

# D-O Light Rail Transit Project

Sandy Ogburn [REDACTED]

Sent: 9/29/2015 5:06 PM

To: info@ourtransitfuture.com

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a long-term resident of Durham County I write to voice my wholehearted support of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project and to urge you to move forward with the implementation of the NEPA Preferred Alternative included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This Preferred Alternative was determined after many years of study of multiple proposals and proved that it best meets the needs of the citizens of this region. It is time for us to move forward and make a reality of reliable, fast transit service for Durham and Orange Counties. Our communities have been talking about and planning transit oriented development for years, now we need the light rail transit system to complete our vision.

Over the last thirty years, the length of time that we have been talking about and planning a robust transit system for our communities, both Durham and Orange Counties have grown tremendously. Projections are that we will continue that incredible rate of growth over the next thirty years. I believe that the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project, a modern long-term transportation solution, will help us meet the opportunities, and challenges, of this future growth. One that helps we citizens move about safely and efficiently to where we want and need to go and which will contribute to cleaner air, afford all of us transportation choices and help us be less dependent on our cars. It also gives all of our citizens much broader access to education choices, job training, employment opportunities and vital services.

Durham and Orange Counties place a high value on transit and the positive economic opportunities it fosters. That is why the citizens of each county overwhelmingly supported the referenda approving a ½ cent sales tax for transit. Our area's highly rated quality of life, our reputation for innovation and entrepreneurship and our cultural and natural resources will continue to entice more people to relocate here. The Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit will help us maintain that quality of life and protect our natural resources.

I have participated in countless numbers of public meetings over the past twenty-five years regarding a regional fixed guideway transit system. Many, many options have been explored. I know of no other project in this region that has been talked about, studied more nor provided so many opportunities for public input. Studying is a good thing but there comes a time when choices and decisions have to be made. That time is now. I write to support the NEPA Preferred Alternative presented in the DEIS so that Durham and Orange Counties can make our dreams a reality.

Sincerely,

Sandy

Sandy Ogburn  
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4 MS. SANDY OGBURN: My name is  
5 Sandy Ogburn. I live at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. I am here to speak in  
7 support of building the light rail transit  
8 system. We have been planning a system --  
9 a regional system for 25 years. Light  
10 rail has not been a part of that for that  
11 entire time.

12 If we stop this process now and  
13 start over again, we will be another 20  
14 years in the planning, and we simply don't  
15 have that time. Our region cannot sustain  
16 itself, nor can it continue to grow if we  
17 don't do this now. And I have submitted a  
18 written statement, as well. Thank you.

19 MR. JOYNER: Thank you. Is there  
20 anyone else that has signed up to speak?  
21 Okay. Well, while we are waiting, I will  
22 take a moment to just go over some of the  
23 -- for anybody who joined us recently and  
24 was not able to hear the very beginning, I

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Letter Submitted in Support of the O-DLRT  
NEPA Preferred Alternative  
DEIS Public Hearing, Durham, NC  
October 1, 2015

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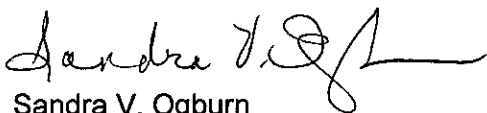
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## Official Public Comment

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Please! I am in favor of light rail between Durham and Chapel Hill.

Please Turn Over →

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# Route C2A

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**Sent:** 9/28/2015 12:39 PM

**To:** info@ourtransitfuture.com

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I am supporting your choice of the C2A route for the transit line. It is the least invasive to environmental situations and promises to have the best ridership potential. Thank you for your very through leadership in this important matter for our community. I have been a resident of Chapel Hill for over 50 years.

Sara Louise Oldenburg

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# My 2 cents

Sherri Ontjes [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 10/4/2015 12:24 PM

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Thank you for pursuing this in such an organized manner. Of course!! we should have lightrail. It is wonderful in Portland where I have family. Good luck with al of the meetings and the push backs. Best wishes, Sherri Ontjes, Carrboro

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