



The Durham Engineers Club Cordially invites you to our
October 13, 2011 Meeting
 Featuring a presentation from our Guest Speakers
 Mark Ahrendsen, Director of Durham's Department of Transportation
 accompanied by Dan Jewell and Bo Glenn

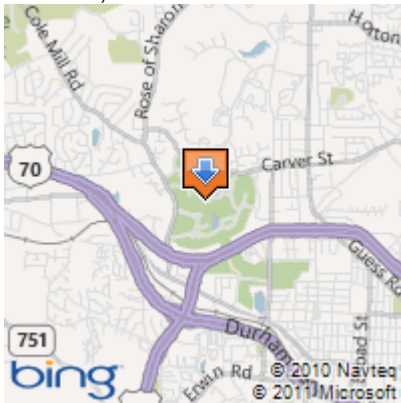
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The topic is

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

Where:

Croasdaile Country Club
 3800 Farm Gate Avenue
 Durham, NC 27701



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When:

Thursday October 13, 2011 from
 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM EDT

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Dear Fellow Professional:

Please consider our special invitation to attend our regular monthly meeting Thursday, October 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This presentation will be jointly made by Mark D. Ahrendsen, Director of Durham's Department of Transportation, and Dan Jewell and Bo Glenn who will speak representing Durham-Orange Friends of Transit.

Mark Ahrendsen will speak about the role of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC-MPO). This is the regional organization responsible for transportation planning in Durham County, Orange County as well as portions of the other adjoining counties and the western part of the Research Triangle area in North Carolina.

The DCHC urbanized area, first designated by the 1980 Census, covers all of Durham County, a portion of Orange County including the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough, and Northeast Chatham County.

The DCHC-MPO is an umbrella organization comprised of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), local governments, and the State. The TAC, designated by the Governor, is a policy body that coordinates and makes decisions on transportation planning issues. Its major responsibility is to conduct a Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative (3-C) transportation planning process. Integral elements of this 3-C process are the development of a Long-Range Transportation Plan that outlines highway, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects to be constructed over the next thirty years and the shorter term Transportation Improvement Program that lists how federal, state, and local funds will be spent on transportation projects over the next seven years.

The DCHC MPO and its regional partners have developed a Durham Bus and Rail Investment Plan. This Bus and Rail Investment Plan includes expansion of bus service, implementation of commuter rail service between Durham and Raleigh by as early as 2018, and implementation of light rail service between Durham and Chapel Hill by 2025. Implementation of this plan is dependent on local, state, and federal funds. A portion of the local funds would come from a proposed half-cent sales tax. The Durham County Board of Commissioners have authorized a referendum for this sales tax on the November 8 ballot this year.

An overview of the DCHC MPO's work and the Bus and Rail Investment Plan will be provided by Dan Jewell and Bo Glenn.

Please click on the link below to register; the cost to attend is \$25 for members and non-members alike and this is collected at the event via cash or check. We and the Croasdaile Country Club cannot accept credit cards for this event.

The price includes a buffet dinner at the Croasdaile Country Club. The buffet features an extensive salad bar, and a variety of hot dishes; the food is excellent. Social hour is from 6:30 to 7:00 pm and there is a cash bar. Dinner is from 7:00 to 7:30 and the speaker will begin at 7:30 and the presentation will be about an hour. One (1) PDH will be provided; a terrific bargain!

Please join us for this great presentation by clicking on the "Register Now" link below, if you cannot attend please let us know as well, and feel free to forward this invitation to as many others as you would like using the button below.

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We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Sincerely,

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