

## GoTriangle Board of Trustees

### Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2017

Board Room, The Plaza, 4600 Emperor Blvd., Suite 100  
Durham, NC

#### Board Members Present:

Will Allen III

Mary-Ann Baldwin

William V. "Bill" Bell (by telephone)

Ed Harrison (arr. 12:39 pm)

Sig Hutchinson

Barry Jacobs

Wendy Jacobs

Vivian Jones

Ellen Reckhow

Jennifer Robinson

Chair Jennifer Robinson officially called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

#### I. Adoption of Agenda

**Action:** On motion by Reckhow and second by W. Jacobs the agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chair Robinson noted that the following letters in support of the D-O LRT project have been received by the Board:

- Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods);
- Carrboro Mayors Lydia Lavelle, Mark Chilton, Mike Nelson and Ellie Kinnaird  
Chapel Hill Mayors Mark Kleinschmidt, Kevin Foy, Rosemary Waldorf, Ken Broun  
and Howard Lee;
- Maura Farver;
- The Funding and Community Collaborative: David King, Michael Goodmon,  
Creighton Blackwell , Roger Perry, Gene Conti, Tim Tripp, John White, Christopher  
Bell, Sam Nichols, Kathy Higgins, Bernadette Pelissier, Fred Day, and Robert A.  
Ingram;
- Sandy Ogburn;
- Ann Hartell;
- Wib Gulley & Nick Tennyson;
- Rachel Willis;
- Holly Reid;
- Bethany Chaney; and
- Damon Seils.

Harrison arrived.

## **II. Approval of County Transit Plans**

John Tallmadge's presentation on the Durham County and Orange County Transit Plans, is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. He reviewed the significant changes from the draft plan to the final plans: the cost split; the addition of funds for planning, Project Development, construction and operation of the Wake-Durham Commuter Rail Project, the mention of a tax levy on property owners in the Research Triangle Park Service District and the removal from the Orange County Transit Plan of specific stations listed for further cost cutting measures if needed.

Board members thanked staff for hours of work to revise the plans and spoke of the collegiality among the elected officials in Orange and Durham counties as they worked together on the cost share agreement.

Reckhow pointed out that the plans not only include construction and debt but also all operating costs, with a cost of living increase each year, and a maintenance reserve.

Bell commented that former Transportation Secretary Foxx stated that he regretted not being able to see this project through and encouraged us to keep up the work and the energy on the project.

Baldwin asked the trigger points in the agreement. General Counsel Blake commented that significant cost overruns or unmitigated funding shortfalls requiring revenue beyond the Dedicated Local Transit Revenues would require the parties to come together within 15 business days to discuss. She added that if the matter is unresolved, and there are a list of things to choose as options, mediation would occur, at the request of any party. Should mediation be declared an impasse, either party can request arbitration. She added that the cost share agreement states that if the Dedicated Local Transit Revenues are insufficient, the counties would not be required to use any other funding sources.

Robinson stated that based on the President's proposed budget, there is uncertainty for the funding of the New Starts program. She asked that once the Federal budget is determined the staff provide a report to the Board of the potential impacts to the project.

### **A. Durham County Transit Plan**

Reckhow noted two amendments to the Durham County Transit Plan: the addition of the Research Triangle Park service district and an amendment to Appendix A.

**Action:** On motion by B. Jacobs and second by Allen the Board approved the Durham County Transit Plan and authorized the chair to sign the agreement. The motion was carried unanimously. The Durham County Transit Plan is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

**B. Orange County Transit Plan**

B. Jacobs noted one change, the elimination of the specificity regarding possible cuts of two stations in Orange County.

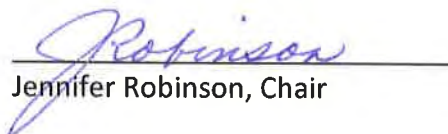
**Action:** On motion by Reckhow and second by Harrison the Board approved the Orange County Transit Plan and authorized the chair to sign the agreement. The motion was carried unanimously. The Orange County Transit Plan is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

**III. Interlocal Agreement for Cost Sharing**

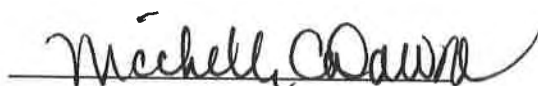
**Action:** On motion by Allen and second by Reckhow the Board approved the Interlocal Agreement for Cost Sharing for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Plan (D-O LRT project) among Orange County, Durham County and the Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority; and authorized the chair to sign the agreement. The motion was carried unanimously. The Interlocal Agreement for Cost-Sharing for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

**IV. Adjournment**

**Action:** Chair Robinson the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

  
Jennifer Robinson, Chair

Attest:

  
Michelle C. Dawson, CMC  
Clerk to the Board