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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF SECTION 106 ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
RE: ER 12-0378, Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project, Durham and Orange Counties, North Carolina**

Dear Section 106 Consulting Party:

The North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (NC SHPO) has concluded their 30-day review of the Section 106 Effects Report for Historic Properties. The NC SHPO reviewed the assessment of effects on historic properties in the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed D-O LRT (undertaking) and concurs with Triangle Transit (Go Triangle) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) determination of effects.

FTA and GoTriangle determined that the project will have “No Effect” on thirteen properties and “No Adverse Effect” on twelve properties out of the 25 National Register or National Register eligible properties located within the APE. This determination was made in consultation with the NC SHPO and other consulting parties. The NC SHPO agreed with these findings.

FTA made a preliminary determination that the NEPA Preferred Alternative would have No Effect on 13 of the 25 architectural properties located within the Architectural APE, as compared to the No Build. It would have No Adverse Effect upon the other 12 properties.

While no mitigation is required, as discussed during the August 14, 2015 consultation meeting, Triangle Transit is committed to providing a landscape visual buffer for the following historic resources, due to their non-urban settings: the Rocky Ridge Farm Historic District (HD), the Highland Woods HD, the Walter Curtis Hudson Farm, and the Ruth-Sizemore Store (See also Table 4.5-1) of the Draft Effects Report). This visual buffer would provide a blooming of at least two seasons of each year. Triangle Transit will consult with property owners, historic district representatives, and the SHPO on the appearance of this buffer.

Any person or group wishing to submit comments regarding the No Adverse Effect determination to these historic properties may do so in writing. **The public comment period for the review of the Section 106 Assessment of Effects for Historic Properties Report will extend from September 11, 2015 to October 13, 2015.** Comments may be mailed or emailed. Emailed comments should be marked “SECTION 106” in the subject line and directed to

info@ourtransitfuture.com. Mailed comments should be mailed to SECTION 106/D-O LRT Project c/o Triangle Transit, P.O. Box 530, Morrisville, NC 27560. Letters must be postmarked no later than October 13, 2015.

The Section 106 Assessment of Effects for Historic Properties Report will be available for public inspection and copying at GoTriangle's Administrative Offices located at 4600 Emperor Blvd., Durham, NC 27703 or online at <http://ourtransitfuture.com/section106/>

Please let me know if you have any questions about this concurrence or requests for additional information during your review.

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