Public Comment Period

The Alternatives Analysis was released on August 17, 2012 for a public comment that will end on October 10, 2012. This is the same day as the October meeting for the Transportation Advisory Committee, which is the MPO’s policy board.

Summary of Comments

The public has provided comments by email, letters and comment forms (that were distributed at the public workshops). In addition, several elected bodies and some boards and commissions have conducted hearings on the Alternatives Analysis and will likely forward resolutions to the MPO. The summary below covers comments and resolutions received up to October 4, 2012.

Public Comments
The MPO received seventy comments from the public:

- Almost all the comments requested that Southwest Durham Drive be deleted from the 2040 MTP or be connected to NC 54 via George King Road. The comments were mostly based on:
  - Environmental impacts to the Little Creek area; and,
  - Traffic impacts to the Meadowmont community and Rashkis Elementary School; and,
- One comment supported connecting Southwest Durham Drive to Meadowmont Lane based on the likely diversion of traffic away from NC 54, which is congested.

A compilation of all the public comments is available on the Alternatives Analysis page of the DCHC MPO web site (www.dchcmpo.org), or by using the following link: http://www.dchcmpo.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=92&Itemid=35

Boards and Commissions
At the time this document was written (10/4/12), the only resolution that was received was from the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. That resolution requests that the MPO include greenhouse gas metrics in future studies. As a response, staff will ensure that the nine Targets, which include a greenhouse gas measure, will be developed for the Preferred Option.

Staff expects additional comments from local elected bodies but these have not been received, yet.