



# FY27 Transit Work Program Development Update

May 19, 2026

# Advancing Regional Transit Improvements

## April Board Work Session Priorities

- Partnering to accelerate project delivery
- Leading with reliability and frequency

## For FY27 Work Programs in Durham and Orange

- Staff has developed cost-neutral solutions that:
  - Advance critical priorities now
  - Improve reliability
  - Expand access and affordability



# FY27 Service Requests

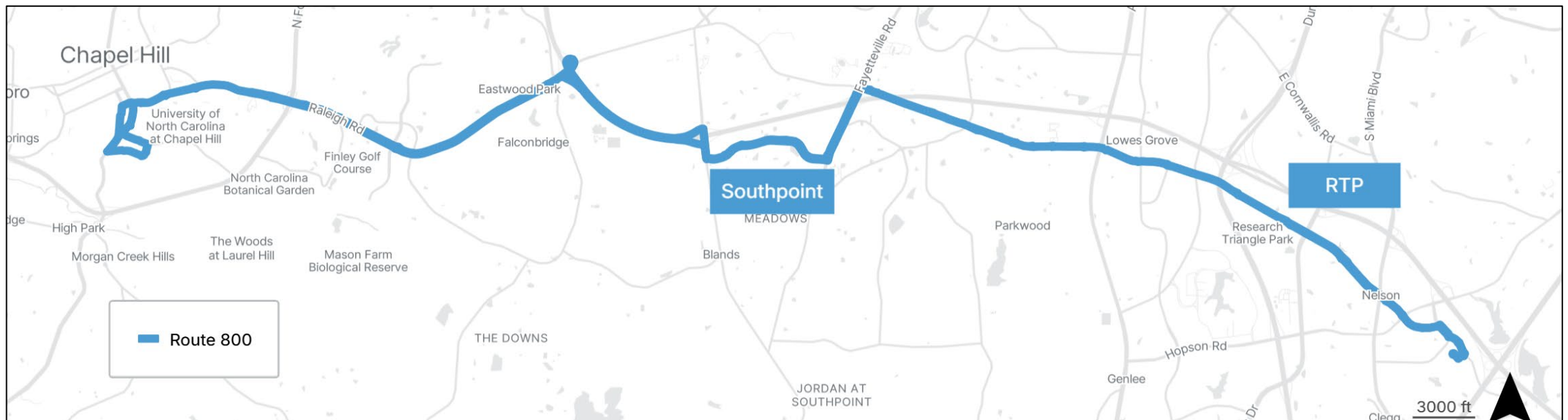
Work Program	Services	FY27 Cost	Status
Wake	100, 305, 311, DRX	\$3,835,199 (84%)	Recommended by TPAC
Durham	DRX, 800	\$482,436 (11%)*	On hold
Orange	800, TAP	\$249,315 (5%)*	On hold
<b>Total</b>	<b>100, 305, 311, DRX, 800, TAP</b>	<b>\$4,566,950 (100%)</b>	

\* Reduced amount relative to original FY27 request



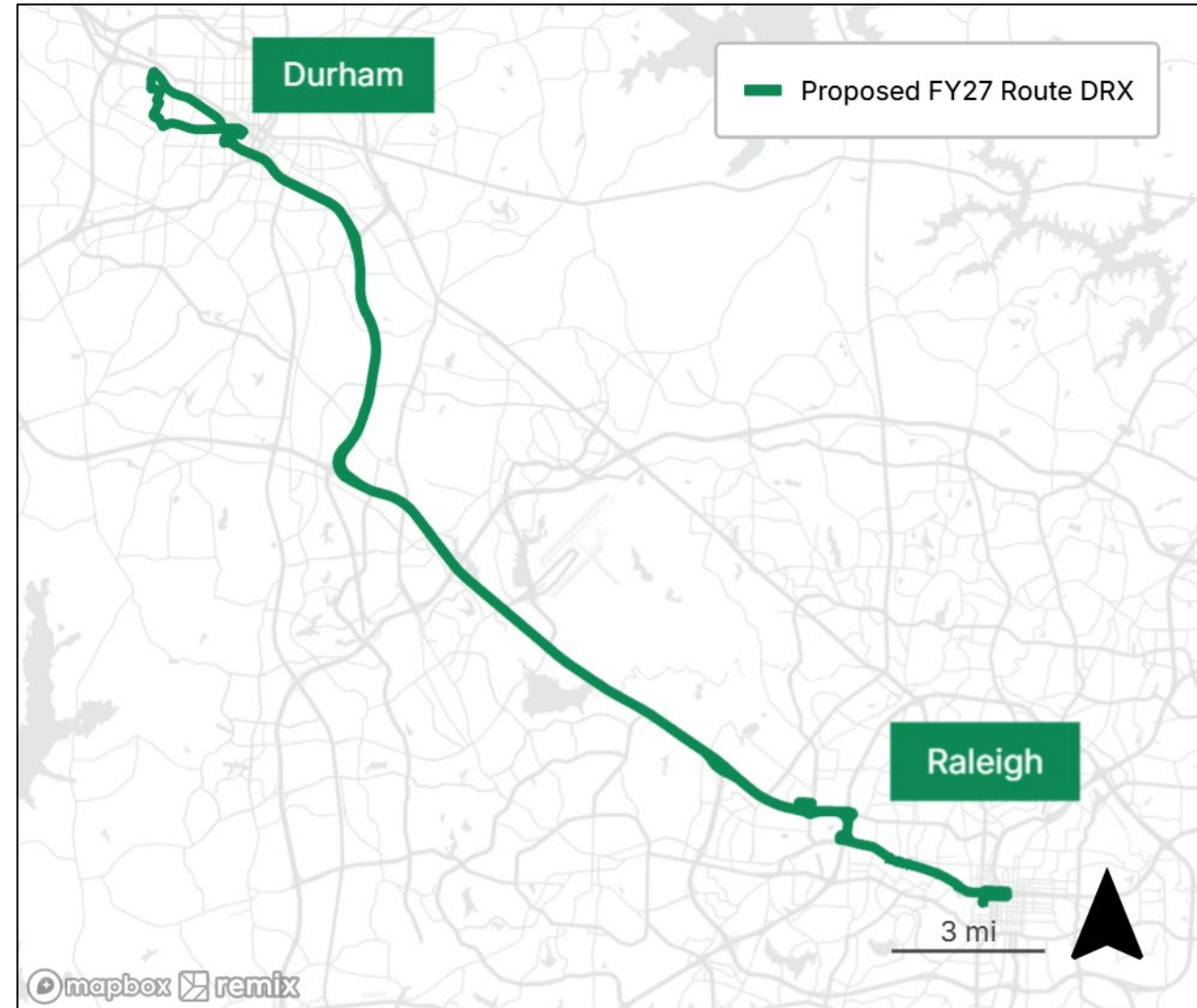
# Route 800 (Durham, Orange)

- Improve on-time performance by adding layover time and travel time, where needed
- +10 daily revenue hours to address variability in congested conditions
- No change to the existing frequency, hours of operation and alignment
- 2025 Onboard survey results continue to identify “Buses on time” as the top rider priority
- Monthly boardings increased 23% year-over-year to 18,400 in March 2026
- **FY27 Durham Request: +\$216,887; FY27 Orange Request: +\$216,887**



## Route DRX (Wake, Durham)

- 30-minute midday DRX service
- **Every 30 mins: M-F 6am-8pm**
- Saves 15-30 minutes for riders making long trips from Raleigh and NC State to Durham and Duke/VA Medical Centers
- Annual boardings up 100% since FY23, strong demand for express trips between Raleigh and Durham
- Responsive to riders and stakeholders
- **FY27 Durham Request: +\$267,115**



# Public Input

1. What should be Durham County's top transit priority for next year's budget, starting in July 2026? Please rank in order of importance. (Response required)

Priority	Score
GoTriangle – Route DRX Improvements	4.76
City of Durham Maintenance Facilities	4.43
GoTriangle – Route 800 Improvements	4.28
GoTriangle – Service Planning Staff	3.24
Triangle West TPO – SWG Participation	2.29
Durham County – Annual Work Program Improvements	2.00

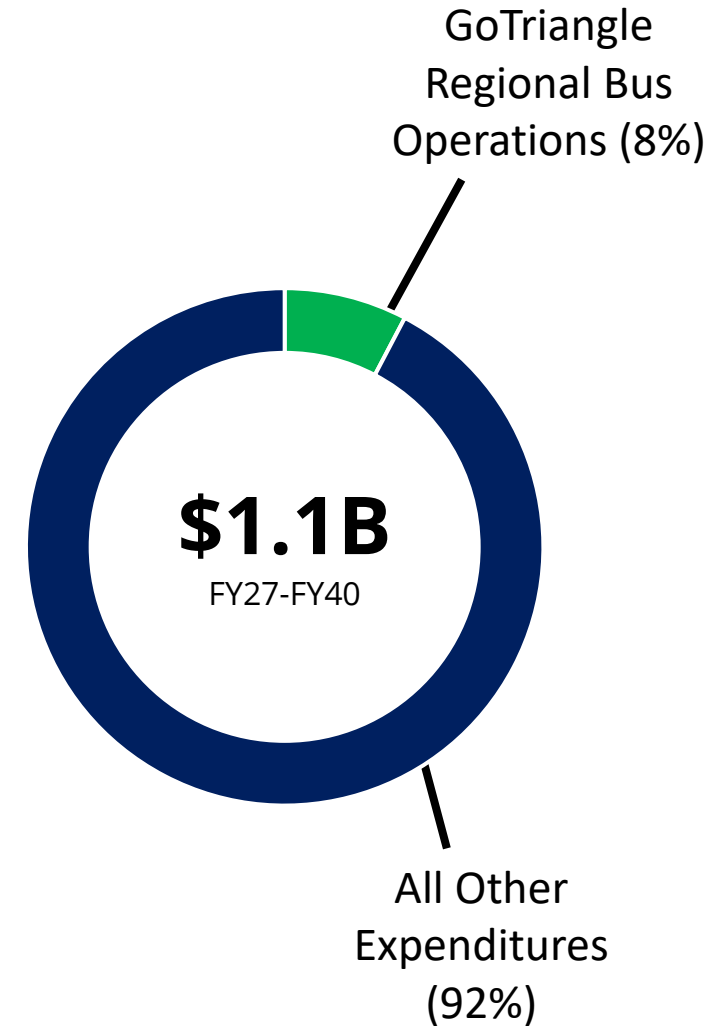
# Responding to Partner Input

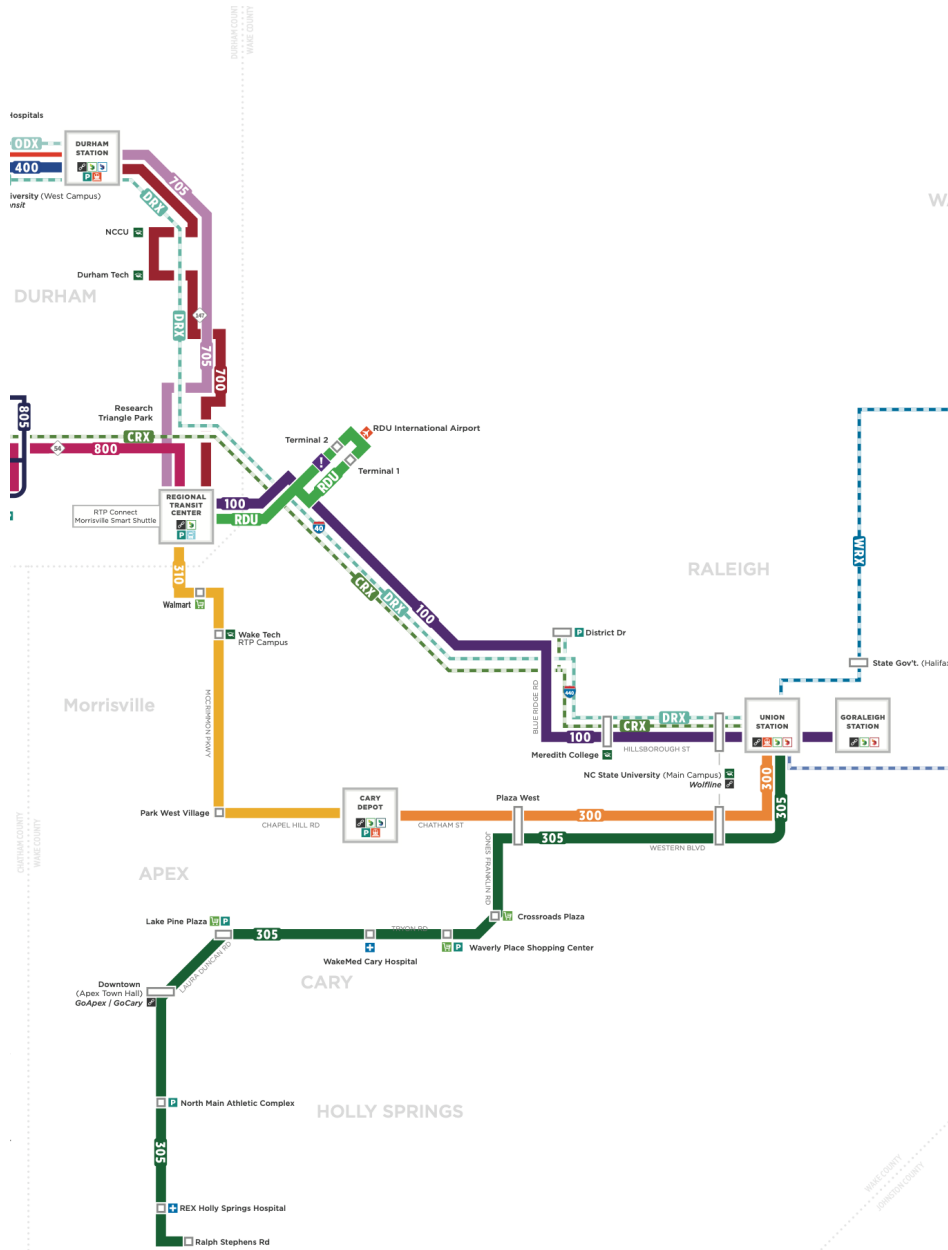
- FY27 work program development processes in Orange and Durham have not proceeded smoothly through the staff working group process as in prior years
- Requests from transit providers for new operating funding have not advanced
- Orange county management and Durham county staff have encouraged providers to work within previously-allocated resources



# Current Durham Transit Plan Financial Model

The current Durham Transit Plan financial model includes around \$81M of operating funds for GoTriangle regional bus service from FY27-FY40, which represents around 8% of the total local expenditures assumed in the model over that period





# Proposed Cost-Neutral Solution

- Prioritize reliability, frequency, and affordability assistance for riders today
- Offset with operational efficiency on routes 700/705 and reprogramming funds currently modeled in FY30 and beyond
- Assumptions can be revisited in future years as plans are updated

## The bottom line

Durham County  
budget

**\$0 impact**

GoTriangle Durham  
Transit Plan

**\$0 impact**

Durham Residents  
and Visitors

**Significant  
benefit**

More frequent, reliable, fast regional service · Expanded fixed-route · No cost to the county

