



Transportation

To: Durham Board of County Commissioners
From: Brandi Minor, Transit Program Administrator
Subject: FY 2027 Durham Transit Work Program Global Agreements
Date: August 10, 2026

Background and Purpose

The Durham Staff Working Group (SWG) prepares an annual Work Program in accordance with the 2023 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) adopted by the Durham Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, and the Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (Triangle West TPO).

The FY 2027 Durham Transit Work Program (Work Program) serves as the annual budget for the Durham County Transit Plan. It includes the projected revenues and expenditures, along with a Multi-Year Operating Plan and Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The Work Program was approved by the BOCC on June 8, 2026, and by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees on June 24, 2026.

To receive reimbursement for project expenditures identified in the Work Program, Durham County must enter into Global Operating and Capital Agreements (Global Agreements) with GoTriangle, the Administrator of the Triangle Tax District, and Triangle West TPO for projects awarded federal funding. A Global Agreement is an operating or capital funding agreement covering a logical grouping of capital projects, transit operations or studies.

The operating agreement is a contract between Durham County, who is responsible for delivering a specific project, and the Tax District. It outlines the scope of services, funding expectations, responsibilities, timelines, and performance requirements. All provisions are consistent with the Comprehensive Participation Agreement (CPA) adopted in June 2023.

Capital agreements are contracts between agencies to fund designated capital improvements. These agreements define the capital projects to be undertaken and establish detailed expectations for Work Program resource funding, responsibilities, schedules, and performance. They also comply with all CPA standards.

Each agreement requires the County to submit reports documenting progress towards deliverables, updates on financial status, descriptions of physical progress, assessments of risks that could affect project delivery, and forecasts of deviations from the project scope, schedule, or budget.

Fiscal Impact

The Work Program provides funding for seven Durham County-sponsored projects:

1. Durham County Transportation Plan Management
2. Staff Working Group Administrator
3. Durham County Access Service
4. Durham Transit Tracker
5. Bus Rapid Transit Vision Plan
6. East Durham Grade Crossing Study
7. Durham County Transit Plan Update

The FY27 funding appropriations are reflected in the table below:

Project Type	Description	Carryforward	FY27 Appropriation
Operating	Durham County Transportation Plan Management	\$ -	\$ 387,259
Operating	Staff Working Group Administrator	\$ -	\$ 102,500
Operating	Durham County Access Service	\$ -	\$ 268,704
Capital	Durham Transit Tracker	\$ 7,476	\$ -
Capital	Bus Rapid Transit Vision Plan	\$ 587,138	\$ -
Capital	East Durham Grade Crossing Study	\$ 600,000	\$ -
Capital	Durham County Transit Plan Update	\$ -	\$ 650,000
	TOTAL	\$ 1,194,614	\$ 1,408,463

Note: The carryforward does not include reimbursements requests submitted during FY 2026.

The Global Agreements will allow the County to request up to \$1,408,463 in FY27 for eligible operating and capital expenditures, as well as reimbursement for carryover capital projects.

Most funding is included in the County's FY26 budget or has been requested for FY27; therefore, a budget amendment is not required.

Reimbursement requests will follow the adopted Financial Policies & Procedures Manual and will be submitted quarterly to GoTriangle with all required supporting documentation.

Global Agreements for GoTriangle

Under the ILA, the County is a party to all agreements for GoTriangle-sponsored projects. To qualify for reimbursement, GoTriangle must enter into Global Agreements with Durham County and, when applicable, Triangle West TPO for federally funded projects. These agreements must comply with the CPA.

GoTriangle must submit reports detailing project deliverables, financial updates, physical progress, risk assessments, and any anticipated changes to project scope, schedule, or budget.

The Global Agreements will allow GoTriangle to request up to \$16,785,562 in FY27 for eligible operating and capital expenditures, as well as reimbursement for carryover capital projects.

Action Requested

Durham County staff requests that the Durham Board of County Commissioners approve the following six agreements:

Durham County Projects:

1. Global Operating Funding Agreement for Operations and Administration between Durham County and GoTriangle;
2. Global Capital Funding Agreement for Capital Infrastructure between Durham County and GoTriangle;
3. Global Capital Funding Agreement for Capital Infrastructure between Durham County, GoTriangle, and Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization.

GoTriangle Projects:

4. Global Operating Funding Agreement for Operations and Administration between GoTriangle and Durham County;
5. Global Capital Funding Agreement for Capital Infrastructure between GoTriangle and Durham County;
6. Global Capital Funding Agreement for Capital Infrastructure between GoTriangle, Durham County, and Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization.