

# Duke University

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

November 21, 2016

Mr. Jeff Mann  
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Dear Mr. Mann:

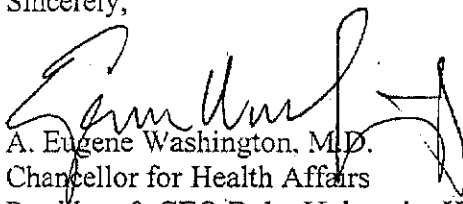
In follow up to the GoTriangle conversation of November 1, 2016 with Dr. Fulkerson, Tallman Trask, Dr. Brown, Mayor Bell and Gene Conti regarding the Durham Orange Light Rail proposal, we wanted to let you know that we have discussed the entire project with our leadership team.


As stated in a letter to David King on December 16, 2010, Duke University and Duke University Health System encourages and supports efforts to provide public transit for the benefit of the region and our campus population. However, despite countless meetings, the original proposal remains essentially unchanged and does not address our concerns regarding access and safety along Erwin Road. In addition, recent efforts to bridge the financial gap through value engineering will further exacerbate the issues of access for ambulances to the busiest hospital and emergency department in the region.

While we welcome continued dialogue regarding the development of an efficient and cost effective public transportation system, we cannot support the proposed Durham Orange Light Rail as it is currently proposed.

We look forward to discussing alternative transit opportunities with Go Triangle and how to better serve our community.

Sincerely,

  
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Mayor William V. Bell