

Disposition of Property by Easement – NCCU

ISSUE OVERVIEW

UNC System institutions are required to request authority from the Board of Governors to proceed with certain acquisitions and dispositions of real property. The Board of Trustees of North Carolina Central University has requested authorization to dispose of property by easement.

GoTriangle, the Research Triangle's regional transit authority, has requested that NCCU donate rights-of-way on the NCCU campus to allow for the development of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit System. The contemplated easements would be approximately 65 feet in width, which is sufficient to accommodate widening the street/sidewalk to fit the tracks in the median. Total acreage to be donated is projected at approximately .92 acres along the western side of Alston Avenue between Chidley North residence hall and Dupree Street. The final path of the track, as well as the terms of the easements, will be determined in consultation between NCCU and GoTriangle.

All donated easements are reversionary and will be returned to the university in the event that the Durham-Orange Light Rail is not constructed as currently planned. A specific expiration date will be negotiated and incorporated into the final easement agreement. GoTriangle has requested approval of easements for both NCCU and UNC-Chapel Hill, which will provide an opportunity to address both in a single request for approval to the NC Council of State.

The NCCU Board of Trustees voted to approve these easements at its June 27, 2018 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve this request. Following Board approval, final action by the NC Council of State will be required.