Inspiring people to take a bus, carpool, bike or walk instead of traveling alone in a car.

What is GoTriangle?
Half-Cent Sales Tax Increase

In 2011 and 2012, voters in Durham and Orange counties approved a half-cent sales tax to fund major transit investments. A portion of vehicle registration fees and a vehicle rental tax also provide funding for transit.

Half-Cent Sales Tax was approved by popular referendum in both counties.
The two communities are growing farther apart each year.
Connecting To Opportunity

The Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project creates access to jobs, healthcare, education, and affordable housing.

Jobs
- Stations near North Carolina’s top employers
- New professional and technical jobs
- Opportunities for Transit-Oriented Development

Healthcare
- Stations near UNC Hospitals, Duke Health, and VA Medical Center
- Connecting residents, visitors, and hospital employees to healthcare facilities

Education
- Stations near UNC Chapel Hill, Duke University, NC Central University
- Connecting citizens with education opportunities
- Connecting students to libraries, jobs, other resources

Affordable Housing
- Light rail corridor has more than 2.5x the affordable housing of the surrounding area
- Nearly all Durham Housing Authority properties are within one-half mile of a light rail station

Access to jobs, healthcare, education, and housing will help address our communities’ most pressing issues.
Mix of existing high-density destinations, older suburban-style development, and greenfields.
Residents who can access by transit in 45 minutes: 25,000
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- 101,000

Gateway Station
Future transit network with LRT

Increase 4x
Gateway Station/Patterson Place Opportunity

TOD Pilot Planning Grant: TOD sketchbook developed with local government partners
Gateway / Patterson Place (including Eastowne)

Sketchbook Buildout Scenarios

- 5.3 million SF Office
- 4.6 million SF Residential (approx. 4,000 units)
- 520,000 SF Hotel
- 460,000 SF Retail

In years 2018 - 2057

- Potential additional new property value: $500 Million
- Potential additional new accumulated tax revenue: $210M

Municipalities planning together, 10 years out, to update ordinances to support targeted development outcomes.
A Holistic Transit Plan

The transit plans in Durham, Orange, and Wake counties are interconnected. In their entirety, the transit plans will bring faster, more convenient transit in all three counties. When the Light Rail project is operational, it will benefit all three counties.

Bus Service

- Increased hours and resources focused across service areas that promote efficiency and productivity
- Provide relief to existing bus routes
- Bus Rapid Transit in Wake and Orange Counties
- Regional Express Bus

Commuter Rail

- 37 miles of commuter rail service will run between Garner, downtown Raleigh, N.C. State University, Cary, Morrisville, RTP and Durham;
- Up to eight trips will run in each direction during peak hours;
- One to two trips will run each way during midday and evening hours
- Will use the bus network to connect riders with key destinations like RDU Airport.

Together, these transit projects form a regional vision for connectivity, productivity, and efficiency.
Light Rail will connect residents and visitors to Regional Express Bus and Commuter Rail transit services.
Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project Timeline

**FFGA Target Date:** September 2019

**Project Development**
- 2014 - 2016
  - Evaluated alternatives
  - Identified preferred alternative
  - Completed the EIS
  - Began preliminary engineering

**Final Design & Engineering**
- 2017 - 2020
  - Complete final design and engineering
  - Finalize state and local funding commitments
  - Apply for FTA Full Funding Grant Agreement

**Construction**
- 2020 - 2028
  - Receive Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA)
  - Complete property negotiations and acquisitions
  - Begin construction
  - Order vehicles and equipment
  - Begin testing vehicles

**Light Rail Service Begins!**
- 2028
Project Progress

In July 2017, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved the project for entry into the Engineering phase. This is a positive development for our project with many implications for Triangle residents.

In February 2018, the FTA acknowledged GoTriangle’s request for funding for the upcoming federal Fiscal Year, putting the project on track for a federal grant agreement in September 2019.

Critical Third Parties

- Two Railroads
- VA Medical Center
- Three Universities
- Two Municipalities
- Three Major Utilities
- State DOT

12 Critical Agreements for FFGA
Light Rail Funding Sources - Original Plan

Federal 50%  Durham 19%  Orange 6%

State 25%

Original Plans Assumed
50/25/25 Federal/State/Local
Capital Budget is set at $2.476 billion.
In the state Appropriations Act of 2018, the legislature introduced new language amending the state transportation funding law that would make it impossible for a light rail project to count state funding as part of its financial plan for FFGA.

SECTION 34.7.(a) G.S. 136-189.11 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(d1) Additional Requirement for High-Cost Projects. – A light rail project is ineligible for scoring, prioritization, and State funding until a written agreement is provided to the Department establishing that all non-State funding necessary to construct the project has been secured."