GoTriangle Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes March 17, 2021

Held Remotely via WebEx

Board Members Present Remotely:

Will Allen III

Corey Branch

Michael Fox

Sig Hutchinson

Vivian Jones

Valerie Jordan

Michael Parker, Chair

Renée Price

Jennifer Robinson

Steve Schewel

Stelfanie Williams (arr. 4:35 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Brenda Howerton

The joint meeting of the CAMPO Executive Board and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the Wake Transit Plan Update was called to order by CAMPO Chair and GoTriangle Vice Chair Sig Hutchinson at 4:03 p.m. Attendance was taken by roll call and a quorum was present.

GoTriangle Board of Trustees Chair Michael Parker stated that after today's public hearing GoTriangle would consider approval of the Plan update at its April meeting.

Hutchinson stated that the speaker sign-up for the public hearing would be open until 4:15 p.m. He added that the public comment period is open through March 31st, through submission of a feedback form available online.

CAMPO proceeded with the approval of its agenda, reading of the ethics statement and general public comment.

Williams arrived.

Bret Martin, CAMPO program manager and project manager for the Wake Transit Plan Update, made a presentation on the Plan update, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Martin restated that the 40-day public comment period on the Plan update ends March 31st. He said CAMPO's TCC would consider recommendation of adoption at its April 1st meeting. The DCHC MPO Board also will receive presentation in April as information. The CAMPO Executive Board and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees will consider adoption at their regular meeting on April 21st and 28th, respectively.

The Plan update extends the horizon by three years to 2030. Martin also reviewed the engagement activities held in conjunction with the Plan update, beginning with an open house in November 2019 and including a survey in August 2020 which received 1,704 responses.

Martin reviewed the status of investments in the original Plan and the changes made for the 2030 horizon:

- Beginning of commuter rail operations extended to 2029.
- Additional span and frequency improvements planned for Apex, Morrisville and Research Triangle Park.
- Funding constraints may prevent previously planned buildout of inter-community services (weekend service, frequency, span).
- Frequent network increased from 83 miles to 99 miles.
- BRT infrastructure increased from 20 mile to 47 miles.
- New Bern BRT operations projected to begin 2023-2025; Western BRT, 2026-2028;
 Southern BRT, 2027-2029 and Northern BRT, 2028-2030.
- Wake BRT extensions to Research Triangle Park and Clayton added to Plan, with operations anticipated 2028-2030.
- Over 90% of originally planned bus service expansion will be funded in the extended 2030 horizon due to funding constraints.

Branch asked the dollar amount shortfall in the Plan for the service not included. Martin replied \$2 million in year of expenditure. He added that some services in the transit and bus plans were deemed not productive and if included, bring the total shortfall to \$3.5 million.

Hutchinson opened the public hearing on the Wake Transit Plan update at 4:42 p.m.

Joe Milazzo II on behalf of the Regional Transportation Alliance thanked those involved with the Plan update and stated support for the update. He encouraged the identification of resources to support "go infrastructure" and a zero fare weekends for everyone pilot program.

Daphanie Coleman commented on the increased distance between stops and asked that the distance be shortened.

Corey Branch noted that the Raleigh Transit Authority manages stops for GoRaleigh and those matters should be addressed with that group.

Action: Hutchinson closed the public hearing at 4:46 p.m.

Action: The joint meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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Clerk to the Board of Trustees