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February 4, 2021

TO: DCHC MPO Technical Committee
 FROM : Anne Phillips, DCHC MPO Lead Planning Agency
 SUBJECT: STBGDA COVID Relief Funds Call for Projects

STBGDA Coronavirus Relief Funds

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro (DCHC) MPO has 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).

STBGDA funds provide flexible funding that communities can use to improve or construct roadways, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and to implement transit capital projects. Though STBGDA funds typically require a 20% local match, stipulations in the CRRSAA **do not require a 20% local match**. DCHC has chosen to offer these funds with no required local match.

Because the availability of these zero-match funds may affect local jurisdictions' applications for the STBGDA and STBG Any Area funds included in the January 26 call for projects, the MPO is extending the deadline for STBGDA, and STBG Any Area, and Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian applications to **March 31, 2021**. **Please note that the deadline for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) projects remains February 10, 2021.**

Funding distribution is guided by the attached Policy Framework for DCHC MPO Federal Funds.

A few things to keep in mind:

- The funds allocated through the CRRSAA must be obligated by September 30, 2024. Any amount that is not obligated will lapse.
- In addition to being used for STBG eligible costs, these funds can be used for costs related to preventive maintenance, routine maintenance, operations, personnel, including salaries of employees (including those employees who have been placed on administrative leave) or contractors, debt service payments, availability payments, and coverage for other revenue losses.
- While these funds may be flexed to transit, NCDOT is still trying to determine how this may affect the local match requirement. Please keep in mind that local transit agencies have already received CRRSAA funds.
- CRRSAA funds can be used to replace previously programmed STBG(DA) funds for Locally Administered Projects (LAP), and the requisite local match, as long as the originally programmed funds have not already been obligated.

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Funding Available:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Funding</u>
City of Durham	\$ 1,442,230
Chapel Hill	\$ 429,255
Carrboro	\$ 206,343
Hillsborough	\$ 126,447
Durham County	\$ 57,908
Orange County	\$ 55,924
Chatham County	\$ 22,599
TOTAL	\$ 2,340,706

Application Procedure: STBGDA form (attached). The form has been updated so you can indicate the type of STBG funds you are requesting.

Application and Approval Schedule

February 4: STBGDA COVID Funds Call for Projects Issued

February 10: CMAQ Applications Due

February 17: Recommended CMAQ projects submitted to TC review

February 24: TC review of CMAQ projects and recommendation

March 10: MPO Board approval of CMAQ projects

March 31: STBGDA, STBG Any Area, STBG COVID Relief, and Regional Bike-Ped Applications Due

April 21: Recommended STBG and Regional Bike-Ped projects submitted to TC for review

April 28: TC review of STBG and Regional Bike-Ped projects and recommendation

May 12: MPO Board Approval