November 1, 2018

Re: GoTriangle’s Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility proposal

Dear community member:

Thank you for your interest in the Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility proposed as part of Durham and Orange counties’ light-rail project. You are receiving this letter because you signed up to speak at the Oct. 9, 2018, hearing before the Durham Planning Commission. We understand that some neighbors have concerns about GoTriangle’s rezoning application, and we want to reassure you that we have been listening. When we held meetings in your neighborhood in 2015 and 2017, we identified top concerns as the noise the facility might generate, how it might look, visual buffers and safety. We have taken these concerns into account in our design of the facility.

To help explain the selection of the site, the facility’s design and how comments have been addressed, we have prepared a set of answers to some of the most common concerns we heard at the Planning Commission hearing. We hope you find our responses helpful, and we encourage you to share this with your neighbors and anyone else who may be interested. These questions and answers, with clickable links, may be found on our website at https://gotriangle.org/sites/default/files/ROMF_QA_Nov2018.pdf.

Please note that the FTA and GoTriangle released a Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the light-rail project on Oct. 29, 2018. GoTriangle will be holding open houses to provide more information on Saturday, Nov. 3, Monday, Nov. 5, and Thursday, Nov. 8. Comments may be provided in writing until Nov. 30, 2018. You can find out more information, including how to make an official comment in writing, at GoTriangle.org/lightrail and participate online at lightrailonline.com.

If you have further questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Andrew Willard, public involvement specialist, at awillard@gotriangle.org or 919-930-1536.

Sincerely,

John Tallmadge
Interim director, Durham and Orange counties’ light-rail project

Attachments: Questions and Answers about the GoTriangle Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility