

Board Meeting Summary

The GoTriangle Board of Trustees met Wednesday, Feb. 28, to consider an agenda that included the following highlights. The board votes are summarized below. The meeting minutes will be available at gotriangle.org/publications.

FY2024 Third Quarter Wake, Durham and Orange County Transit Plan amendments and budget ordinance amendments #2024 0002 – 2024 0006

The board approved FY2024 third quarter Wake, Durham and Orange County Transit Plan amendments and budget ordinance amendments as follows:

Two Wake Transit Plan amendments

1. **City of Raleigh - New Bern Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT):** City of Raleigh requested funds for additional contingency as the city prepares to bid the New Bern Avenue BRT project for construction. Due to the unprecedented market conditions during the pandemic and increased professional services and real-estate costs, the city anticipates this need to award construction bid.
2. **City of Raleigh – Improvements to Route 21 - Caraleigh:** City of Raleigh requested funds that will improve service on Route 21-Caraleigh by adding frequency. The alignment will continue to operate in a clockwise loop. The original project in FY2020 increased the peak frequency to 30 minutes. The approved amendment will move the improvements programmed in FY2026 to FY2024 and will increase frequency to 15 minutes during the day and 30 minutes in the evenings daily.

The funded amendments increase the FY2024 Wake Transit Work Plan by \$8,500,000.

Three Durham Transit Plan amendments

1. **City of Durham/GoDurham - Transit Construction Team Leader:** GoDurham requested funds to reflect the actual salary and benefits for the Transit Construction Team Leader position.
2. **City of Durham/GoDurham – Transit Construction Project Manager:** GoDurham requested funds to reflect the actual salary and benefits for the Transit Construction Project Manager position.
3. **City of Durham/GoDurham - DIGI Modems:** GoDurham requested to reallocate the remaining funds from the CAD/AVL project to the DIGI Modem project. Additional funds of \$68,825 are also requested for the DIGI Modem project. The city determined that the existing DIGI modems installed on the fleet would not be compatible with the upgraded system and would need to be replaced. The adopted amendment covers the cost of design and installation of the new modems across the fleet.

The funded amendments increase the FY2024 Durham Transit Work Plan by \$126,245.

Seven Orange Transit Plan amendments

1. **Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) - Planner I Transit Plan Support Staff:** Funding was approved for an entry-level position reporting to CHT's Transit Planning Manager to support all aspects of transit planning, operations and capital investments. CHT requested one year of funding

to more expeditiously meet critical staffing needs while exploring options for long-term funding sources.

2. **Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) - Bus Stop Amenities Technician:** Funding was approved for a staff member to directly support the maintenance team, enhancing CHT's ability to clean, maintain and repair the network's 535-plus transit stops and amenities.
3. **Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) - Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) Update:** Funding was approved for an updated SRTP. The last SRTP was completed in early 2020, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The impacts of COVID-19, including a nationwide shortage of transit operators, significantly impacted CHT's ability to implement planned improvements. Additionally, post-COVID patterns of development, ridership and employment are challenging the feasibility of assumptions in the 2020 SRTP. Updating this plan provides an opportunity to revisit the current plan and its assumptions and to make changes to planned improvements to better serve Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County commuters.
4. **Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) - Chapel Hill High School/Rogers Road/Morris Grove Elementary (HS) Route Weekend Service Improvements:** Funds were approved to be reallocated from the adopted project to improve the HS Route weekend service to help offset the approved amendments. The HS Route weekend improvements will be implemented in FY2025 as budgeted in the adopted Orange County Transit Plan Update.
5. **Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) - Carrboro/Weaver Street (CW) Route Weekday Service Improvements:** Funds were approved to be reallocated from the adopted project to improve weekday service for the CW Route Improve to help offset the approved amendments. The CW Route weekday improvements will be implemented in FY2025.
6. **Orange County Transit Services (OCTS) - Trapeze Software:** OCTS requested to reallocate operating funds associated with the Hillsborough Circulator 2.0 project to be used as a one-time purchase of Trapeze software. Due to fleet issues, OCTS is delaying implementation of the Hillsborough Circulator 2.0 improvements (e.g. reverse circulator) until they have been resolved.
7. **Orange County Transit Services (OCTS) - Mobility on Demand:** OCTS requested to reallocate adopted funds from the Mobility on Demand Operating project to a new capital project to procure a one-time purchase of five minivans.

The adopted amendments will have zero financial impact due to the reallocation of previously adopted funds to the Orange County Transit Plan.

GoTriangle Vanpool Contract and Subsidy

The board awarded a contract to Enterprise Leasing Company-Southeast, LLC from February 2024 through FY2027 for up to \$1.8 million, authorized GoTriangle President/CEO Charles Lattuca to execute a contract consistent with those terms and increased the monthly subsidy not to exceed 30% of the cost to commuters, for a maximum of \$600 per vanpool. GoTriangle contracts with Enterprise to reduce single occupancy vehicle travel to work and to improve air quality within the Durham, Orange and Wake County region.

Wake County Bus Stop Property Acquisition

The board authorized GoTriangle staff to conduct early outreach and acquire the property interest needed for GoTriangle bus stop improvements in Wake County at new and existing stop locations listed on [pages 30-33 of the board meeting agenda](#).

Durham County Bus Stop Property Acquisition

The board authorized GoTriangle staff to conduct early outreach and acquire the property interest needed for GoTriangle bus stop improvements in Durham County, on behalf of the City of Durham, at existing stop locations listed on [pages 34-36 of the board meeting agenda](#).

GoTriangle Return to Fares effective July 1, 2024

The board approved GoTriangle's returning to fares and implementing expanded GoPass opportunities, to ensure affordability and accessibility as fares are reinstated in FY2025.

Closed sessions related to personnel matter and disposition of real property

The board voted to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11.(a) (3) and NCGS §143-318.11.(a) (6) and the disposition of real property pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11.(a) (3) and NCGS §143-318.11.(a) (5).

After returning to open session, the board voted to authorize the Board of Trustees Chair Brenda Howerton to appoint board member representatives to a conference committee for dispute resolution under the Wake Transit Interlocal Agreement.