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TO: DCHC Technical Committee
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SUBJECT: FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Comments

Summary

On June 6, 2023, the North Carolina Board of Transportation (BOT) adopted the FY2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). In order to implement the program, the MPO Board is required to adopt the FY2024-2033 DCHC MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The STIP and the TIP must match for the first four years of the program.

There are also a handful of new projects or updates that do not yet appear in the FY2024-2033 TIP but are programmed in the FY2020-2029 TIP. The FY2024-2033 STIP was temporarily locked from any future changes around April so any amendments that have occurred to the FY2020-2029 STIP since that time will be reflected in Amendment #1 to the FY2024-2033 STIP, post-adoption.

Per the MPO's Public Involvement Policy, the TIP was released for a 30-day public comment period on June 27, 2023, and a public hearing will take at the August MPO Board meeting. Once adopted, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will review the STIP and TIP to ensure conformity. Once that review is complete, which is expected in September, the FY2024-2033 TIP will go into effect.

Below are the public comments that have been received on the FY2024-2033 TIP.

Public Comments Received

Comment #	Comment
1	It is a little unclear to me exactly where all this money will go. Given the nature of the climate crisis and the overcrowding of existing streets by automobiles, I think the main focus of all funding and transportation improvements should be on improving bus service and bicycle facilities. Examples would include an east West bicycle trail in Durham, building the Chapel Hill Durham bike trail, adding bicycle lanes to narrow streets and roads, and continuing free bus service and perhaps creating a circle line to go around Durham. I live fairly close to the number 4 bus line which is pretty efficient but it would be nice to have a circle route so that not every trip went through downtown.
2	You all must get back to rail planning between Chapel Hill and Durham. Get something going!
3	It is important to consider the needs of those who cannot drive or access regular public transportation. EZRider, OPT paratransit, and GoTriangle Access coordination is needed.