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Chapel Hill Transit

NORTH
SOUTH
BUS RAPID TRANSIT
Agenda

- Project Background & Schedule
- Current Status and Next Steps
- Funding
- Questions
Project Origination

Expands on previous regional and local planning

- Continues key theme identified in the Chapel Hill 2020 Comprehensive Plan - “Getting Around” and Small Area Plans such as Central West

- An opportunity to build on prior investments to improve connectivity within a critical transportation corridor, including regional connections, support planned land uses and contribute to regional equity, sustainability, and quality of life
Context and Vision

Prepares the Town to meet mobility demand as the region continues to grow:

- Current system operates close to maximum capacity
- Proposed system provides a long-term, scalable solution available to residents and visitors of the community
- Connects to regional transit options
- Supports current and planned development in the corridor with a multi-modal system that serves cyclists, pedestrians and other
Federal Project Implementation Plan

- 30% Design – finalize running ways and traffic analysis
- Station placement and conceptual design
- Develop design criteria and concepts for hardscapes/softscapes

- Create development plan and economic impact analysis
- Final design and station placement
- Finalize operating plans
Technical and Policy Committees
Public Engagement

- Media / Social Media / MetroQuest / Website Update
- Key Stakeholder / Neighborhood / Local Business / University Outreach
- Conducted a TOD and market study with focus group input sessions
Current Status and Next Steps
Council Selected LPA

- Mixed traffic on Eubanks Road
- Construction of a dedicated curb running BRT guideway between Eubanks Road and Estes Road, or conversion of a current lane for the BRT guideway
- Either construction of and/or conversion of a dedicated curb running BRT guideway between Estes Road and North Street
- Recommend a multi-use path for active transportation users
- Recommend intersection improvements to benefit all users
Next Steps

- Complete traffic analysis to determine construct vs. convert dedicated curb running along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd between Eubanks Road and North Street.
- Continue towards 30% design
- Complete Environmental Study
- Obtain further funding
NSBRT is part of the Federal Small Starts Program

- Current financial plan assumes $100M of project funding to come through Federal Sources, $41M from non-federal sources
  
  - Currently we have $14.1M of non-federal funds committed through the Orange County Transit Plan
  
  - Project will be submitted for $35M in State funding in as part of the SPOT process.
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