

Item Title: Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners receives an update from GoTriangle on the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study

Item Summary:

In 2016, Wake County voters approved a half-cent sales tax to invest in transit improvements that would connect the region; connect all Wake County communities; provide frequent, reliable urban mobility; and enhance access to transit. In doing so, Wake County joined Durham and Orange Counties in a commitment to transit that safeguards and improves quality of life in the Triangle region. Transit services implemented or planned by the counties include bus service and infrastructure expansion, bus rapid transit, and commuter rail.

Over the past few years, GoTriangle has been working in partnership with transit stakeholders on the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study, which aims to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a commuter rail service in North Carolina's Triangle Region. The proposed commuter rail route is comprised of approximately 40 miles of existing shared rail corridor, beginning in West Durham and extending east either to Garner (Auburn area) or Clayton. Building on previous studies, this feasibility study evaluated a base case scenario between West Durham and Garner (Auburn area) with a potential extension of limited service to Clayton.

At the meeting, GoTriangle staff will present an update on the study and its findings. Commissioner input is encouraged. Later this year, GoTriangle will begin soliciting public feedback on the study.

Attachments:

1. Presentation