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**Item:**

**Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Potential Next Steps (45min)**

**Date of BOCC Meeting: February 3, 2020**

**Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to receive a presentation and provide comments on the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Potential Next Steps.

**Summary.** This memo provides an update on upcoming decisions pertaining to the potential next phase of study for Greater Triangle Commuter Rail (CRT) Project, known as “early project development activities.” The Durham Board of County Commissioners, the Board of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees will each be presented with two decision points at upcoming meetings:

- Amend the Durham County Transit Plan to fund “early project development activities” for the commuter rail project to address key project risks and prepare the project for a subsequent decision on whether to proceed with project implementation
- Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding to govern the roles, responsibilities, and goals of “early project development activities”

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Commuter Rail Update Presentation

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** The Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Potential Next Steps adheres to Goal 1 “Community Empowerment and Enrichment” by providing Durham residents with better access to educational, vocational, economic and cultural opportunities throughout the community. It also follows Goal 2 “Health and Well-Being for All”, by providing an integrated strategy to improve transit mobility, service and access throughout Durham County. Goal 3, “Safe Community”, will be addressed through the consideration of facility improvements for transit travel. Since the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Potential Next Steps focuses on improving funding for a highly valued and sustainable form of transportation, it will also align with Goal 4, “Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity”. Lastly, the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Potential Next Steps aligns with Goal 5, “Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government”, as it is focused on improving the quality of service for residents riding transit in the community.

**Resource Persons:** Katharine Eggleston, Chief Development Officer and Jay Heikes, Transportation Planner

**County Manager’s Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board receive a monthly update on transportation issues and provide any comments and questions regarding the project.

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