

# Appendix N.3: Consulting Parties Correspondence

## Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project



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**RE: Request for Consultation – Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

Dear Ms. Hillis:

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## Project Description

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### 1. Introduction

Triangle Transit, in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate a potential high-capacity transit improvement in the Triangle region, within the Durham-Orange (D-O) Corridor, between Chapel Hill and Durham.

#### 1.1 Description of the Study Corridor

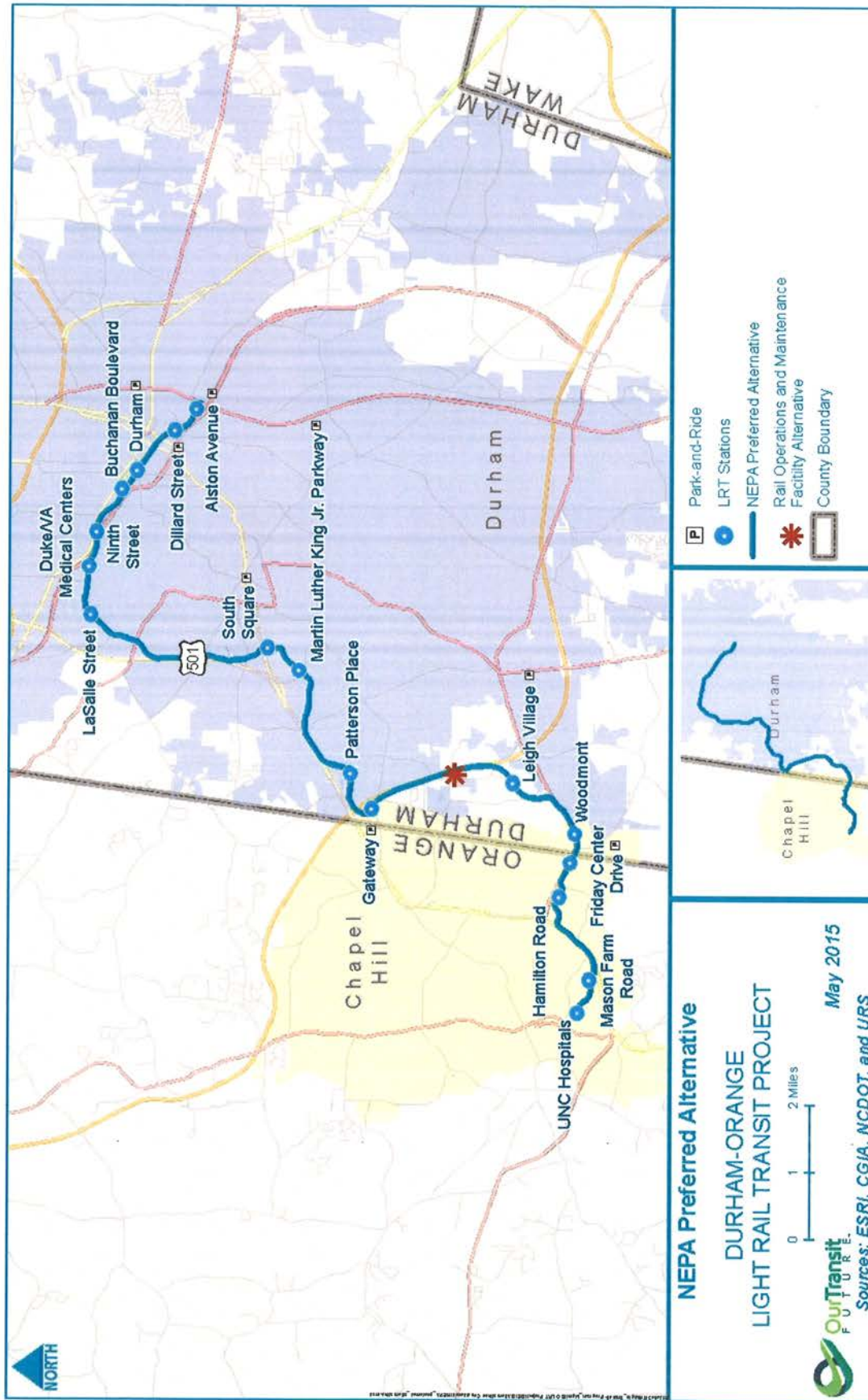
The D-O Corridor is located within the Triangle region. It extends roughly 17 miles from southwest Chapel Hill to east Durham, and includes several educational, medical, and other key activity centers which generate a large number of trips each day. The land uses in the D-O Corridor are supported by a network of major highways including NC 54, I-40, US 15-501, Erwin Road, and NC 147. The project is an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and is subject to consultation per the implementation regulations 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

#### 1.2 Proposed Project Description

The proposed project would generally follow North Carolina (NC) Highway 54 (NC 54) Interstate 40 (I-40), United States (US) 15-501, and the North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) Corridor in downtown Durham and east Durham, as shown on Figure 1. The alignment would begin in Chapel Hill at UNC Hospitals, parallel Fordham Boulevard, proceed eastward adjacent to NC 54, travel north along I-40, parallel US 15-501 before it would turn east toward Duke University and run within Erwin Road, and then follow the NCRR Corridor that parallels NC Highway 147 (NC 147) through downtown Durham, before reaching its eastern terminus in Durham near Alston Avenue. The alignment would consist of at-grade alignment, fill and cut sections, and elevated structures. A total of 17 stations are planned, and up to 5,100 parking spaces would be provided along the Light Rail Alternatives. In addition, a Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility (ROMF) would be constructed to accommodate the D-O LRT fleet (initially 17 vehicles, with the ability to accommodate up to 26 vehicles without needing expansion).

The proposed project includes the C2A alignment crossing of Little Creek and associated station locations, the NHC2 alignment crossing of New Hope Creek and associated station locations, the Duke/VA Medical Centers station location at Trent/Flowers Drive, and the Farrington Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility (ROMF).

Figure 1: Proposed Project Overview



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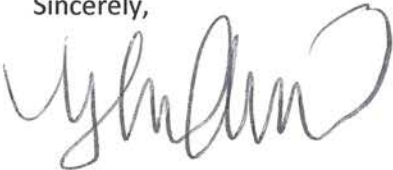
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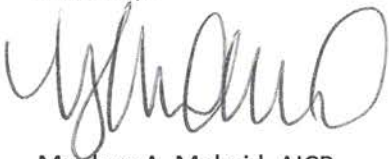


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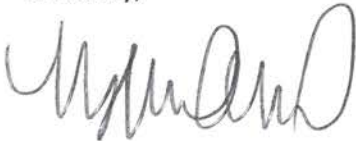
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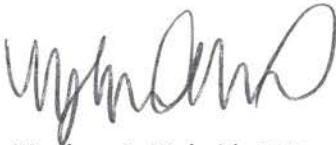
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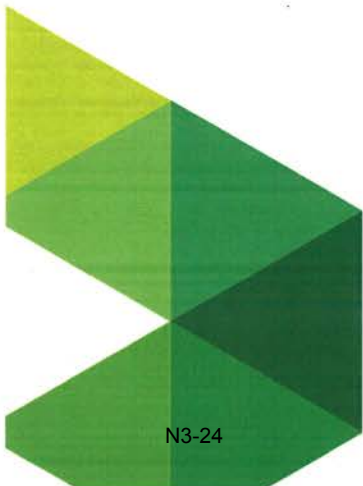
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**Subject: Re: (ER-120738) Request for Consultation - Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

Meghan,

Preservation Durham would like to be a consulting party for this undertaking.

Best,  
Wendy

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Wendy Hillis, AIA

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**Subject:** RE: (ER-120738) Request for Consultation - Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

Good morning Ms. Makoid,

I am in receipt of your letter of July 8, 2015 requesting the Durham City-County Planning Department consult on the Durham-Orange Light rail Transit Project under Section 106 of the National Preservation Act. We would be pleased to consult with Go Triangle on this effort. I would ask that all communication regarding this effort be sent to both me and Assistant Director Sara Young (copied on this email) for proper handling by the department.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Medlin, AICP  
Durham City-County Planning Director

**From:** Greg Warwick <[gregory.warwick@duke.edu](mailto:gregory.warwick@duke.edu)>  
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**Subject: RE: (ER-120738) Request for Consultation - Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

Meghan, we would like to be consulted regarding historic resources that may be impacted by the project.

I have also forwarded your request to Regional Affairs at Duke.

Greg

Gregory Warwick, AIA  
Duke University Medical Center Architect

**From:** "[cheri@preservationchapelhill.org](mailto:cheri@preservationchapelhill.org)"  
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**Subject: RE: (ER-120738) Request for Consultation - Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

Dear Ms. Makoid,

Thank you for this invitation, and I have received your letter in the mail. I would be delighted to serve as a consulting party on this project. I will be your point of contact, and my contact information is listed below. Please let me know how I can be of assistance.

Best,

**Cheri Szcodronski**

**Executive Director**

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**Subject:** RE: (ER-120738) Request for Consultation - Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project under  
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

Dear Ms. Makoid,

We received your letter regarding this project last week.

The Orange County Dept. of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation is responsible for the County's various historic preservation programs and provides staffing for our county-wide Historic Preservation Commission. Therefore we wish to be included as a consulting party for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project under Section 106. I will remain the primary contact for this process.

Please let me know if any other action is required from us at this stage.

Thanks and we'll look forward to working on this with you and the other members of the team.

Sincerely,

**Peter Sandbeck**, Cultural Resources Coordinator  
Orange County  
*Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation*

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**To:** [Meghan Makoid](#)

**Cc:** ['Anna.Wu@facilities.unc.edu'](mailto:Anna.Wu@facilities.unc.edu), [Tammy Bouchelle](#)

Meghan, thank you for the invitation to be consulting party as part of the Section 106 review. UNC is interested in being a consulting party. Please communicate with me about future meetings and other information to review.

Thanks again,

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**Than Austin**

*Associate Director, Transportation and Planning*

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**To:** Meghan Makoid <[MMakoid@gotriangle.org](mailto:MMakoid@gotriangle.org)>  
**Subject:** Durham-Orange Light Rail - consulting party

Dear Ms. Makoid,

Thank you for your letter dated July 8, 2015 notifying us of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project. Preservation NC accepts your invitation to be a consulting party. We are most interested in ensuring the compatibility between the proposed light rail and historic resources located in its proximity with particular interest in providing access to the light rail station for East Durham. Please contact me with any desired input or questions at 919-401-8540. We look forward to being part of the project as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

Cathleen

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**Subject:** Contact

Megan,

We are in receipt of your letter of July 8, 2015 requesting a point of contact for issues dealing with historic resources that might be impacted by the Durham-Orange LRT. Eric Feld, Chapel Hill Planning and Sustainability, will act as a consulting party for purposes of historic resources. Please let me know if you have any questions.



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