

December 5, 2018

Dear Chapel Hill Town Council Members:

Thank you for taking the critically important step of asking the Town Manager and Town Attorney to continue negotiating the Cooperative Agreement with GoTriangle.

The modified agreement before you tonight contains several improvements over the one you saw last week, but it needs more improvements in key areas in order to protect you and the Town.

You have received a petition from citizens today with six (6) major improvements explained. I wish to emphasize two (2) improvements in that petition which are absolutely key to any future dealings with GoTriangle:

Please revise in Article 1.A. the date for ending the Agreement to reflect November 30, 2019. This will protect the Town financial commitment so that it matches the legal end of the project timeline according to NC State law. If the Town wishes further dealings with GoTriangle as of November 30 next year, a revision to the current Agreement at that time would be appropriate. Our petition provides wording for this improvement.

The second major improvement asks that you add milestones and a public engagement component to the design process rather than waiting to look at the 90% plans. We suggest the following wording be inserted in Article 1.F:

Due to significant changes in design since Spring of 2018, both the public and the Town shall be given access to 50%, 75% and 90% design plans which include drawings, special provisions, supplemental technical specifications, and updated quantity take-offs.....

The remainder of that paragraph is unchanged.

These 2 improvements plus others in our petition deserve your careful attention and lay the groundwork for a more effective relationship with GoTriangle.

I thank you.

Joan Guilkey