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April 12, 2023

TO: DCHC MPO Board
 FROM : Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff
 SUBJECT: FY20-29 TIP Amendment #14 Public Comments

Summary

Amendment #14 to the FY2020-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adds \$2.3 million in Community Project Funding and local fund match to the R. Kelly Bryant Bridge Trail. TIP Amendment #14 also adds several projects to the TIP including the N-S-BRT. This amendment also updates the funding for the Chapel Hill portion of the Morgan Creek Greenway.

As there are projects with changes in excess of \$1 million, per the MPO's Public Involvement Plan (PIP), this amendment was released for a 21-day public comment period. The current timeline for adoption is as follows:

- February 22: TC recommended Board release for public comment
- March 8: Board released for public comment
- March 22: TC recommended Board approves amendment
- April 12: Board approves amendment

The original timeline for this amendment was set for approval in May to allow a 21-day public comment period between Board release and TC recommendation. This date was moved back to April so that a 21-day comment period exists only between Board release and Board recommendation.

Several administrative modifications have been made to this amendment post-release for public comment, which mainly consisted of STIP number updates for existing projects. These changes are considered minor per amendment procedures and do not require additional public comment opportunity.

Due to the overlapping time frame of this amendment and adoption of a new STIP, projects with funding in FY24 or later will likely be processed post FY24-33 STIP adoption.

Public comment for this amendment was available March 13 - April 3, 2023.

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Comments Received

Email Comments

Dear Kelly,

The Regional Transportation Alliance is pleased to see the proposed amendment for formal inclusion of the Chapel Hill North South BRT project in the TIP.

Expanding BRT across the Triangle is an essential part of our multimodal future, and the regional business community looks forward to seeing the NSBRT project advance to construction.

Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

Joe

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Survey Responses

Comment #	Comment	Response
1	Hwy NC 54 (projects H149000-I and H149000-J) does not need to be widened to multi-lanes, based on traffic counts. However, the section between Fayetteville Road and NC 55 needs a shared path for pedestrians and bicycles as soon as possible.	<i>These SPOT IDs listed are in reference to TIP projects U-5774I and U-5774J. Neither of these projects pertain to this amendment. We appreciate your feedback and it will be shared with the MPO Board for ongoing project discussions.</i>
2	Hwy NC 54 (projects H149000-I and H149000-J) does not need to be widened to multi-lanes, based on traffic counts. However, the section between Fayetteville Road and NC 55 needs a shared path for pedestrians and bicycles as soon as possible.	<i>This comment is a duplicate of comment #1 but from a separate member of the public.</i>

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3	"Yes please!" on additional funding for the R Kelly Bryant Trail.	<i>We appreciate your feedback and it will be shared with the MPO Board.</i>
4	I support accelerating the Hillsborough train station project and the N/S BRT in Chapel Hill at every opportunity.	<i>We appreciate your feedback and it will be shared with the MPO Board.</i>

Recommendation

The results of the public engagement for this amendment consisted of either support for the progression of the listed projects, or requests for changes to project areas for projects that were not listed in this amendment.

Based on all feedback, LPA staff recommend the MPO Board approve Amendment #14 to the FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.