

Legislation Text

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Material Change to the Durham County Transit Plan - New Regional Transit Center (15 minutes)

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The current Regional Transit Center (RTC), operated by GoTriangle, is located adjacent to the GoTriangle offices and is seen as deficient due to its lack of proximity to major highways such as I-40 and NC-147/I-885, site access and circulation changes, and constraints to making improvements to the existing site.

The FY20 Durham Transit Work Program identified funding for a feasibility study to identify the needs, required facilities, and potential locations for a new RTC. This study was completed in early 2021. GoTriangle has identified potential federal funding sources which will require a local match, and is seeking funds from the Durham County Transit Tax to supply 20 percent of the local match.

Because a new RTC was not identified in the 2017 Durham County Transit Plan, and the requested funding is above the \$500,000 threshold for bus services as specified in the Interlocal Implementation Agreement (ILA), this request constitutes a material change to the Plan. Material changes must be approved by all three parties to the ILA: the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, the Durham County Board of Commissioners, and the DCHC MPO Board.

The Durham County Board of Commissioners will consider this item at its May 10, 2021 meeting; staff will apprise the MPO Board of the Commissioners' actions at the MPO Board meeting. The GoTriangle Board of Trustees will consider this item as part of its budget approval on June 23, 2021.

SWG Action: Recommended that the Boards approve a material change to the 2017 Durham County Transit Plan to provide funding for the local match towards construction of a new Regional Transit Center and include this funding in the FY22 Durham Transit Work Program.

TC Action: Recommended that the Board approve a material change to the 2017 Durham County Transit Plan to provide funding for the local match towards construction of a new Regional Transit Center.

Board Action: Approve a material change to the 2017 Durham County Transit Plan to provide funding for the local match for a new Regional Transit Center.