GoTriangle – Durham Orange Light Rail



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Comments:
We object to the planned Durham/Chapel Hill Light Rail project on the grounds that it is inappropriate for the proposed location. For a light rail project, Durham/Chapel Hill pose a worst case scenario. The area has a far smaller population than comparable projects (about 330,000 persons). The proposed rail does not run through or connect major population centers. Instead, it connects UNC hospitals (but not Chapel Hill or UNC's main campus) with Durham and Duke University. Because the entire area is built up, rail construction is unusally expensive (GoTriangle projects \$2.45b for an 18 mile track or \$136m per mile). A useful comparison is Phoenix, AZ. Construction costs were less than half of GoTriangle's projection (\$65m per mile). The rail line runs through an area with more than 10 times the population of Durham and Chapel Hill. It connects two major population centers (Tempe and ASU with Phoenix). There is enough space to build the rail away from residential areas. It makes sense to build rail in a location like Phoenix, but not in a location like Durham/Chapel Hill where it connects to mid-size towns, but excludes the major population center (Raleigh).
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