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TO: DCHC MPO Board
FROM : Kelly Fomenko, LPA Staff
SUBJECT: Revised SPOT 7.0, MTP Amendment, and TIP Adoption Timeline

Summary

An updated draft FY2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was released in early April 2023 and the Board of Transportation (BOT) is scheduled to adopt the STIP in June. Following this adoption, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) will have three months to adopt their portion of the STIP, known simply as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

It is a requirement for all projects in the first four years of the TIP to match the DCHC MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). As a result of recent swaps and other updates occurring through the STIP adoption, 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 prior to (or in tandem with) TIP adoption.

The adoption of the STIP also denotes the beginning of a new Strategic Prioritization of Transportation (SPOT) process cycle. SPOT is a data-driven approach for ranking projects across North Carolina where 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 high-scoring projects will be funded in the FY2026-2035 STIP.

MONTH	DAY	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	ITEM
April	ALL	TJCOG, CAMPO, DCHC	Air Quality Conformity process begins
	24 th	DCHC MPO TC	SPOT 7 Initial Submittal Candidates for Review (no scoring)
May	10 th	DCHC MPO Board	SPOT 7 Initial Submittal Candidates for Review (no scoring)
	24 th	DCHC MPO TC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates Review (with scoring) MTP Amendment #1 recommended for public release (pre-authorized)
June	5/6 th	NCDOT BOT	STIP adopted (DCHC MPO has three months to adopt their TIP)
	14 th	DCHC MPO Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates Review (with scoring) MTP Amendment #1 released for 42-day public comment period
July	26 th	DCHC MPO TC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates recommended for release MTP Amendment #1 recommended Draft FY24-33 TIP recommended for release
August	9 th	DCHC MPO Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates released for 21-day public comment period MTP Amendment #1 approval Draft FY24-33 TIP released for 30-day public comment period
	23 rd	DCHC MPO TC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates recommended for approval Draft FY24-33 TIP recommended
September	13 th	DCHC MPO Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT 7 Submittal Candidates approved Draft FY24-33 TIP approved
	30 th	LPA Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submittals due into SPOT Online Start processing FY24-33 TIP amendment #1 with FY24 or later funds. Amendments will start being processed on cyclical basis.