

# Board Meeting Summary

The GoTriangle Board of Trustees met Wednesday, May 11, to consider an agenda that included the following highlights. The meeting minutes will be available at [gotriangle.org/publications](https://gotriangle.org/publications).

## **Durham bus stop optimization study gets green light**

The board authorized GoTriangle's President/CEO Charles Lattuca to award and execute a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. for a Durham Bus Stop Optimization Study for up to \$330,000. The study will address bus speed reliability, as well as bus stop and constructability and access issues, by developing a bus stop placement plan for stops within Durham County.

The City of Durham has contracted with GoTriangle to oversee the management, support and operations of the GoDurham fixed-route bus service and the GoDurham Access demand-response paratransit service. GoTriangle's responsibility also includes transit planning, transit marketing and contracting and management of the third-party transit service operators.

In this capacity, GoTriangle was awarded funding in the FY2022 work plan to fund this bus stop optimization study for Durham. The study may result in the consolidation of bus stops with low ridership that are spaced closely together, ultimately consolidating ridership to safer and more locations where a higher level of amenities can be provided and helping routes to run more smoothly with fewer stops. The result of the study will help inform future bus stop improvements throughout Durham County.

## **Funding approved to extend outside counsel contract**

The board authorized Lattuca to enter into a contract amendment with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP, extending the contract term to June 30, 2023, and increasing funding by \$150,000 to support Raleigh Union Station Bus Facility and by \$200,000 to support the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Project.

In September 2020, GoTriangle entered into a contract with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP to obtain specialized legal assistance in issues related to public transportation. Initially, the board approved a two-year term and a funding cap of \$200,000. The initial allocation has largely been used to engage KKR in railroad-related issues surrounding the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Project.

Going forward, additional support from KKR will be needed in connection with the commuter rail project and the RUS Bus project. KKR's team includes experts with practical experience in a range of issues central to GoTriangle's active projects, including negotiations with railroad companies, commuter rail implementation, Federal Transit Administration requirements and complex real estate developments.

## **Recognition of John Hodges-Copple**

The board adopted a GoTriangle resolution honoring the service of John Hodges-Copple, who retired in April from his position as Triangle J Council of Governments planning director.