

# **Durham County**

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## **Legislation Text**

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#### Item:

### Approval of Contract Amendment for Commuter Rail Transit Cost-Share Agreement

**Date of BOCC Meeting: January 14, 2019** 

#### **Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to approve an amendment to the cost-share agreement between Durham County and Wake County regarding development of the Commuter Rail Transit (CRT) project.

In November 2017, Durham County, Wake County, GoTriangle, and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) entered into a cost-sharing agreement to cover the commuter rail portion of the Major Investment Study (MIS) for the "Transit Corridors." Both the commuter rail project and the MIS are included in the most recent Durham County and Wake County Transit Plans.

Work is progressing on the MIS, and the purpose of the proposed contract amendment is to allow additional consultants beyond the one mentioned in the original agreement (Nelson-Nygaard) to bring necessary expertise to the preliminary work around the commuter rail. Funds to pay the additional consultants are still within funds already budgeted and allocated for these purposes. The contract amendment has already been approved by the GoTriangle Board of Directors.

In addition to the contract amendment, a brief update on the Commuter Rail Transit project will be presented. The Commuter Rail Transit project will ultimately connect downtown Durham with downtown Raleigh as well as other suburban Wake County communities.

**<u>Alignment with Strategic Plan:</u>** A strong public transit system ultimately will support of the Durham County Strategic Plan goals.

**Resource Persons:** Praveen Sridharan, Steven Schlossberg, John Tallmadge - GoTriangle; Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

<u>County Manager's Recommendation</u>: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve an amendment to the cost-share agreement between Durham County and Wake County regarding development of the Commuter Rail Transit (CRT) project.