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Transportation Planning Organization

**Transportation Improvement  
Program Administrative Modification  
Full Documentation  
March 25, 2025**

- **TA-4726**
  - Replacement buses in Chapel Hill
  - Adding \$2 million in Community Project Funding.
- **TQ-5104**
  - Chapel Hill Transit Senior Shuttle
  - Adding \$274k in 5310 funding
- **TQ-6165**
  - Mobility management for the 5310 grant.
  - Adding \$60,343 in 5310 funding
- See Full Documentation to view items on the March Item N

PROJECT ID	MODE	FUNDING PROGRAM	ROUTE/CITY	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH (MILES)	COUNTY(S)	DIVISION(S)	MPOs/RPOs	COMMENT	CATEGORY FUNDED	FUNDING COMMENT	FUND SOURCE	ACTIVITY	TOTAL FUNDED (MAY INCLUDE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED FUNDS)	FY 2024	FY 2025
TA-4726	Public Transportati on (Transit)	Capital (Non-STI)	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT	REPLACEMENT BUSES		ORANGE	7	Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO	FUNDS AUTHORIZED IN PROGRESS	Public Transit		CMAQ	CAPITAL	3,000,000		\$ 3,000,000
TA-4726	Public Transportati on (Transit)	Capital (Non-STI)	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT	REPLACEMENT BUSES		ORANGE	7	Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO	FUNDS AUTHORIZED IN PROGRESS	Public Transit		S	CAPITAL	1,936,000		
TA-4726	Public Transportati on (Transit)	Capital (Non-STI)	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT	REPLACEMENT BUSES		ORANGE	7	Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO	FUNDS AUTHORIZED IN PROGRESS	Public Transit		L	CAPITAL	2,686,000		\$ 750,000
TA-4726	Public Transportati on (Transit)	Capital (Non-STI)	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT	REPLACEMENT BUSES		ORANGE	7	Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO	FUNDS AUTHORIZED IN PROGRESS	Public Transit		5307	CAPITAL	37,313,000		
TA-4726	Public Transportati on (Transit)	Capital (Non-STI)	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT	REPLACEMENT BUSES		ORANGE	7	Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO	FUNDS AUTHORIZED IN PROGRESS	Public Transit		5339	CAPITAL	9,956,000		
TA-4726	Public Transportati on (Transit)	Capital (Non-STI)	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT	REPLACEMENT BUSES		ORANGE	7	Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO	ADDING THESE FUNDS	Public Transit		CPF	CAPITAL	2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000
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TQ-5104	Public Transportati on (Transit)	Capital (Non-STI)	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT	EX Rider Senior Shuttle. 5310 Grant.		ORANGE	7	TW TPO	ADDING THESE FUNDS	Public Transit		5310	CAPITAL	274,000		\$ 274,000
TQ-5104	Public Transportati on (Transit)	Capital (Non-STI)	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT	EX Rider Senior Shuttle. 5310 Grant.		ORANGE	7	TW TPO	ADDING THESE FUNDS	Public Transit		L	CAPITAL	274,000		\$ 274,000

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TQ-6165	Public Transportati on (Transit)	Capital (Non-STI)	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT	Mobility Management. 5310 Grant.		ORANGE	7	TW TPO	ADDING THESE FUNDS	Public Transit		5310	CAPITAL	60,344		\$ 60,344
TQ-6165	Public Transportati on (Transit)	Capital (Non-STI)	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT	Mobility Management. 5310 Grant.		ORANGE	7	TW TPO	ADDING THESE FUNDS	Public Transit		L	CAPITAL	15,086		\$ 15,086

Year	Apportionment	Total # subrecipients funded in this POP: 4			Totals	Total Amount Programmed	% Total Funding		
FFY23	\$ 400,121.00				Capital Projects	\$ 543,844.89	67%		
FFY24	\$ 411,042.00				Other Section				
Transfer Funds	\$ -				5310 Projects	\$ 267,318	33%		
Flex Funds					Admin	\$ -	0%		
Total Available	\$ 811,163.00				TOTAL	\$ 811,162.61	100%		
MPO Approval Date	Subrecipient Name	Agency Type	Point of Contact	Project Name	Description/Location of Service	Project Type	Local Share	Federal Share	Total Cost
22-Oct-24	Orange County Transportation Services	Local Government Authority / Public Transit Operator	Nishith Trivedi 606 N. NC 86 Hillsborough, NC 27278 919-245-2007	Go Orange Mobility Management Program	The program provides fare free service similar to EZ Rider and the GoTriangle GoPass for older adults, people with disabilities, and people with social and health needs. Location: Orange Countv	Mobility Management	\$ 15,085.75	\$ 60,343.72	\$ 75,429.47
22-Oct-24	Chapel Hill Transit / Town of Chapel Hill	Local Government Authority / Public Transit Operator	Alexius Farris 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Chapel Hill NC 27516 919-969-4000	Chapel Hill Transit Senior Shuttle	This project continues to fund Chapel Hill Transit's Senior Shuttle fixed-route service. In addition, it introduces an on-demand pilot program and doubles Senior Shuttle service by adding a route that goes in the other direction. Location: Orange County	Operating	\$ 274,000	\$ 274,000.00	\$ 548,000
22-Oct-24	Orange County Dept. on Aging	Local Government Authority	Brandi Beeker 2551 Homestead Rd Chapel Hill NC 27516 919-717-1853	Orange County STEAMM	The project will support an aging-related mobility manager responsible for educating older adults about public transportation systems, expand and manage a volunteer driver program, and purchase service from transportation operators to provide better access to community services. Location: Orange County	Mobility Management	\$ 51,744	\$ 206,974.00	\$ 258,718
22-Oct-24	GoDurham / City of Durham	Local Government Authority / Public Transit Operator	Tom Devlin 101 City Hall Plaza Durham NC 27701 919-560-4366	GoDurham ACCESS Vehicles	The project will purchase three 22 ft light transit vehicles for the GoDurham ACCESS coordinated system. Location: Durham County	Capital	\$ 67,461.22	\$ 269,844.89	\$ 337,306.11
	TOTALS						\$ 408,291	\$ 811,162.61	\$ 1,219,454

## Tim Schwarzauser

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**From:** Orr, Parris (FTA) <Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:07 PM  
**To:** Tim Schwarzauser  
**Cc:** Sachnin, Robert (FTA); Morgan, Jason (FTA); Lei, Guanying (FTA); Williams, Rodney (FTA)  
**Subject:** RE: Community Project Funding for Urban Bus Systems

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Hi Tim,

FTA Headquarters approved the request from the Town of Chapel Hill to transfer \$2 million to each of the City of Durham, City of Raleigh, and the Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority and for each of those entities to apply directly for the funds to support bus replacements in TrAMS.

Please ensure that the federal funding is programmed in the MPO/STIP for each respective recipient and attach this email to each TrAMS application.

Thank you,

Parris

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**From:** Tim Schwarzauser <tschwarzauser@townofchapelhill.org>  
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**Subject:** RE: Community Project Funding for Urban Bus Systems

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Hi Parris,

Can you provide an update on this. Thank you.

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**From:** Tim Schwarzauser  
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2024 10:17 AM  
**To:** Orr, Parris (FTA) <[Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Community Project Funding for Urban Bus Systems

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**From:** Orr, Parris (FTA) <[Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2024 11:32 AM  
**To:** Tim Schwarzauser <[tschwarzauser@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:tschwarzauser@townofchapelhill.org)>  
**Cc:** Whyte, Dudley (FTA) <[Dudley.Whyte@dot.gov](mailto:Dudley.Whyte@dot.gov)>; Sachnin, Robert (FTA) <[robert.sachnin@dot.gov](mailto:robert.sachnin@dot.gov)>; Lei, Guanying (FTA) <[guanying.lei@dot.gov](mailto:guanying.lei@dot.gov)>; Sandberg, Margarita (FTA) <[margarita.sandberg@dot.gov](mailto:margarita.sandberg@dot.gov)>; Morgan, Jason (FTA) <[jason.morgan1@dot.gov](mailto:jason.morgan1@dot.gov)>; Martin, Bret (FTA) <[bret.martin@dot.gov](mailto:bret.martin@dot.gov)>; Volz, Amy (FTA) <[amy.volz@dot.gov](mailto:amy.volz@dot.gov)>  
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Hi Tim,

I forwarded the information to Bret that you provided in your 1/31/2024 email. Upon further discuss with FTA Headquarters, please complete and return the attached document. This information is needed to enter into the FTA Headquarters grant change request system and to receive Headquarters concurrence.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Parris

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Tim,

Thank you for following up with the requested information. I was just included on this email chain and did not receive the documentation you sent to Parris. Can you send that to me? Sorry for the inconvenience as we work through some temporary staffing changes at HQ.

Thanks,

Bret Martin, AICP  
Program Manager – Urbanized Area Formula Program and FTA Formula Apportionments Lead

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Hi Tim,

I am currently on maternity leave and Bret Martin is the Acting Program Manager for Community Projects. I am adding him to this email for any additional follow-up.

**Amy Volz**

Division Chief | Urbanized Area Programs  
FTA Office of Program Management  
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**From:** Tim Schwarzauser <[tschwarzauser@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:tschwarzauser@townofchapelhill.org)>  
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Please find attached the approval of all involved agencies. The Town of Chapel Hill agrees with this approach of allowing all the agencies involved individually apply for their share of the Community Project Funding for Urban Bus Systems. These funds originate from Grants for Community Project Funding (CPF), also known as Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). Please let me know what else you need from me.

NC	Chapel Hill Transit	2023-CMPJ-073	Bus Replacement Funding for Urban Transit Systems	\$8,000,00
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Cheers,

Tim



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**From:** Orr, Parris (FTA) <[Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2023 10:22 AM  
**To:** Tim Schwarzauser <[tschwarzauser@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:tschwarzauser@townofchapelhill.org)>  
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Hi Tim,

There is no required statutory language or approval that needs to be included with the letter/email. We are primarily looking for documentation that both the named recipient and requested recipients are aware of and acknowledge the transfer.

Thank you,

Parris

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**From:** Tim Schwarzauser <[tschwarzauser@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:tschwarzauser@townofchapelhill.org)>  
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Thank you Parris,

This is very helpful. Is there any statutorily required language for the letters beyond the information requested below, and do they need to be signed/sent with board approval or simply by an authorized official?

Thank you.

Tim

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**From:** Orr, Parris (FTA) <[Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov)>  
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Hi Tim,

Thank you for your email and update. Community Project Funding (CPF) grant recipient changes must be submitted to and approved by the Regional Administrator and then sent to FTA Headquarters for Review and Determination.

Please provide the required documentation below:

Letter or email from the original CPF recipient: Town of Chapel Hill

Letter or email from the new FTA recipients: The City of Durham, GoTriangle (Triangle Transit Authority), the City of Raleigh

Please indicate the amount of the initial award, project id and project description and how much each FTA recipient will request in CPF funding in sperate TrAMS applications.

I hope this information is helpful and please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thank you,

Parris

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Hi Parris,

I wanted to follow up on the below. Thank you.

Tim

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**To:** Orr, Parris (FTA) <[Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov)>  
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Hi Parris,

Below are our answers. Please let me know if you need more information.

1. Yes. This would be the preferred method for the agencies.
2. Not yet. Our MPO has a STIP call in September. Whether or not we can all apply for these funds individually will affect that STIP amendment as the funds actually spread across two different MPOs.
3. NC law requires each agency and city have their own contracts. We have participated in joint procurements, but the ultimate contracts are individual as each transit system is part of a unique legal entity.

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Hi Tim,

Thank you for your email. We have a couple of follow up questions, to try to understand what is being proposed for the FY2023 Transit Infrastructure Grants-Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending for Chapel Hill Transit:

NC	Chapel Hill Transit	2023-CMPJ-073	Bus Replacement Funding for Urban Transit Systems	\$8,000,000
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1. Are the other transit agencies in agreement to apply for these fund individually in TrAMS as separate applications?
2. Do you know how these funds are programmed in the MPO TIP & NCDOT STIP. It is my understanding that if the funds are applied for by the individual transit recipients, the funds will need to be programmed by recipient.

3. You stated that “everyone has their own contracts for bus builds”, is a bus purchase consortium not being used for the bus purchases?

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Parris

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Hi Parris,

I wanted to check back in on this. It would be our preference that each agency apply for its own grant application in TrAMS, as everyone has their own contracts for bus builds.

Thanks,

Tim

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**From:** Orr, Parris (FTA) <[Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov)>

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Hi Tim,

Thank you for the update.

Parris

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The City of Durham, GoTriangle (Triangle Transit Authority), the City of Raleigh and the Town of Chapel Hill. The Town of Chapel Hill was the lead agency, but as all of the awardees are direct recipients, it would be preferential if each agency could manage its own portion of the award.

Thanks.

Tim

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**From:** Orr, Parris (FTA) <[Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov)>  
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Hi Tim,

Thank you for your email. It was forward to FTA HQ for a response. Can you confirm who the other urban systems that are part of the award?

Parris

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Good afternoon,

Chapel Hill Transit was lead agency for a community funding project that was recently announced. The funding opportunity provides \$2 million for each participating agency. When applying in TrAMS for this funding, does Chapel Hill need to apply on behalf of each agency and act as a passthrough, or can each direct recipient agency apply for their portion individually? Thanks.

Tim

REVISIONS TO THE 2024-2033 STIP  
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DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP ADDITIONS

TQ-3002 DURHAM PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	GODURHAM, PURCHASE SERVICE FOR PASSENGERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ADA SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE 3/4 MILE ADA SERVICE AREA OF GODURHAM. <b><u>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.</u></b>	ACQUISITION	FY 2025 - \$50,000 (L) FY 2025 - \$200,000 (5310) \$250,000
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STIP MODIFICATIONS

HE-0007B DURHAM PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1794 (TEKNIKA PARKWAY), SR 1632 (RED MILL ROAD) CONSTRUCT TURN LANES AND SIGNALIZE INTERSECTION. <b><u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 25 TO FY 26</u></b>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2026 - \$424,000 (T) FY 2027 - \$391,000 (T) \$815,000
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HN-0013 DURHAM PROJ.CATEGORY EXEMPT	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	ERWIN ROAD, ERWIN ROAD AT CORNWALLIS ROAD. CONSTRUCT TURN LANES. <b><u>TO REFLECT LATEST DELIVERY SCHEDULE, DELAY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FROM FY 24 TO FY 25.</u></b>	ENGINEERING RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025 - \$206,000 (CMAQ) FY 2025 - \$52,000 (T(M)) FY 2026 - \$80,000 (CMAQ) FY 2026 - \$20,000 (T(M)) FY 2027 - \$597,000 (CMAQ) FY 2027 - \$149,000 (T(M)) \$1,104,000
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HN-0014 DURHAM PROJ.CATEGORY EXEMPT	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	CORNWALLIS ROAD, CORNWALLIS ROAD AND ALSTON AVENUE. CONSTRUCT TURN LANES. <b><u>TO REFLECT LATEST DELIVERY SCHEDULE, DELAY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FROM FY 24 TO FY 25.</u></b>	ENGINEERING RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025 - \$198,000 (CMAQ) FY 2025 - \$50,000 (T(M)) FY 2026 - \$35,000 (CMAQ) FY 2026 - \$9,000 (T(M)) FY 2027 - \$437,000 (CMAQ) FY 2027 - \$109,000 (T(M)) \$838,000
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DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP MODIFICATIONS

HS-2005E DURHAM PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 15 / US 501 BUSINESS, NC 751 (ACADEMY ROAD) INTERCHANGE IN DURHAM. INSTALL GUARDRAIL. <b><u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 24 TO FY 25</u></b>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025 - \$175,000 (HSIP) \$175,000
HS-2405I DURHAM PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1110 (BARBEE CHAPEL ROAD), SR 1110 (BARBEE CHAPEL ROAD) AT DOWNING CREEK PARKWAY/HALES WOOD ROAD. INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL WITH PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS. <b><u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 25 TO FY 26</u></b>	RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025 - \$2,000 (HSIP) FY 2025 - \$2,000 (HSIP) FY 2026 - \$120,000 (HSIP) \$124,000
HS-2405P DURHAM PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 501 (ROXBORO ROAD), RIPPLING STREAM ROAD INTERSECTION. INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL. <b><u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 25 TO FY 26</u></b>	RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025 - \$5,000 (HSIP) FY 2025 - \$5,000 (HSIP) FY 2026 - \$123,000 (HSIP) \$133,000
TD-5294 DURHAM PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	GOTRIANGLE, NC 98 (HOLLOWAY STREET) TRANSIT CORRIDOR. CONSTRUCT ACCESS AND BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS. <b><u>MODIFY FUNDING IN FY 25 AND FY 26 AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.</u></b>	PLANNING	FY 2025 - \$2,327,000 (L) FY 2026 - \$1,223,000 (DP) FY 2026 - \$306,000 (L) FY 2027 - \$10,823,000 (DP) FY 2027 - \$2,706,000 (L) \$17,385,000

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DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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TD-5295 ORANGE PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	GO TRIANGLE, TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH. CONSTRUCT PARK-AND-RIDE LOT. <u>MODIFY FUNDING IN FY 26 AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2026 - \$120,000 (S) FY 2026 - \$800,000 (L) FY 2026 - \$800,000 (5307) \$1,720,000
TG-0028 ORANGE PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT, REGIONWIDE. EXPAND FACILITY. <u>MODIFY FUNDING IN FY 25, FY 27 AND FY 28 AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.</u>	PLANNING	FY 2025 - \$2,384,000 (L) FY 2025 - \$2,000,000 (5339(b)) FY 2027 - \$2,000,000 (L) FY 2028 - \$14,500,000 (L) FY 2028 - \$500,000 (5339(b)) \$21,384,000
TM-0043 DURHAM PROJ.CATEGORY PUBLIC TRANS	- DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	GODURHAM, PURCHASE SIX (6) ELECTRIC TRANSIT BUSES. <u>MODIFY FUNDING IN FY 26 AT THE REQUEST OF THE MPO.</u>	ACQUISITION	FY 2026 - \$6,807,000 (L) FY 2026 - \$14,476,000 (5339(b)) \$21,283,000

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STIP MODIFICATIONS

<p>* HS-2403S DUPLIN <b>PROJ.CATEGORY</b> DIVISION</p>	<p>- EASTERN CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>SR 1501 (GARNER CHAPEL ROAD), NC 403 TO SR 1306 / CONSTRUCTION SR 1522 (RED HILL ROAD / WASHBOARD ROAD) EAST OF MT. OLIVE. INSTALL RUMBLE STRIPES. <u><b>ADD PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE</b></u> <u><b>TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</b></u></p>	<p>FY 2027 - _____ \$368,000 (HSIP) \$368,000</p>
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