

Durham Chapel-Hill Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization

Member Organizations: Town of Carrboro, Town of Chapel Hill, Chatham County, City of Durham, Durham County, Town of Hillsborough, NC Department of Transportation, Orange County, GoTriangle

Date: September 11, 2019
To: DCHC MPO Board
From: Aaron Cain, LPA Staff

Re: Maintenance of Roundabouts in Unincorporated Areas

At its December 2018 and April 2019 meetings, the MPO Board directed staff to report on current NCDOT policy regarding the maintenance and lighting of roundabouts in non-municipal areas. A memo was distributed to the Board in April 2019 providing information on NCDOT policies regarding landscaping and lighting. Board members then asked LPA staff to address three roundabouts of concern that completely or in part lie outside of a municipal jurisdiction (all are within Durham County):

- NC 751 (Cameron Boulevard) and Erwin Road
- Old Chapel Hill/Durham Road and Mount Moriah Road
- Old Chapel Hill/Durham Road and Pope Road

LPA staff met with City of Durham General Services staff, and in May 2019 the City of Durham agreed to include the first two roundabouts listed above in their routine bi-weekly maintenance schedule. This includes mowing, mulching, and a quarterly spraying for weeds when necessary. These roundabouts can be accommodated within the City's existing service plans and contracts.

However, the City will not be able to accommodate the Old Chapel Hill/Durham Road-Pope Road roundabout. While this roundabout is in Durham County's jurisdiction, Durham County General Services does not perform any street maintenance duties, and is not staffed to do so. This roundabout is outside the town limits of Chapel Hill, so is not currently serviced by the Town.

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