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June 10, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Chris Lukasina, AICP  
Executive Director  
Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

FROM: Leigh Wing, PE  
Director, Division of Planning & Programming

SUBJECT: Bonus Allocation for Complete 540 – Phase 2

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As you are aware, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority achieved financial close on the Complete 540 – Phase 2 project on January 30, 2024. This phase will extend NC 540 from its future interchange with I-40 south of Garner (currently under construction) to the existing NC 540 interchange with I-87 / US 64 / US 264 Bypass in Knightdale.

The portion of the Phase 2 construction cost that is to be derived from toll revenue is estimated to be \$705 million. Pursuant to NCGS 136-189.11(f)(3), the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is eligible to receive \$100 million in bonus allocation (BA) funds for the programming of other STI-eligible highway projects. The BA funds may be applied as outlined in NCGS 136-189.11(f)(4), subject to the caps identified therein. The funds are to be programmed within the SFY 2025-2029 period. Actual funding in the programmed year is subject to the availability of federal apportionment and obligation authority, state budget authority, and sufficient cash balance, as applicable, at the time funds are requested.

Based on the STI funding allocation for Statewide Mobility, Regional Impact, and Division Needs that were the basis for adoption of the 2024-2033 STIP, CAMPO may assign the BA funds at your discretion to highway projects in Wake County that are eligible in each of those categories, subject to the following maximums:

- Statewide Mobility: maximum of \$100 million
- Regional Impact: maximum of \$100 million
- Division Needs: maximum of \$33.8 million

The **bonus allocation funds must be authorized no later than June 30, 2029**, or they will be returned to the state for use on other projects selected through the STI prioritization process.

We ask that CAMPO provide a list of projects to receive BA funds, including the following details for each project:

- Route
- County and municipality, as applicable
- Description, including termini and scope of work
- Length

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- Program amounts, broken out by the following:
  - Phase of work
  - Fiscal year
  - Fund source – if other than BA, please identify

Once the projects have been received and reviewed, we will amend the 2024-2033 STIP to program those projects identified by CAMPO with BA funds.

If you need any additional information, please contact David Wasserman at [dswasserman@ncdot.gov](mailto:dswasserman@ncdot.gov) or (919) 707-4743, or me at [lmwing@ncdot.gov](mailto:lmwing@ncdot.gov) or at (919) 707-4639. Thank you.

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