



Orange County Transit Plan Update

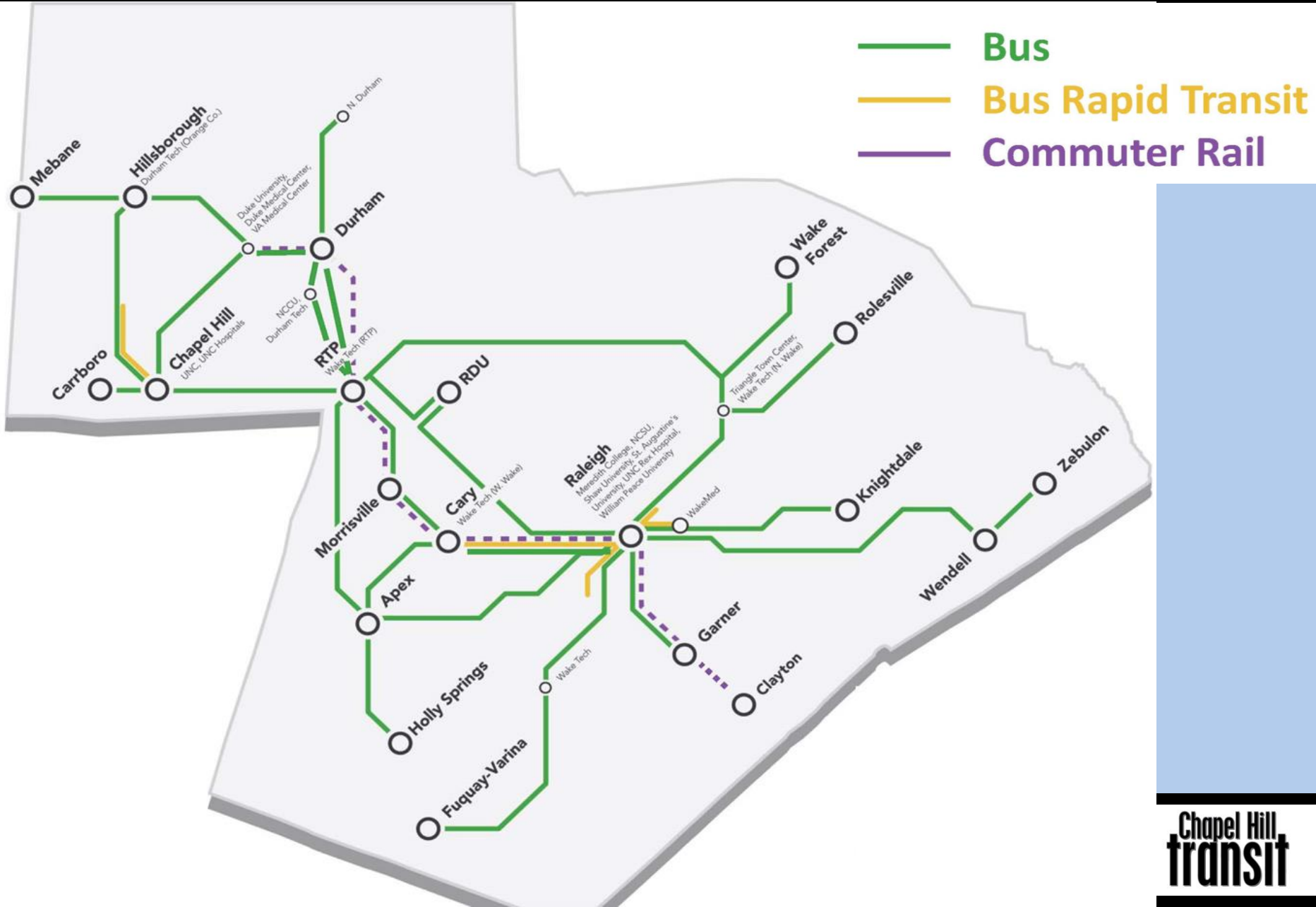
Chapel Hill Town Council
Work Session
March 17, 2021

Tonight's Agenda

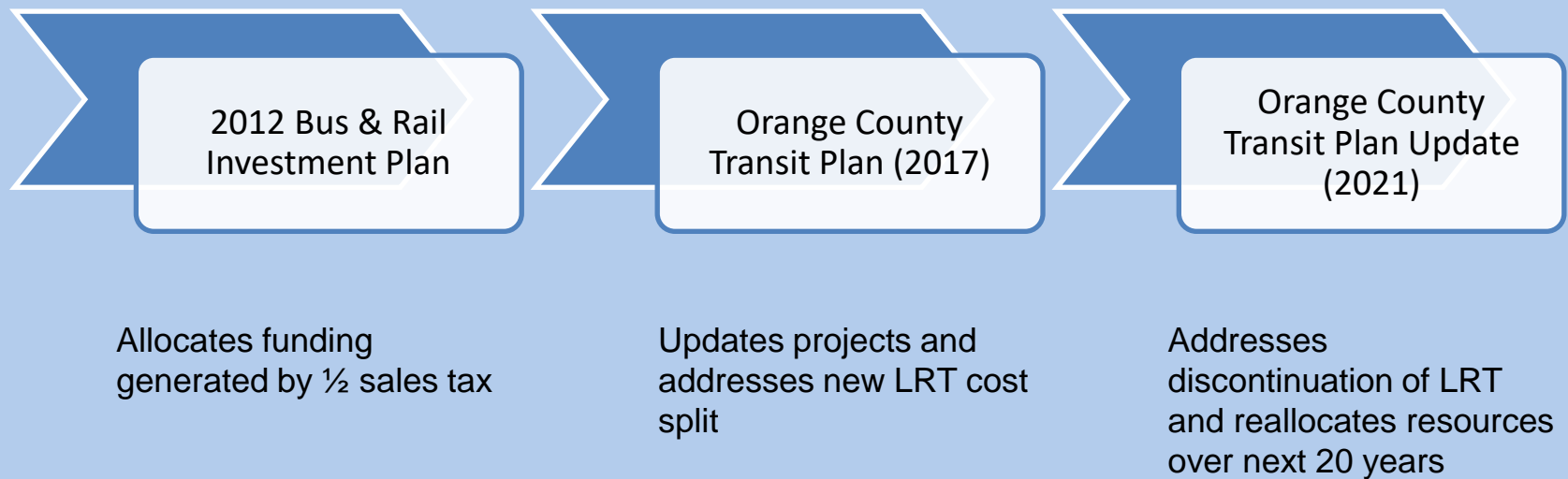
- Transit Plan Overview
 - Funding
 - Initiatives
 - Update Overview and Next Steps
 - Chapel Hill Transit Priorities
- Proposed Commuter Rail Overview
 - Current Study and Next Steps
- Questions and Feedback



Regional Context



Transit Plan History



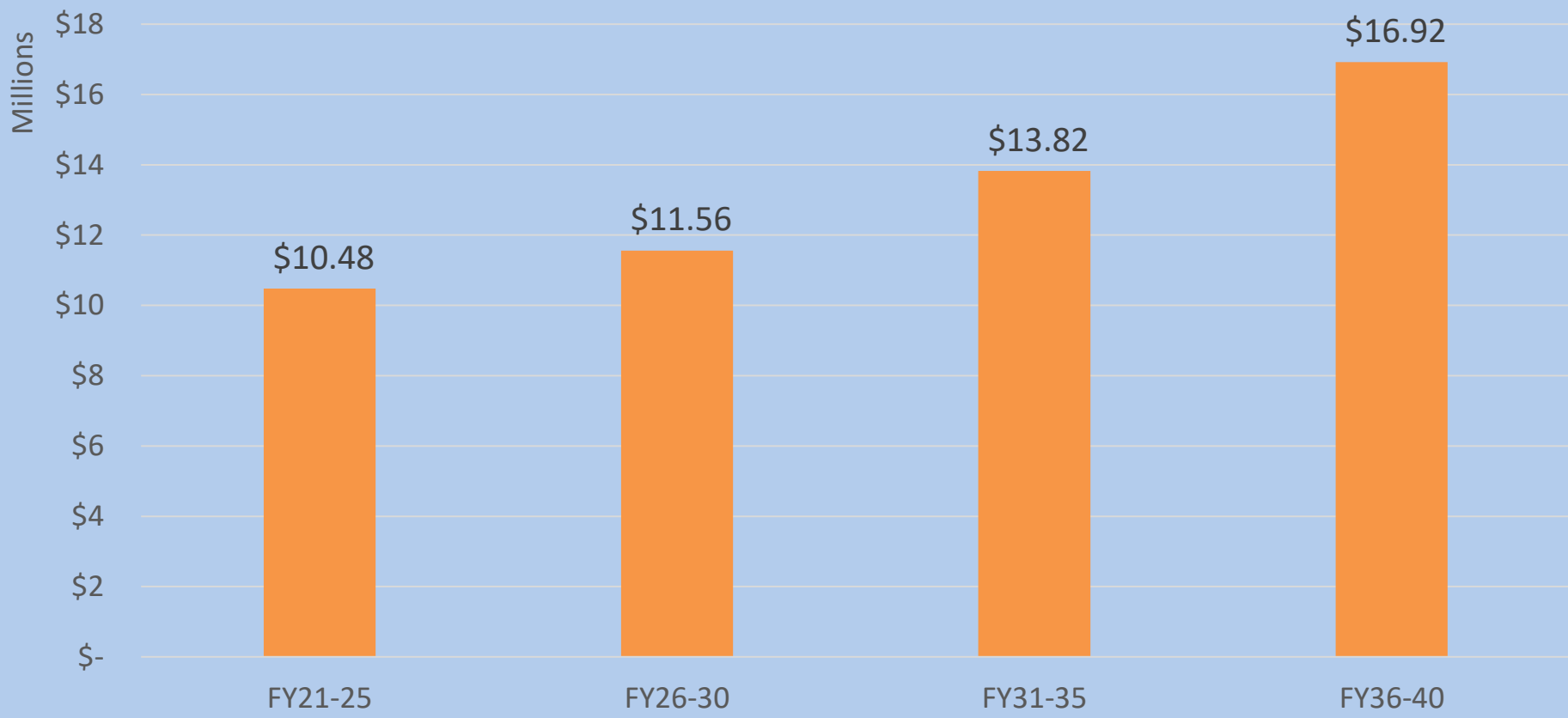
Core Investments: Transit service, buses and stop improvements, Hillsborough Train Station and North South BRT.

OCTP Funding and Investments

- Funding Sources:
 - Article 43: Half-Cent Sales and Use Tax
 - Article 50: Five-Percent Vehicle Rental Tax for Regional Transit Authority
 - Article 51: Three-Dollar Increase to GoTriangle Regional Vehicle Registration Fee
 - Article 52: Seven-Dollar County Vehicle Registration Fee
- Revenue FY14 – FY20 = ~\$63M
- Investments FY14 – FY20 = ~\$55M
 - DOLRT = \$27M
 - Transit Service = \$15M (Chapel Hill Transit, OPT and GoT)
 - Buses and Capital = \$6.7M (Chapel Hill Transit, OPT and GoT)
 - North South BRT = \$1.4M



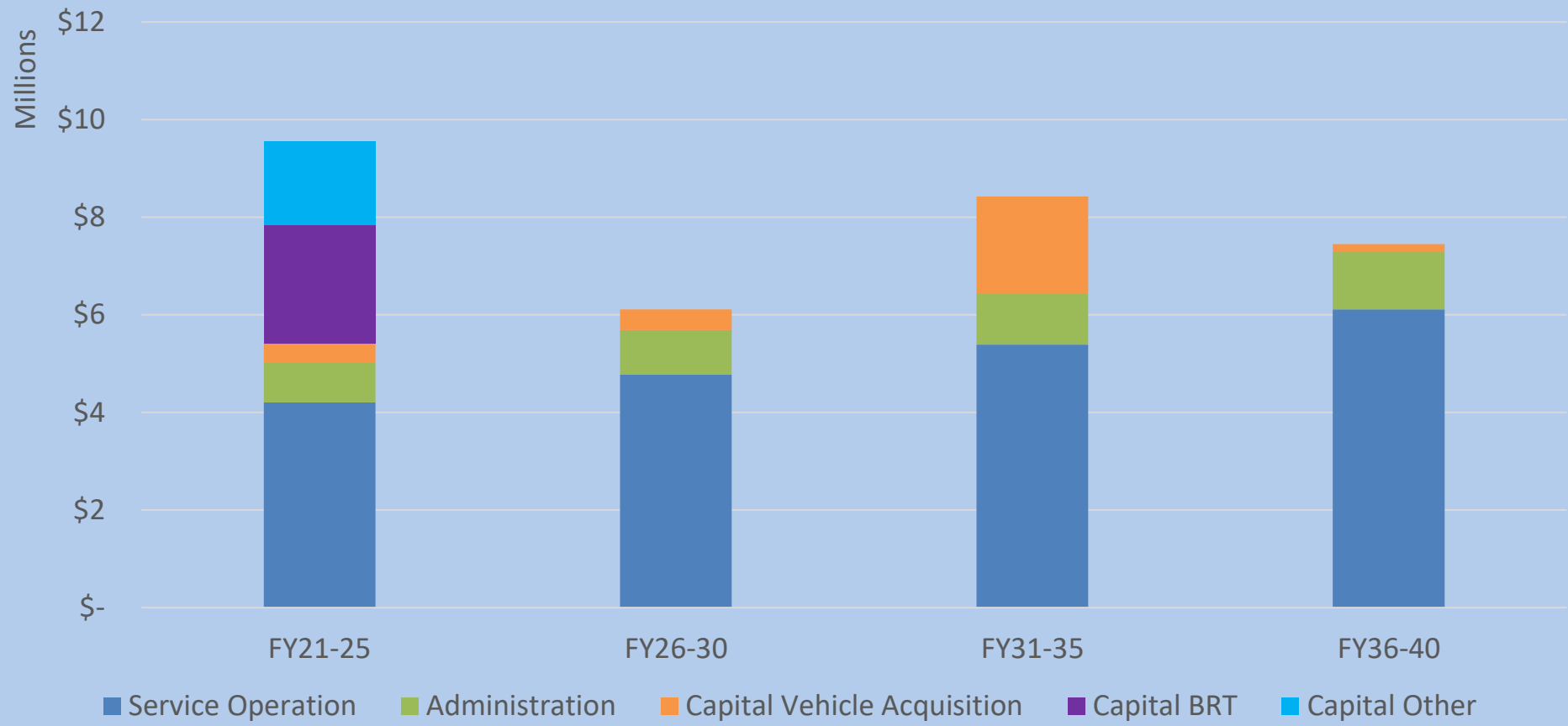
OCTP Avg. Annual Revenue



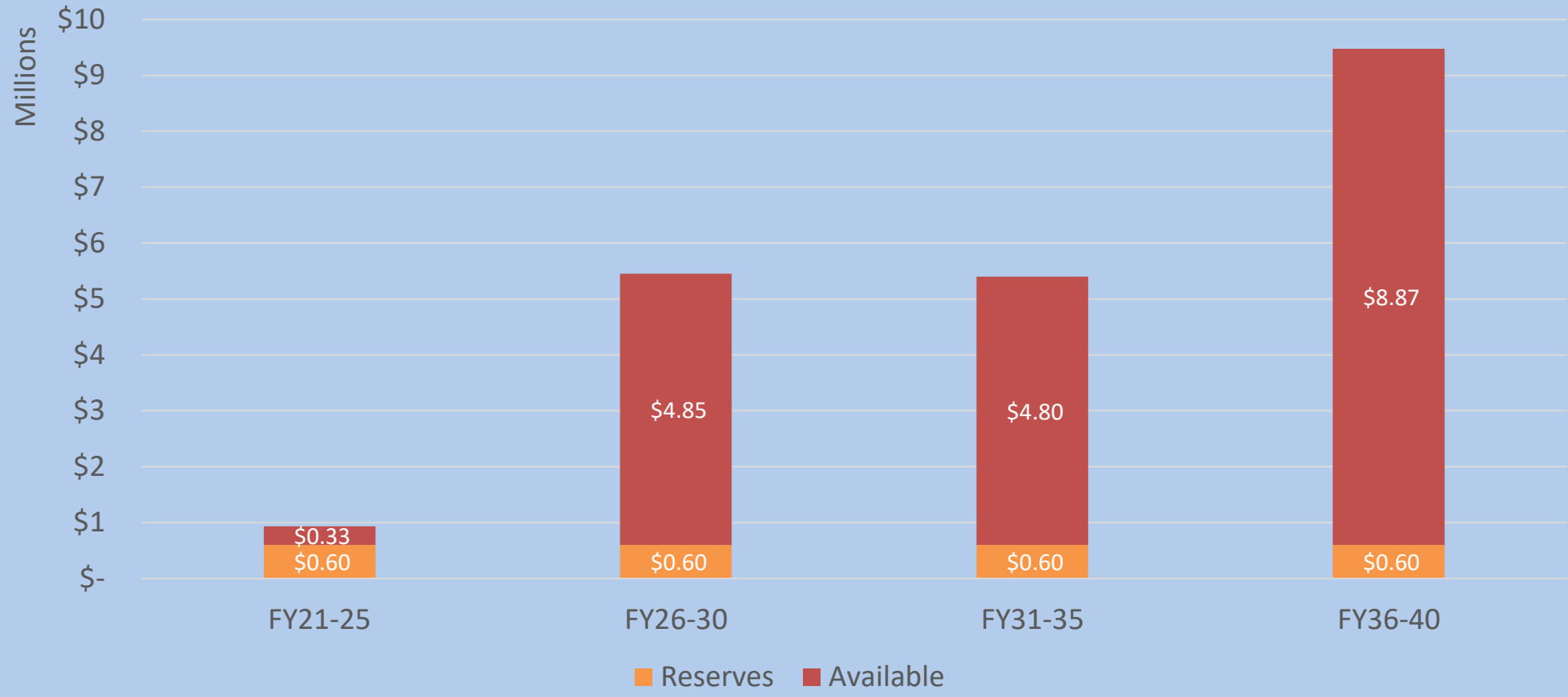
- Note: Not adjusted for inflation.



OCTP Avg. Annual Expenses



OCTP Unobligated Avg. Annual Funds



Chapel Hill Transit OCTP Investments

- Investments
 - Service Hours = 13,696
 - Buses = 5 fixed route buses (\$3.7M)
 - Bus Stops = 20-25 bus stops (\$400K)
 - NSBRT = \$14.1M allocated
- Priorities for Investments
 - Implement service improvements such as evening/nighttime and weekend service, that provide improved access to jobs with nontraditional work hours.
 - Expand access to retail, medical, recreational and educational destinations in Chapel Hill and Carrboro for lower-income and transit dependent residents.
 - Identified areas of interest including better serving Rogers Road community and other lower-income populations.
 - Meet peak-hour service demands (e.g. overcrowding, lack of service, etc.).
 - Cover cost of existing services.



OCTP Policy Committee

A Policy Steering Committee was developed by the County to provide guidance on the vision and goals of the Transit Plan Update. The Committee includes:

- Barbara Foushee, Town of Carrboro Council Member
- Michael Parker, Town of Chapel Hill Mayor Pro Tem
- Mark Bell, Town of Hillsborough Commissioner
- Patty Philipps, City of Mebane Commissioner
- Mark Dorosin, Orange County Commissioner
- Sally Greene, Orange County Commissioner



OCTP Update Scope Of Work

Tasks by Phase

Tasks by Phase		
Phase 1	T1	PSC Coordination
	T2	Transit Choices Brochure
	T2	Regional Connections Opportunities Report
	T3	Engagement Preparations
	T3	Engagement Wave 1
	T4	Conceptual Scenario Development
Phase 2	T5	Identify projects
	T5	Prioritization process development
	T5	Preferred Scenario
	T6	Engagement wave 2 prep
	T6	Engagement Wave 2
	T7	Revenue forecasting
	T7	Implementation Plan
	T8	Final Report

PHASE 1 Introduces key transit planning concepts and frames choices in terms of easy-to-understand values to generate alternative conceptual transit scenarios

PHASE 2 Identifies proposed projects, prioritization criteria, and available revenues to produce implementation recommendations through 2040.



OCTP Potential Priorities

Regional Connectivity – Short Term:

- Maintain existing capital funding for NSBRT and identify operating funding.
- Identify and prioritize investments in local and regional transit that increase connections and frequency between Orange County and Durham County along 15-501 (East-West BRT) and NC-54.
- Identify and develop high-capacity transit service that connects Orange County and Durham County along 15-501
- Identify high-capacity transit service options that connect Orange, Durham, Wake and RTP.
- Evaluate options for improved coordination of regional demand response trips to improve service for customers and reduce the number of required transfers.



OCTP Potential Priorities

Regional Connectivity – Mid Term:

- Identify options for the development of transit/transfer hubs in key regional corridors and areas, including near UNC Health, Eastowne area, South Road near Student Union and NC 86.
- Identify high-capacity transit options for extending NSBRT to Chatham County, including connections to Chatham Park.
- Identify high-capacity transit options for connections to RTP and Wake County rapid transit investments, in coordination with City of Durham and Durham County.

Regional Connectivity – Long Term:

- Identify corridors and key areas for the planning of new transit investments over the next 25 years and develop a long-range vision for transit connections in the Triangle and Triad.
- Identify opportunities for regional maintenance and training facilities.



OCTP Potential Priorities

Local Connectivity - Short Term:

- Identify Transit Plan funding for unfunded priorities in the adopted Chapel Hill Transit Short Range Transit Plan.
- Continue to identify Transit Plan funding for bus shelter and bus improvements that prioritize transit customers, including curb-extensions at bus stops, bus shelters, walking routes and crossings, transit signal priority, dedicated bus lanes and queue jumps .
- Continue to identify Transit Plan funding for investments in replacement and expansion transit vehicles, with a priority on electric (non-diesel/gasoline) vehicles.
- Identify funding to assist with same-day demand response trips for EZ rider customers – improving access and mobility for those who depend on it the most.



OCTP Potential Priorities

Local Connectivity - Mid Term:

- Identify funding for solar power generation options currently under review by Chapel Hill Transit.
- Evaluate options for new park and ride facilities in the White Cross and Chatham County areas, consistent with the adopted Chapel Hill Transit Short Range Transit Plan.

Local Connectivity – Long Term:

- Identify key areas for the planning of new transit investments beyond 2030 and develop a long-range vision for local transit services in Orange County.



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Questions and Feedback

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