

November 14, 2018

Mr. Jeff Mann
Chief Executive Officer
Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority
4600 Emperor Blvd, Suite 100
Durham, NC 27703

Subject: DCHC MPO Project Sponsor Request for Commuter Rail Transit

Dear Mr. Mann,

At its November 14, 2018, meeting, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Transportation Organization (DCHC MPO) Board approved the designation of GoTriangle as the project sponsor for any viable Commuter Rail Transit (CRT) projects with independent utility that may be delineated within the CRT corridor. The DCHC MPO is the organization responsible for regional transportation planning in the Durham and Orange county area. This action was taken in response to a memo produced by the contracted consultants for the MIS (Nelson/Nygaard and VHB) that recommends that GoTriangle serve in this capacity based on several findings showing that the GoTriangle is best positioned among the available options to lead the implementation of the CRT project.

DCHC MPO understands that as project sponsor GoTriangle will lead the project's execution, including:

- 1) Developing a Project Management Plan;
- 2) Leading project development and interfacing with the Federal Transit Administration (FT A) for any federal grants being pursued;
- 3) Final engineering;
- 4) Right-of-way acquisition;
- 5) Facility construction;
- 6) Procurement of equipment and vehicles;
- 7) System integration and CRT service operation; and
- 8) Coordinating with regional partners and impacted jurisdictions.

Should you have any questions regarding this designation, please contact Aaron Cain at 919-560-4366 or aaron.cain@durhamnc.gov.

Sincerely,

Damon Seils
Chair, Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO Board