

**Policy Memo #2**  
**Poli 404**  
**Race, Immigration, and Urban Politics**  
**Professor Benjamin**  
**30 points**

Due: By March 24, 2017 by 5pm, via Sakai.

Late policy: 3 point deducted for each day the memo is late.  
Please 1.5 spaced lines (as opposed to single or double spaced).

*Please make sure you read the policy memo guidelines (posted to Sakai) for detailed information about formatting, goals, and organization of a policy memo. This prompt provides you with the specific question, but it pairs with the guidelines on Sakai, which must be followed exactly.*

Should Durham move forward with the proposed Light Rail system that would connect Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh? If not, should they abandon the plan all together or pursue an alternate plan? Wake County recently approved the tax, so they are now on board. No matter what you recommend, please provide evidence to support your recommendation.

Please make sure you address the following:

Cost, sources of funding, eminent domain, perceived benefits of the light rail, potential problems with the light rail, impact on sprawl, and its impact on the triangle broadly.

There is a ton of research out there on this, so we won't provide too many sources, but here is a good start. Please make sure you look at the map where the light rail will go and consider how bus service might help reach more people.

There are some good resources on this site:

<http://ourtransitfuture.com>

Class Readings that might be useful:

Rohe, Ch 5

The Downtown Durham Master Plan

Kantor and Judd Chapter 7