

# **FY21-22 Call for Projects Funding Recommendation**

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# Non-Competitive Funding: STBGDA and STBGDA-COVID

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# Surface Transportation Block Grant Overview

- 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 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

Agency	Project	S/TIP ID	Requested/ Recommended Funding	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	\$62,500	\$312,500	CON
Town of Chapel Hill	NC 54 Pedestrian Safety/Transit Access Improvements	N/A	\$170,000	\$650,884	\$42,500	\$212,500	Design/CON
Town of Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill Transit)	W. Franklin St Bus Islands	N/A	\$230,884	\$650,884	\$57,721	\$288,605	CON

# STBGDA – COVID Funds Overview

- 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

Agency	Project	S/TIP ID	Requested/ Recommended Funding	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

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- Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian projects should span multiple jurisdictions or otherwise provide regional benefits through increased connectivity.
  - Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds combined with a set aside of STBGDA funds
- Roadway capacity improvement projects are ineligible for TAP funds
- \$2,273,501 is available for the FY21-22 funding cycle and funding requests totaled \$4,755,50
- Requires a 20% local match
- **39% of competitive funding available**



# Request Summary

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 of **\$2,273,501** as the project best meets the criteria laid out in the Regional Bike- Ped scoring rubric contained in Federal Funding Policy.

Agency	Project	Recommended Funding	Local Match	Total	Phase
City of Durham	Belt Line Trail	\$2,273,501	\$568,375	\$2,841,876	Construction

# STBG-Competitive

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# STBG-Competitive Overview

- 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
- Requires a 20% local match
- **23% of competitive funding available**

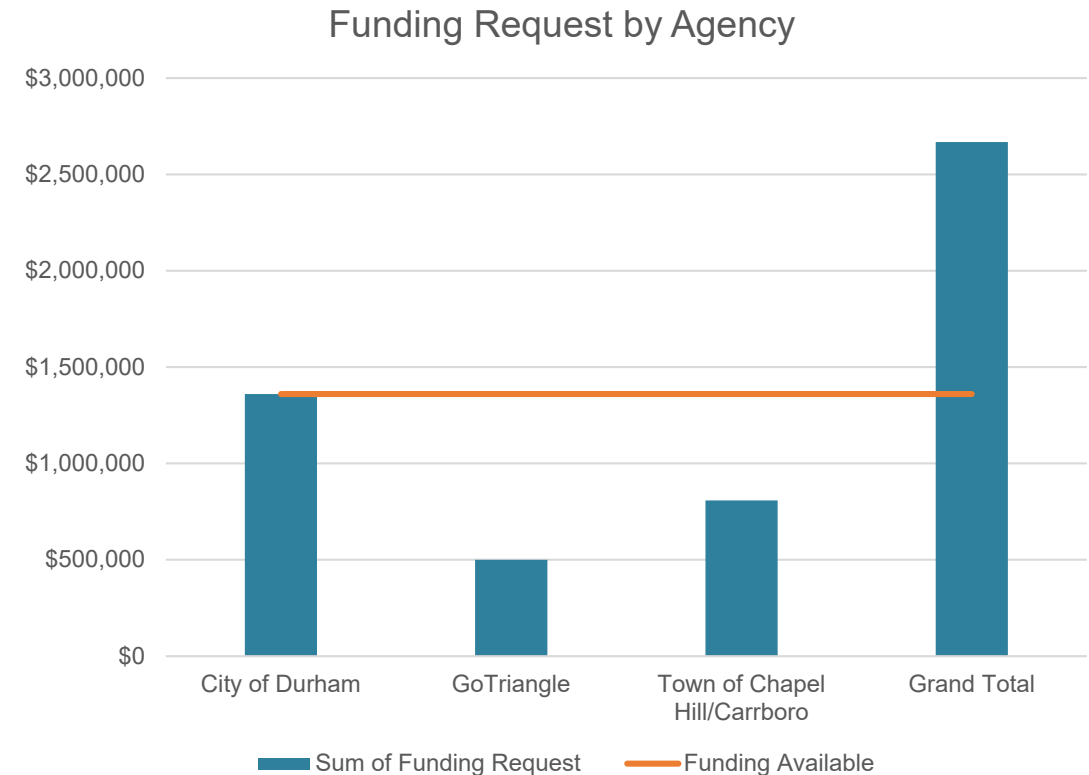
STBG-Competitive	Available Funding
STBG-Any Area	\$752,885
FY20 Unobligated STBGDA	\$607,314
Total	\$1,360,199

# Request Summary

Agency	Project	Funding Request	Local Match	Project Total	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	\$107,369	\$536,845	Design/CON
City of Durham	Downtown Wayfinding II	\$600,000	\$120,000	\$720,000	CON
City of Durham	Bike Lane Vertical Protection: South Roxboro, Durham Chapel-Hill Blvd, and Broad St	\$170,725	\$34,145	\$204,870	CON
City of Durham	Neighborhood Bike Routes III: Grant, Lincoln, Plum, Lavender, Umstead	\$160,000	\$40,000	\$200,000	Design/CON
GoTriangle	NC 54 Transit Safety Improvements	\$500,000	\$915,000	\$1,415,000	Design/CON

# Request Summary

- The City of Durham submitted four projects
- The Town of Chapel Hill submitted a joint project with the Town of Carrboro
- GoTriangle submitted one project in Durham
- The total amount requested for all projects was \$2,668,199, nearly 2X available funding
- Funding decision guided by a rubric developed by MPO staff with input from a TC subcommittee



# Funding Recommendation

Agency	Project	Funding Recommendation	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 Bike Lanes and Chapel Hill Street Bike Lanes	\$429,476	\$107,369	\$536,845	CON
City of Durham	Neighborhood Bike Routes III: Grant, Lincoln, Plum, Lavender, Umstead*	\$122,723	\$30,681	\$153,404	Design/CON

\* The City of Durham requested \$160,000 for Neighborhood Bike Routes III. The City of Durham decided to receive full funding for Foster Street and Chapel Hill Street Bike Lanes and partial funding for Neighborhood Bike Routes III because these projects made the best use of available funding and best met the City of Durham and MPO's **safety and equity goals**.

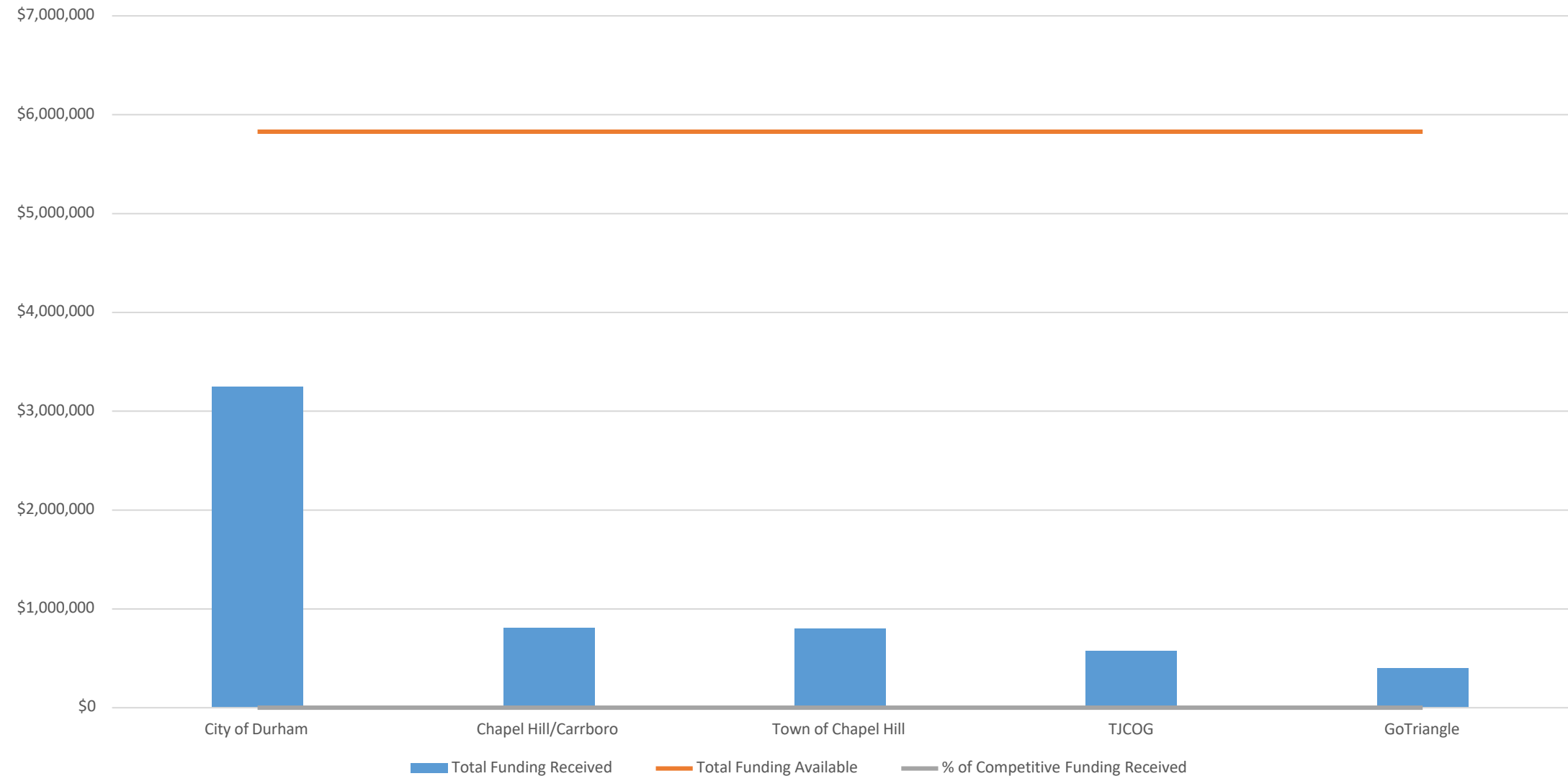
- The joint project between the Town of Chapel Hill and Carrboro scored best according to the rubric, and MPO staff recommends that the project receive its full funding request
- Two City of Durham projects, Wayfinding and Bike Lane Vertical scored better than Neighborhood Bike Routes III
  - The City of Durham decided to receive funding for Foster Street and Chapel Hill Street Bike Lanes and Neighborhood Bike Routes III because they 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 and no funding is recommended for this project



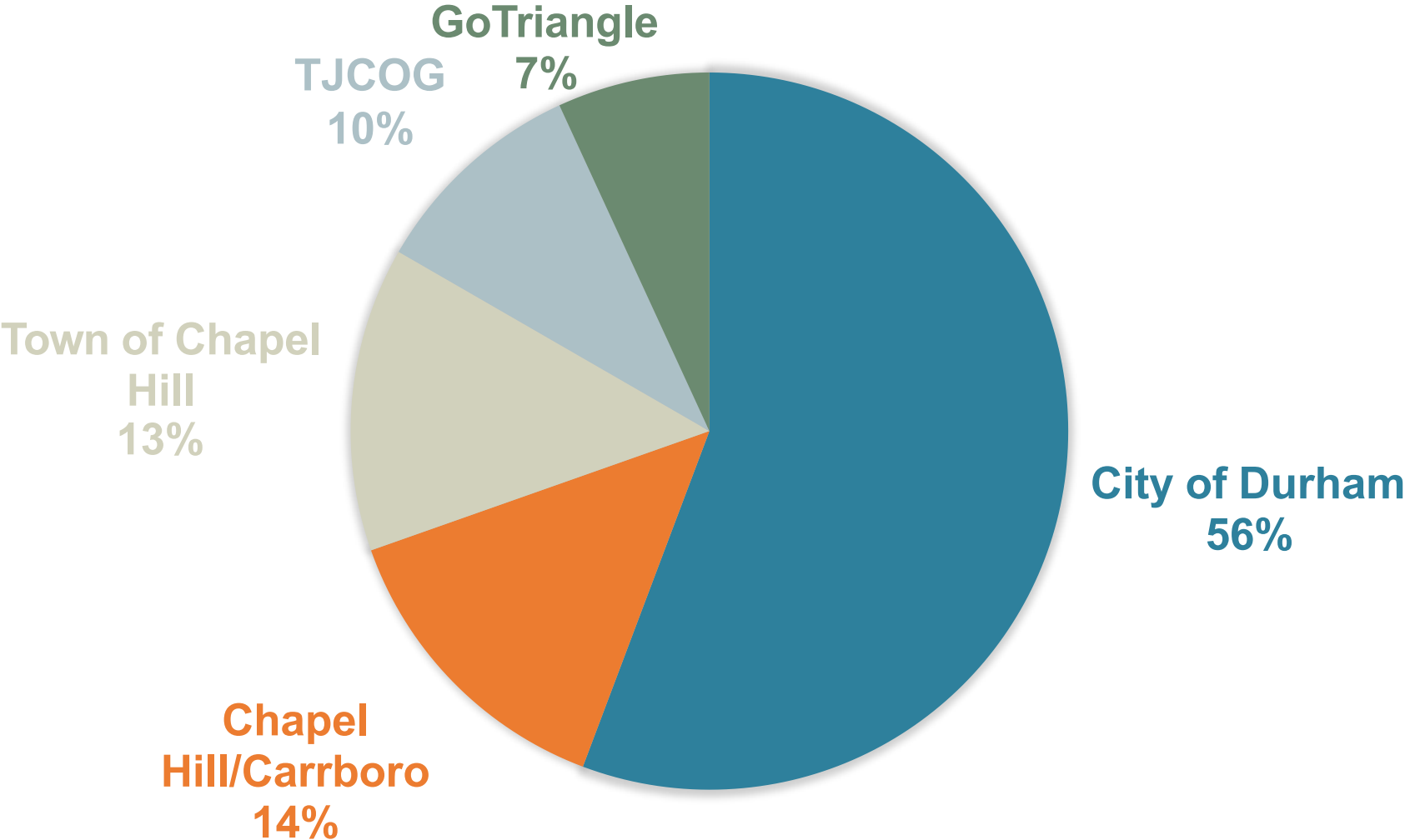
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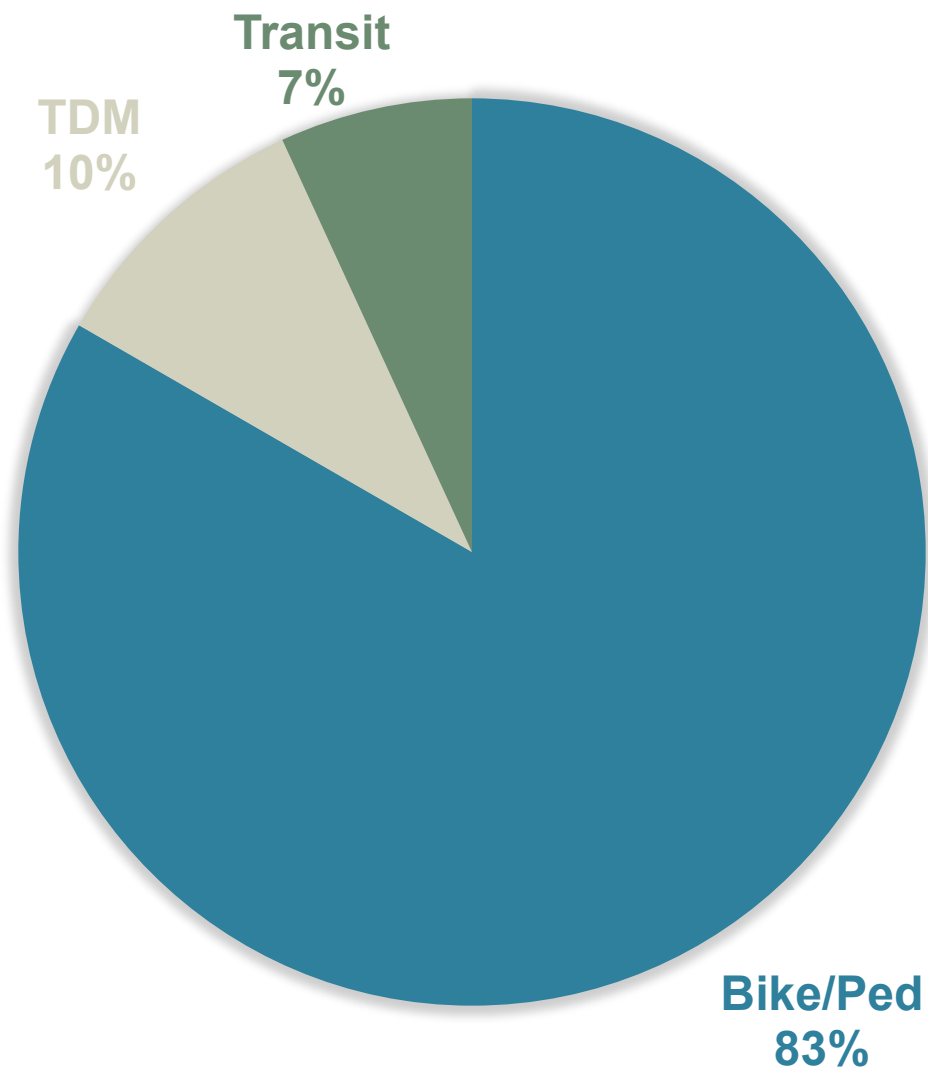
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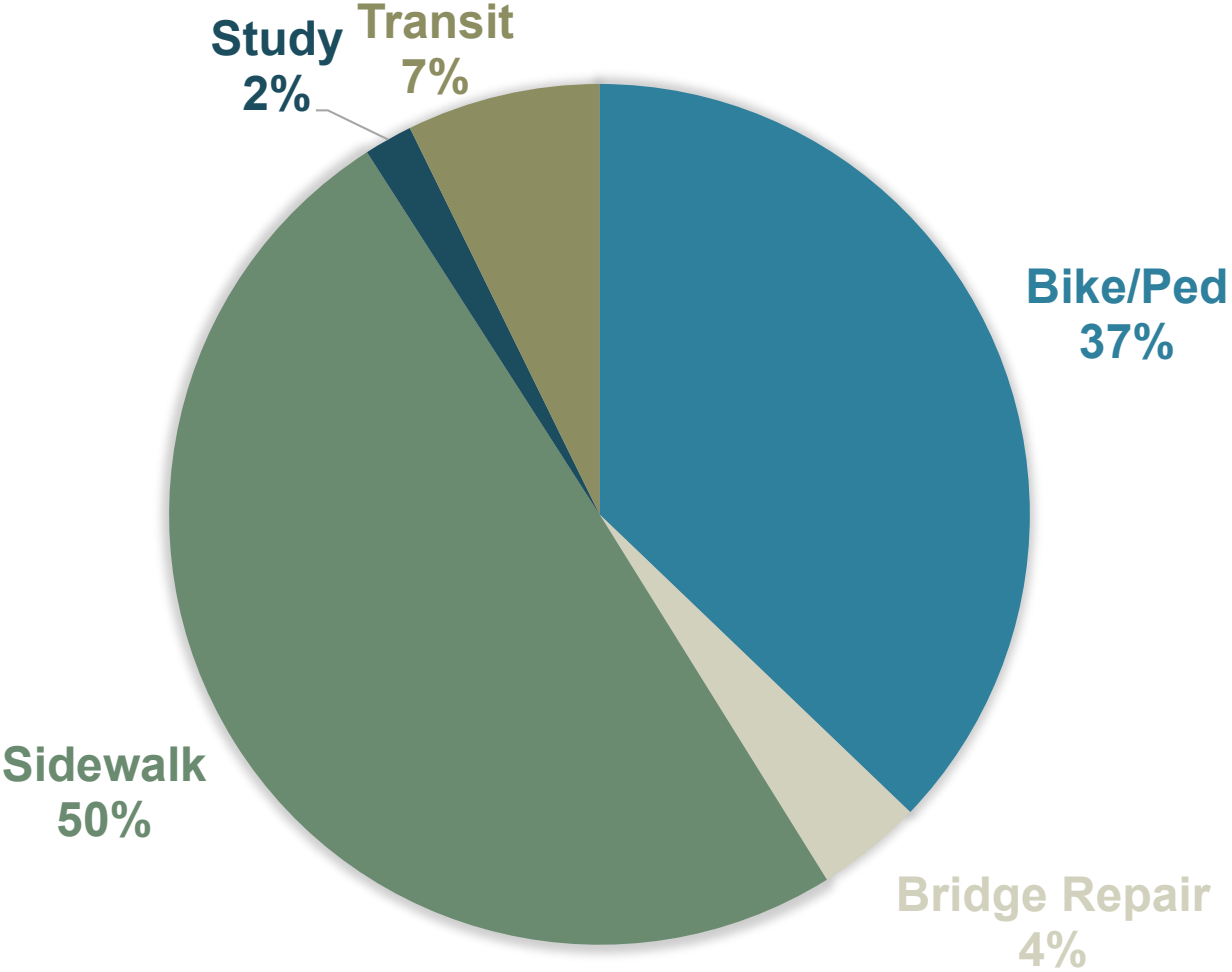
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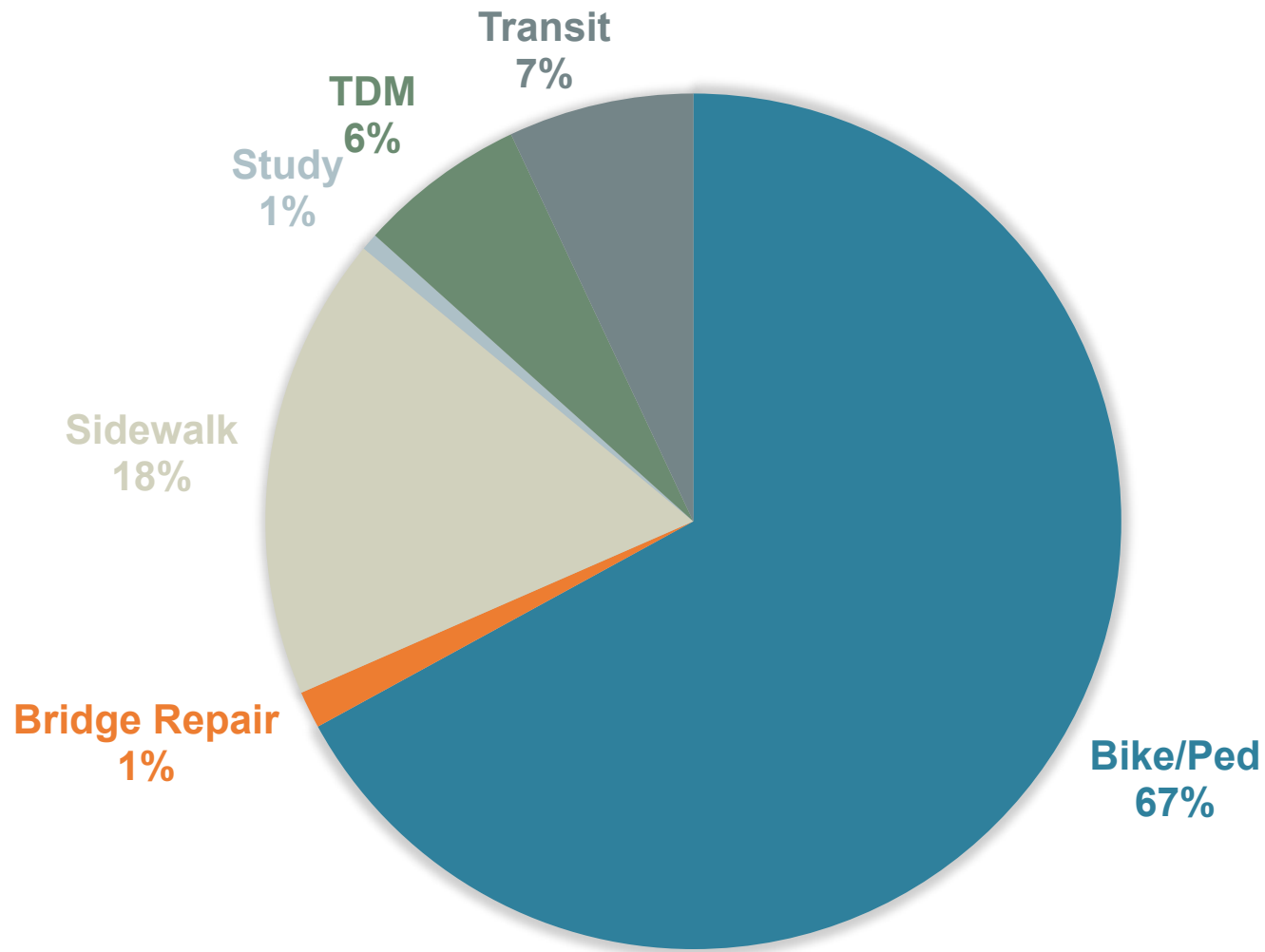
# Competitive Funding by Project Type



# Non-Competitive Funding by Project Type



# All Funding by Project Type



# Next Steps

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- TC endorsed this list of projects at their April meeting
- MPO Board will vote on whether to approve projects recommended for funding at their May meeting
- MPO staff will work with NCDOT STIP unit to get STIP numbers for new projects
- TIP Amendment #6 will add increased funding for existing projects and add recommended funding for new projects