

FY2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What is the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)?

The UPWP is a one-year funding plan developed by the DCHC MPO that allocates funding to support ongoing transportation planning activities of the MPO. It funds Lead Planning Agency staff hours and operating costs, as well as special projects and planning activities performed by MPO jurisdictions. It serves as a basis to determine other longer-term funding models allocated by the DCHC MPO, including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Where does UPWP funding come from and how is it allocated?

Funding for the UPWP is provided on an annual basis by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). FHWA funding sources include Surface Area Block Grants (STBG-DA) which are allocated to Transportation Management Areas over 200,000, and Planning (PL) funds. FTA funds include 5303 and 5307 grants, which provide assistance to transit agencies to conduct transit planning and technical studies related to urban area public transit. All of these funding sources require local jurisdictions to match a percentage of programmed funds using local money. FHWA funds require a 20% local match, with the FHWA providing 80% of funds, and FTA funds require a 10% match from the State and a 10% local match.

How can I provide comment on the FY2024 UPWP and what is the timeline for it to be approved?

The draft FY2024 UPWP can be found on the DCHC MPO website here: www.dchcmo.org/what-we-do/programs-plans/unified-planning-work-program. Questions about the FY2024 UPWP can be addressed to David Miller at david.miller@dchcmo.org

The MPO Board will hold a public hearing for the FY2024 UPWP during their March 8, 2023 meeting, during which time the public may comment on the contents of the FY2024 UPWP. After that public hearing, the Board will make their final vote for approval during their April 12, 2023 meeting.

Summary of FY2024 Funding Sources and Full Allocations Before Requested Programming

Funding Source	Federal	State	Local	Total
PL (FHWA)	\$561,800	N/A	\$140,450	\$702,250
Y-410 (FHWA)	\$24,900	N/A	\$6,225	\$31,125
STBG-DA (FHWA)	\$2,352,000	N/A	\$588,000	\$2,940,000
5303 (FTA)	\$403,398	\$50,425	\$50,425	\$504,248
5307 (FTA)	\$120,800	N/A	\$30,200	\$151,000
Total	\$3,462,898	\$50,425	\$815,300	\$4,328,623

Summary of Funding Programming by Agency (only includes 80% Federal Amount)

AGENCY	FHWA			FTA		
	STBG-DA	PL	Y-410	5303	5307	
Lead Planning Agency (LPA)	\$1,662,618	\$561,800	\$24,900	-	-	\$2,249,318
Town of Carrboro	\$16,800	-	-	-	-	\$16,800
Town of Chapel Hill / CH Transit	\$62,400	-	-	\$197,600	-	\$260,000
City of Durham / GoDurham	\$272,096	-	-	\$205,733	-	\$477,829
Town of Hillsborough	\$60,000	-	-	-	-	\$60,000
Chatham County	\$0	-	-	-	-	\$0
Durham County	\$96,000	-	-	-	-	\$96,000
GoTriangle	-	-	-	-	\$120,800	\$120,800
Orange County	\$176,811	-	-	-	-	\$176,811
TJCOG	\$ 84,500	-	-	-	-	\$ 84,500
TOTAL	\$2,431,225	\$561,800	\$24,900	\$403,333	\$120,800	\$3,542,058

What are the Special Studies being programmed in the FY2024 UPWP?

The Town of Hillsborough is programming \$75,000 to engage a consultant to undertake a parking study for its downtown area. The scope of work will include adequacy of current facilities, turnover during peak times, estimated demand under a variety of redevelopment scenarios, adequacy of current ordinance requirements, and access for deliveries and unloading.

Orange County is programming \$221,014 to create a short-range transit plan to enhance transit connectivity and efficiency for residents, visitors, and workers in the region.

The City of Durham and Durham County will develop a Durham City/County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The plan will focus on several deliverables to meet the City and County’s short- and long-term needs related to bicycle and pedestrian planning. This total amount of requested programming for this special is \$360,000, which include entails \$240,000 being programmed by the City, and \$120,000 being programmed by the County.