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TO: DCHC MPO Board
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 SUBJECT: SPOT 7.0, AQ Conformity, & MTP Updates

Summary

The FY2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is tentatively scheduled to be released for public comment following the April 5-6 Board of Transportation (BOT) meetings. Based off of that timeline, and given the updated list of projects that will be provided in the STIP, this sets in motion the creation of a submittal list for projects in the SPOT process, as well as a need to run an Air Quality (AQ) conformity analysis and amend the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

The Strategic Prioritization of Transportation (SPOT) process is a data-driven approach for ranking projects across North Carolina. Projects are scored based on mode of transportation, degree of impact (statewide, regional, division), and other critical factors. This process takes several years and determines the prioritization of projects in a future funding cycle. This upcoming SPOT cycle is the 7th iteration of the scoring process and projects will be funded for the FY2026-2035 STIP.

It is a requirement for all projects in the first four years of the TIP and MTP to match. As a result of recent swaps and other updates, the MTP will need to be amended to match the TIP. This amendment process requires running AQ conformity analysis to ensure that transit activities are consistent with the air quality goals set forth in the Clean Air Act. To ensure that the TIP and MTP match, the amendment to the MTP will need to be processed in tandem with TIP adoption.

MONTH	DAY	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	ITEM
April	3 rd	NCDOT	Updated STIP released
	12 th	DCHC MPO Board	P7 carryover project approvals from P6
	26 th	DCHC MPO TC	SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates for Review
	ALL	TJCOG, CAMPO, DCHC	Air Quality Conformity analysis begins
May	10 th	DCHC MPO Board	SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates for Review
	24 th	DCHC MPO TC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates recommended for release MTP Amendment #1 recommended for release Draft FY24-33 TIP recommended for release
June	5/6 th	NCDOT BOT	STIP adopted (MPO has three months to adopt their TIP)
	14 th	DCHC MPO Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates release for public comment MTP Amendment #1 release for public comment Draft FY24-33 TIP release for public comment
July	26 th	DCHC MPO TC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates recommended MTP Amendment #1 recommended Draft FY24-33 TIP recommended
August	9 th	DCHC MPO Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates approval MTP Amendment #1 approval Draft FY24-33 TIP approval
September	TBD	NCDOT	Deadline for project submittals into SPOT Online
	TBD	LPA Staff	Start processing FY24-33 TIP amendment #1 with FY24 or later funds. Amendments will start being processed on cyclical basis.