



Transportation

To: Durham County Board of County Commissioners
From: Brandi Minor, Staff Working Group Administrator
Subject: Final Recommended FY 2025 Durham Annual Transit Work Program
Date: April 8, 2024

Background and Purpose

The Durham Staff Working Group (“SWG”) develops an annual Work Program in accordance with the requirements set forth in the 2023 Interlocal Agreement (“ILA”) that was adopted by the Durham Board of County Commissioners (“BOCC”), the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (“DCHC MPO”).

The Work Program is the annual budget for the Durham Transit Plan and includes the projected revenues, expenditures, as well as a Multi-Year Operating and Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

The FY 2025 Durham Annual Transit Work Program (“Work Program”) was released for public comment on January 31, 2024. The public comment period was open for 21 days, closing on February 21, 2024. During that time, the Work Program was available online on the GoForward website and was also promoted through Durham County and partner agency media notices. Pop-up events were held at Durham Station to directly engage with transit riders on the Work Program.

The Work Program was presented to the BOCC and DCHC MPO in February 2024, and to the GoTriangle Audit and Finance Committee in March 2024. Since then, the SWG Administrator has collaborated with the SWG to complete final revisions to the Work Program, and the Work Program was recommended for approval by a vote of 4-0 at the SWG meeting on March 20th. The Work Program will be presented for approval by the BOCC in April 2024 and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees in June 2024.

Final Recommended FY25 Work Program Analysis

The final recommended FY25 Work Program has four notable changes since the draft Work Program was released for public comment. A summary of these changes is provided below:

1. City of Durham – Vehicle Repower - New Capital Project

The City rescinded their request for Vehicle Repower (Project ID 25DCI_VP14). The purpose of this project was to repower the six GoDurham 2017 model-year buses purchased by the Durham Transit Plan. In lieu of this request, the City has opted to use the existing previously approved funds from FY20 Vehicle Repower (Project ID 20DCI_VP1), in the amount of \$843,180.

FY25 Work Program Impact – Decreases budget by \$791,908

2. City of Durham – Increased Cost of Services – Existing Operating Project

The ILA establishes that the City could use up to one-half of the \$7 vehicle registration fee revenues to cover the increased cost of existing services. Per the ICES agreement pending approval by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, the ICES allocation will now be calculated based on the actual \$7 vehicle registration tax, instead of calculating based on the budgeted \$7 vehicle registration tax. In FY25, the project budget will be reduced from \$894,794 to \$862,215.

FY25 Work Program Impact – Decreases budget by \$32,579

3. City of Durham – GoDurham Data Processing and Visualization – New Operating Request

In prior fiscal years, the Swiftly contract for the data processing and visualization tools were funded in the Work Program through a GoTriangle-sponsored project, Data Processing and Visualization Tool (Project ID 21GOT_AD14). The City will now maintain a separate contract from GoTriangle and have submitted a new FY25 budget request (25DCT_PA22) in the amount of \$162,810.

FY25 Work Program Impact – Increases budget by \$162,810

4. GoTriangle – Performance Data Processing and Visualization Tool - Existing Operating Project

As mentioned above, GoTriangle's Swiftly contract is currently funded through the Work Program but will now only include the costs associated with their fleet and will now have a twenty-percent cost-share from the Durham County Transit Plan. GoTriangle has rescinded their FY25 request (\$130,067) and has consolidated Durham's share of the cost of the Swiftly contract (\$22,000) into Transit Plan Administration – Transit Planning – Support Services (Project ID 21GOT_AD13). This project will also include an increase of \$8,500 for GoTriangle's DCHC MPO member dues for FY25. These modifications have resulted in the submission of a revised FY25 request to increase the project budget by \$30,500.

FY25 Work Program Impact – Decreases budget by \$99,567

Fiscal Impact

Based on these changes, the net overall impact to the FY25 Work Program budget as compared to the draft Work Program, is a reduction in the budget by \$761,244.

Recommended Operating Expenditures				
Category	Draft FY25 Work Program	Final FY25 Work Program	Variance	
Transit Plan Administration	\$ 2,420,200	\$ 2,483,443	\$	63,243
Transit Operations	\$ 16,682,694	\$ 16,650,115	\$	(32,579)
Tax District Administration	\$ 503,241	\$ 503,241	\$	-
Total	\$ 19,606,135	\$ 19,636,799	\$	30,664
Recommended Capital Expenditures				
Category	Draft FY25 Work Program	Final FY25 Work Program	Variance	
Transit Infrastructure	\$ 17,585,870	\$ 17,585,870	\$	-
Vehicle Acquisition	\$ 1,172,446	\$ 380,538	\$	(791,908)
Regional Connections	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$	-
Total	\$ 19,258,316	\$ 18,466,408	\$	(791,908)
Recommended Expenditures by Agency				
Category	Draft FY25 Work Program	Final FY25 Work Program	Variance	
City of Durham	\$ 27,125,968	\$ 26,464,291	\$	(661,677)
Durham County	\$ 642,693	\$ 642,693	\$	-
GoTriangle	\$ 10,554,989	\$ 10,455,422	\$	(99,567)
DCHC MPO	\$ 40,801	\$ 40,801	\$	-
Regional Connections	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$	-
Total	\$ 38,864,451	\$ 38,103,207	\$	(761,244)

Action Requested

The SWG requests the Durham Board of County Commissioners to receive a presentation and approve the final recommended FY 2025 Durham Annual Transit Work Program.