

Date: February 3rd, 2020

To: Durham County Board of Commissioners

Through: Jay Gibson, General Manager

From: Patrick O. Young, AICP, Planning Director

Subject: Durham Transit Tax FY20 Workplan Amendment for GoDurham Better Bus Stop Improvements

Executive Summary

GoTriangle, on behalf of GoDurham, is proceeding with design work for 50 GoDurham bus stop improvements. This design work is funded by the FY20 Durham County Transit Tax Work Plan. Work has progressed to a point that would for construction of 10 bus stops FY20. GoTriangle is requesting a work plan amendment to fund construction of those 10 bus stops in FY20, in addition to purchasing amenities for all 50 bus stops in FY20. The estimated cost of this amendment is \$1,029,000.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners consider amending the FY20 Durham Transit Tax Annual Work Plan to add \$1,029,000 for purchase of amenities for 50 bus stops and construction of 10 bus stop improvements for GoDurham.

Background

In the FY20 Durham Transit Tax Annual Work Plan, \$500,000 is programmed for design of 50 bus stop improvements for GoDurham. Progress on this work was at a pace that construction can be scheduled to begin on 10 stops in FY20, rather than FY21 as previously planned. In addition, GoTriangle recommends proceeding with procurement of amenities for all 50 stops up front, to access better prices and ensure amenities are in stock for installation as construction on each stop is completed. Therefore, GoTriangle, on behalf of GoDurham, is requesting an additional \$1,029,000 of funding from the Durham Transit Tax Fund to be pulled forward from the future funding pipeline into FY20.

Issues and Analysis

The amended request is considered a material change to the plan per the existing Interlocal Agreement (ILA) because the request is for more than \$500,000 towards bus service. Therefore, the request must be approved by the governing boards of three parties to the ILA: GoTriangle, DCHC MPO, and the Durham Board of County Commissioners.

Alternatives

The Board of Commissioners could choose not to amend the workplan. In which case, bus stop amenities would be purchased in FY21 and bus stops would be constructed in FY21.

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Attachments

Attachment 1: GoDurham Better Bus Stops FY20 Amendment Material Change Memo

Attachment 2: GoDurham Better Bus Stops FY20 Amendment Project Sheet