

GoTriangle
Planning & Legislative Committee
September 27, 2017 2:30 pm-3:45 pm

I. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt agenda.
(1 minute Will Allen III)

II. Approval of Minutes - August 23, 2017

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve minutes.
(1 minute Michelle Dawson)

III. Guidelines for Transit Citizen Advisory Committee

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the Board approve the Operating and Protocols Guidelines for Transit Citizen Advisory Committee, application and to move forward with the formation of the GoTriangle Transit Citizen Advisory Committee.
(20 minutes Shelley Blake)

IV. Update on Wake MIS

(10 minutes Patrick McDonough)

V. Adjournment

(Will Allen III)

GoTriangle Board of Trustees
Planning & Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2017
Board Room, The Plaza, 4600 Emperor Blvd., Suite 100
Durham, NC

Committee Members Present:

Will Allen III, Committee Chair
Mary-Ann Baldwin

Wendy Jacobs
Jennifer Robinson

Committee Members Absent:

Vivian Jones (excused)

Other Board Members Present:

Ellen Reckhow (left 3:03 pm)

Committee Chair Will Allen III called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Action: On motion by Robinson and second by Baldwin the agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Action: On motion by Robinson and second by Baldwin the minutes of the July 26, 2017, meeting were approved. The motion was carried unanimously.

III. Sustainability Standards for the D-O LRT Project

Juanita Shearer-Swink's presentation is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Shearer-Swink reminded the Committee that the Record of Decision (ROD) included a commitment by GoTriangle to look more closely at low impact development options during the engineering phase. She said the D-O LRT project team has developed sustainability goals for the project consistent with agency goals. Shearer-Swink added that operational costs can be reduced by using more sustainable design, development and construction processes and GoTriangle would emerge as an environmental leader. She proposed a third party certification process to measure and rate the sustainable decisions in the project.

Shearer-Swink shared the list of firms providing certification that were considered. She stated that staff is recommending Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Building Design and Construction (LEED BD+C) for the Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility (ROMF). She gave examples of local projects that have

achieved LEED certification. The initial cost for LEED is \$7,000-\$8,000, with additional costs throughout the project. She said this has been included in the project budget.

Shearer-Swink then discussed the recommendation for using Envision for other project elements. She stated that most transit agencies today are using Envision because it looks at the entire project, not specific sites, and reduces risks by helping anticipate and avoid or prepare for certain expenditures. She estimated a cost of \$80,000.

Reckhow noted that the Minneapolis green line project appears to have not been certified but incorporated many sustainable practices. She asked about expertise from our consultants who have worked on projects that might allow GoTriangle to do similarly. Shearer-Swink said there could be some expertise; however, this process demonstrates accountability and allows our system’s performance to be measured against that of other systems and major infrastructure investments. She added that staff would be holding a workshop to look in more detail at the third party certification process as it relates specifically to the D-O LRT project.

Reckhow left.

W. Jacobs commented that this certification process could help citizens with concerns feel more secure with the project.

Action: On motion by Baldwin and second by Robinson the Committee voted to recommend adoption of Third-Party Sustainable Rating Systems for the D-O LRT Project including Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Building Design and Construction (LEED BD+C) for the Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility (ROMF) and Envision Version 2 for the alignment, stations, park and ride facilities and other project elements. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

Action: Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Will Allen III, Committee Chair

Attest:

Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

MEMORANDUM

TO: GoTriangle Board of Trustees
FROM: Shelley Blake, General Counsel
DATE: September 18, 2017
SUBJECT: Guidelines for Transit Citizen Advisory Committee

Strategic Objective or Initiative Supported

State the *objective* or *initiative* from the Strategic Plan related to this item (listed on the following pages).

Action Requested

Staff requests that the Committee recommend that the Board approve the Operating and Protocols Guidelines for Transit Citizen Advisory Committee and application to move forward with the formation of the GoTriangle Transit Citizen Advisory Committee.

Background and Purpose

The GoTriangle Board approved the creation of a Transit Citizen Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to advise the GoTriangle Board of Trustees on current and emerging issues associated with planning and providing a high quality transit network that services the needs of our entire community. The next step in establishing this Committee is to approve guidelines and an application process.

Financial Impact

A staff member will help coordinate meetings and communications. (Unsure of any additional expenses at this time.)

Attachments

- Operating and Protocols Guidelines (to be distributed at meeting)

Staff Contact(s)

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