



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment no. 25BCC056 to recognize \$1,137,481 of Durham County Transit Plan funding from GoTriangle for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision Plan and Transit Plan Management.

Background/Justification

On November 12, 2024, the Durham County Board of Commissioners approved the FY25 Durham Transit Work Program Q2 Amendment, and subsequently, on November 20, 2024, the GoTriangle Board of Trustees also approved the amendment. This amendment included the appropriation of up to \$1,076,939 for Durham County to undertake a Bus Rapid Transit Vision Plan and an additional \$60,542 of funding support in FY25 for staff at the County to administer the Transit Plan and transit projects. This budget ordinance amendment is necessary for the Durham County budget to recognize these approved funds that will be reimbursed by GoTriangle using Durham County Transit Plan funding.

The Bus Rapid Transit Vision Plan will identify potential corridors for BRT or bus speed and reliability infrastructure. This project was originally designated as the Bus Speed and Reliability Study Phase I (“Phase I”) and was sponsored by the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO). Due to staffing changes at the MPO, this project will be transferred to Durham County who will be designated as the official project sponsor. This project is in the adopted 2023 Durham County Transit Plan.

The Transit Plan Management project supports the half-year cost for an additional staff position at Durham County to manage the BRT Vision Plan and will work with project sponsors to the implementation of projects over the many years to come. The position is also expected to oversee the implementation of the FAST 2 Study, which is anticipated to entail coordination with NCDOT and the DCHC MPO for the integration of transit priority infrastructure on NCDOT roadway projects. The requested funds will be added to the current budget of \$247,515, for a total budget of \$308,057 from the Work Program.

Policy Impact

The adoption of this budget amendment is consistent with the Board’s approval of the Work Program Q2 Amendment on November 12, 2024. It is also consistent with the goals and projects of the adopted 2023 Durham County Transit Plan.

Procurement Background

N/A

Fiscal Impact

The BRT Vision Plan is a one-time capital planning project for up to \$1,076,939, and the additional \$60,542 funding for Transit Plan Management is available starting mid-year in FY25 and is anticipated to continue as a full-year ongoing operating project in the Annual Work Program. Durham County Transit Plan funding is administered by GoTriangle as the Tax District Administrator and are provided on a quarterly reimbursement basis.



Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment no. 25BCC056 to recognize \$1,137,481 of Durham County Transit Plan funding from GoTriangle for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision Plan and Transit Plan Management.