



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	June 12, 2023
Department:	Community Services
Agenda Section:	Consent
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Matt Efird, Assistant Town Manager

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Authorization to Enter into a Comprehensive Participation Agreement for Orange County Transit Funds

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Draft Comprehensive Participation Agreement
3. Background Presentation – Durham Orange Transit Plan Governance
4. DCHC MPO Staff Background Memo
5. Orange County Staff Working Group Bylaws
6. Orange County Transit Funding Financial Policies
7. Orange County Transit Work Program Amendment Policy

Summary:

In 2021, Durham and Orange counties obtained the services of Atkins consulting to prepare a series of governing documents relating to the implementation and administration of the new county transit plans. The discontinuation of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (DO LRT) project necessitated an update to the interlocal agreements between the counties, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization, and GoTriangle. Discussions among the stakeholders lead to an interest in developing a new governance framework to guide the implementation of future transit plans. Three documents have been prepared: 1) a new comprehensive interlocal agreement (ILA) for the three signatory authorities, which for the Orange County Transit Plan includes Orange County, GoTriangle and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO), 2) a policy and procedure document which codifies the processes that the staff working group has been following since 2017, and 3) a Comprehensive Participation Agreement. The Comprehensive Participation Agreement (CPA) serves as the master agreement that each jurisdiction would sign to receive transit funds. The CPA outlines certain basic responsibilities for the jurisdiction to complete the project for which funding was requested (service operations/capital project), and for GoTriangle to provide the earmarked funds in accordance to the approved budget and annual work program. The parties will conduct a review of the agreement at least every four years to consider any desired updates through the agreement through the amendment process, or more often as necessary. Agreements may be terminated with a year's notice. The Town of Hillsborough has been asked to enter into a CPA with the three signatory authorities: Orange County, GoTriangle and the DCHC MPO to continue receiving Orange County Transit funds.

Orange County has approved the Interlocal Agreement between the county, the MPO and GoTriangle. The Town of Carrboro has approved the Comprehensive Participation Agreement, and the Town of Chapel Hill is scheduled to consider the item at their next meeting.

Financial impacts:

N/A

Staff recommendation and comments:

This draft agreement is the result of many months of committee work, and the primary governing Interlocal Agreement has been approved by Orange County. Board approval is required in order to receive any Orange County Transit Tax funding for town projects. Staff recommends approval.

Action requested:

Approval of the attached resolution.