

December 8, 2016

Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham County Board of Commissioners
200 East Main Street
2nd Floor, Old Courthouse
Durham, North Carolina 27701

Re: Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Chairman Page,

At the Joint City/County Committee (Committee) meeting on November 29, 2016, GoTriangle presented an update to the Committee about the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project. The presentation included information about the proposed station at North Carolina Central University, the current financial plan for the D-O LRT Project, and a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between GoTriangle and Durham County. Pursuant to the MOU, "Durham County agrees to cooperate with the municipalities within the county and to work together to identify, develop, and implement additional funding mechanisms to directly support the D-O LRT Project by June 2019."

The D-O LRT Project is wholeheartedly supported by the City of Durham and is an essential element of our long-range transportation and land use plans. The Project is critical for our region's continued economic development, environmental sustainability, and the future mobility needs of Durham. The City is committed to working closely with Durham County, GoTriangle, and other D-O LRT Project stakeholders to identify local funding options as the Project moves forward. The Durham City Council encourages the Durham Board of Commissioners to approve the MOU.

The City of Durham greatly appreciates the leadership and cooperation that the Board of Commissioners has exhibited throughout the planning and study of this important Project. Continued cooperation and openness is essential to ensuring that the D-O LRT Project is designed and constructed in a manner to benefit all of Durham. We look forward to continuing to work together on implementing the D-O LRT Project.

Sincerely,

William V. "Bill" Bell
Mayor

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