Board Meeting Summary

The GoTriangle Board of Trustees met Wednesday, May 26, to consider an agenda that included the following highlights. The meeting minutes will be available here: https://gotriangle.org/publications

Board approves budget amendments to FY21 adopted county transit work plans

- **FY21 Adopted Durham Transit Work Plan**
  The board approved the following administrative adjustments and budget amendments for three projects, resulting in an increase to the Durham Transit Work Plan of $150,732:
  1. **GoDurham** - A budget adjustment for GoDurham’s increased cost of existing service as specified in the Durham County Implementation Agreement relating to the prior year’s $7 vehicle registration tax.
  2. **Durham Station improvements** – Durham station forecasted increase costs to implement pavers. The budget amendment was required to address the increase in scope of service.
  3. **Durham Bus Plan** – A budget amendment to release from reserve funding for GoTriangle and GoDurham future planning for improved bus service in anticipation of the priorities of the new Durham Transit plan.
  4. **Durham Transit Governance Study** – A budget amendment to release from reserve funding for updates to the governance framework for delivery of the new Durham Transit plan, the amendment would ensure the same timeline for implementation.

- **FY21 Adopted Orange Transit Work Plan**
  The board approved the following administrative adjustment and a budget amendment for one project, resulting in an increase to the Orange Transit Work Plan of $119,031.
  1. **Chapel Hill Transit and Orange County Public Transportation** - A budget adjustment for Chapel Hill Transit and Orange County Public Transportation for the increased cost of existing service as specified in the Orange County Implementation Agreement relating to the prior year’s $7 vehicle registration tax and allocation to each transit agency.
  2. **Short Range Bus Plan** - A release from reserve of funding for the Short-range Transit Plan to aid in coordination with bus plans in Durham and Wake counties.

- **FY21 Adopted Wake Transit Work Plan**
  The board approved seven major amendments and one minor amendment submitted by the City of Raleigh, Capital Area Municipal Planning Organization, the Town of Wake Forest and the Town of Cary. The amendments relate to the following projects and result in a decrease to the Wake Transit Work Plan of $680,734.
  1. **Wake Forest Loop (B): Reverse Circulator** - The Town of Wake Forest, in partnership with GoRaleigh, implemented a reverse circulator that adds service in the opposite direction of the original circulator loop. The amendment allows for matching funding to operate Saturday service on the reverse circulator.
  2. **GoCary complementary Americans with Disabilities Act Services** – The Town of Cary amendment consolidates all Complementary ADA Services into one project, more accurately reflecting the inclusion of associated capital costs and allowing for improved tracking and reporting.
  3. **Weston Parkway Route** – The Town of Cary amendment includes a scope adjustment for this project to include 30-minute frequencies for the full span of service to match the rest of GoCary’s service.
4. **Sunday service, holiday hours and extended paratransit** – The Town of Cary amendment allows for a change in scope to remove ADA/paratransit service on Sundays and holidays from the project and include it under project TO005-BI (GoCary Complementary ADA Services).

5. **Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Matching Grants** – The amendment allows for this project to be removed from the FY 2019 Work Plan capital budget, unencumbering $1.2 million from the project and reclassifying it as unassigned in the fund balance.

6. **Wake Bus Rapid Transit: Northern Corridor - alternatives refinement, project development and final design** – The City of Raleigh amendment incorporates additional analysis for the Wake BRT: Northern Corridor to include a larger study area (Triangle Town Center and North Hills) for further corridor refinement before identification of a Locally Preferred Alternative and entrance into Project Development.


8. **Increase midday frequencies on pre-existing routes** – The Town of Cary’s minor amendment allows associated capital costs to be more accurately reflected. Funds are reallocated from another project within the budget ordinance, and the scope of the project does not change.

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**GoTriangle, City of Durham bus stop improvement agreement gets green light**

The board authorized an interlocal agreement with the City of Durham for the planning, prioritization, design, review, approval and implementation of bus stop improvements. The GoTriangle Planning and Capital Development Department manages a program of systemwide bus stop improvements for the GoDurham system through the City of Durham’s contract with GoTriangle. Given the significant amount of funding allocated to bus stop improvements in the Durham County Transit Plan, the City of Durham and GoTriangle created this agreement to formalize the process for development, acquisition, design, construction and delivery of bus stop improvements to be accepted by the city. The agreement outlines responsible parties and coordination between the city and GoTriangle at each step of the process, helping to streamline the improvement process, resulting in lower costs, faster delivery of improvements and continuity during any staff transitions.

**Board approves sewer easement in Durham**

The board authorized the public sanitary sewer easement to Caruso Home on property at 2512 Ellis Road in Durham.

**Board OKs GoTriangle audit services contract**

The board authorized GoTriangle to contract with Cherry Bekaert LLP for audit services to cover three audit cycles.

**GoTriangle to gain six new buses**

The board approved GoTriangle’s purchase of six low-floor diesel Gillig buses with associated maintenance equipment from Gillig Corporation for fixed-route service not to exceed the maximum dollar amount of $3.48 million.

**Board appoints GoTriangle interim general counsel**

With the departure of GoTriangle General Counsel and Vice President of Strategic Partnerships Shelley Curran this month, the board has appointed GoTriangle Associate General Counsel Tom Henry to be
interim general counsel while a search is underway for Curran’s replacement. Curran is leaving GoTriangle to become assistant town manager in Cary.