

Addendum for Chapel Hill Transit High Capacity Transit Study (CHT HCTS)

December 10, 2024

Q: Our interpretation of the RFLOI is that since this project shall include no more than 10% design, that proposers for this project would not be required to be registered according to the following statement: “Firms that are not providing engineering services need not be registered with the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors.” Can CPRC/DCHC-MPO confirm that the scope of this project does not require proposers to be registered with the NC Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors?

A: The “project shall include no more than 10% design” statement was included in the RFLOI because transportation planning funds (PL) are the primary funding source for this study, and this funding source cannot be used for the design phase of a construction project. Based on the scope of this project, an understanding of engineering and design principles are necessary to identify candidate corridors, but this is primarily a feasibility study. Design and engineering would be a potential next step. It is up to the proposing firm to determine to what extent engineering services be included in the letter of interest—if engineering services are included, then a registered engineer/PE is needed to complete this work.

Q: Can CPRC/DCHC-MPO clarify how this project will be billed? The RFLOI indicates a lump sum contract, but on our prior NCDOT-funded projects, we have been required to bill on a time and materials basis.

A: This will be a lump sum project.

Q: The RFLOI indicates that the project is to be complete 8 months from notice to proceed. However, the Project Management tasks also notes there will be four quarterly meetings with the TAC. Can you please confirm the expectation of an 8-month project schedule, and not a 12-month schedule?

A: Yes, the expectation is an 8-month project schedule. The four “quarterly” meetings reference was inadvertently left in from a previous version of the RFLOI that included a 12-month schedule.

Q: Does Chapel Hill Transit have any post-pandemic on-board transit survey data?

A: A regional onboard survey was conducted in 2023 (administered by GoTriangle), and this included Chapel Hill Transit. The summary report is attached here.

Q: Does Chapel Hill Transit have any data on transfers between current routes and other regional providers/operators? (e.g. GoTriangle, GoDurham, etc.)

A: Since CHT does not collect fares, the agency does not have a way to track transfers.