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To: DCHC MPO Board
From: Kayla Peloquin, Transportation Planner
Date: March 9, 2022
Re: CTP Amendment #4

Summary: Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment #4 has been developed over the last several months and is ready for adoption at the March 9, 2022 DCHC MPO Board meeting. This memo outlines the changes that have been made to CTP Amendment #4 from its original draft to its final version.

Explanation:

- The deletion of the South Roxboro Street Extension was omitted at the request of the Board on January 12, 2022, due to the need for more extensive public engagement. Therefore, the South Roxboro Street Extension remains in the CTP.
- The Hopson Road Extension cross section was changed from 2K to 2E with MB on both sides, meaning there will be a 10-foot multiuse path on both sides separated from auto traffic to make the facility safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. This width of the cross-section is reduced from the original 2K cross-section that will result in reduced environmental impact.
- Amendment #4 originally changed the designation of several Erwin Road and Pettigrew Street segments from needs improvement to existing because the projected improvements for the former Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) were no longer needed. However, these segments are being removed from the amendment and will be addressed in a future CTP amendment in coordination with the consideration of potential Bus Rapid Transit corridors.
- Many public comments were received regarding designating the Dearborn Drive portion of Route 9, 9A, and 9B as a Transit Emphasis Corridor (TEC). MPO staff is coordinating with City of Durham staff, and if the City of Durham supports this designation, the Transit Emphasis Corridor will be included in a subsequent CTP Amendment.
- This amendment includes the deletion of associated rail stops along the deleted Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) alignment. This has been indicated throughout the public comment period. They are now listed in the rail table.