



ADDITIONAL DOWNTOWN DURHAM CHANGES

- A new plan became necessary when railroad stakeholders expressed concerns about railroad operations and stakeholders expressed concerns over closing a section of Blackwell Street to vehicle traffic.
- The new proposal includes a tunnel to take a portion of the light-rail line through downtown Durham underground, keeping Blackwell Street open and eliminating interaction among the railroads, car traffic and the light rail at street crossings.
- Strategies to improve circulation of downtown streets are under study, including two-way traffic on Pettigrew Street. A two-way traffic plan on Ramseur Street is already included in the plan.
- Projected light-rail ridership to and from:
 - Durham Station: 1,710 boardings per day
 - Blackwell/ Mangum station: 1,300 boardings per day
 - Dillard Street station: 440 boardings per day
 - Alston Avenue station: 1,050 boardings per day
- The cost to add more parking spaces in downtown Durham is significant. As an example, the city is building a 660-space parking deck at a cost of \$23 million, nearly \$35,000 per space.

FINANCIAL CHANGES

- Necessary downtown design changes including the tunnel preliminarily estimated to cost \$80 million to \$100 million.
- Full property donation and fundraising goal of \$102 million still in progress. Donation process slowed with focus on downtown Durham changes and ongoing negotiations with Duke University.
- Additional adjustments to the project budget may be required as FTA completes its project risk assessment.
- To cover potential cost overruns or revenue shortfalls during construction, Federal Transit Administration requires a reasonable plan for access to additional funding of up to 10 percent of the project cost.

ADDITIONAL STEPS REQUIRED FOR FINANCIAL PLAN

- We are working with Durham city and county staff and elected officials to study funding scenarios, as they have requested, so that Durham is able to make an informed decision about its future. ****Fundraising and property donation process will continue.***

PROJECT NEXT STEPS AND DEADLINES

- Target to submit application for federal Full Funding Grant Agreement in spring 2019 to meet two deadlines dictated by state law to remain eligible for state funding:
 - All nonfederal funds must be secured by April 30, 2019.
 - All federal funds must be secured by Nov. 30, 2019.
- Begin construction late 2019

POTENTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IMPACT

- FTA employees who review, process and approve light-rail project documents and plans are not working.
- A prolonged shutdown could affect the ability to meet state imposed project funding deadlines.