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PLANNING TOMORROW'S TRANSPORTATION

FY21-22 Call for Projects Funding Recommendation

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Non-Competitive Funding: STBGDA and STBGDA-COVID

- Surface Transportation Block Grants Direct Attributable provide flexible funding that communities can use to improve or construct roadways, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and to implement transit capital projects.
- A 20% local match is required for these funds.
- Durham County uses its STBGDA funds for a County Planning position.

| Jurisdiction | Total Available |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Chatham County | \$17,498 |
| City of Durham | \$264,725 |
| Durham County | \$0 |
| Orange County | \$86,600 |
| Town of Carrboro | \$470,204 |
| Town of Chapel Hill | \$650,884 |
| Town of Hillsborough | \$255,518 |

STBGDA Funding Summary

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| Agency | Project | S/TIP ID | Requested Amount | Funding Available | Local Match | Total | Phase |
|---|---|----------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| City of Durham | Neighborhood Bike Routes II | N/A | \$160,000 | \$264,725 | \$40,000 | \$200,000 | Design/CON |
| City of Durham | Bike Lane Vertical Protection | N/A | \$104,725 | \$264,725 | \$26,181 | \$130,906 | CON |
| Town of Chapel Hill | Fordham Blvd Sidepath | EB-5721 | \$250,000 | \$650,884 | \$50,000 | \$300,000 | CON |
| Town of Chapel Hill | NC 54 Pedestrian Safety/Transit Access Improvements | N/A | \$170,000 | \$650,884 | \$34,000 | \$204,000 | Design/CON |
| Town of Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill Transit) | W. Franklin St Bus Islands | N/A | \$230,884 | \$650,884 | \$46,177 | \$277,061 | CON |

- DCHC MPO received \$2,340,706 of Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBGDA) funds as a result of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).
- DCHC has chosen to offer these funds with no required local match.
- The funds allocated through the CRRSAA must be obligated by September 30, 2024. Any amount that is not obligated will lapse.
- MPO staff applied the local discretionary formula to the STBGDA-COVID funds to guide the distribution of funding

| Jurisdiction | Funding |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Chatham County | \$22,599 |
| City of Durham | \$1,442,230 |
| Durham County | \$57,908 |
| Orange County | \$55,924 |
| Town of Carrboro | \$206,343 |
| Town of Chapel Hill | \$429,255 |
| Town of Hillsborough | \$126,447 |

STBG-COVID Funding Summary

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| Agency | Project | S/TIP ID | Requested Amount | Phase |
|----------------------|--|----------|------------------|---------|
| City of Durham | NC 55 Sidewalks | EB-5835 | \$671,014 | CON |
| City of Durham | Guess Road Sidewalks | EB-5834 | \$703,906 | CON |
| City of Durham | Bike Lane Vertical Protection | N/A | \$67,310 | CON |
| Durham County | TBD Governance Study Related to Bike/Ped/Transit | N/A | \$57,908 | N/A |
| Town of Carrboro | S. Greensboro St Sidewalk | C-5650 | \$206,343 | CON |
| Town of Chapel Hill | Estes Drive Bike-Ped | C-5179 | \$429,255 | CON |
| Town of Hillsborough | Exchange Park Lane Bridge Repairs | N/A | \$126,447 | Repairs |

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

- Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian projects should span multiple jurisdictions or otherwise provide regional benefits through increased connectivity.
- Per MPO Policy, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds are combined with a set aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBGDA) funds for the Regional Bike-Ped program.
- Roadway capacity improvement projects are ineligible for TAP funds.
- \$2,273,501 is available for TAP funding for the FY21-22 funding cycle and funding requests totaled \$4,755,50
- **39% of competitive funding available**

Request Summary

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| Agency | Project | Requested Amount | Local Match | Total | Phase |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| City of Durham | Belt Line Trail | \$2,273,501 | \$568,375 | \$2,841,876 | Construction |
| Town of Carrboro | Morgan Creek Greenway | \$1,042,000 | \$260,500 | \$1,302,500 | Design, ROW if needed, Construction |
| Town of Chapel Hill | Morgan Creek Greenway West | \$1,440,000 | \$360,000 | \$1,800,000 | Construction |

- MPO staff used the scoring rubric provided in the 2015 Federal Funding Policy to score all three project submittals.
- MPO staff recommends that the City of Durham's Belt Line Trail receive its full funding request as the project best meets the criteria laid out in the Regional Bike-Ped scoring rubric contained in Federal Funding Policy.

STBG-Competitive

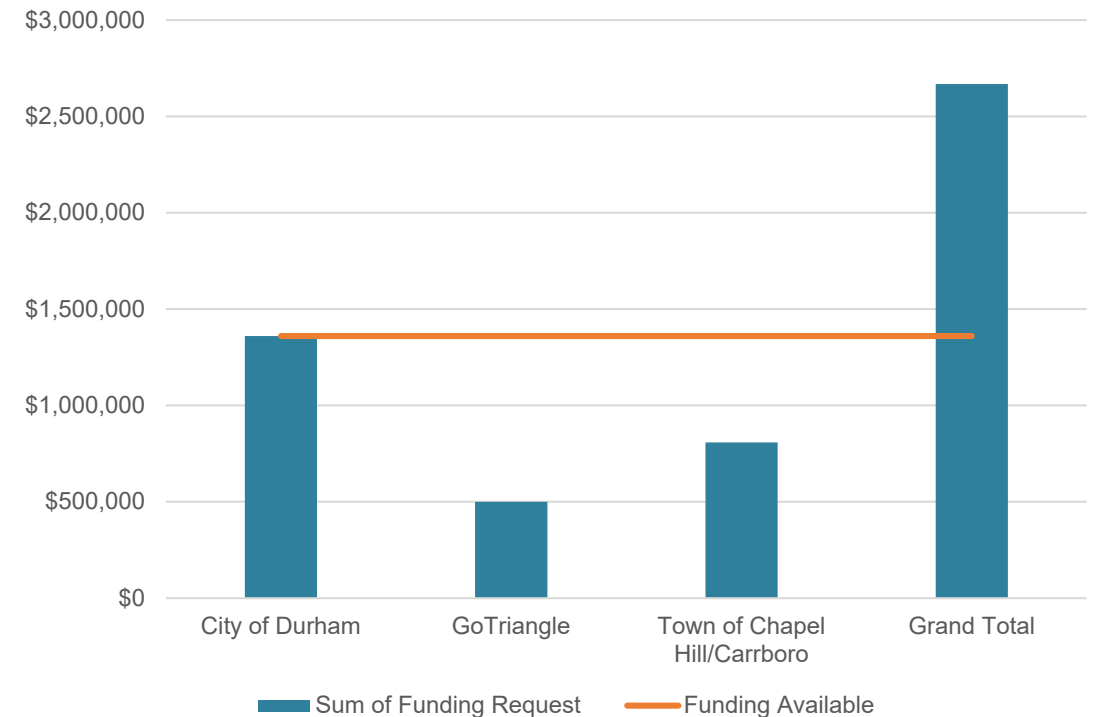
- STBG-Any Area funds are available to any jurisdiction in the DCHC area, and were obtained by DCHC through a fund swap with NCDOT.
- Also includes unobligated FY20 STBGDA Funds
- **23% of competitive funding available**

| STBG-Competitive | Available Funding |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| STBG-Any Area | \$752,885 |
| FY20 Unobligated STBGDA | \$607,314 |
| Total | \$1,360,199 |

Request Summary

- Three agencies submitted six projects
- The City of Durham submitted four projects
- The Town of Chapel Hill submitted an application for a shared project between Chapel Hill and Carrboro
- GoTriangle submitted one project, NC 54 Transit Safety Improvements, located in Durham.
- The total amount requested for all projects was \$2,668,199, was nearly 2X available funding: \$1,360,199.
- Funding decision guided by a rubric developed by MPO staff with input from a TC subcommittee

Funding Request by Agency



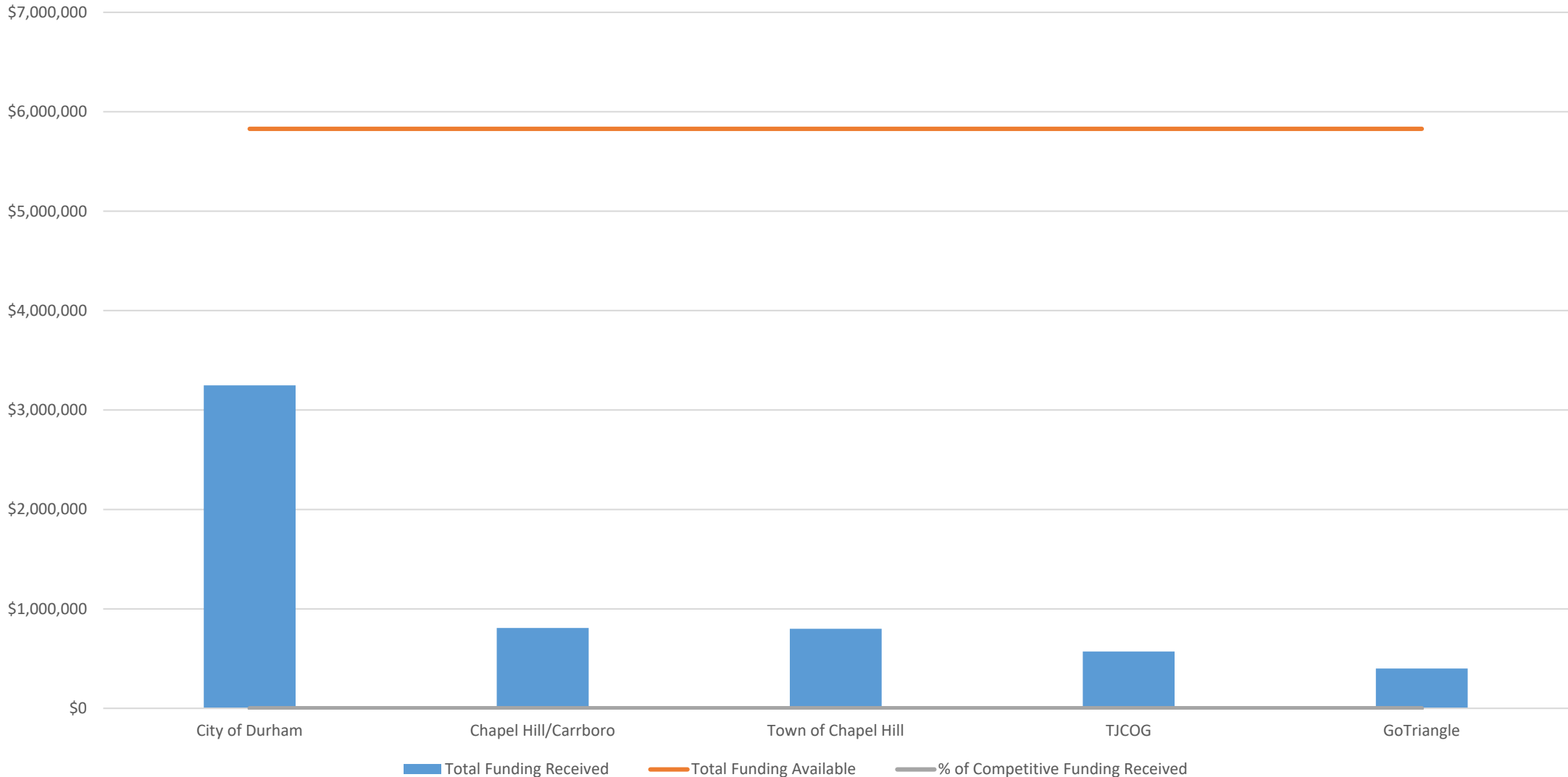
Funding Recommendation

- The joint project between the Town of Chapel Hill and Carrboro scored best according to the rubric, and MPO staff is recommending that the project receive its full funding request
- Two City of Durham projects, Wayfinding and Bike Lane Vertical scored better than Neighborhood Bike Routes III
 - The City decided to receive funding for Foster Street and Chapel Hill Street Bike Lanes and Neighborhood Bike Routes III because they made the best use of available funding and best met the City of Durham and MPO's **safety and equity goals**
- GoTriangle's NC 54 Transit Safety Improvement Project scored the lowest using the rubric

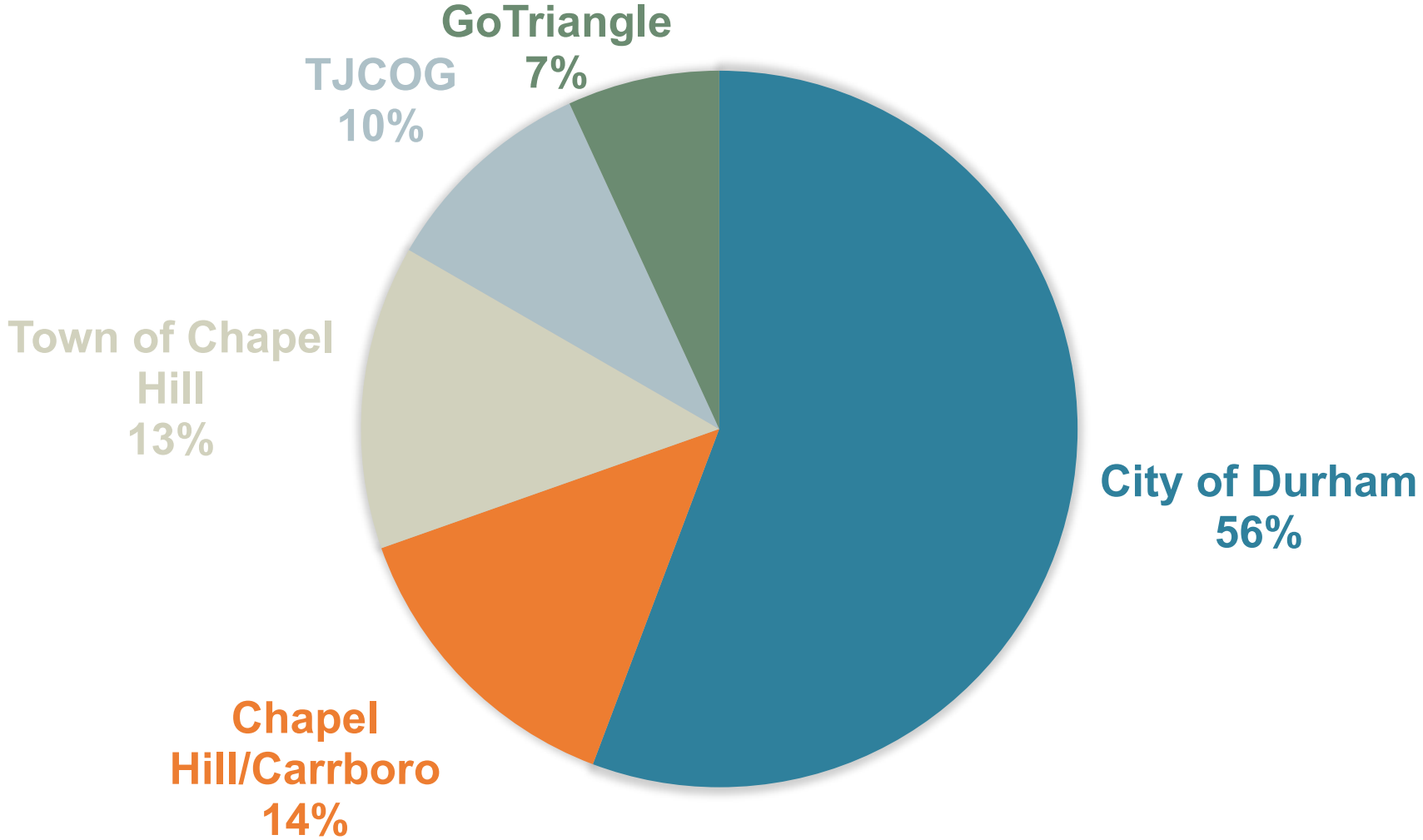
| Agency | Project | Funding Request | Local Match | Total | Project Phase |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Town of Chapel Hill/Carrboro | NC 54 Pedestrian Safety/Transit Access Improvements | \$808,000 | \$432,000 | \$1,240,000 | CON |
| City of Durham | Foster Street and Chapel Hill Street Bike Lanes | \$429,476 | \$85,895 | \$515,371 | CON |
| City of Durham | Neighborhood Bike Routes III: Grant, Lincoln, Plum, Lavender, Umstead | \$122,723 | \$24,545 | \$147,268 | Design/CON |

Competitive Funding Distribution

Competitive Funding Distribution (Includes CMAQ)



Total Funding Received by Agency



- The Technical Committee will vote on a funding recommendation at their April 28 meeting
- MPO Board will vote on whether to approve projects recommended for funding at May 12 meeting
- MPO staff will work with NCDOT STIP unit to assign STIP numbers to new projects
- TIP Amendment #6 will add increased funding for existing projects and add recommended funding for new projects