FY21 DURHAM TRANSIT WORK PLAN
WHAT IS THE FY21 DURHAM TRANSIT WORK PLAN?

• July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 (Fiscal Year 2021)

• Identifies new and continuing transit projects and services

• Allocates Durham Transit Plan tax revenues, including the voter-approved ½-cent sales tax

• Administered by the Durham-Chapel Hill – Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHCMPO)
WHAT TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED?

- **GoDurham Bus Stop Improvements**
  - 19 locations constructed so far, 11 more expected to be underway by June 30
  - GoDurham and the City of Durham work together to determine new bus stop improvements
  - Bus stop improvements are funded through the sales tax

- **January GoDurham Service Expansion**
  - Durham City Council approved the Short Range Transit Plan in June 2019
  - Additional high frequency corridors
  - Additional night and weekend frequency
  - 31% of customers selected increased frequency as the highest priority
WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED PROJECTS?

• GoDurham additional night and weekend service
• Transit Emphasis Corridors: Fayetteville, Holloway and Chapel Hill streets
  • Improvements to bus stops and pedestrian access
• GoTriangle and GoDurham vehicle purchases
• GoDurham design and construction of additional bus stop improvements
• Bus speed and reliability improvements
• GoTriangle priority safety improvements for bus stops
WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

• Draft project list will be available for public comment April 22 – May 22
• Draft work plan may be amended to reflect comments
• Future projects may be added or adjusted based on comments received
Durham County is updating the Durham County Transit Plan to identify projects that should be undertaken with transit tax and other funds in the coming years.

The DCHCMPO has recommended Kimley Horn and Associates, with Nelson Nygaard, Public Participation Partners and Pritchett Steinbeck Group, to lead the update.

Public engagement for the Durham Transit Plan will be conducted in conjunction with the ENGAGEDurham process for the Durham Comprehensive Plan.

The next round of engagement will commence once the public health crisis abates.
ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS

Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Study

Preliminary results of the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Study in 2019 identified two routes most likely to qualify for federal funding through the Federal Transit Administration’s New Starts grant program.

Next steps: Engage the public and local stakeholders, work with the railroads to understand what service scenarios are feasible and study solutions to possible engineering challenges.
ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS

Southpoint Bus Stop and Park-and-Ride Relocation

• Streets at Southpoint is building a bus bay on Renaissance Parkway that will replace the bus stop next to the movie theater.
• The City of Durham is installing a bus lane at the bus stop to provide additional safety and efficiency for the GoTriangle and GoDurham routes that serve the bus stop.
• Park and ride spaces will be relocated closer to Renaissance Parkway.
• GoTriangle and GoDurham service will be adjusted after construction of bus bays and bus lane is complete. The date for the bus stop and park and ride relocation has not been finalized.
APRIL
Staff Working Group reviews draft work plan and releases for public comment.
GoTriangle Board reviews draft work plan.
DCHCMPO Technical Committee reviews draft work plan.

MAY
Durham Board of County Commissioners reviews draft work plan and considers material changes.
DCHCMPO Board reviews draft work plan and considers material changes.
Public comment period closes.

JUNE
GoTriangle board considers FY21 work plan and material changes.

JULY
Upon plan’s approval, agencies begin work to implement new projects and expanded services.
HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT

Review the draft project list and submit your comments at goforwardnc.org/durhamtransit

Mail comments to: Aaron Cain, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701

Leave a message at 919.560.4366 (ext. 36443)

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