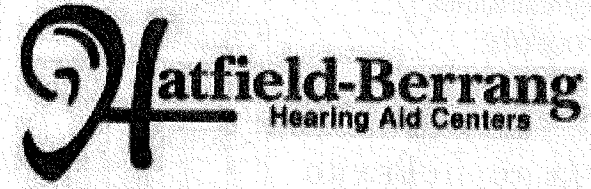
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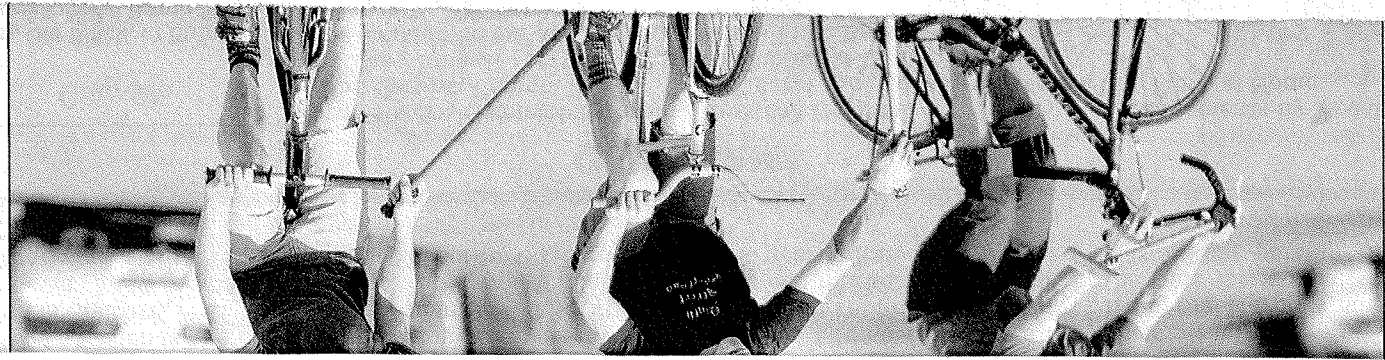
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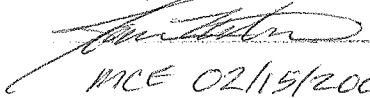
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(Following is a true copy of notice)

Having claims against the Estate of Grace Coley Churchill O'Neal to present them to the undersigned within three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment. This the 22nd day of March, 2007.

Alfred W. Lyon
Co-Executor
1280 Northside Road
Creedmoor, N.C. 27522
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Co-Executor
410 Continental Drive
Durham, N.C. 27712

March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 2007.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County as Public Administrator of the Estate of George O'Neil Curry, Deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to send them, duly itemized and verified, to P.O. Box 51429, Durham, NC 27717, on or before the 30th of June, 2007 (90 days after the date of this Notice) or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned.

This the 31st day of March, 2007.

George W. Miller, Jr.
Public Administrator of the Estate of George O'Neil Curry, Deceased
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Durham, NC 27717
Robert E. Levin,
Attorney for the Public Administrator
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All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment. This the 9th day of February, 2007.

Vann G. Lynn
Executor
2553 Old Ansel School Road
Greer, S.C. 29651

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