

Board Meeting Summary

The GoTriangle Board of Trustees met Wednesday, April 28, to consider an agenda that included the following highlights. The meeting minutes will be available here: <https://gotriangle.org/publications>

Board approves Wake County Transit Plan update

The Wake Transit Plan outlines the long-term vision for public transportation investment in Wake County. Community input received during the 18-month update process confirmed that connecting all Wake County communities, connecting the region, creating frequent and reliable urban mobility and enhancing access to transit – “The Four Big Moves” outlined in the plan – will remain the program’s goals moving forward. The update extends the planning period from 2027 through 2030.

GoTriangle gains new transit operations technologies

The board awarded a contract to Trapeze Software Group Inc. dba Trip Spark Technologies for Computer-Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location, OPS Workforce/Management, View Point Business Intelligence and additional modules for the Enterprise Asset Management hardware and software products. The contract covers up to \$2.875 million, including installation and annual maintenance, hosting fees and contingencies.

Board approves supplemental benefits for GoTriangle employees

The board approved continuing supplemental benefits related to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act retroactive to April 1, 2021, and through June 30, 2021, for GoTriangle employees.

RUS Bus design services contract is a go

The board authorized GoTriangle President and CEO Charles Lattuca to execute an agreement with RK&K for the Raleigh Union Station BUS project Transit Design Advisory Services at a cost up to \$900,000.

Norfolk Southern gains reimbursement

The board authorized Lattuca to execute an agreement with Norfolk Southern to reimburse Norfolk Southern for railroad capacity modeling related to the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Project Study. The commuter rail transit project would be the backbone of a regional transit system, running at least 37 miles along the North Carolina Railroad Company corridor. It would connect West Durham to Garner or Clayton with stops at downtown Raleigh, N.C. State, Cary, Morrisville and Research Triangle Park.

Transit Advisory Committee new operating protocols approved

The board approved a change to the Transit Advisory Committee’s Operating and Protocols Guidelines. Due to the unique situations presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, committee members whose terms expired in 2020 now can choose to continue membership through 2021, with a one-year extension. Those members can then reapply for 2022 membership through their respective boards for a two-year term. New or existing committee members appointed or reappointed in 2021 by their respective boards will serve a two-year term.

Board adopts GoTriangle’s 2021 Classification and Compensation Pay Plan

The board adopted GoTriangle’s 2021 Classification and Compensation Pay Plan and designated Lattuca as the authority to administer the plan based on the findings of the 2021 Classification and Compensation Pay Study. Included in the plan effective July 1, 2021, GoTriangle will:

- Increase its pay range minimums, midpoints and maximums by 10 percent.
- Implement a minimum starting wage of \$15 an hour and a starting wage for bus operators of \$17 an hour.

Board adopts Regional Transit Center study location strategy

GoTriangle began the Regional Transit Center Relocation Study in 2019 to evaluate opportunities for relocating the Regional Transit Center – currently located at 901 Slater Road in Durham – to provide enhanced functionality, connectivity and reliability of transit service. Based on study results, which included public outreach, the board has adopted the study relocation strategy, which includes the following:

- A relocation to Park Point, adjacent to the North Carolina Railroad crossing of NC 54 in Research Triangle Park.
- A conceptual plan that includes dedicated space for buses, bus rapid transit, microtransit, paratransit and connections to planned commuter rail and the Triangle Bikeway projects.
- A plan to continue planning activities, pursue funding opportunities and begin design and land acquisition in FY22.