

Petition

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: John Morris
Date: February 20, 2019
Re: Town sponsored meetings for those affected by DOLRT

In December, GoTriangle agreed to hold at least 2 public meetings in Chapel Hill for citizens to understand the basic facts about the light rail project before engineering has progressed further. At the time, they mentioned January as a possible timeframe for the first of several meetings.

We are now in mid-February. Given that the DOLRT is currently facing financial and engineering challenges, we doubt that GoTriangle will follow through and take the lead on scheduling these community meetings. We must not wait.

It's clear that the Town must take a lead on these meetings. We petition the Council to ask the Manager to call two public meeting at which GoTriangle will explain the location and frequency of traffic interruptions during construction and operation and particularly at grade level crossings, where traffic will be interrupted every 10 or 20 minutes. Residents near the six grade level crossings should be individually notified as they would be in a rezoning application. The Town should also evaluate the effects of the grade level crossings on Town bus operations.

As a partner in implementing the DOLRT project, the Town has the responsibility to take the lead to get information out before final financial commitments to the project are made.

Thank you,

John N. Morris