

Board Meeting Summary

The GoTriangle Board of Trustees met Wednesday, Aug. 26, to consider an agenda that included the following highlights.

The meeting minutes will be available here: <https://gotriangle.org/publications>

Whitley Contracting gets green light to improve 16 GoDurham bus stops

GoTriangle provides operations oversight, daily management and planning for GoDurham, with final approval of operating budget and major policy decisions resting with the Durham City Council. The adopted Durham County FY21 work plan includes funding for GoTriangle to contract for the construction of 50 bus stop improvements on the GoDurham system. On behalf of the City of Durham, the board authorized GoTriangle to contract with Whitley Contracting Inc. to build and install bus stop amenities, and make other improvements on the first package of 16 GoDurham bus stop locations at a cost of \$298,295. The board also authorized include \$30,000 for project contingency, bringing the total contract budget to \$328,295.

Board approves updated GoTriangle Title VI programs and policies

Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 is a federal law that provides that no person shall on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. As a recipient of federal funding, GoTriangle must comply with Title VI regulations by submitting an updated Title VI program once every three years as a condition of receiving ongoing federal funds. The board approved GoTriangle's updated Title VI program and policies.

GoTriangle gains supplemental expertise in railroad law

The board authorized GoTriangle to contract for legal services with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP to support GoTriangle's role as sponsor of the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail project and to provide the agency with supplemental legal expertise in railroad law. The Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Study is examining the feasibility of a potential commuter rail service between Durham and Clayton within the existing North Carolina Railroad company corridor. The board authorized a \$200,000 cap on the contract, which is anticipated to cover two years.

Durham County employees gain access to temporary parking lot

The board authorized GoTriangle to lease a 1.83 acre lot it owns at the northeast corner of West Chapel Hill and South Duke streets to Durham County for temporary employee parking. GoTriangle will not require rent payments, but the county will be responsible for the design, engineering and construction of any additional parking on the site. GoTriangle anticipates the lease will cover three years.