



October 22, 2018

Mr. Jeff Mann
Chief Executive Officer
Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority
4600 Emperor Blvd, Suite 100
Durham, NC 27703

Subject: Capital Area MPO Project Sponsor Request for Commuter Rail Transit Corridor

Dear Mr. Mann,

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Executive Board has been designated as the appropriate authority for effectuating a project sponsor designation for the Wake Transit Plan's commuter rail transit (CRT) project corridor. At the October 17th regular meeting of the CAMPO Executive Board, the Board unanimously took action to request that GoTriangle serve as a project sponsor for any viable CRT projects with independent utility that may be delineated within the CRT corridor assessed through the Wake Transit Fixed Guideway Corridors Major Investment Study (MIS). This action was taken in response to a memo produced by the contracted consultants for the MIS (Nelson/Nygaard and VHB) that recommends that GoTriangle serve in this capacity based on several findings showing that the GoTriangle is best positioned among the available options to lead the implementation of the CRT project envisioned in the Wake Transit Plan.

It is understood by CAMPO that a project sponsor designation to GoTriangle entails that GoTriangle will lead the project's execution to ultimately bring the project to fruition, including:

- 1) Project Management Plan;
- 2) Project development and interfacing with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for any federal grants being pursued;
- 3) Final engineering;
- 4) Right-of-way acquisition;
- 5) Facility construction;
- 6) Procurement of equipment and vehicles; and
- 7) System integration and CRT service operation.

Should GoTriangle accept this request, it is also expected that GoTriangle will coordinate with regional partners and other impacted jurisdictions to make regionally informed project-level decisions throughout project implementation in accordance with all adopted Wake Transit Plan implementation policies. Further, it is also understood by CAMPO that a viable standalone CRT project corridor or preliminary locally preferred alternative with logical termini, independent utility, and regional mobility benefits will be identified before final project sponsor designation can be acted upon by the CAMPO Executive Board.

To continue to facilitate the ambitious schedule for this project, the CAMPO Executive Board is expecting to finalize the designation at its November 14th or January 16th regular meetings.

Please provide written correspondence to Bret Martin, CAMPO Wake Transit Program Manager, documenting GoTriangle's decision, including an anticipated schedule and project management plan outline that indicates your agency's plan to move from the current MIS to begin project development, at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Bret Martin at 919-996-4410 or bret.martin@campo-nc.us.

Sincerely,



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