

# Board Meeting Summary

The GoTriangle Board of Trustees met Wednesday, March 23, to consider an agenda that included the following highlights. The meeting minutes will be available at [gotriangle.org/publications](https://gotriangle.org/publications).

## **Durham Transit FY2022 Q3 Proposed Durham Work Plan/FY2022 budget amendment approved**

The board approved the FY2022 third-quarter budget amendment for the Durham Transit Work plan. The budget amendment allows the adopted funds allocated to the GoDurham fare collection improvement project to be used to offset anticipated additional costs with developing a new Durham Transit Plan. Development of a new Durham Transit Plan has been underway since early 2020, but due to several issues, costs increased more than originally budgeted. To complete plan development, an additional \$225,000 was needed. Due to GoDurham's suspending its fares, fare collection funds have not been expended, so the amendment allows \$225,000 of these funds to be used to finish developing the Durham Transit Plan.

## **Contract to buy replacement radios and communication equipment authorized**

The board authorized GoTriangle President/CEO Charles Lattuca to execute a contract with Motorola Solutions Inc. to buy replacement radios and an associated communication system equipment for up to \$1,394,468.

Since the early 2000s, GoTriangle has been using the Cary/Wake County 800MHz radio system for regional communication with its buses and those of other transit agencies. The system also facilitates seamless communications among many public agencies including police, fire and emergency management. GoTriangle is an important element of emergency response in the community, helping during natural disasters, terror-related incidents and other emergency situations, so it is vital that GoTriangle maintain reliable communications. Currently, GoTriangle is using Motorola XTL Radios on the Cary/Wake County 800MHz system that Motorola stopped supporting in December 2019. Additionally, Wake County will no longer be using these XTL radios after 2025. The purchase of these new radios and associated equipment will ensure GoTriangle has supportable and reliable radio system to serve the community for at least the next eight to ten years.

## **Agreement for RUS Bus construction and continued design gets green light**

To continue developing the Raleigh Union Station Bus Facility project, the board authorized Lattuca to execute an agreement with RB Infrastructure LLC for up to \$3,255,962. RB Infrastructure LLC is a special-purpose entity that RUS Bus developer parent company Hoffman & Associates owns and controls.

The RUS Bus project will include new regional and local bus platforms, supportive infrastructure for a future bus rapid transit station and pedestrian and bicycle-friendly connections between transit modes and the surrounding district. The integrated development will also offer a private mixed-use "overbuild" to include a hotel, multifamily rental apartments, retail, restaurants and parking.

## **Reimbursement agreement for continued design of RUS Bus private facility authorized**

The board also authorized Lattuca to execute an agreement with Hoffman & Associates, in which GoTriangle conditionally agrees to reimburse Hoffman & Associates up to \$300,000 for private facility design costs incurred between April 1 through June 30, 2022, in the event that GoTriangle does not ultimately execute RUS Bus development agreements.