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Durham-Orange Light-Rail Transit Project  
Cooperative Agreement

Chapel Hill Town Council Meeting

November 28, 2018

## Recommendation

That the Council adopt R-6 authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with GoTriangle to ensure coordination on the design and construction of the light rail line

# Tentative Federal Grant Application Schedule

- **November 27-30, 2018** - Undergo FTA Risk Assessment
- **Early 2019** - Finalize agreements and secure remaining nonfederal funds including public and private donations through the GoTransit Partners Capital Campaign
- **April 2019** - Submit federal grant application
- **September 2019** - Anticipate Full Funding Grant Agreement
- **November 2019** - State law deadline to secure all federal revenues

# Critical Third-Party Agreements

- Twelve agreements identified by FTA:
  - **Town of Chapel Hill** and City of Durham
  - UNC-Chapel Hill, NC Central University, Duke University
  - North Carolina Railroad lease, Norfolk Southern O&M
  - AT&T, Duke Energy, PSNC
  - VA Medical Center and NCDOT

# What is a Cooperative Agreement?

- Describes how partners will work together to resolve issues during remainder of design and construction
- Describes roles, responsibilities, and procedures that will help the Light Rail get built on time and within budget
- Outlines how GoTriangle will minimize impacts to the Town and maximize benefits

# Cooperative Agreement Key Points

1. GoTriangle will meet with the Town at least once every three months, and all relevant Town departments will be represented
2. GoTriangle's contractors, consultants, and subcontractors will abide by applicable laws, including labor wage laws (Davis-Bacon Act)
3. GoTriangle will continue gathering input from community stakeholders on station design

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4. GoTriangle will submit 90% design plans to the Town for review and comment
5. Construction will not begin until Chapel Hill issues its Engineering Construction Permit (ECP)
6. GoTriangle will obtain all required federal, state, or local permits and approvals related to the Project
7. GoTriangle will work with the Town to avoid unreasonable disruption during construction (traffic, noise, etc.)
  - Communication plan in place prior to construction

# Project-related Improvements

- GoTriangle will be responsible for construction of all improvements needed for the Project:
  - Sidewalks and multi-use paths
  - Utilities and drainage
  - Traffic signals and lanes
  - Signs and street lights



# Comparison with Durham Cooperative Agreement

- Process used to draft respective agreements
- Some issues addressed in different places in the agreement (e.g. topic of future agreements)
- Other issues addressed through different means (e.g. separate Reimbursement Agreement; stormwater management standards)
- GoTriangle willing to consider revisions if something missing that is covered by Durham

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