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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Bryan Gruesbeck, Town Manager – Town of Pittsboro

**From:** Brian M Litchfield, Interim Transit Director 

**Date:** April 2, 2013

**Subject:** Pittsboro Express (PX) Information

Bryan, it was nice talking with you earlier this week and I look forward to meeting you in person. Please find below the information we discussed on the Pittsboro Express (PX) route that we currently operate in partnership with the Town of Pittsboro and Chatham Transit Network (CTN). As I mentioned during our phone conversation, the Chapel Hill Transit partners have expressed an interest in continuing to support the PX route in partnership with the Town for FY2013-14. The current contribution for the Town of Pittsboro is \$12,000 and we would not look to increase that amount for FY2013-14.

### Overview of Pittsboro Express:

- Express service between Pittsboro and Chapel Hill began on August 24, 2009 as a partnership between the Town of Pittsboro, Chatham County and Chapel Hill Transit (CHT).
- Chatham County funding for this route ended on June 30, 2011.
- Currently provided in partnership between the Town of Pittsboro and CHT.
- Service provides 3AM and 3PM trips between downtown Pittsboro and UNC-Chapel Hill, with a park and ride at Lowe's in Pittsboro.
- In August 2011, CHT contracted with Chatham Transit Network (CTN) to operate 1AM and 1PM trip on the route to improve connections within the County and reduce operating expenses.
- Fare for service is \$3.00 one-way, or \$65/month with a pass. UNC provides annual passes for students and employees living in Chatham County.
- Costs are currently shared between the Town, CHT and a JARC (Job Access and Reverse Commute) grant. The grant covers 50% of operating costs (less revenue) and CHT is currently paying 70% and the Town 30% of remaining costs.
- CHT was awarded additional JARC funds to continue the service in 2011.
- Current contract with Town of Pittsboro ends on June 28, 2013.

**Pittsboro Cost Estimate FY2012-13:**

Below is a cost estimate for the current fiscal year. We do not anticipate an increase for the Town of Pittsboro for FY2013-14. Note that we only use labor and consumables to determine the cost for this service, no overhead or administrative costs are used in the calculations or charged against the grant.

	2012-2013 Cost Estimate
Number of Buses	2
Total Hours	7.55
Total Miles	158.31
Labor cost per hour	\$18.36
Consumables per mile	\$2.33
Chatham Transit Network Cost	\$120.00
Daily Cost	\$627.48
Service days	254
Estimated Annual Cost	\$159,379.92
Local Share of Annual Cost (50%)	\$83,499.96
Pittsboro Contribution	\$12,000
CHT Contribution	\$71,499.96

Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can provide any additional information.