



### **Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kimley-Horn & Associates in the amount of \$889,178 to develop the Durham Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision Plan.

### **Background/Justification**

In 2023, the Durham Transit Plan was adopted. The 2023 Durham Transit Plan sets out the allocation of Transit Plan resources based on feedback received from comprehensive engagement of the public and key stakeholders. One major part of the Transit Plan is the reservation of 26% of Transit Plan resources for projects that provide quick and reliable regional transportation connections; however, specific projects within this category were never fully fleshed out or prioritized. The Durham BRT Vision Plan will provide the analysis and community engagement needed to plan specific quick and reliable regional transportation connections projects over a multi-year time horizon.

This Durham BRT Vision Plan will identify, assess, and prioritize potential bus rapid transit (BRT) corridors serving Durham County using a combination of technical analysis and community engagement. This study will assess a variety of factors in considering potential BRT corridors, including, but not limited to current and future traffic conditions, travel propensity, right-of-way availability, environmental conditions, and cost.

The project will include substantial community engagement to facilitate the identification and prioritization of future BRT corridors that are responsive to the needs of the residents. Two phases of community engagement will be coordinated through this study. Phase 1 of the engagement will seek feedback on potential corridors and priorities the public would like to see in the corridor evaluation criteria. Phase 2 of the engagement will focus on communicating the findings of the technical work and seeking feedback on corridor prioritization.

We anticipate coordinating closely with the City of Durham’s Central Durham BRT project and incorporating relevant recommendations.

### **Policy Impact**

This project is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Plan Goal 1: Regional Leadership, as this project will further objective 2 of the Regional Leadership Goal: “Enhance access to different types of transportation in the region.”

### **Procurement Background**

#### **Type of purchase**

- ☐ Goods
- ☒ Services
- ☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services
- ☐ Construction and Repair

**Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☒ No ☐**



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**Agenda Action Form Supplemental Document – Contract Approval**

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*Goods: Bids required if  $\geq \$30,000$ , BOCC approval if  $\geq \$90,000$*

*Services: Bids required if  $\geq \$30,000$ , BOCC approval if  $> \$40,000$*

*Construction/Repair work: Bids required if  $\geq \$30,000$ , BOCC approval if  $\geq \$500,000$*

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.

If no, why?

- ☐ Sole source exemption
- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☐ Other (please explain)

**If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☐ No ☐**

If no, why?

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**Fiscal Impact**

The Durham BRT Vision Plan contract with Kimley-Horn & Associates has a cost of \$889,178. Sufficient funding for this project has already been approved through the FY25 Durham Transit Plan. Durham County will be fully reimbursed for this project's cost by Durham County Transit Plan funds administered by GoTriangle.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to approve and authorize a contract with Kimley-Horn & Associates in the amount of \$889,178 to develop the Durham Bus Rapid Transit Vision Plan.