



Durham Transit Plan

Durham County Transit Plan FY27 Draft Work Program

May 2026



Draft FY27 Work Program Overview

Annual Work Program Overview

DURHAM COUNTY FY27 TRANSIT WORK PROGRAM



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The Work Program is the annual budget for the Transit Plan.

Each year, the SWG Administrator presents the Annual Work Program to the governing boards for approval.

The Work Program is developed collaboratively over the course of several months with our Transit Partners.

Its primary goal is to advance the projects in the adopted Transit Plan.

The Work Program is approved by the Durham Board of County Commissioners and GoTriangle Board of Trustees.



FY27 Work Program Budget

PROJECTED REVENUE

 **\$44,000,000**
½ Cent Sales Tax

 **\$764,803**
\$3 Registration Fee

 **\$1,784,606**
\$7 Registration Fee

 **\$10,457,331**
Allocation from Fund Balance

TOTAL = \$57,006,740

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

 **\$650,000**
Capital Planning

 **\$24,606,970**
Transit Infrastructure

 **\$728,000**
Vehicle Acquisition

 **\$500,000**
Regional Connections

TOTAL = \$26,484,970

RECOMMENDED OPERATING EXPENDITURES

 **\$3,155,681**
Transit Plan Administration

 **\$26,860,810**
Transit Operations

 **\$505,279**
Tax District Administration

TOTAL = \$30,521,770

FY27 Work Program Budget

RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES BY AGENCY

	\$38,252,231 City of Durham/GoDurham
	\$1,408,463 Durham County/ACCESS
	\$16,280,284 GoTriangle
	\$505,279 GoTriangle/Tax District
	\$60,484 Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO
	\$500,000 Regional Connections
	TOTAL = \$57,006,740

FY27 Work Program NEW

- The ILA requires the Plan to be updated every four years.
- This process includes a review of the Transit Governance ILA.
- DCO staff also propose including policy development in the next update.
- There is a desire to improve the Work Program development process, add reasonable flexibility in funding projects, and alleviate some of the conflict that arises during the current decision-making processes.
- An update to the BOCC will be provided in the fall.

Durham Transit Plan Update

27DCC_AP31 | Capital Planning | Administration and Accountability

The Durham County Transit Plan determines how public transportation funds within Durham County will be managed and spent, and which proposed projects and improvements will be approved by the governing bodies. The Transit Plan is a living document which is updated every 2-4 years and will relay how the County intends to invest in, expand, and prioritize public transportation in the decades to come.

A consultant will be retained to assist with the completion of the DTP update. This project will include an evaluation of the implementation status of the 2023 Plan including reviewing budgets, appropriations, and reimbursements. It will recommend policies and process improvements for the Plan and Work Program development processes. It will include a long-range vision plan of capital and operating improvements. It will also include a review of the Transit Governance Interlocal Agreement for potential governance changes. Public and governing board engagement will be conducted throughout the planning process.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Agency: Durham County

Parties to Project: GoTriangle

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$650,000

Budgeted FY27 Costs funded by this Agreement: \$650,000

Programmed FY28 Costs funded by this Agreement: \$0

DTP Cost Share: 100%

Sponsor Cost Share: 0%

Other Cost Share: 0%

Start Date: July 1, 2026

Anticipated End Date: June 30, 2029

FY27 Work Program Budget

Maintaining the Financial Model Assumptions

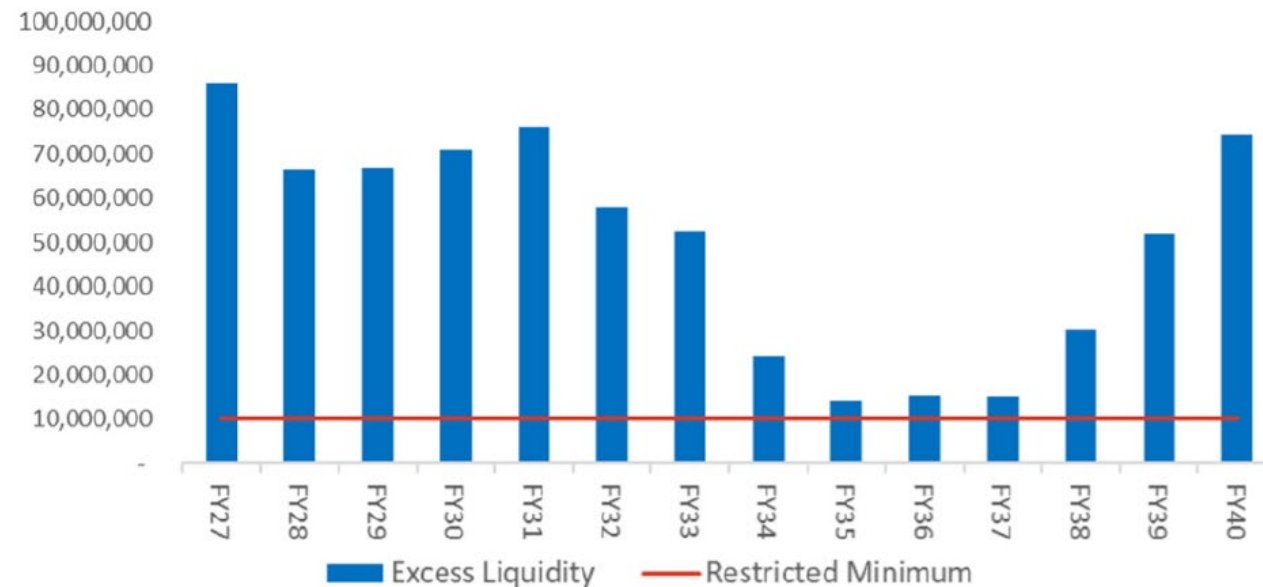
- Multi-Year Operating Program
- Capital Improvement Program
- Fund balance is necessary for future capital and operating projects through FY40

Low Point in the Financial Model is approximately \$15M in FY35

There is approximately \$5M of financial capacity available to program



CAPITAL LIQUIDITY



Draft FY27 “Status Quo” Budget + Partner Priorities

- Durham County staff presented to the BOCC and GoTriangle Audit & Finance Committee in early January 2026.
- Following these presentations, the SWG-Admin advised the SWG to proceed with a status quo budget for the draft and develop options for the governing boards to consider with the remaining available funding.
- The SWG voted to release the draft with the status quo budget and one new capital project (Durham Transit Plan Update). Consensus was not reached on the remaining requests.
- A supplemental Partner Budget Priorities document was created to highlight the priority requests submitted by project sponsors.

FY27 Work Program Approval Schedule

Task	Due Date
Durham County Staff provides High-Level Overview of the Work Program to BOCC	1/5/2026
SWG Meeting	1/21/2026
SWG Meeting	2/18/2026
SWG Financial Modeling Meeting for Draft Work Program	3/2/2026
Staff Working Group Meeting - Vote to release for Public Comment	3/18/2026
Public Comment Period Opens	3/27/2026
SWG Admin presents Draft Work Program to BOCC	4/6/2026
SWG Admin presents Draft Work Program to GOT Audit & Finance Committee	4/8/2026
SWG Admin presents Draft Work Program at Joint City/County Meeting	4/14/2026
SWG Meeting	4/15/2026
Public Comment Period Closes	4/17/2026
SWG Admin presents Draft Work Program at BPAC Meeting	4/21/2026
SWG Meeting / SWG votes on Final Recommended Work Program	5/20/2026
SWG Admin presents Final Work Program to GOT Board for approval	5/27/2026
SWG Admin presents Final Work Program to BOCC for approval	6/1/2026
BOCC Approves Final Work Program	6/8/2026
Triangle West TPO Approval (if DTP amendment is necessary)	6/16/2026
GoTriangle Board Approves Final Work Program	6/24/2026



City of Durham Update



Budget Balance – City Transit Fund Policy Options

Projected Shortfall for FY2027	\$8,217,140
Measure	Impact
Restrict Eligibility for Access to Federal Requirement	\$1,350,000
Remove Off-Duty DPD Officers for Security	\$1,200,000
Eliminate Customer Call Center	\$350,000
City Sponsorship of Transit Pension*	\$150,000
Subtotal, Cost Reduction	\$1,350,000
Remaining Gap	\$6,867,140
*Timeline for implementation limits impact in FY2027	
Fare Policy	
Return to Fares - \$2 base fare Proposal Discussed Feb. 2025	\$4,800,000

Budget Balance – Policy Options to Increase DCTP Financial Model Capacity

Measure	Impact
Revise Forecast for FY2026 DCTP-Funded GoDurham Services	\$3,680,654
Revise Planned GoDurham Service Increases in FY2027	
Defer Expansion of Sunday Service Hours from 9pm to Midnight	\$966,424
Defer 30-minute service on Route 13 (remains hourly)	\$776,527
Partial Implementation of 15-minute service in N. Durham	\$867,228
Route 4 improves to 15 minutes from Downtown to Northern HS	
Route 9 remains at 30 minutes	
Total Additional DCTP Financial Capacity	\$6,290,833

One-Time Capital Assistance Requests from the City of Durham FY2027 Durham Transit Work Program

(\$ in millions)	
	Requests
Transit Vehicle Replacement, Rehabilitation & Equipment	\$5.037
Access to Transit - Pedestrian Connections to Bus Stops	\$3.180
Total	\$8.217

Action Requested

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- It is critical to provide direction on the final Work Program to meet approval deadlines.
- No additional requests from any project sponsor can be accommodated.
- If the City's proposal is accepted,
 - The proposal needs to be refined to confirm that it fits within the final FY27 Work Program financial model or costs need to be reduced to fit.
 - The proposal should not affect other project sponsors' current or future planned projects.
 - The City is responsible for verifying that their FY27 reimbursements will be approved by GoTriangle.
- If the City's proposal is not accepted, the draft Work Program is also a viable option for approval.

Questions?