

ATTACHMENT A

**A RESOLUTION NOMINATING CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON A
SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR TRANSIT**

Resolution No. 119/2006-07

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen supports multi-modal transportation, including regional transit and carpooling activities, and;

WHEREAS, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization are forming a commission to make recommendations on major transit investments in the Triangle Area; and

WHEREAS, DCHC MPO has requested that the Board of Aldermen nominate two candidates to serve on the commission

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen nominate the following to serve on the committee:

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DCHC**DURHAM • CHAPEL HILL • CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION****Member Governments**

Town of Carrboro
 Town of Chapel Hill
 County of Chatham
 City of Durham
 County of Durham
 Town of Hillsborough
 N.C. Department of
 Transportation January 26, 2007
 County of Orange

Mr. Steven E. Stewart
 Carrboro Town Manager
 301 W. Main Street
 Carrboro, NC 27510

Re: Joint Metropolitan Planning Organization Special Advisory Commission for Transit

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) is requesting that you nominate one or two candidates from your organization to serve on a Special Advisory Commission for Transit. The commission is being formed by the DCHC MPO and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) to recommend a plan for major transit investments in the Triangle area. The attached document outlines the charge to this commission, the establishment of the commission, the tasks, and the schedule of activities.

This commission will play a critically important role in the development of a unified vision for future transit investments in the Triangle area. The recommendations that the commission develops will be forwarded to the Transportation Advisory Committees (TACs) of both the DCHC MPO and the CAMPO for use in the formulation of their Long Range Transportation Plans. The DCHC MPO is looking for people who are knowledgeable about transit issues and who are able to volunteer a sufficient amount of time and effort to develop the recommendations.

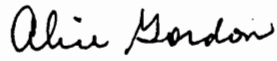
The DCHC MPO will be making ten appointments to the Special Advisory Commission for Transit and is soliciting candidates from several community, environmental, business, educational, and governmental organizations and boards. We are requesting that you select up to two candidates from your organization who are willing to serve on this commission. Please ask your candidates to send their name, address, telephone number, email address, and a brief description of their background and interest in transit issues to Ellen Beckmann at ellen.beckmann@durhamnc.gov by February 7, 2007. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the DCHC MPO will select ten appointees from the pool of applicants at their meeting on February 14, 2007 and will send out notification to the appointees.

Due to the considerable interest already expressed concerning service on this commission, the DCHC MPO may not be able to include a representative of your organization on the commission. However, during the development of the recommendations from this group there will be other opportunities for your organization and members of the public to comment on the proposed plan.

If you have any questions about the formation of the commission, please contact Mark Ahrendsen at mark.ahrendsen@durhamnc.gov or 560-4366 or Ellen Beckmann at ellen.beckmann@durhamnc.gov or 560-4366.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Alice Gordon
Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee
Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization

cc: TAC Members

Special Advisory Commission for Transit

Charge to the Commission

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) have concluded that major transit investments will be crucial to the Triangle's future economic success and mobility. In this regard the two MPOs have proposed the development of a Vision for Transit in the Triangle. The development of this plan should include a robust public outreach/community engagement effort and a process for establishing priorities for regional transit investments. The two MPOs have also proposed the creation of a Joint MPO Special Advisory Commission for Transit to assist them in the development of the Vision for Transit in the Triangle. This commission will deliver to the region's two MPOs a set of recommended major transit investments to serve the Triangle based on:

- Guiding principles for transit investments
- The *Transit Infrastructure Blueprint Project* analysis
- Priorities for transit investments
- A community engagement process

Establishment of the Commission

The commission will be appointed by the Transportation Advisory Committees (TACs) of the CAMPO and the DCHC MPO. The group will be composed of 24 people, with 14 appointed by the CAMPO and 10 appointed by the DCHC MPO. The commission will present its recommendations to the two MPOs at a Joint MPO TAC meeting on October 31, 2007, and also provide periodic updates as appropriate.

Tasks

To accomplish its overall mission, the commission may engage in any and all of the following focus areas. MPO Staff will provide technical assistance to the commission for these tasks.

1. Review existing transit plans and relevant sections of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plans.
2. Determine the level and process for public outreach.
3. Determine goals and objectives for regional major transit investments.
4. Review and evaluate transit options available to the region for the next 20 to 30 years.
5. Determine regional major transit investment recommendations.
6. Other areas as deemed advisable by the commission.

General Schedule of Activities (draft)

January-February – MPOs name representatives to the commission.

Late February-Early March – Initial meeting(s).

- Commission confirms budget, staffing, and funding for facilitation, administration, and outreach.
- Members concur on the charge of the commission and overall schedule of work.
- Commission determines missing information and identifies focus areas needed to execute charge.

Spring – Technical activities and development of analysis framework.

- Commission develops framework of prioritized goals and objectives for making recommendations, including identification of problems needing to be addressed by transit.
- MPOs, TTA, NCDOT transit staff collect data on travel markets, land use, impacts on the environment, impacts on neighborhoods and communities, costs of potential transit technologies, best practices in other areas, and other needs identified by the commission.

Summer – Commission reviews Triangle Infrastructure Blueprint data and related research.

Fall – Commission develops recommendations for a Vision for Transit in the Triangle.

October 31, 2007 – Commission presents its recommendations to the two MPOs at the Joint MPO TAC meeting. The MPOs will then use the recommendations in the development of their 2035 Long Range Transportation Plans.