

**Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit**  
**Durham, North Carolina**  
**Project Development**  
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Triangle Transit proposes to implement a 17.1-mile light rail transit (LRT) line in the corridor that extends from North Carolina Central University in the City of Durham on the east end of the corridor to the University of North Carolina Hospital in the Town of Chapel Hill on the west end of the corridor. The proposed project includes 17 stations, 3,900 parking spaces, a maintenance facility and the purchase of 12 LRT vehicles. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$1.8 billion. Triangle Transit expects to seek \$910.3 million from the New Starts program.

Both ends of the corridor have central business districts, large medical facilities, and universities that serve as major employment centers for the region. Major trip generators in the corridor include: University of North Carolina; North Carolina Central University; Duke University; Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Durham Amtrak Station; Durham Performing Arts Center; Durham Station; and downtown Durham. Bus service in the corridor today is slow due to traffic congestion. Triangle Transit believes that the project would provide an alternative to congested roadways.

In February 2012, the Durham-Orange LRT project was adopted by the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC-MPO) as the locally preferred alternative (LPA) for further study under NEPA. The LPA was subsequently included in the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), adopted by DCHC in April 2013. Triangle Transit expects to complete the environmental review process with receipt of a Record of Decision in February 2016, gain entry into the Engineering phase in 2016, receive a Full Funding Grant Agreement in 2019, and start revenue service in 2026.