

Board Meeting Summary

The GoTriangle Board of Trustees met Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, 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.

FY2025-2030 Wake Bus Plan

The board adopted the Wake County Bus Plan that recommends bus service improvements and supporting capital projects in Wake County for fiscal years 2025 through 2030. It specifically addresses Wake Transit Plan-funded new bus services and also proposes changes to existing routes to make bus service more useful and responsive to changing travel patterns. The plan has been in development since July 2021 with consultant support and guidance from staff from transit agencies, municipalities, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and other key institutions in Wake County. The plan lays out the implementation schedule for service, infrastructure and fleet projects by year for each agency and culminates in a financial plan that estimates the cost of these projects by year.

Durham bus stop right-of-way acquisition

The board authorized GoTriangle staff to conduct property coordination, outreach and acquisition for GoDurham bus stop improvements at locations identified in Table 1 (page 163) of [the board's Aug. 23 meeting agenda](#) for bus stop improvements on behalf of the City of Durham. The Durham County FY2024 transit work plan, approved by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees at its June 2023 meeting, assigns \$3.9 million for design, real estate acquisition, equipment purchase and construction for GoDurham bus stops. GoTriangle's initial estimate for right-of-way acquisition is \$5,000 per bus stop location.

Wake Transit FY2023 Work Plan Amendments – Period of Performance Extensions

The board approved the Wake Transit Fiscal Year 2023 Period of Performance Work Plan Extensions. The Wake Transit Agreements that are associated with 10 previously adopted projects are set to expire during FY2023. The extensions allow for the continuance of funding for all 10 projects. See page 166 of the [Aug. 23 board meeting agenda](#) for details.

Amendment to board's rules of procedures

The board approved an amendment to Rule 26 of its Rules of Procedures related to committees and boards, specifying how and when annual committee members are assigned. The change comes after the board adopted a series of amendments to its bylaws in October 2022, reorganizing its committee structure effective Jan. 1, 2024. That reorganization expands the board's standing committees from three to four, resulting in these new committees: Operations, Audit and Finance, Planning, and Administration and Governance.

Appointments to Nominating Committee

The board appointed three of its members – Sig Hutchinson, Michael Parker and Durham Mayor Elaine O'Neal – to its Nominating Committee, which appoints GoTriangle board members.

Regional Rail and BRT Next Steps

The board directed GoTriangle staff to engage with partners to develop a regional BRT and Bus Study and to endorse a long-term vision for 37 miles of regional passenger rail (to include Clayton) and to pursue grant opportunities to support that vision including the Reconnecting Communities and

Neighborhoods Regional Partnerships Challenge.

Raleigh Union Station Bus Facility Project

The board voted to go into a closed session to discuss the Raleigh Union Station Bus Facility project, also known as RUS Bus, pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11.(a) (3) and NCGS §143-318.11.(a) (5). The RUS Bus is an integrated joint development in the Warehouse District of downtown Raleigh. It will weave together a street-level public bus facility with bike- and pedestrian-friendly spaces. Private development will include multifamily residential, including affordable housing, and retail in one central and vibrant hub.

After returning to open session, the board authorized a reimbursement arrangement for early, private overbuild activities for the RUS Bus project. The board authorized GoTriangle to amend the development agreements with RB Infrastructure LLC and RB Vertical LLC, special purpose entities owned and controlled by Hoffman & Associates, in an effort to maintain the transit project schedule and to allow more time for private, overbuild financing:

- To include allocation of \$3 million for initial foundations activities.
- To require commitment of additional \$8 million by Nov. 30, 2023, for other early, private overbuild activities that have been determined to be integrated with the ground-floor transit facility, requiring concurrent construction.