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TO: DCHC Board
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 SUBJECT: SPOT 7.0 Local Input Methodology Public Comments

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).

At the beginning of January, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) released a draft of the *Methodology for Identifying and Ranking Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Requests* for a public comment period that is to be followed by a public hearing at the February 27, 2024 Board Meeting. Additional materials released during this comment period include a link to the NCDOT STI Prioritization Resources site, a schedule for adoption of the Methodology and Local Points, a schedule of milestones in the Methodology and Local Input Points adoption process, and the preliminary Local Input Point assignment sheets.

Below are the public comments that have been received thus far on the Local Input Point Methodology. The comment period will be open until February 13, 2024.

Comment #	Comment
1	<p>This process is WAY too complicated! (I can't figure out how to provide input in any reasonable amount of time.)</p> <p>Please add more bike lanes and put them between the lane for parked cars and the curb. (Leave plenty of room for doors on the passenger side of parked cars so as not to "door" cyclists. Find a good solution to the problem of cars hitting cyclists at intersections because the cyclists are hidden by the parked cars.) It is insane to put the bike lane between the traffic lane and parked cars--Protecting parked cars from being hit by shielding them with the bodies of cyclists!</p> <p>When you ask later "How many vehicles does your household own or lease?", I do not count bicycles.</p>
2	<p>This is not effective due to the bike ped funding limitation. Eligible projects for state/local match are not able to be submitted or scored.</p>

3	error in opening review pages. Would place pedestrian, bicycles, e-bikes and bus transportation as first on list and as a priority. More and more kids and adults using such means would cut down congestion on roads, air pollution as well as slow traffic down to reasonable speeds.
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