

Z1400030 – SW Durham at 15-501**Current Bus Operations**

Following are comments related to the current bus operations adjacent to the subject site:

- Please provide bus pullout and shelter on SW Durham Dr.
- Please provide crosswalk at Witherspoon and SW Durham Dr intersection for pedestrians crossing from Patterson Place to a bus stop on SW Durham Dr.

Proposed Durham-Orange (D-O) LRT Project

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is currently under development by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with support from Triangle Transit. The Draft EIS is expected to be completed in late spring 2015. It will include a full description of the affected human and natural environments of the alternatives considered and an analysis of the impacts of each alternative. Once the DEIS is published, the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on that document and the proposed NEPA Preferred Alternative.

All plans for the D-O LRT Project are conceptual and subject to change.

Following is a general description of the D-O LRT Project elements which interface with the subject site.

- Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility (ROMF)
 - The subject site is one of five locations being studied for the ROMF for the D-O LRT Project. Through the EIS process currently underway, one site will be selected. Refer to the attached map for the locations of the five alternative ROMF sites.
 - Refer to D-O LRT Basis for Engineering Design (BFED) sheet DO-4 for a preliminary layout of the subject ROMF site.
 - An analysis of the five sites and a preliminary recommendation for the preferred site will be released for public comment as part of the Draft EIS for the project, expected in May 2015. This recommendation is subject to change.
 - A final site selection will be made as part of the Record of Decision for the project, expected in February 2016.
- Proximity to nearby LRT Rail Stations
 - The subject site is approximately 0.3 miles from the closest alternative location for the proposed Patterson Place LRT Station
- Alignment Alternative: New Hope Creek (NHC) –Locally Preferred Alternative(LPA)
 - The NHC-LPA alternative alignment crosses Southwest Durham Drive south/east of Hopedale Avenue.
 - The alignment is not within the subject parcels.
- Alignment Alternatives: NHC-1 and NHC-2

- The NHC-1 and NHC-2 alternatives run along the same alignment in the vicinity of the subject parcels.
- The alignment crosses Southwest Durham Drive north/west of Sayward Drive.
- The alignment, which is within “Parcel C” shown on the Applicant’s sheet DP-1 runs along the eastern portion of the parcel.
- The alignment does not appear to be within the rezoning boundary shown on the Applicant’s sheet DP-1. Refer to D-O LRT BFED sheets D1-06 and D1-07 for detail on the track alignment plans for the NHC-1 and NHC-2 alternatives in this area. Please note that BFED drawings are preliminary and subject to change.

Triangle Transit appreciates the opportunity to comment on the plans. Please contact us for any additional information.