



## Durham – Chapel Hill – Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### MEMORANDUM

June 6, 2018

To: Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO Board  
 From: Aaron Cain, Senior Transportation Planner  
 Re: Allocation of Local Input Points for Regional Impact Projects

DCHC MPO staff and the DCHC MPO Technical Committee (TC) have reviewed the initial allocation of local input points derived from the adopted Methodology (which was reviewed and authorized for release for public comment by the DCHC MPO Board on May 9, 2018). The TC has recommended a new allocation based on additional factors such as quantitative score, geographic balance, and regional significance. That recommended allocation is attached. Staff is requesting permission to continue discussions with other MPOs and the Divisions and to be able to edit the allocation, pending approval of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

#### Deviations from the Methodology

Both the Methodology itself and state law permit deviations from the Methodology. Brief descriptions of reasons for deviation are given in the attached spreadsheet. Some highlights of note are:

- Local staff were wary of supporting projects that could be funded at the Statewide tier in a future round of SPOT, such as the US 70 upgrades in eastern Durham County, at the expense of other regional projects that cannot be funded from the Statewide tier. Division 5 staff has indicated interest in supporting projects such as US 70 with points as they would have a very good chance if getting funded with that support.
- In the initial list, all highway projects eligible for local input points were in Durham County. The TC has recommended for local input points several projects that would address needs in Orange and Chatham counties.
- The 47 points on the US 15-501 project in Chatham County will be complemented by 53 points from TARPO and 100 points from Division 8.

#### TC Action

The TC recommended an allocation of local input points at its May 23, 2018 meeting. Subsequently, a TC subcommittee met on June 4 to review the initial points allocations from the Divisions (which were released on May 31) and further refine the recommended local input points allocation. The subcommittee did not make any changes from the initial TC recommendation due to the necessity of further discussions with the Divisions.



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### Next Steps

While the TC has made a recommendation on local input points, there have been subsequent discussions with the Divisions and CAMPO that are not likely to be resolved by June 13. The issues under discussion include:

- If the D-O LRT project remains ineligible for scoring due to recent restrictions included in the state budget, those points could be allocated to other non-highway projects;
- Working with Division 5 and CAMPO staff towards a solution that would potentially allow for three DCHC Regional Impact projects (two on Roxboro Road and one on Holloway Street) and US 70 upgrades to receive funding;
- The Division 5 Non-Municipal Signal System is being rescored by the SPOT office, this is a high priority of Division 5 and a higher score could warrant the allocation of local points (DCHC could provide a maximum of 14 points to this project); and
- Continued conversation with Division 7 on its allocation of points to the widening of NC 54, and the desire of DCHC to have Division 7 allocate points to the NC 54/Old Fayetteville Road intersection project.

MPO staff recommends approving an allocation at the June 13, 2018 MPO Board meeting, but allowing staff to adjust those points, based on concurrence with the MPO Chair and Vice-Chair, pending further discussions with other MPOs and Division staff.