# Traceability and Transparency in Transportation Planning with GIS

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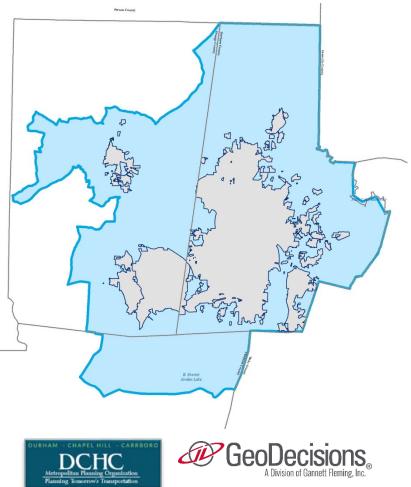
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## DCHC MPO

- The DCHC urbanized area includes:
  - Durham County (entire county)
  - a portion of Orange County including the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough
  - Northeast Chatham County
- With rapid growth came a need to more efficiently manage and provide public information about our TIP



- 1. Provide transparency into the transportation planning process and funding
- 2. Be able to track a project across the transportation planning lifecycle







## Original Site - Wins

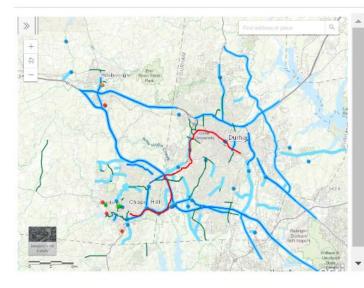
- Established public facing site for information sharing
- Incorporated a UI for Admin users to update project records in the TIP database

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#### Interactive Regional Transportation Project Map



#### Project Quick Facts

There are currently 291 projects being tracked in the database.

### Instructions

#### Using the Reports

The Reports navigation button, located in the menu bar, can be used to access a series of pre-defined searches that have been created based on the most popular requests for project information.

#### Using the General and Advanced Search

To search for a specific project by TIP project # or TIP project name, enter the project # or name into the text box located in the top right corner of the page and then click the magnifying glass to execute the search.

An Advanced Search is available by clicking on the down arrow button that is located to the right of the simple search, and selecting "Advanced Search" from the drop-down menu. The Advanced Search allows users to define their own search criteria and query all projects in the database based on the criteria selected from each drop-down list.



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# **Original Site - Limits**



- Limited map interface
- General slowness of app
- Behind the scenes Disjointed business processes for maintaining non-TIP program data
- Behind the scenes Ongoing investment with low return

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## TIP Redesign – Phase 1

- Initial evaluation of the current system
- Phase 1 began August 2018
- Scope:
  - Code review and refactoring
  - New data integration
  - Updated UI to expose new data
  - New mapping interface







# Task 1 – Code Review and Refactoring

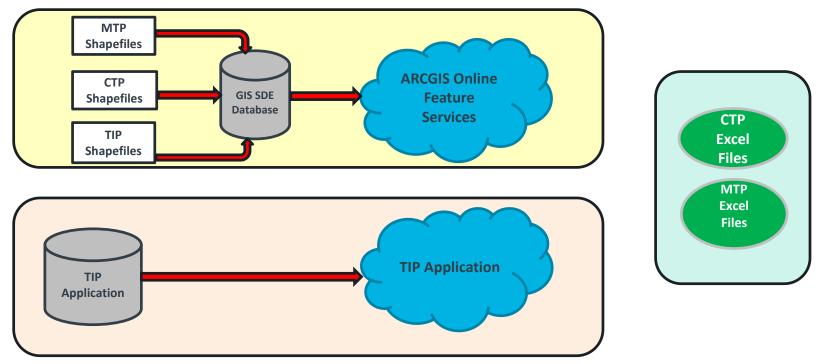
Issues:

- 1. Pages not loading or loading very slowly
- 2. Existing reports load slowly given the scale of the data
- 3. Users experience excessive logouts that disrupt their workflow
- Implemented fix into production in October 2018

Lesson Learned Make sure you are working on the latest code copy!



## Review of Current Setup





- 1. Data silos managed separately
- 2. No CTP or MTP data available in application
- 3. Shapefiles are updated and then must be imported to DB by another party
- 4. Excel and shapefiles hold much of the same data but different fields, values not always consistent
- 5. No unique ID's on some data
- 6. No interaction of feature services and application



# Goal = Be able to track a project across lifecycle

- 1. Incorporation of CTP/MTP
- 2. Establishment of unique/primary keys
- 3. Create relationships between CTP/MTP/TIP
- 4. Data conversion from old formats into new formats
- 5. Data integrity checks/foreign keys
- 6. Reduction of redundant data editing



# **Goal = Increase public transparency**

- 1. Create in TIP Environment
  - No need to recreate the wheel
- 2. Enhance mapping interface (prominence and functionality)
- 3. Allow projects (of all types) to be managed in UI
- 4. Expose higher quality/quantity of data

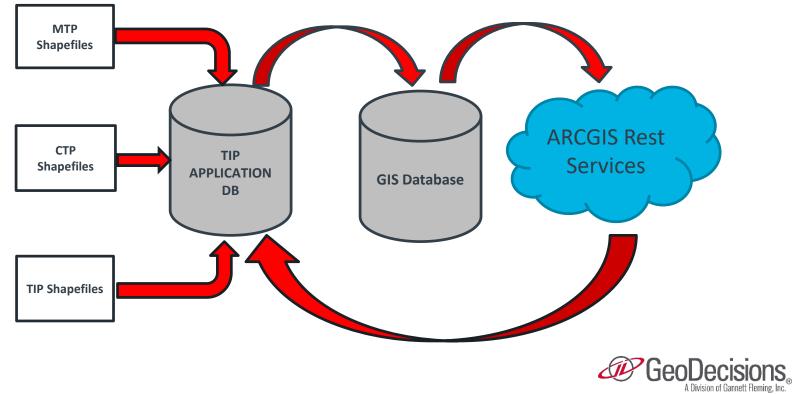
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- Esri ArcGIS JS Api 4.9
- JavaScript
- JQuery
- HTML
- CSS
- C#
- ASP.NET Razor
- Entity Framework 6.0



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## **New Environment**







# PHASE II and PHASE III

### Scheduled to start in May 2019

- DCHC Scoring Tool
- Local Planning Partner Workflows
- Dynamic Querying
- Increased Reporting
- Routine maintenance and minor enhancements

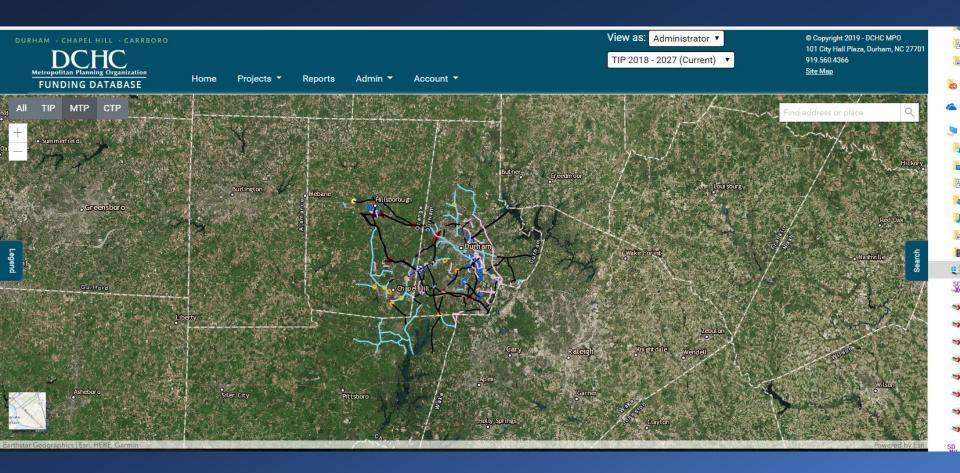
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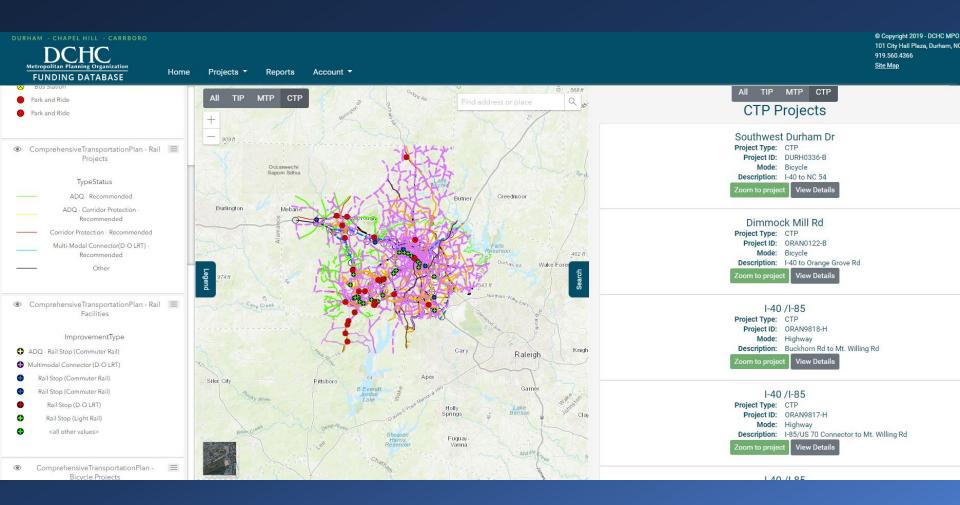


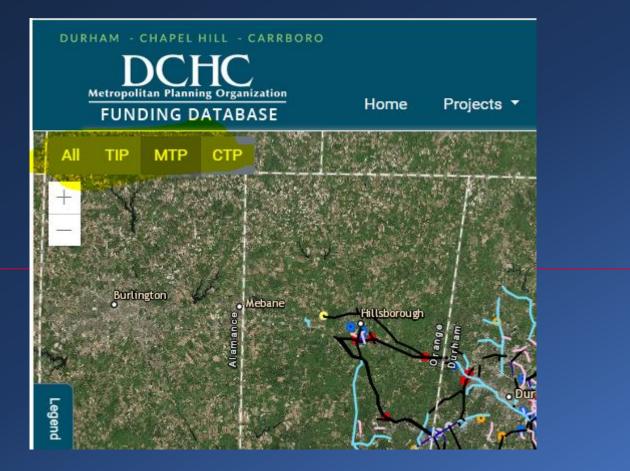
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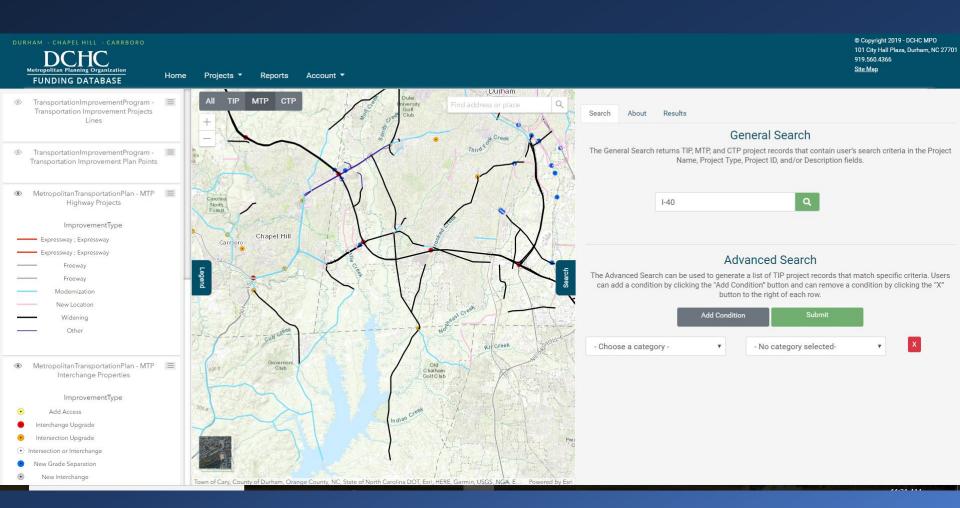


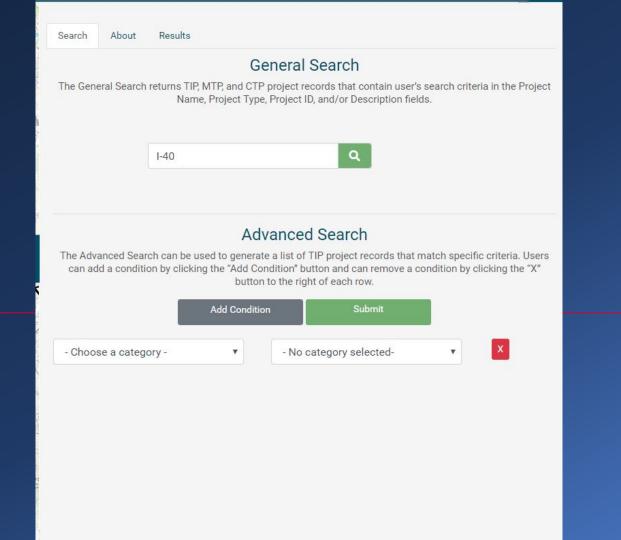


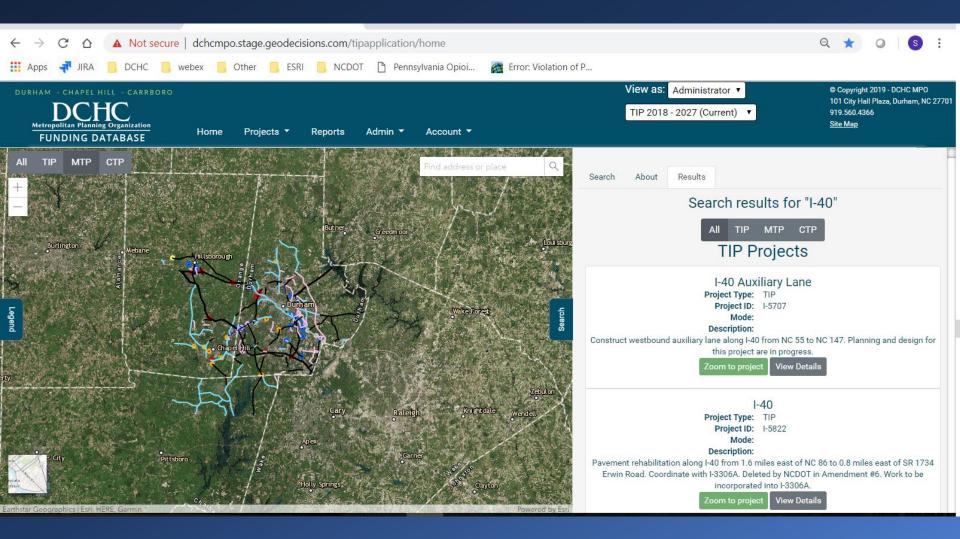


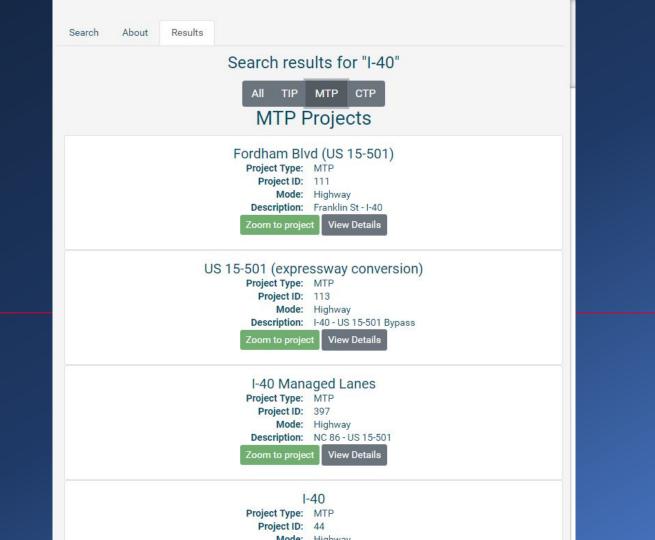


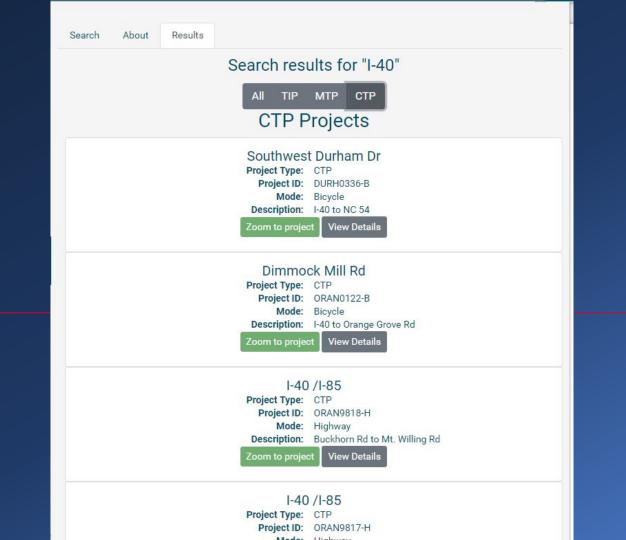


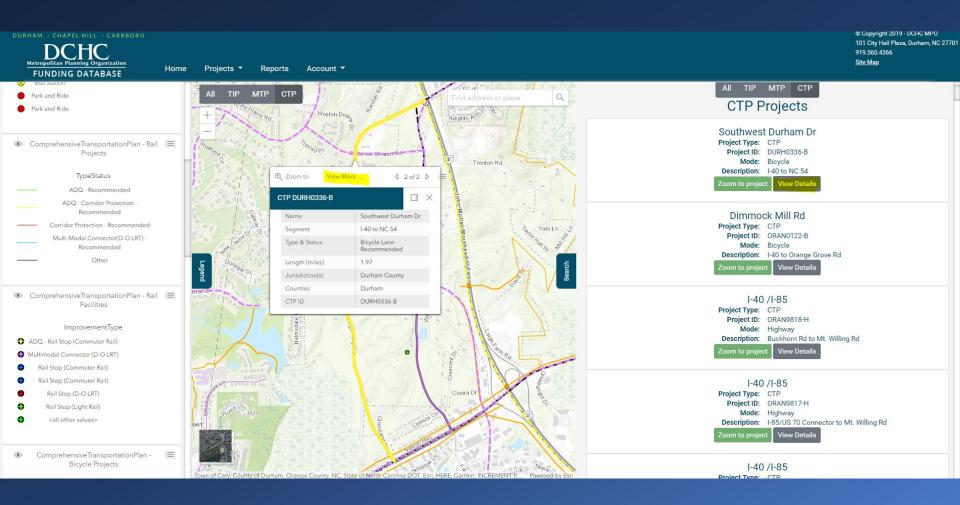


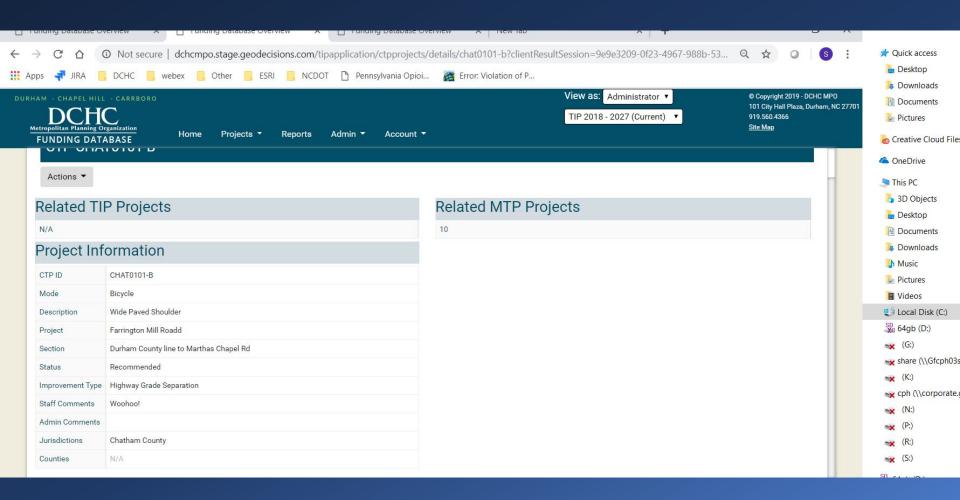




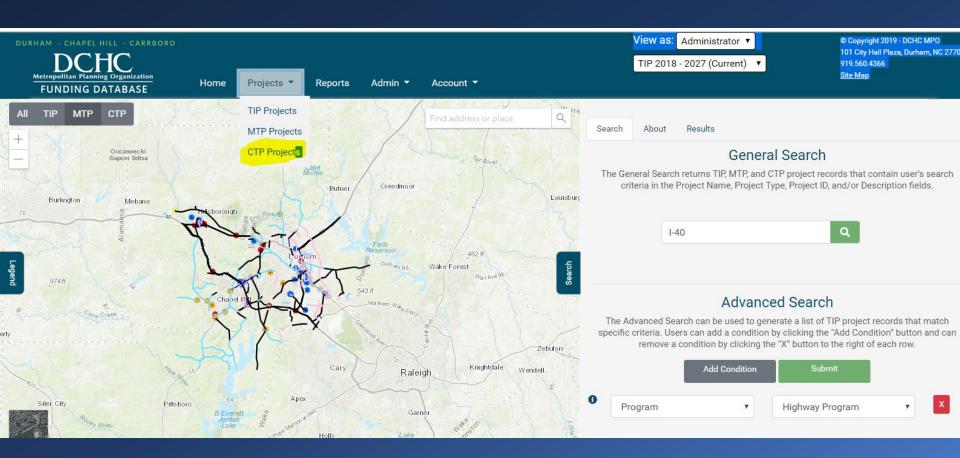








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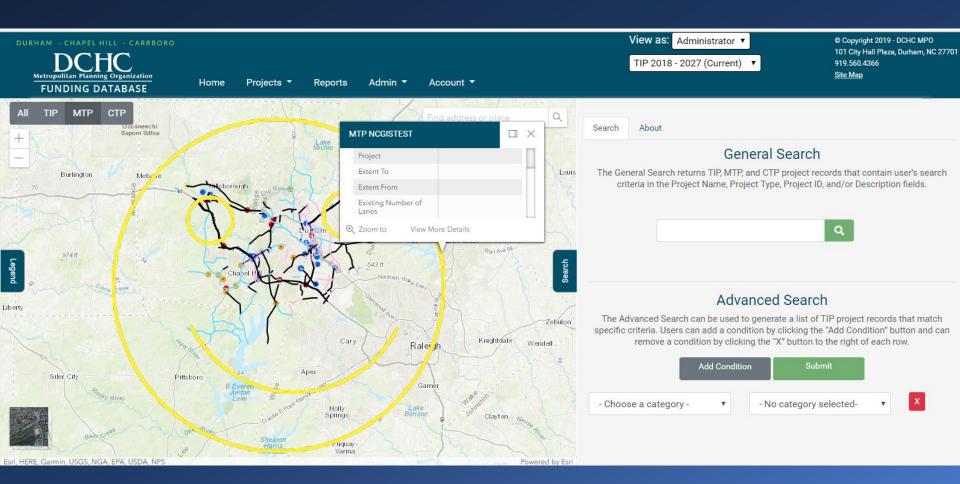


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