



Durham Transit Plan

Technical Committee 5/24/2023 Item 6

Durham County Transit Plan Recommended Final Plan

May 2023



Adopting Agencies



Partnering Agencies



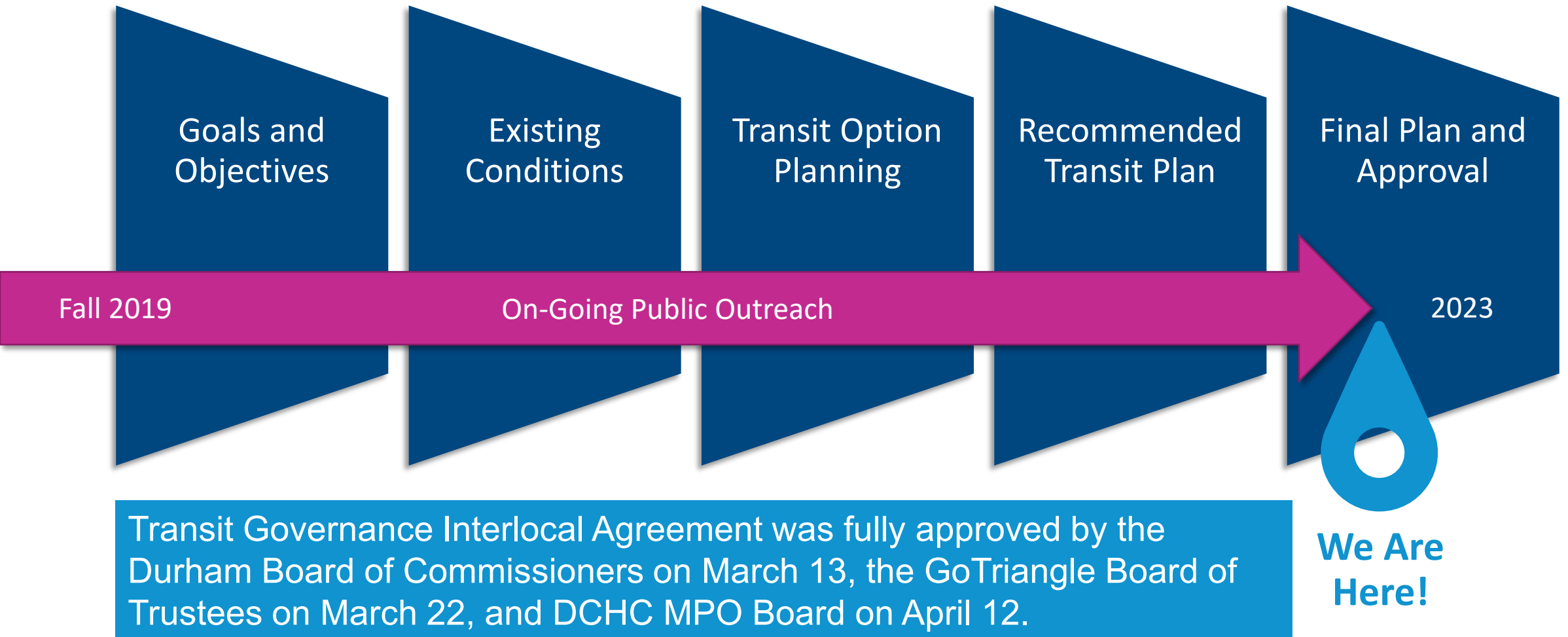
What is the Durham County Transit Plan?

The Durham County Transit Plan is an investment plan for the public transportation (transit) system in the County. The plan will decide how we invest, spend, expand, and prioritize our public transit system using sales tax and fee revenues raised in Durham County.

In 2011, Durham County voters approved a half-cent sales tax to fund public transit improvements in Durham. This Transit Plan update is required by State law to determine how to use the transit sales tax funds for transit expansion over the next 20 years, through 2040. This plan does not include all transit or transportation revenues in Durham.



The Durham County Transit Plan Process



Recommended Final Durham County Transit Plan



Recommended Transit Plan – Key Themes

Improve the Current System	More Projects Sooner	Connect the Region with Quick and Reliable Service	Better Experience at Stops and Stations
More 15-minute bus service	Bus stop improvements	Next steps for regional service connecting Durham to the Triangle	Bus stop improvements
Evening/weekend service	GoDurham and GoTriangle Paratransit (ACCESS) study and improvements	Better on-time performance of buses	Safer access to bus stops
More crosstown routes	GoDurham Connect (Microtransit) zones	Transit signal priority for buses	Improve Transit Centers

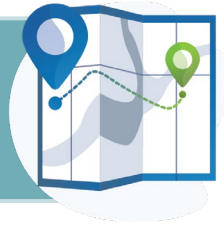
Recommended Transit Plan

Enhance and Extend Bus Service



Improves all GoDurham routes to come every 30 minutes or sooner (some routes coming every 15 minutes), extends service to run later at night during the week and weekends, and certain GoTriangle routes come more often and run later at night.

Quick and Reliable Regional Connections



Includes Durham County's financial contribution to build and begin running regional, fast, and reliable service improvements.

Bus Stop Improvements & Transit Centers



Enhances existing bus stops and transit centers with accessible landing pads at all stops, and benches, shelters, signage, lighting, and sidewalks at certain bus stops.

More Routes Going More Places



Adds new crosstown routes to go more places, sponsors vanpools, and adds GoDurham Connect (microtransit) zones.

Faster, More Reliable Bus Service



Includes projects to help buses stay on schedule such, as traffic signal improvements, bus-only lanes, and a study for potential bus rapid transit (BRT).

Paratransit Improvements

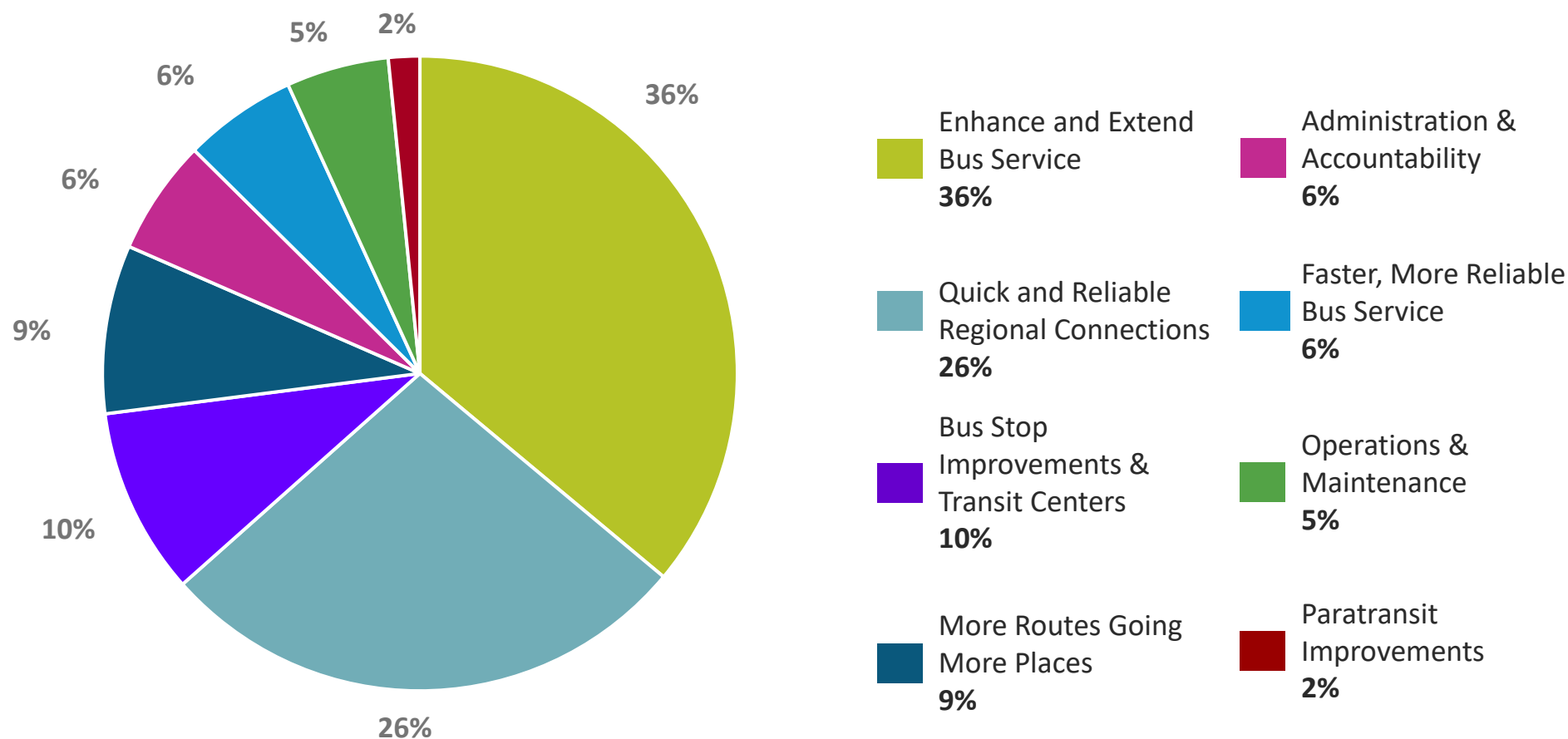


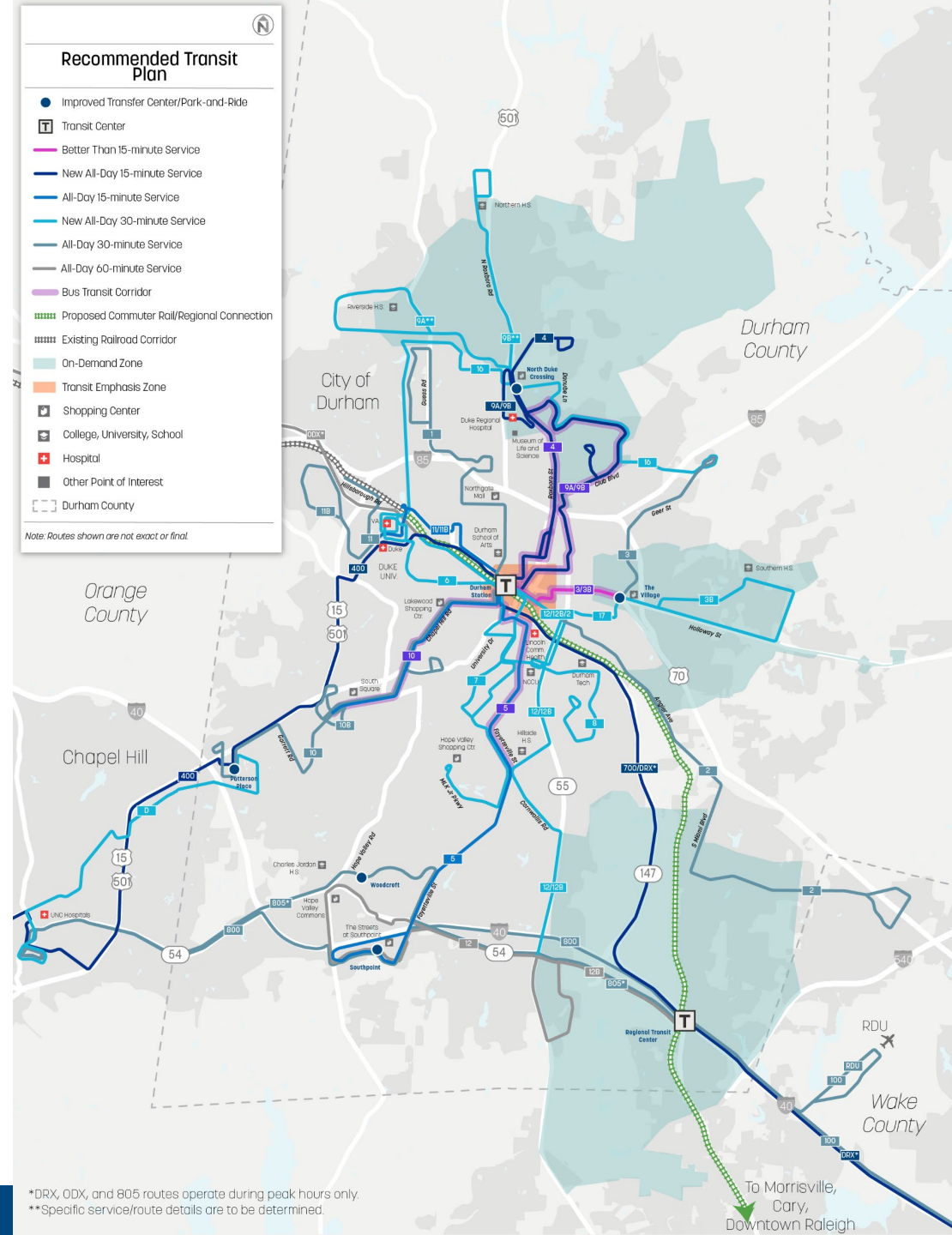
Includes GoTriangle and GoDurham paratransit (ACCESS) service improvement study, further improvements/expansion, and food access for seniors shuttle.

What is Included in the Recommended Transit Plan


Projects were grouped into buckets based on the public priorities from the first and second phases of outreach.

The following slides show—in more detail—what is included in each bucket.





Edits and Additions to the Final Recommended Plan

- Changed “Commuter Rail” to “Quick and Reliable Regional Transportation Connections” throughout the document. The Financial Model was not changed and reflects the previous assumed cost of Commuter Rail.
 - Added pursuing FRA/NCDOT funding for incremental intercity passenger or freight rail improvements as a potential strategy for Commuter Rail.
 - Added to the description of Bus Rapid Transit in the Unfunded Projects section including an example project.
 - Added a description of how to fund Electric Buses and Fare Free Transit through Transit Plan, federal, local, and/or other funding sources.
 - Enhanced the Implementation and Performance Metrics section.
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Quick and Reliable Regional Transportation Connections

- Commuter Rail Decision
 - Governance ILA: Durham Board of Commissioners must approve any cost-share agreement and any appropriation of Durham County Transit Plan revenues in the work program for the next steps for the project.
 - Capital Area MPO and GoTriangle Board of Trustees would also need to approve the next steps and funding agreements.
 - Joint MPO Subcommittee meetings and BOCC discussions and updates
 - Decision expected summer 2023
- Bus Rapid Transit
 - FY24 Work Program funds study led by DCHC MPO
 - Recommendations would be added to the next Durham County Transit Plan update and any appropriation of funding would occur through the work program.

What is Next

- Public hearing at Durham County Board of Commissioners – May 8
- Adopt the Durham County Transit Plan
 - May 22: Durham County Board of Commissioners
 - May 24: GoTriangle Board of Trustees
 - June 12: DCHC MPO Board
- Approval of the FY 24 Annual Work Program
 - June 12: Durham County Board of Commissioners
 - June 28: GoTriangle Board of Trustees
- Adopt Comprehensive Participation Agreement and Policies and Procedures Manual to support the Transit Governance Interlocal Agreement – May/June

Questions?