

# Board Meeting Summary

The GoTriangle Board of Trustees met Wednesday, May 24, 2023, to consider an [agenda](#) that included the following highlights. The board votes are summarized below. The meeting minutes will be available at [gotriangle.org/publications](http://gotriangle.org/publications).

## **Durham and Orange County Transit Governance Documents**

The board approved the following Durham and Orange County Transit Governance documents:

- Comprehensive Participation Agreements
- Financial Policies and Procedures
- Work Program Amendment Policies
- Staff Working Group Bylaws and Operating Procedures

The GoTriangle Board and other signatory parties recently approved Durham and Orange Transit Governance Interlocal Agreements, which require the development and approval of the governance documents listed above.

## **FY2023 Wake, Durham and Orange Transit Plans Actual Carryover Reauthorization**

The board approved the FY2023 carryover reauthorization and adopted the budget ordinance amendments. During the FY2023 Budget process, carryover amounts from all three transit plans were estimated based on guidance from transit partners. The board approval is authorization of the final FY2023 actual amounts that would update the previous estimates. The financial impact to all three transit plans is zero because these are funds adopted in previous work programs.

## **Durham Transit FY2023 Fourth Quarter Work Plan/Budget Amendments**

The board approved the FY2023 fourth quarter Durham Transit Work Plan amendments and adopted the budget ordinance amendment that authorizes an increase of funding by \$980,401 for the four projects below:

1. Repowering of six Gillig Diesel Buses for the City of Durham/GoDurham
2. GoTriangle and City of Durham/GoDurham: Durham Microtransit Project and North Durham Improvements.
3. Patterson Place Bus Stop Improvement
4. GoTriangle/Tax District Administration's Increased Cost of Existing Service adjustment for GoDurham

## **Orange Transit FY2023 Fourth Quarter Work Plan/Budget Amendments**

The board approved the FY2023 fourth quarter Orange Transit Work Plan amendments and adopted the budget ordinance amendment that authorizes an increase of funding by \$47,355 for the two projects below:

1. GoTriangle: Orange Priority Transit Access Improvements
2. GoTriangle/Tax District Administration Increased Cost of Existing Service adjustments for Chapel Hill Transit and Orange County Public Transportation

## **Transit Operations vehicle purchase authorization**

The board authorized GoTriangle President and CEO Charles Lattuca to contract to buy five battery electric low-floor plus buses with associated maintenance equipment from Gillig Corporation for fixed-route service for up to \$5,913,175. The new buses will replace GoTriangle that have exceeded their

recommended useful life of 500,000 miles/12 years, per Federal Transit Administration replacement guidelines.

**GoTriangle's FY2024 proposed budget**

The board authorized GoTriangle staff to include the vehicle rental tax revenues effective July 21, 2023, in the agency's proposed FY2024 budget.

**Recusal from voting on fare restoration**

Per her request, which was treated as a motion to recuse as authorized by the GoTriangle's Code of Ethics, the board voted to allow Board Member Stelfanie Williams to recuse from voting on the fare restoration decision due to a conflict of interest.

**Fare restoration decision**

GoTriangle will extend fare suspension another year, through June 30, 2024. The board voted to direct GoTriangle staff to prepare to reinstate fares on July 1, 2024, and to make a concerted and diligent effort to prepare for fare resumption, particularly in regard to providing assistance for low-income riders.

**Durham Transit Plan**

The board approved the Durham Transit Plan.