

Board Meeting Summary

The GoTriangle Board of Trustees met Wednesday, June 24, to consider an agenda that included the following highlights.

The full agenda and will be available here: <https://gotriangle.org/publications>

Outgoing board member lauded for moving Triangle transit forward

Board Chair Michael Parker recognized outgoing member Ellen Reckhow for serving tirelessly for more than two decades and for being instrumental in the creation of the regional transit agency itself. Reckhow, the joint City of Durham and Durham County representative, will end her term on the board on June 30, 2020. Dr. Stelfanie Williams, vice president for Durham Affairs at Duke University, will replace Reckhow on the board July 1.

FY20 Triangle Tax District-Wake Capital Fund Budget Ordinance Amendment approved

The board approved three adjustments to a previously approved Wake Capital Ordinance decreasing the FY20 Wake Capital Budget by \$124,800. First, GoTriangle FY20 bus infrastructure funding was decreased by \$124,800 because after GoTriangle was approved as project sponsor of the I-540 Bus On Shoulder, the project was awarded Locally Administered Projects Program funds. Second, the Holly Springs park-and-ride project sponsorship changed hands from the Town of Cary to the Town of Holly Springs with no financial impact to the ordinance. Third, GoTriangle Commuter Rail Transit funding was decreased by \$2,303,038 and the Commuter Rail Transit reserve funding was increased by the same amount. Total Commuter Rail funding to GoTriangle does not change, because prior year funds were allocated to cover this project.

FY20 GoTriangle Budget Ordinance Amendment approved

The board approved for GoTriangle to reallocate budgeted funds among departments to cover expected remaining expenses for FY20, a process necessary to comply with a local government budget fiscal control act.

Board approved FY21 budget ordinances and adopted county transit plans

The board adopted GoTriangle budget ordinances and the Wake, Durham and Orange county transit plans effective June 25, 2020. The purpose of the budget ordinances is to allocate expected federal, state and local authorities' revenue by fund, then designate the proposed spending by department and by fund for capital and operating expenses for FY21. The FY21 budget will enable GoTriangle and its Tax District Partners to continue offering established public transportation services as well as working toward service enhancements and expansion.

Board OKs continued travel demand forecasting services for FY21

The board authorized GoTriangle President and CEO Charles Lattuca to sign a contract with the NC State University's Institute for Transportation Research and Education to keep providing travel demand forecasting of the Triangle Regional Model. The model offers sophisticated data analysis of traffic patterns, volumes and capacities on Triangle-area roads as well as bus and rail ridership forecasts.

GoTriangle's recommended service changes get green light

The board approved these service changes to take effect Oct. 11 2020 with the one exception noted below:

- Expand Route 305 - Apex to Raleigh to serve the Town of Holly Springs, add stops in Apex and serve the State Government area from bus stops on Morgan Street at Salisbury Street to improve on-time performance.
- Extend Route 310 through Morrisville to replace peak period Route 300 service between the Regional Transit Center (RTC) and Cary Depot.
- Operate Route 300 between Cary to Raleigh only, with the State Government area served from stops on Morgan Street at Salisbury Street to improve on-time performance.
- Realign Route 800 and 800S to serve the Streets at Southpoint from an improved stop on Renaissance Parkway. This service realignment is anticipated to begin July 13, 2020, with a detour, with Board of Trustees approval necessary for a permanent change.

GoTriangle authorized to sign on Gallagher Benefit Services Inc.

The board authorized Lattuca to contract with Gallagher Benefit Services for employee insurance benefits brokerage and consulting services for three years beginning FY21.

GoTriangle CEO's work plan gets thumbs up

The board approved the first six months of the FY21 work plan that Lattuca laid out covering a range of objectives with deadlines to achieve them. These goals include improved board governance, better communications with GoTriangle's workforce, helping advance county transit planning studies and projects and regional transit projects such the Commuter Rail Study and the Raleigh Union Bus Station Facility.

Purchase of GoDurham bus stop amenities approved

The board authorized Lattuca to execute a contract with bus shelter manufacturer Brasco International, in an amount not to exceed \$255,925, to fabricate and deliver bus stop equipment, such as shelters and benches, for installation at GoDurham bus stop locations.