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Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Durham Transportation Division ▪ 101 City Hall Plaza ▪ Durham, NC 27701

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Commissioner Alice Gordon, Chair
DCHC MPO Transportation Advisory Committee

Dear Commissioner Gordon:

The Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) advises our local governing bodies and staff on opportunities that affect pedestrian and bicycle travel in the city and county of Durham. We understand that the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) is currently considering projects that could qualify for Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable (STP-DA) or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding.

BPAC would like to recommend several local projects for funding from these two sources. Our selections are based on three general criteria: projects where construction has been halted by funding shortfalls, adopted transportation plans that require some implementation funding, and partially funded projects in the state Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

These are the Durham projects we recommend for STP-DA or CMAQ funding, in the following order:

1. Additional Funding for the NC147 Pedestrian Bridge (near Alston Avenue) - This project was supposed to begin the construction phase at the end of the year, but a final design determined that \$650,000 is still required. The project includes replacing the old bridge and building ramps on both sides. The neighborhoods adjacent to the bridge have been waiting a long time for a safe and reliable pedestrian connection over the freeway, and this connection will be important for a future Alston Avenue commuter rail station. Recommended amount- \$650,000

2. Additional Funding for the Third Fork Creek Greenway Trail- Construction was also supposed to start this year, but the city requires an additional \$545,000 to properly build the planned trail connections at either end (Garrett Road Park on the south end, Southern Boundaries Park on the north end). This project has been held up for over 10 years and is a long-awaited bike and pedestrian corridor for Southwest Durham. Recommended amount- \$ 545,000

3. Implementation Funds for Phase I of the Durham Bicycle Plan- This would enable the city to fund analyses and studies for such things as road diets and sharrows. Such analyses will probably be required before doing re-striping on state roads. These funds could also help to pay for milling, signage and other costs associated with re-striping. Recommended amount- \$300,000

4. Implementation Funds for the Durham Walks Pedestrian Plan- This would enable more funding for sidewalk construction and intersection improvements/studies. Recommended amount - \$300,000

5. Funding for a New Durham Bicycle Map- The current bike map is sixteen years old and does not reflect recent developments, such as the American Tobacco Trail or Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard. A new map would be a vital resource to those considering bike commuting and potential bike tourists. Recommended amount- \$10,000.

6. Additional Funding for Morreene Road Sidewalks & Bike Lanes (Neal Rd. to Erwin Rd)- This project currently has about half the required funds in the TIP to be completed. This project would improve walking and biking access to Duke. Recommended amount- \$800,000

7. Additional Funding for Carpenter-Fletcher Road Sidewalks & Bike Lanes (Woodcroft Parkway to Alston Avenue)- This project is about 25% funded in the TIP. This would improve walking and biking access between the American Tobacco Trail, Woodcroft, Woodlake and RTP. Recommended amount- \$800,000

8. Additional Funding for Other Bike & Pedestrian Projects- Hillandale Avenue between I-85 & Fulton, NC55 sidewalks, connecting Duke Park Trail to the North/South Greenway.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our requests. We would be glad to discuss these with you in more depth or to field any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,



Daniel Clever
Chair
Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission