Durham-Orange Light Rail
Town of Chapel Hill
Summary of Comments

- Future extension of the light rail line to the west.
  - The Town supports the concept of a future extension of the rail line to the west and requests GoTriangle ensure that the design of the UNC Hospital Station allows for the future extension.
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the light rail corridor.
  - The Town requests that GoTriangle incorporate bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the light rail corridor and at proposed stations. Appropriate bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure should be provided to provide safe access to stations. Anticipated bicycle parking at each of the stations should be reviewed as part of the station area planning process. Consideration should be given to participating in a bike share program at light rail stations.
- Station area plans
  - With the receipt of the Federal Transit Administration grant to support station area planning GoTriangle should initiate the planning process in collaboration with staff from Chapel Hill and Durham. The station area planning process should also coordinate with the University of North Carolina and the ongoing development of campus master plans.
- Station area access and circulation
  - The traffic impact analysis along NC54 should be revised to assess the impacts of the light rail implementation using existing access and intersection configurations. The traffic analysis already completed as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement assumed implementation of super street configuration along NC54. Provision of a bus drop off area at the proposed Smith Center Station along Mason Farm Road should be provided.
- Provision of park and ride
  - Assumptions about park ride demand at individual station areas should be reviewed as part of the station area planning process. The proposed number and orientation of park ride spaces and their location at the Gateway Station should be reviewed. Consideration should also be given to providing a parking structure at the Gateway Station.