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MEMORANDUM

TO: DCHC MPO Technical Committee
FROM: Thomas Porter, Transportation Planner
DATE: September 10, 2024
RE: **FY2025 UPWP AMENDMENT #2**

SUMMARY

To approve an amendment to the FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that programs the US 70 East Corridor Study: Phase 2 and Remix Transit + Streets license renewal into the DCHC MPO staff budget table. These two items were approved and programmed into the FY2024 UPWP. The US 70 East Phase 2 Study is being requested to be incorporated into the FY2025 UPWP as it is ready to begin. The additional funding for the Remix Transit + Streets License is to cover the increased cost for the Transit component of this product.

BACKGROUND

The DCHC MPO US 70 East Corridor Study: Phase 2 was approved by the MPO Policy Board on April 12, 2023, and programmed into the FY2024 UPWP. This amendment is being requested because DCHC is now positioned to commence the special study. The programmed amount of this special study, which remains unchanged, is \$80,000. The total entails a 20% local match of \$16,000 and an 80% STBG-DA reimbursable amount of \$64,000.

The Remix Transit + Streets license was programmed into the FY2024 UPWP, which was approved by the MPO Policy Board on April 12, 2023. DCHC seeks to renew our Remix Transit + Streets license on behalf of the Central Pines Regional Council. Remix is the only provider of integrated transportation planning software that connects flexible data analysis with transit planning and street design. The MPO has contracted with Remix in previous years, and currently uses Remix to assist with transportation planning and design, while also providing user accounts at no additional cost to all of our member agencies. The MPO and several of our member agencies use Remix regularly for street design and analysis, community engagement, and transit planning. The Remix product is unique because it is cloud-based, is continuously updated based on consumer feedback, and includes open data access alongside a collaborative mapping platform that is designed for community engagement. The programmed amount for this software is \$56,000, however the price of the platform increased \$25,500, bringing the total price to \$81,500. The \$25,500 difference entails a 20% local match of \$5,100 and an 80% STBG-DA reimbursable amount of \$20,400.

Table 1: STBG-DA

Agency	Task Code	Proposed Additional Funds		
		Local Match (20%)	Federal (STBG-DA) (80%)	Total (100%)
MPO	II-B-3: US 70 East Corridor Study: Phase 2	\$16,000	\$64,000	\$80,000
MPO	II-A-1: Remix Transit + Streets License	\$5,100	\$20,400	\$25,500
Total		\$21,100	\$84,400	\$105,500

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This amendment seeks to program additional FY2025 STBG-DA funds for DCHC's US 70 East Corridor Study: Phase 2 and the Remix Transit + Streets license. This amendment increases the total STBG-DA amount in FY2025 by \$105,500 (\$84,400 federal amount). The unused funds in FY2024 will be available for future use by the MPO when they are finished invoicing all FY2024 STBG-DA expenditures and MPO staff notifies NCDOT to close out the FY2024 project account.

REQUESTED MOTION

TC Action: To recommend the MPO Board approve FY2025 UPWP Amendment #2

Board Action: To approve FY2025 UPWP Amendment #2