



Durham County

BUS AND RAIL INVESTMENT PLAN

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Progress Report | Fiscal Year 2016 | July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Background

This fourth annual progress report from GoTriangle highlights the goals, accomplishments, projects and finances of the Transit Plan from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

In 2011, voters approved a local sales tax to support funding for the Durham County Bus and Rail Investment Plan (Transit Plan). The tax levy went into effect in April 2013.

Goals

The adopted long range goals of the Transit Plan are to:

- Connect more residents with jobs
- Connect more residents with post-secondary and vocational educational opportunities
- Expand bus capacity on corridors with high current bus ridership
- Provide better regional connections to other cities and the RDU Airport

Accomplishments

In FY16, the agencies in Durham County were providing more than 23,100 additional hours of bus service supported by the transit taxes. Additional transit tax revenue was also spent to support the pre-existing GoDurham Transit services.

During the year, the following new service enhancements were funded with tax dollars:

- More frequent service along Fayetteville St. from downtown to Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway
- More frequent service from Durham Station to South Square on Chapel Hill Road and University Drive
- Additional trip on the Durham-Raleigh Express (DRX)

The following capital projects were funded during the year:

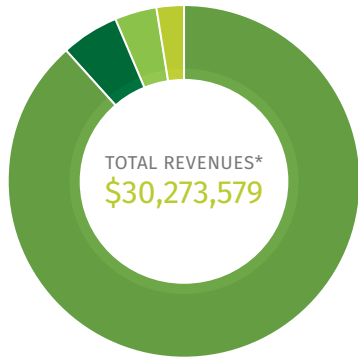
- Vehicle purchases by all three agencies
- Two new bus shelters installed – one at Five Points downtown and one on Main St. at Angier St. in East Durham

Access to transit improvements were made during the year, including:

- Planning work began on the Better Bus Stops program, which will prioritize bus stop improvements
- Agreement to include bus stop improvements in future City sidewalk and roadway projects as an effective method to provide bus stop amenities

Financial

The FY16 revenues and expenses for the Durham Bus and Rail Investment Plan are shown below. The revenues to fund the Transit Plan include a voter-approved one-half cent sales tax, a seven dollar county vehicle registration fee, a three dollar regional registration fee and a portion of the five percent regional vehicle rental tax. Expenditures include light rail project development, bus services and administration.



\$25,371,828	▶	Voter-approved ½ cent sales tax
\$1,568,021	▶	\$7 vehicle registration fee
\$1,103,845	▶	5% vehicle rental tax
\$671,973	▶	\$3 vehicle registration fee



\$8,194,682	▶	Light rail development
\$3,197,000	▶	Bus Services**
\$72,111	▶	Administration

*FY16 revenue shown includes interest, investment income, and all other revenues.

**Includes GoTriangle, GoDurham, and Durham County ACCESS. Funding for bus services is allocated 69% to GoDurham, 27% to GoTriangle and 3% to Durham County ACCESS

***FY16 ending reserves total \$ 18,755,413.

Next Steps

The following services will be implemented in the upcoming fiscal year (July 2016 through June 2017):

- A Durham Short Range Plan as well as a GoTriangle Regional Short Range Plan will begin in FY17, which will identify service and capital improvements
- Service between Durham and Chapel Hill will have faster off-peak trips with the midday frequency and Saturday service increased to half hour service
- Regional peak service between Durham and Chapel Hill extended to Carrboro
- Local Durham Sunday service extended until 9 P.M.
- New local service between South Durham and Duke University/VA Hospitals

The following capital projects will move forward in the coming fiscal year:

- 30 GoDurham bus stop improvements (design)
- 24 GoDurham bus stop improvements included with the City of Durham sidewalk and roadway projects in FY17 GoTriangle bus stop improvements
- Village Transit Center planning and design
- Rougemont Park-and-Ride Facility planning
- Development of GoDurham Bus Stop Guidelines

The staffs of GoTriangle, Durham County, City of Durham and the DCHC MPO are preparing an update to the Durham County Bus and Rail Investment Plan. It is scheduled for release for public comment in early 2017.