

### Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project

DCHC MPO Board August 8, 2018

## Staying on Track

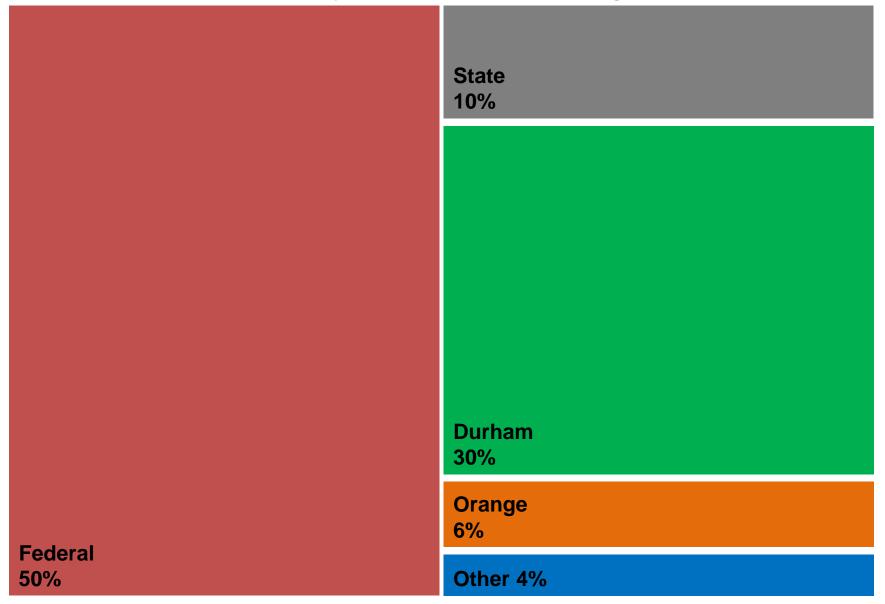
- We're still on track for a federal investment of over a billion dollars in our region.
- Changes to State law have created new funding challenges
- To stay on track, FFGA critical tasks must be completed by the end of 2018.
- Design, cost, budget, and schedule all play roles in determining FFGA outcome. Third-party coordination creates significant schedule risk.
- Requesting input on two proposed project design changes

## Funding update

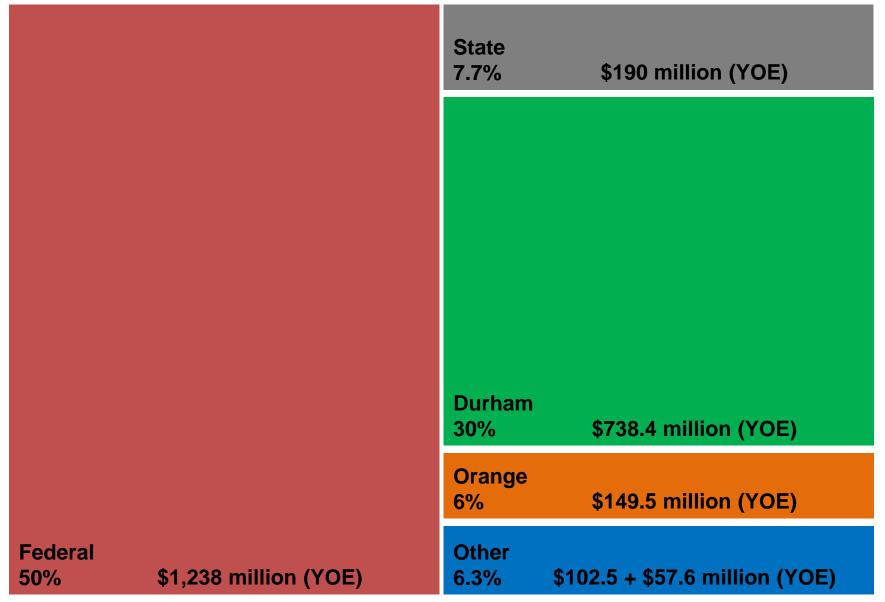
- Fiscal Year 2019 state budget required D-O LRT Project to secure all non-State funds (including federal funds) before entering SPOT process
- Session Law 2018-97 (the FY2019 budget "technical corrections" bill) removed provision but added new restrictions:
  - 1. \$190 million cap for State funding (down from approx. \$247.6 million)
  - 2. April 30, 2019 deadline for securing all non-State and non-Federal funds (e.g. local tax revenues & private)
  - **3. November 30, 2019** deadline for securing all non-State funds (e.g. federal FFGA)

	State
	25%
	Durham 19%
Federal 50%	Orange 6%











## Funding update

- Changes in State law leave a \$57.6 million gap
- GoTriangle is working with its partners on ways to fill that gap
- Also working expeditiously to meet the April and November 2019 deadlines, which are consistent with our existing FFGA application dates

## Critical Agreements

- To remain eligible for FY19 FFGA, all critical commitments and agreements must be obtained by the end of 2018.
- GoTriangle will enter into additional agreements following FFGA application

### Critical Agreements by end of 2018

#### Universities

- Duke University
- NCCU
- UNC

#### Local government

- City of Durham
- Town of Chapel Hill

#### Railroad

- Norfolk Southern
- NCRR

#### Private utilities

- AT&T
- Duke Energy
- PSNC Energy

#### Federal

– Durham/VA Medical Center

### Pettigrew Street Challenges

- Any costs associated with engineering challenges must be contained within the budget, which is set.
- Coordination with Railroads includes FFGA critical agreements.
- Downtown Durham grade crossings present design/coordination challenges.

### Supp. Environmental Assessment

- GoTriangle is completing a supplemental environmental assessment of proposed engineering updates.
- The assessment is scheduled to be released for public comment this fall.
- GoTriangle will work with the FTA to ensure compliance and address impacts.

# **Economic Growth**

The light rail project doesn't just belong to Durham and Orange Counties. It shows incredible potential for short and long-term economic growth in the Triangle and across North Carolina. We need to access our networks to get the word out.

#### **Statewide Impact**

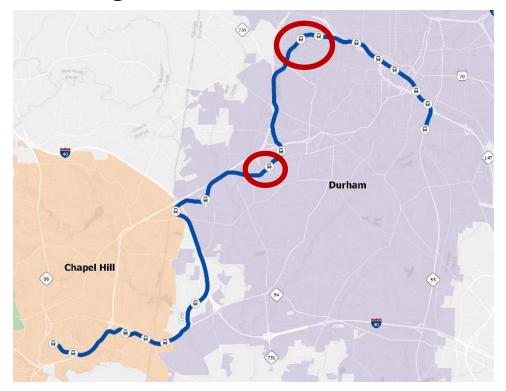
- How have major transit investments benefited Charlotte and Mecklenburg County?
- How will major transit investments benefit Wake County and even Johnston and Alamance Counties?
- How can transit investments statewide promote productivity, efficiency, and sustainable growth?

#### Value Chain Analysis

- Currently, there are 27 members of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) in North Carolina. These are major suppliers, designers, and manufacturers of transportation technology.
- These corporations include ABB in Cary, IMPulse in Mount Olive, Heico in Hickory, Saft America in Valdese, and Huesker in Shelby.
- According to NCDOT, there are over 600 material vendors in North Carolina involved in the transit manufacturing supply chain.

## Input on two design changes

- MLK Jr. Parkway station park-and-ride
- Erwin Road alignment



### MLK Jr. Blvd modifications

- Former vacant commercial development on site now active, increasing acquisition cost
- Reconfigured park-and-ride: Loss of 250 spaces
- Approximate savings: \$8-10 million vs baseline
- South Square Station park-and-ride lot being refined to add additional 350 spaces

#### D-O LRT Project Baseline Scope MLK Jr. Parkway Park-and-Ride









Google earth

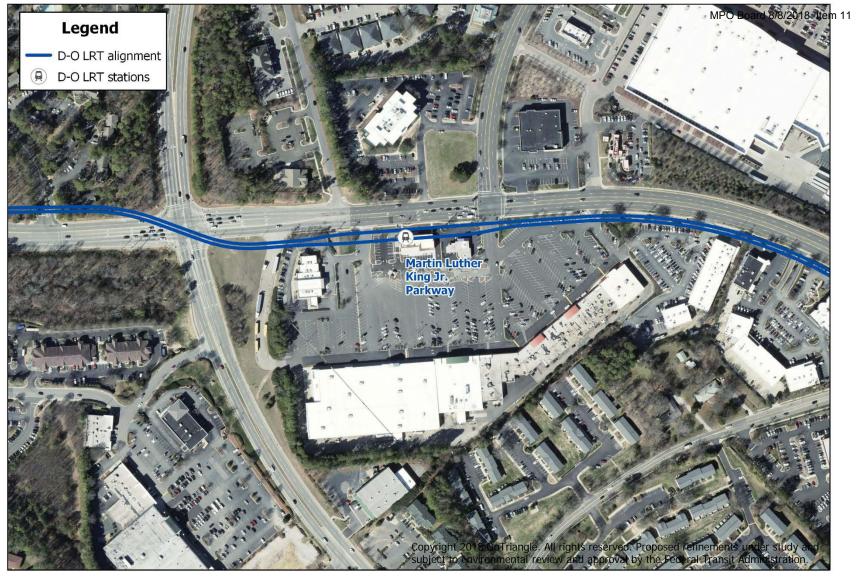
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Proposed Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway Station

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Durham-Orange LRT Corridor





D-O LRT Project with Proposed Refinements MLK Jr. Parkway Station



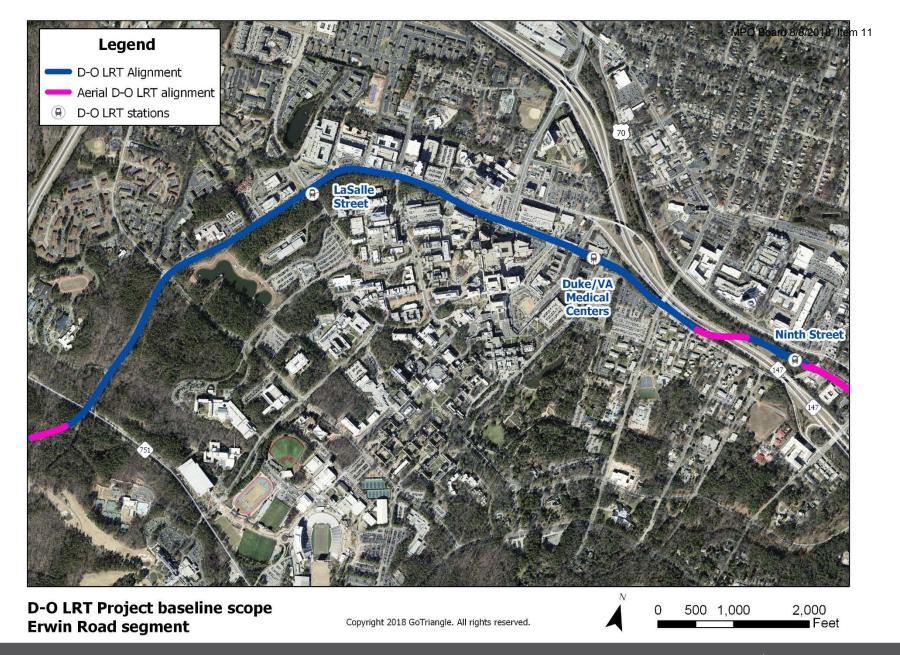


### Erwin Road challenges

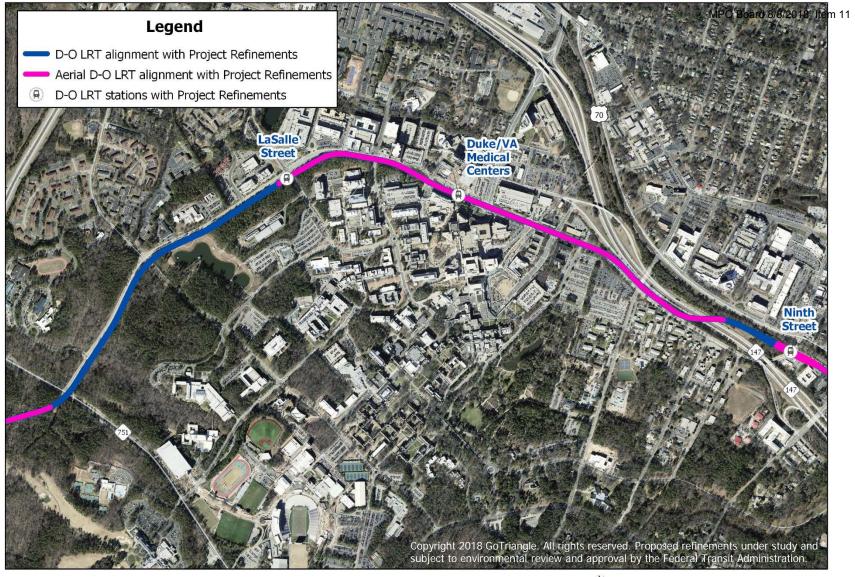
- Emergency access to medical centers
- Unique utilities beneath the road
- Impact of required road widening to Duke property
- Traffic impacts

### Erwin Road modifications

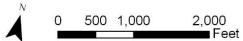
- Original alignment along median of Erwin Road, from Cameron Blvd (NC 751) to Anderson St
- Proposed modification
  - South of Erwin Road, at-grade from Cameron Blvd to LaSalle St
  - Transition to elevated and median-running, LaSalle Street to Anderson St
  - Duke/VA Medical Centers station relocated
- Approximate cost: \$90 million vs baseline







D-O LRT Project with Proposed Refinements Erwin Road segment





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#### DURHAM-ORANGE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT

ERWIN ROAD ALTERNATIVE DUKE CENTER FOR LIVING TYPICAL SECTION ERWIN ROAD PRELIMINARY DESIGN

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## Questions