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CMAQ Funding Recommendation (30 minutes)

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On January 25, 2021, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) released materials for a call for projects for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds to be issued by MPOs. Applications are due to NCDOT by March 15, 2021. DCHC MPO staff recommend four projects be selected for funding in this round:

- 1) City of Durham Bike Facilities II: Club Boulevard and Foster Street (\$422,524)
- 2) GoTriangle Transit Access Improvements (\$400,000)
- 3) TJCOG Regional Transportation Demand Management Program (\$571,487)
- 4) Town of Chapel Hill Estes Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements (\$800,000)

The DCHC MPO Technical Committee (TC) recommended the MPO staff-recommended projects, shown above, on an 18-6 vote at its February 24, 2021, meeting. City of Durham staff voted against this recommendation and have provided an alternate slate of projects to be funded. The memo supporting the City of Durham's recommendation is attached.

Once the MPO Board approves a list of recommended projects for CMAQ funding, LPA staff will forward recommended projects to NCDOT for review. NCDOT makes the final determination on whether or not to grant the funding requests.

TC Action: Recommended Board approval of list of recommended projects for CMAQ funding as proposed by LPA staff.

Board Action: Approve the resolution authorizing submission of the recommended CMAQ projects to NCDOT.