



DURHAM COUNTY TRANSIT PROGRESS REPORT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



Durham County Transit Plan

In FY2021, Durham County continued working on an update to its county transit plan to identify new priorities for transit investments through the year

2040. The plan was being developed in coordination with GoTriangle, the City of Durham, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Triangle-J

Council of Governments. Updates to the plan will be completed in FY2022 and include extensive community engagement efforts.

Ongoing Programs in Durham County

In FY2021, GoDurham provided more than 5.6 million trips to employment, education, health care and recreational destinations, and GoDurham ACCESS provided more than 7,000 transit tax-funded trips.

In October 2020, GoDurham expanded the Fayetteville Road frequent service on Route 5 to the Streets at Southpoint mall,

increased service frequency at night and Sunday on Routes 1, 2 and 4 to every 30 minutes, added 30-minute service to Route 8 on Saturdays and provided systemwide improvements that increased on-time performance. Although ridership remained lower than normal due to the global health pandemic, the recovery was steady and reached about 65 percent of pre-pandemic levels by June 30, 2021.

GoTriangle, on behalf of GoDurham, completed 25 GoDurham bus stop improvements, including construction of the Glenn View Station bus stop, and advanced design for 50 additional GoDurham bus stop improvements.

Long-Range Goals

- Connect more residents with jobs and post-secondary or vocational educational opportunities.
- Expand bus capacity on corridors with high bus ridership.
- Provide better regional connections to other cities and the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

Accomplishments

Service Improvements

GoTriangle

- Improved transit service between Durham, Morrisville and Cary by expanding Route 310 to connect the Regional Transit Center with the Cary Depot all day Monday through Friday.

GoDurham

- Increased service to every 15 minutes on Route 5 between Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and the Streets at Southpoint mall.
- Increased service at night and on Sundays to every 30 minutes on Routes 1, 2 and 4.
- Increased service on Saturdays to every 30 minutes on Route 8.

Planning Projects

- Completed the feasibility study for improving or relocating the Regional Transit Center, identifying a strategy for relocating the facility to a new site that will improve transit speed and reliability, address passenger amenity and operational needs and provide new multimodal connections.
- Completed a feasibility study and conceptual design of improvements to the passenger experience at the Durham Station Transportation Center.
- Continued work on Phase II of the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study to further define the project concept, build consensus among stakeholders and engage the community.
- Began a Regional Fleet and Facilities Study to evaluate whether to expand or relocate maintenance facilities, to ascertain what charging facilities GoTriangle and GoDurham need for electric buses and to identify opportunities for more coordination among transit service providers.
- Initiated an update to the Durham County Transit Plan.

Note: Transit plan funds also are used to continue earlier improvements and to pay a portion of the increased cost of transit services provided by GoDurham that existed before the Durham County Transit Plan was implemented.

Bus Infrastructure

- Improved 25 GoDurham bus stops, including Glenn View Station.
- Implemented the City of Durham's first bus-only lane at the Streets of Southpoint.
- Initiated design of an additional 50 bus stop improvements to be constructed in FY2022.
- Advanced the design of bus stop improvements at McFarland Drive and Witherspoon Boulevard to serve the Patterson Place park-and-ride lot.
- Procured seven buses, including two electric buses, for GoTriangle and GoDurham.

Next Steps

Service Improvements

GoDurham

- Reinstate service temporarily suspended due to nationwide transit operator shortage.
- Improve on-time performance on key routes.

Planning Projects

- Finish updating the Durham County Transit Plan.
- Continue work on the Regional Fleet and Facilities Study.
- Initiate work on the Durham Bus Plan, including Short-Range Transit Plans for GoTriangle, GoDurham and GoDurham ACCESS.
- Continue planning work on the transit emphasis corridors, improvements to The Village shopping center bus stops, bus speed and reliability improvements and improvements to access as a part of the GoDurham Better Bus Stop Project.

Capital Projects

GoTriangle

- Continue designing and constructing bus stop improvements in Durham County.
- Begin design for priority transit safety and access improvements in Durham County.
- Begin preliminary engineering for the new Regional Transit Center as funding becomes available.

City of Durham

- Initiate design for the Fayetteville and Holloway Street Transit Emphasis Corridors.
- Initiate design and construction of road infrastructure projects to improve bus speed and reliability.
- Initiate design of transit improvements at bus stops at The Village shopping center in East Durham.





TOTAL REVENUE
\$41,466,945



VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX \$3
\$744,444



VEHICLE RENTAL TAX
\$986,327



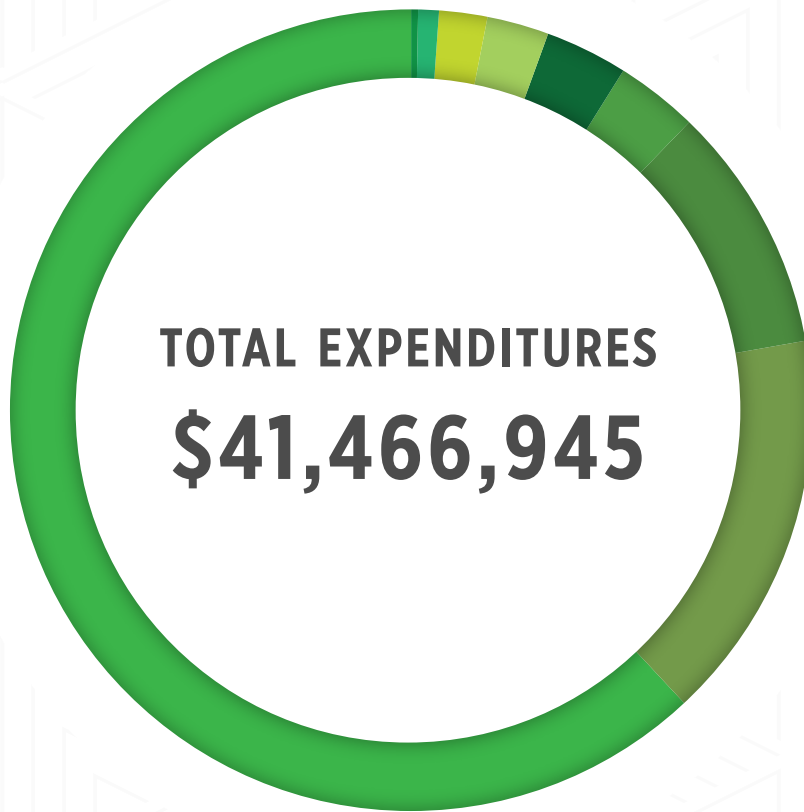
VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX \$7
\$1,737,085



OTHER REVENUE
\$3,932,422



HALF-CENT SALES TAX
\$34,066,667



TAX DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
\$138,560



LIGHT-RAIL CLOSEOUT
\$411,379



CAPITAL PLANNING
\$891,625



COMMUTER RAIL TRANSIT
\$1,008,195



TRANSIT PLAN ADMINISTRATION
\$1,322,605



VEHICLE ACQUISITION
\$1,408,833



BUS INFRASTRUCTURE
\$4,181,516



TRANSIT SERVICES
\$6,514,916



**ALLOCATION TO DURHAM
TRANSIT TAX FUND**
\$25,589,316