

November 19, 2024

TO: DCHC Board
FROM : Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff
SUBJECT: SPOT 7.0 Allocation of Division Needs Local Input Points

Summary

The Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation's (SPOT) Prioritization Process is the process through which projects are submitted for evaluation to receive funding. This process is established through North Carolina's Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) legislation and results in a draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

To encourage participation, the DCHC MPO website was updated with a range of resources, along with guidance on key topics to consider, instructions on how to provide feedback, and a map to act as a visual aid.

Below are the public comments that were received on the allocation of Division Needs Local Input Points. The comment period was open until November 12, 2024.

	Comments	Response
1	It is critical to support T192652, as the NS BRT will help address regional goals for transit and connectivity. Increasing the speed, frequency, and reliability of transit to UNC and UNC Hospitals will be a boon for the region. I also support B193180, B230693, B192919, B230590, in that order, as these projects will help improve connectivity across Chapel Hill and Carrboro.	Comment was provided anonymously
2	Yes, on T192633 Yes, on T231563 Yes, on B231220 Anything to improve transit and having sidewalks for pedestrians.	Comment was provided anonymously
3	I am in support of building the Northern Durham Parkway and Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail.	Comment was provided anonymously
4	I support NSBRT, the Raleigh Rd sidepath, the E Franklin sidepath, the Bolin Creek Greenway extension, and the Morgan Creek greenway extension. These projects will improve my commuting options, better connect my neighborhood to downtown and provide recreation opportunities.	Comment was provided anonymously
5	As an active bike, walk, and runner moving between Bolin and Booker Creek (daily with kids), this is currently doable using sidewalks and OWASA easements. What is not doable is moving children anywhere near Seawell School Road and Estes. This is a critical link to a safe bike/walk network and helping get families out of relying on cars. As much as I would love the East	Comment was provided anonymously

	Franklin Street Sidepath, we have a sidewalk. I would like to prioritize places that are not feasible at all right now.	
6	I provided limited feedback on the GIS form but wanted to email in some additional thoughts. I live in NE Chapel Hill, bike commute with my family of 3 young children, and do my best to live a car-light lifestyle. I'm a sustainable transportation advocate and appreciate the work being done here. My two requests are simple: 1. Please prioritize projects that open opportunities where there are none. 2. Please prioritize projects that help safe routes to school. As an example, I live near East Franklin and would benefit from connecting Booker Creek to Bolin Creek as I ride it daily with my young kids. There is a sidewalk, and we can make it work. What we can not make work is biking to Seawell unless we want to go on a mountain bike adventure. Many families would benefit from a safe bike/walk option, and due to lack of transit, would benefit from being able to move to Estes Drive future bike path to get out of their community. Another example, N.C. 86 Connector is an important mobility access opportunity for Hillsborough. Currently, there is no easy way to access the town without a car, and this is our chance to change that.	Thank you for your feedback. It will be shared with our Board at the November 19 meeting.