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Item:

Review and Endorsement of New Durham County Transit Plan Process (30min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: July 8, 2019

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to review, discuss, and endorse the proposed process for development of a new Durham County Transit Plan.

The previous Durham County Transit Plan was dominated by the Durham-Orange Light Rail Project. With the demise of that project, a very important pair of new questions is what will go into the new plan and how will we as a community make those decisions. City, County, GoTriangle, and DCHC-MPO staff have been meeting and discussing these questions for the past several months, and the proposal in front of Commissioners this evening is the product of that work.

The process described in this document would replace the Staff Working Group. It would involve heavy community engagement aligned with community engagement for the Durham Comprehensive Plan Update. It also describes a more Durham-centric process led at least initially by our own City-County Planning Department. A guiding principle in this document and the process it describes is that it is a more strength-based approach. While it does reflect a diminished role for GoTriangle, the roles they will retain are in areas where they have significant advantages over other transit partners.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: A good county transit plan will help Durham County meet many objectives in Goals 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the Durham County Strategic Plan

Resource Persons: Patrick Young, Director of City-County Planning

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review, discuss, and endorse the proposed process for development of a new Durham County Transit Plan.

County Manager: _____