

January 24, 2018

Mayor Dick Sears, Chair
Mayor Harold Weinbrecht, Vice-Chair
CAMPO Executive Board

Dear Dick and Harold and Colleagues:

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) have a long history of mutual trust and cooperation in the coordination of regional transportation projects. Our close relationship has repeatedly benefited the entire Triangle region by enhancing mobility for everyone.

We are deeply grateful to you for acting today to advance our shared regional transit goals for the Triangle by reconsidering the submission of some of your future BRT projects in the current round of SPOT and voting to approve "Option C." Our understanding is that your decision today will not affect the full implementation of the Wake Transit Plan as scheduled through fiscal year 2027, and it will potentially reduce unnecessary risk to the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project as the process further unfolds.

As we expressed to you earlier this month, we appreciate that your important action today cannot be our only focus. In our effort to identify and analyze every opportunity to optimize the D-O LRT Project submission, we are committed to continuing our own detailed review and reconsideration of DCHC MPO project submissions as we assess the potential risks they may pose to the D-O LRT Project. We also remain committed to working with you at staff and policy levels in discussions with our NCDOT partners to help both our MPOs achieve our goals. In the spirit of strengthening our mutual trust and cooperation, these actions on our part will complement the CAMPO Executive Board's timely action today in our mutual efforts to maximize state and federal investments in the Triangle.

Thanks again for all you are doing to advance regional transit in the Triangle.

Sincerely,

Alderman Damon Seils
Chair, DCHC MPO Board

Commissioner Wendy Jacobs
Vice-Chair, DCHC MPO Board