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Item:

Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Study Memorandum of Understanding Extension Agreement

Date of BOCC Meeting: December 12, 2022

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Memorandum of Understanding Extension Agreement.

In March 2020, Durham County adopted a resolution authorizing the County Manager and Board Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding to express the roles, responsibilities, and cost share of the project management partners for the next phase of study for the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail (GTCR) Project. This study has proceeded with the Board receiving several updates through 2020, 2021, and 2022. GoTriangle is preparing a final study report and intends to conduct final public engagement in early 2023. The regional partners, including Durham County, are then expected to decide on the future phases of the project in 2023.

The study schedule needs to be extended from the original end date of December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2023. No other changes are proposed to the original MOU, and no additional funding is anticipated beyond what had already been appropriated at the beginning of the study process.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The Greater Triangle Commuter Rail project aligns with the Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity goal of the Strategic Plan by providing better transit services that connect to jobs, education, housing, healthcare, and opportunity.

Resource Persons: Ellen Beckmann, Durham County Transportation Manager; Katharine Eggleston, GoTriangle Chief Development Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Study Memorandum of Understanding Extension Agreement.

County Manager: _____