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# FY25 Call for Projects

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# Federal Funding Policy: Background

- Adoption of MPO's Federal Funding Policy in November 2021 created the Regional Flexible Funding (RFF) program.
- This program was intended to provide a more definitive, data-driven method for evaluating projects and making funding recommendations.
- The federal funds that flow through the MPO are:
  - Block Grant Program Direct Attributable (BGDA)
  - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
  - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
  - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- RFF is separate from State's prioritization process, known as SPOT, which utilizes the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law to prioritize and fund transportation projects.





- Increased the minimum project cost to \$250,000
- Funding requests outside of the Call are factored into an agency's total available funding.
- Cost estimates
  - 5% annual inflation cost should be built into projects
  - Contingency for construction funding (PE/ROW completed) has increased from 15% to 30%
- Modifications to Scoring Rubric
  - Additional information requested on the project timeline for new and existing projects

- **November 1, 2023** – Formal Call for Projects announcement
- **December 8, 2023** – Project application and materials due to MPO staff
- **December/January** – MPO staff scores projects and develops funding scenarios
- **February 13, 2024** – Scores and scenarios published in TC agenda
- **March 12, 2024** – TC recommends Board to release funding recommendation for a 21-day public comment period
- **March 26, 2024** – MPO Board releases funding recommendation for a 21-day public comment period
- **April 9, 2024** – TC receives an update on the public comments and approves locally administered projects (LAP) for FY25
- **April 23, 2024** – MPO Board receives public comments and approves locally administered projects (LAP) for FY25 **(We are here)**

# Summary of All Projects Submitted



Total number of projects submitted:

**20 new projects**

**7 existing projects**

**Triangle TDM Program**

**3 requests for a Plan or Study**



Total available funding for FY25-FY27 and leftover funds for FY24:

**\$36,075,000**



Total requested amount for all projects:

**\$79,716,032**



Total amount allocated to selected projects:

**\$38,435,028\***

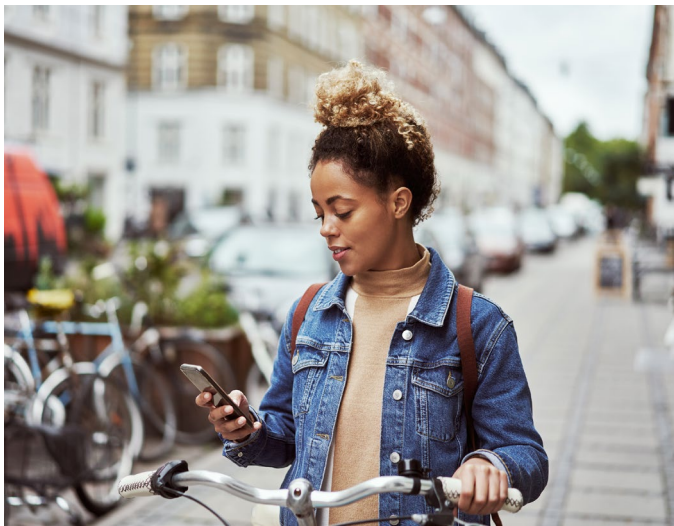
\*With this year's Call, more funds are being programmed than are available to ensure project delivery

# Projects With Outside Funding Sources



- Triangle Mobility Hub

- RFF request is for \$5,500,000
- Anticipated \$25,000,000 from a Federal Discretionary Grant
- Local amount of \$27,700,000 from Orange, Durham, and Wake County

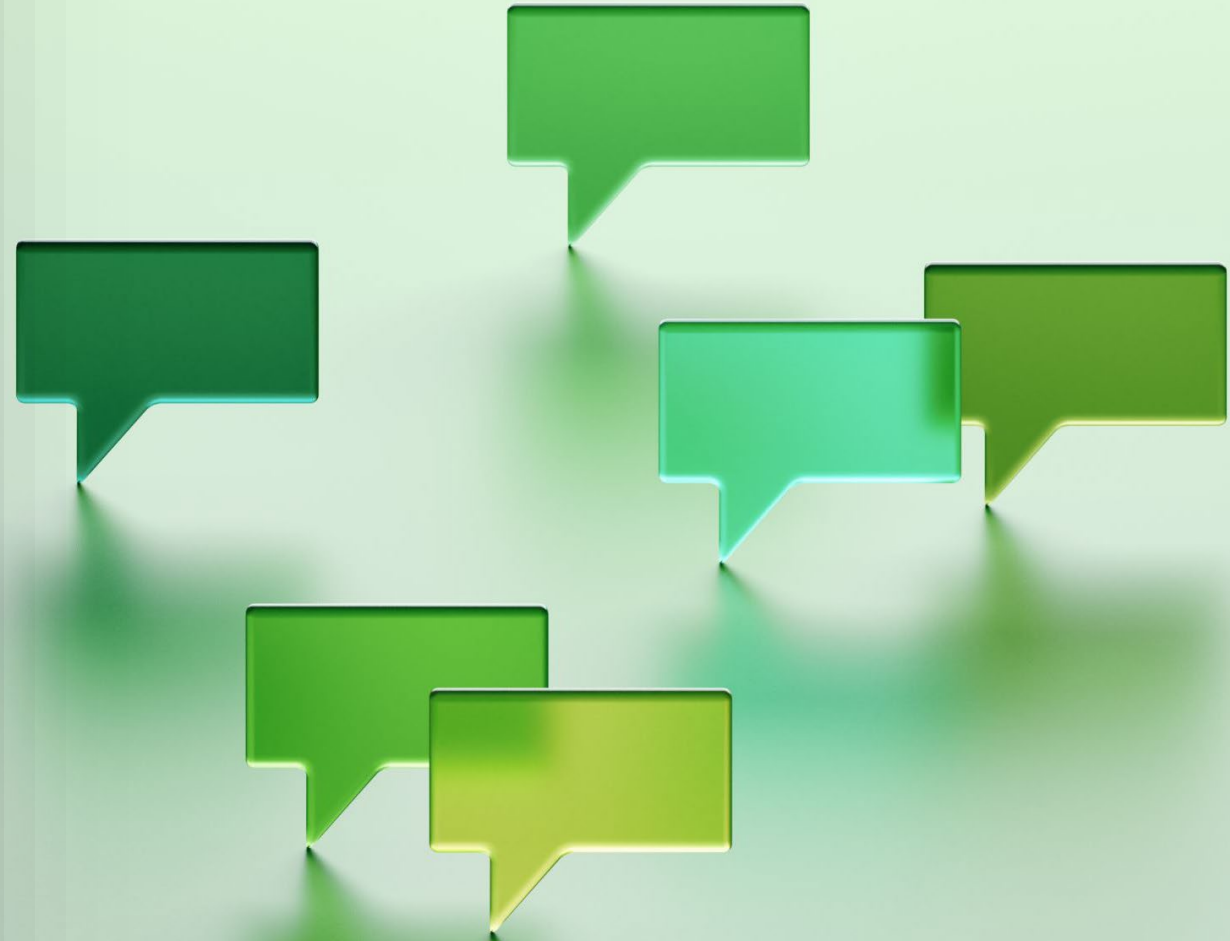


- Durham to Roxboro Rail Trail

- RFF request is \$7,500,000
- Anticipated funding from Kerr-Tar RPO
- Anticipated funding from Statewide CMAQ
- Local funding from Durham County, Person County, and City of Durham

# Public Comments

- As of April 11, 2024, 39 comments have been received either via the online form or by emailing in comments.
  - There are many comments in support of both Phase 2 & Phases 3 and 4 of the Bolin Creek Greenway project.
  - Others made comments requesting improvements not currently represented in this Call for Projects



- All existing projects were fully funded according to policy, with one exception:
  - An agreement with the City of Durham was reached to partially fund the Cornwallis Road Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements during this Call. The remainder will be funded in FY28.

Agency	Project	Existing Funds*	Start Date	Phase Requested	Phase Year	STIP#	Federal Request	Federal	Local Match	Total Requested	
City of Durham	Durham Rail Trail	\$27,583,251	September 2017	CON	FY25	EB-5904	Fully Fund	\$353,076	\$592,019	\$945,095	
City of Durham	Third Fork Creek Trail Extension	\$4,426,670	March 2018	CON	FY25	EB-5837	Fully Fund	\$6,374,133	\$1,807,058	\$8,181,191	
City of Durham	R. Kelly Bryant Bridge Trail	\$7,912,026	July 2017	CON	FY26	EB-5720	Fully Fund	\$971,256	\$1,487,954	\$2,459,210	
City of Durham	Cornwallis Rd Bike & Ped Improvements	\$8,074,054	June 2015	CON	FY27	U-4724	Partially Fund	\$7,000,000	\$1,750,000	\$8,750,000	
CPRC	Triangle TDM Program	-	-	N/A	FY25-27	C-4924B	Fully Fund	\$1,866,376	\$466,594	\$2,332,970	
GoTriangle	805 Corridor Bus Stops	\$167,284	February 2023	CON	FY25	TL-0052	Fully Fund	\$359,000	\$90,000	\$448,000	
Town of Carrboro	South Greensboro Street Sidewalk	\$2,813,000	April 2018	CON	FY25	C-5650	Fully Fund	\$165,075	\$41,268	\$206,343	
Town of Chapel Hill	Estes Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	\$5,055,000	August 2014	CON	FY25	C-5179	Fully Fund	\$1,100,000	\$275,000	\$1,375,000	
								<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$18,321,836</b>	<b>\$6,542,873</b>	<b>\$24,864,709</b>

\* The existing funds listed in this table are inclusive of all sources including, but not limited to federal, state, and local funding.



# Additional Context on the Progress of Existing Projects

Percentages of Authorized Funding

33%

76%

93%

97%

78%

27%

35%

Agency	Funding Request Type	Project	STIP#	Existing Funds***	Total Project Cost	Start Date	Federal	Local	Total Requested	Score
Central Pines Regional Council	Existing	Triangle TDM Program	C-4924B	-	-	-	\$1,262,548	\$252,510	\$1,515,058	N/A**
City of Durham	Existing	Cornwallis Road Bike & Ped Improvements	U-4724	\$8,074,054	\$24,195,471	June 2015	\$11,514,534	\$4,606,883	\$16,121,417	90*
City of Durham	Existing	R. Kelly Bryant Bridge Trail	EB-5720	\$7,912,026	\$10,371,236	July 2017	\$971,256	\$1,487,954	\$2,459,210	84*
Town of Carrboro	Existing	South Greensboro Street Sidewalk	C-5650	\$2,813,000	\$3,019,000	April 2018	\$165,075	\$41,268	\$206,343	83*
City of Durham	Existing	Durham Rail Trail	EB-5904	\$27,583,251	\$28,528,346	September 2017	\$353,076	\$592,019	\$945,095	79*
Town of Chapel Hill	Existing	Estes Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	C-5179	\$5,055,000	\$6,207,000	August 2014	\$1,100,000	\$275,000	\$1,375,000	77*
GoTriangle	Existing	805 Corridor Bus Stops	TL-0052	\$167,284	\$614,900	February 2023	\$359,000	\$90,000	\$448,000	75*
City of Durham	Existing	Third Fork Creek Trail Extension	EB-5837	\$4,426,670	\$12,607,861	March 2018	\$6,374,133	\$1,807,058	\$8,181,191	61*

# New Projects

- Remaining funding allocated to new projects in order of score.
- 10 new projects will receive funding.
- To ensure that there will be projects available to fund, recommending to program additional DA funds.

Agency	Project	Score	Phase Requested	Phase Year	Federal Request	Federal	Local Match	Total
GoTriangle	Triangle Mobility Hub	95	PE, CON	FY25-26	Fully Fund	\$5,500,000	\$27,700,000	\$58,200,000
NC DOT	Durham to Roxboro Rail Trail	88	ROW	FY26	Fully Fund	\$7,500,000	\$1,875,000	\$9,375,000
Town of Carrboro	Bicycle Plan Implementation	86	CON	FY25	Fully Fund	\$889,600	\$222,400	\$1,112,000
Town of Chapel Hill	Sidewalk Gap Project	77	PE, ROW, CON	FY26-27	Fully Fund	\$2,770,000	\$700,000	\$3,470,000
RTP	Davis Drive Path from I-40 to Cornwallis Road	76	CON	FY26	Fully Fund	\$977,184	\$244,296	\$1,221,480
City of Durham (GoDurham)	Battery Electric Buses Request	73	N/A	FY27	Partially Fund	\$863,130	\$319,240	\$1,182,370
Chatham County	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	72	CON	FY26	Fully Fund	\$213,278	\$53,320	\$266,598
Town of Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill Transit)	Electric Bus Purchase	69	N/A	FY27	Partially Fund	\$920,000	\$230,000	\$1,150,000
Orange County	Transit Access Sidewalk for Orange Grove Rd	53	PE	FY26	Fully Fund	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
Town of Carrboro	Bolin Creek Greenway - Phase 2	30	PE	FY27	Fully Fund	\$320,000	\$80,000	\$400,000
<b>TOTALS</b>						<b>\$20,153,192</b>	<b>\$31,579,256</b>	<b>\$83,252,448</b>

# What to do with “potential” funds leftover?

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- Conversations are continuing regarding the utilization of State funding for three existing projects (EB-5904, EB-5837, and EB-5720 in Durham)
- Should funds become available, funding will be awarded to the next highest scoring projects.
  - Battery Electric Bus Purchase (City of Durham)
  - Fordham Boulevard Bus Stops and Transit Speed & Reliability Improvements (GoTriangle)
  - Cook Road Pedestrian Pathway (City of Durham)
  - Electric Bus Purchase (Town of Chapel Hill)
  - Laboratory Drive Path from Davis Drive to End (RTP)

**Motion: Adopt the proposed projects to be funded through the FY25 Call for Projects.**

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