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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, October 12, 2015

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

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7:00 pm Regular Session

1. Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)

2. Agenda Adjustments (5 min)

3. Announcements (5 min)

[15-698](#) Announcements

4. Minutes (5 min)

[15-696](#) Minutes

Attachments: [Worksession Minutes - Sept 8, 2015](#)

5. Ceremonial Items (15 min)

[15-699](#) **Signing Ceremony for Park Center Phase I Public-Private Projects Agreement**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to participate in a signing ceremony to formally execute the Public-Private Projects Agreement between Durham County Government and Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina.

On September 28, 2015, the BOCC approved an Agreement for Park Center Phase I Public-Private Projects. The Agreement provides for the County to invest \$20 Million dollars over a ten-year period in partnership with Research Triangle Foundation (RTF) as a match to funds RTF will invest for infrastructure needed for Phase I of the new Master Plan mixed-use community for Research Triangle Park (RTP). Park Center Phase I is an exciting new physical plan for RTP, designed to reboot RTP and ignite future job growth.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The action aligns with Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment.

Resource Persons: Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board participate in a signing ceremony to formally execute the Public-Private Projects Agreement between Durham County Government and Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina.

15-693

Proclamation - Durham County Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to proclaim October as Durham County Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month.

October is designated by the National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform to promote and support the rights of residents living in long-term care facilities across the nation. The Federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents the right to care that promotes and enhances their quality of life. The Adult Care Home and the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committees, along with the Durham County Department of Social Services and Triangle J Area Agency on Aging are committed to educating the Durham community on the rights of long term care residents to live with dignity, have a say in their care, and receive the quality of care that enhances their well-being.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 2 - improve the quality of life through preventive, behavioral and physical care services.

Resource Persons: Michael D. Page, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim October as Durham County Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month.

Attachments:

[Proclamation - Durham County Long Term Care Residents' Rights](#)

15-703

Proclamation - Lead Poison Prevention Month

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to proclaim October as Lead Poison Prevention Month. Lead-based dust and chips can be hazardous to human health, especially that of children. Training in and compliance with these EPA rules will help to protect human health, especially the children of Durham.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency issued the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule on April 22, 2008, which established training and certification requirements for contractors, maintenance workers, and property owners related to renovation, repair, and painting projects in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 2 - Improve the quality of life through preventive, behavioral and physical care services

Resource Persons: Michael D. Page, Chair; Lenora Smith, Project Director for the Advancement of Children's Health (PEACH)

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board proclaim October as Lead Poison Prevention Month.

Attachments: [Proclamation - Lead Poison Prevention Month](#)

15-711 Proclamation - National Youth Justice Awareness Month

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to issue a proclamation declaring October 2015 as National Youth Justice Awareness Month in Durham County on behalf of the Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. The goal of the proclamation is to urge all residents of Durham County to rededicate ourselves to preventing youth from entering the juvenile and criminal justice systems and recommit to building a community where all our youth can grow, flourish, and take Durham County to new and greater heights.

The Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council is a statutorily authorized advisory council which plans, organizes and evaluates locally-based programs designed to prevent and mitigate juvenile delinquency in Durham County.

National Youth Justice Awareness Month is an initiative of Campaign for Youth Justice (CFYJ).

CFYJ is a national initiative focused entirely on ending the practice of prosecuting, sentencing, and incarcerating youth under the age of 18 in the adult criminal justice system.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Community & Family Prosperity and Enrichment; Goal 3: Safe & Secure Community; and Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Person(s): Michael D. Page, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

County Manager Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board issue a proclamation declaring October 2015 as National Youth Justice Awareness Month in Durham County.

Attachments: Proclamation - National Youth Justice Awareness Month

6. Other Business (30 min)

15-689 Citizen Comments

Agenda Text: The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at a meeting once a month. Any citizen of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers must sign in prior to the start of the meeting providing a mail/email address and telephone number so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. Citizens who request an immediate response from the Board are encouraged to submit a brief description of the issue to the Clerk to the Board two weeks prior to the meeting to allow an opportunity for research prior to the meeting. **All speakers shall have three (3) minutes to speak and are requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.**

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Citizen engagement aligns with all five of the strategic goals by allowing the Board to receive comments and concerns from the community related to important issues in Durham County.

Resource Persons: V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

7. Consent Agenda (15 min)

[15-669](#) City Local Historic Landmarks, Background Information

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to receive a report on the proposed landmark designations - Wiley and Elizabeth Forbus House (LD1500002) and Imperial Tobacco Building (LD1500003).

The following two (2) attachments are referenced throughout the staff memo for further information regarding these cases.

Attachment A, Wiley and Elizabeth Forbus House Landmark Designation Staff Report

Attachment B, Imperial Tobacco Building Landmark Designation Staff Report

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Historic Preservation (Landmark Designation) is aligned with Goal 5 of the County Strategic Plan: Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Karla Rosenberg, Planner; Steven L. Medlin, AICP, City-County Planning Director.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the report.

Attachments: [Landmarks Info Item Memo-2015](#)
[LD1500002 staff report attachment-amended](#)
[LD1500003 staff report attachment-amended](#)

15-678

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000014 - Budget Changes Related to Capital Finance Program Dedicated Revenues, Transferring \$3,912,977 of General Fund Fund Balance to the Capital Financing Fund

Agenda Text: As part of the Durham County Policy on financing capital projects all collected Article 40 and 42 sales tax as well as Occupancy tax are directed for support of capital projects and their related debt service. In FY 2014-15, \$3,912,977 from these revenue sources was realized over what was budgeted to be collected in the General Fund (Fund 101), and per financing policy needs to be transferred to the Capital Financing Fund (Fund 125) where they can be applied to debt service needs. Per Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) the revenues are recorded in the fiscal year that they apply, FY 2014-15. However, it is too late to amend the prior year budget to transfer the over realized funds in the prior fiscal year, therefore these monies have fallen to fund balance within the General Fund for the prior fiscal year (FY 2014-15). A budget amendment transferring these dollar amounts should be approved for the current fiscal year (FY 2015-16) and these monies transferred in the current fiscal year. Thus, the Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000014 increasing the amount of FY 2015-16 General Fund (Fund 101) fund balance appropriated by \$3,912,977 and transferring those funds to the Capital Financing Fund (Fund 125).

Moving these funds from the General Fund to the Capital Financing Fund will not affect the overall fund balance percentage for the General Funds, as they are both a part of that number.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request relates to the following elements of the Durham County Strategic Plan: the effort aligns with Goal #5 (Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government).

Resource Persons: Keith Lane, Senior Budget Analyst

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends the Board of County Commissioner approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000014 appropriating \$3,912,977 of FY 2014-15 General Fund revenue, now residing in FY 2015-16 General Fund fund balance, and transferring it to the Capital Financing Fund to comply with the County's capital and debt financing policy.

Sponsors: Lane

Attachments: [AAF-14 Legal Form Appropriating FY 2014-15 Overrealized sales tax and occur](#)

15-679**Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000016 - General Fund Fund Balance Appropriation of \$137,380 to Support Roof Repairs to the Lincoln Community Health Center****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000016 appropriating \$137,380 of General Fund fund balance to support the cost of roof repairs at Lincoln Community Health Center.

During the budget 2015-16 development cycle, a request was made to the Board of County Commissioners from Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC) to help cover the cost for a roof replacement. LCHC partners with Durham County Government to deliver comprehensive primary and preventive healthcare to Durham County residents.

Durham County Government's lease agreement with Lincoln Community Health Center indicates that LCHC has sole responsibility for building utilities, maintenance and repairs. The lease further states that LCHC has entered into an agreement with Durham County Hospital and Duke University for providing maintenance of the premises and minor repairs. Lincoln Community Health Center's current fiscal status does not allow them to fund the much needed roof repair. As such, the request was presented to the BOCC to help cover the cost for the expense in June 2015. Although no formal vote was taken, BOCC members agreed to support half of the roof replacement repair cost to help ensure future health care services were not interrupted resultant from the building's infrastructure. Duke University Health System was also approach to help cover the roof replacement costs. The original project estimates totaled \$300,000, with the final bids totaling \$274,760. Durham County's apportioned expense totaled \$137,380.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This grant aligns with Strategic Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All. In helping maintain Lincoln Community Health Center infrastructure Durham County provides extended vital health services to citizens of Durham County.

Resource Persons: Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager; George Quick, Finance Director; Claudia Hager, Budget and Management Services Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000016 appropriating \$137,380 of General Fund fund balance to support the cost of roof repairs at Lincoln Community Health Center.

Sponsors:

Lane

Attachments:

[LCHC Scope of Work.pdf](#)

[AAF-16 Legal Form Appropriating General Fund fund balance for LCHC roof rep](#)

15-681**FY2014-2015 Encumbrance Rollover - Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000015**

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000015 for FY2016 amending the budgets for the outstanding encumbrances at fiscal year-end 2015. Encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year-end 2015 represent obligations/commitments entered into by the County for either services not yet completed or performed or goods not yet received. These moneys must be restricted in the fund balance within the equity section of the balance sheet for FY2015 in order to honor these obligations/commitments once completed and/or received. These encumbrances outstanding at year-end do not represent expenditures or liabilities. These encumbrances outstanding are included in the amount reported as "Restricted Stabilization by State Statute" in the fund balance section of the Balance Sheet in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

According to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), governmental type funds are the only funds to record encumbrances in the CAFR. However, during the fiscal year, the County maintains encumbrances (purchase orders and service contracts) for all fund types (funds and sub-funds) to ensure funds are set aside for obligations and commitments appropriately at the time that they are ordered and/or entered into.

Because these encumbrances lapse at year-end and are re-appropriated in the subsequent fiscal year, they do not affect unassigned fund balance. It is merely a re-appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year of funds for obligations and commitments for goods and services already ordered but not yet received in the prior fiscal year. Encumbering these funds is a statutory requirement.

Therefore, authorization is requested to amend the following funds' budgets in FY2015 to honor the outstanding purchase orders and service contracts as of the end of FY2015:

General Fund (1001010000)	\$ 3,197,191.98
Risk Management Fund (1001020000)	\$ 11,750.00
Sewer Utility Fund (6006600000)	<u>\$ 15,884.57</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,224,826.55</u>

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request relates to the following elements of the Durham County Strategic Plan: the effort aligns with Goal #5 (Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government).

Resource Persons: George K. Quick, Chief Financial Officer; Claudia Hager, Budget and Management Services Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000015 for FY2016 amending the budgets for the outstanding encumbrances at fiscal

year-end 2015.

Attachments: [AAF-15 Legal Form Encumbrance Rollover \(PO and Funds Reservations\)](#)

15-687

Approving Resolution for the Durham County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a Resolution to approve the Durham County Hazard Mitigation Plan update and, thereby, adopt the Regional Plan as the new Durham County Hazard Mitigation Plan. In 2014, Durham County entered into a Regional Hazard Mitigation planning process through which the State of North Carolina provided contractors to conduct regional Hazard Mitigation Plans across the State of North Carolina. Durham County was grouped with Orange and Alamance counties to develop the Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Each county maintains their autonomy, respective responsibilities and mitigation activities as stated therein.

This new Plan, provided at no additional expense to Durham County, has provided us the opportunity to update our Plan three years early, meet an additional annual reporting requirement, and work closely with regional stakeholders to develop comprehensive mitigation activities as required by FEMA under the Mitigation Act of 2000 requirements.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This regional planning process addresses Goal 5 of the Durham County Strategic Plan requiring efficiency in government.

Resource Persons: Mark Schell, Interim Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director; Drew Cummings, Interim Deputy County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Resolution for the Durham County Hazard Mitigation Plan and, thereby, adopt the revised Regional Plan as the new Durham County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Attachments: [Durham County Mitigation Plan Link](#)
[Durham County Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)
[Resolution - COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE](#)

15-688

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000017 to Recognize Funds in the Amount of \$9,630.68 from the Summer Food Service Program Inspections for Environmental Health Division

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000017 to recognize funds in the amount of \$9,630.68 from Summer Food Service Program Inspections. The money was earned by Environmental Health for inspecting Summer Food Service Program participants. The SFSP provides lunches to Durham County children during summer months when many may not have access to nutritionally sound mid-day meals.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Please note that this amendment requires no additional County funds.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This funding aligns with Strategic Goal 2: health and wellbeing for all, objective 2 strengthen the well-being of individuals and families through prevention and education. Funds will support the Environmental Health Division in their regulatory compliance inspections and educational activities.

Resource Persons: Gayle B. Harris, MPH, Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16BCC000017 to recognize funds in the amount of \$9,630.68 from the Summer Food Service Program Inspections.

Attachments: [AAF-17 Legal Form Public Health to Recognize Funds from the Summer Food S](#)

[15-694](#)

Capital Project Amendment No. 16CPA000003 Reducing the DTCC-Newton Building Capital Project (CC009) By \$2,680,000 and Moving Those Funds to the DTCC Campus Improvements Capital Project (CC007)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No 16CPA000003 moving \$2,680,000 of 2007 voter approved General Obligation Bonds from the DTCC-Newton Building capital project to the DTCC Campus Improvements capital project.

The GO Bonds earmarked for the renovation of the Newton Building are insufficient to complete the needed renovations and Durham Technical Community College has not been able to identify another source of funds for that project. The college has many other smaller capital improvement needs and this transfer will enable the college to complete those smaller projects. Those smaller projects include:

Site	Project	Cost
Site Main	LED Parking Lot Lights	\$257,000
Northern Durham Center	LED Parking Lot Lights	\$50,000
Main and Northern Durham Center	Install Blue Lights	\$560,000
Main	Install Emergency Sirens	\$50,000
Educational Resource Center	Auditorium Facelift/Upfit	\$311,000
Phillips	Air Handling Unit Replacement	\$330,000
Tech Center	Replace Chiller and Tower	\$332,000
Wynn Center	Install 3 Offices	\$80,000
All	Internal Signage	\$340,000
All	Update Campus Master Plan	\$100,000
Collins	Replace 2 Roofs	\$270,000

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This capital project amendment aligns with **Goal 1-Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment**, though providing access to

educational, vocational, economic and cultural opportunities and by providing support for educational opportunities that ensure high academic achievement.

Resource Persons: Dr. William G. Ingram, President, Durham Technical Community College; Keith Lane, Senior Budget Analyst

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No 16CPA000003 moving \$2,680,000 of 2007 voter approved General Obligation Bonds from the DTCC-Newton Building capital project to the DTCC Campus Improvements capital project.

Sponsors:

Lane

Attachments:

[CPA-03 Legal Form Moving GO Bond Funds from DTCC Newton Building Proje](#)

[CPA-03 Moving GO Bond Funds from DTCC Newton Building Project to DTCC](#)

15-697

Approval of FY 15-16 Rural Operating Assistance \$224,135 and Execution of Certified Statement

Agenda Text:

Durham County Access is requesting that the Board of County Commissioner's Approve the FY15-16 Rural Operating Assistance Program State-funded formula grant administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division in the amount of \$224,135.00. This grant consolidates the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Program (EDTAP), the Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL) and the Rural General Public (RGP) Transportation Program into a single application. Durham County ACCESS is applying for the full allocation authorized by NCDOT- The ROAP.

Durham County ACCESS will allocate these funds to include other local agencies and organizations in compliance with the grant guidelines. It is the intent of the program to provide transportation when other funding sources are not available. ROAP funds are used for the operating cost of passenger trips only. The required local match for RGP is derived from fare revenues No local match is sought from the County. The Grant Period is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and will be allocated as follows:

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)	\$114,644
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL):	\$ 63,996
Rural General Public Program (RGP):	<u>\$ 45,495</u>
Total ROAP Grant:	\$224,135

We are also requesting that the County Board Chair to authorize the County Manager and Finance Director to execute the Certified ROAP Statement.

While the State no longer requires a public hearing as part of the application process, Durham County ACCESS intends to ask the Board to convene a public hearing by mid-November to allow the public to comment on the total Community Transportation Program where funding has been awarded and

services delivered.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1 and Goal 2: Provides transportation to essential destinations that enhance the health, economic impact and quality of life for Durham County Residents.

Resource Persons: Linda Thomas, Transportation Program Manager and Delphine Sellars, Director, Durham Cooperative Extension.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the FY2016 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) formula allocation in the amount of \$224,135 and authorize the county manager and finance director to execute the certified statement.

Attachments: [D - FY2016 ROAP Application - Final to BOCC](#)
[E - County ROAP Certified Statement- BOCC](#)

8. Regular Business (30 min)

[15-700](#)

Approval of a Public-Private Project Agreement with Wexford Chesterfield Parking, LLC

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the Public-Private Project Agreement between Wexford Chesterfield Parking, LLC and the County for \$1,200,000 for the redevelopment of the Chesterfield Building and development of associated parking properties. The County will significantly benefit from participation in the project from increases to annual property taxes, local sales taxes and the creation of new jobs.

The Chesterfield Building is a historic downtown building that has been closed since 1999. Wexford will invest approximately \$80 Million dollars for the adaptive reuse of the building into a new center of gravity in the local life sciences and technology ecosystem. The project will yield approximately 284,000 square feet of commercial and laboratory space and the addition of approximately 544 new parking spaces downtown.

Redevelopment of The Chesterfield will enhance the downtown environment and increase property tax revenue. Development of parking associated with the building will create new downtown parking spaces that will be available to the public.

The County will pay a maximum of \$1,200,000.00 over a 5-year period for redevelopment of The Chesterfield and development of associated parking. This agreement covers the terms and conditions of the County's investment in the project.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action aligns with Goal 1: Community

and Family Prosperity and Enrichment by redeveloping a long-time vacant historic building into commercial and retail space that will enhance Main Street and provide a venue for new jobs and generate new property tax revenue. The Project will also create approximately 544 new parking spaces in downtown.

Resource Persons: Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Public-Private Project Agreement between Wexford Chesterfield Parking, LLC and the County for \$1,200,000 for the redevelopment of the Chesterfield Building and development of associated parking properties.

Attachments: [ED - Chesterfield Agreement Final 10-12-15 pdf](#)

15-701

Approval of a Public-Private Project Agreement with Durham ID Phase I Developers, LLC

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a Public-Private Project Agreement with Durham ID Phase I Developers, LLC for development of Phase I of the Durham Innovation District in an amount of \$2,500,000.00 to be paid over a 5-year period. The County will significantly benefit from participation in the project from increases to annual property taxes, the creation of new parking spaces and the creation of new jobs.

Longfellow Real Estate Partners, LLC has partnered with Durham-based Measurement, Inc. for a master planned development of 18 acres of underutilized land in the Durham Central Park District of Downtown to be known as Durham Innovation District. Phase I of the planned five phases will consist of approximately 271,000 square feet of commercial space including laboratory space and Class A office space, as well as a parking garage with approximately 820 parking spaces.

The developer will invest approximately \$87,000,000.00 in Phase I along with an additional investment of approximately \$8.3 Million in public infrastructure improvements to streets, sidewalks, etc. in the vicinity of the project. In addition to strengthening Durham's brand as a life sciences power, the project will increase the County's property tax revenues and make additional new Downtown parking spaces available to the public.

The \$2,500,000.00 for the project will be paid over a 5-year period. This agreement covers the terms and conditions of the County's investment in the project.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action aligns with Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment as development of the Durham Innovation District will increase property tax revenue and create new job opportunities and new parking spaces for the public.

Resource Persons: Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a Public-Private Project Agreement with Durham ID Phase I Developers, LLC for development of Phase I of the Durham Innovation District in an amount of \$2,500,000.00 to be paid over a 5-year period.

Attachments: [ED - DID FINAL AND PRESENTABLE DRAFT AGREEMENT 10 12 15](#)

15-709 BOCC Response to Letter and Direction to Staff on the Durham-Orange Light Rail Draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Preferred Alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to provide comment and direct staff on whether to proceed with providing a letter to GoTriangle on the NEPA Preferred Alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship and Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment. The DEIS evaluates the environmental, transportation, social, and economic impacts associated with the transportation improvements in the Durham-Orange (D-O) Corridor serving the cities of Chapel Hill and Durham in the Research Triangle region of North Carolina. The Project is intended to enhance the regional transportation network and integration of Bus, light rail, bicycle that will provide greater access to Durham County citizens to use public transportation to get to their workplace, medical appointments and other destinations safely, efficiently and economically.

Resource Persons: Delphine Sellars, Director Cooperative Extension; Linda Thomas, Transportation Program Manager, Durham County ACCESS; Natalie Murdock, Interim Manager of Communications and Public Affairs, GoTriangle

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board provide comment and direct staff on whether to proceed with sending a letter to GoTriangle on the NEPA Preferred Alternative in the DEIS for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit.

Attachments: DEIS Executive Summary
Durham County letter on Pettigrew Impacts 5-28-15
Draft Letter of Support for Durham-Orange DEIS -BOCC Agenda Action 10-12-15

9. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (20 min)

10. Closed Session (30 min)

15-705 Closed Session

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business or industry.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This discussion aligns with Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment.

Resource Persons: Marqueta Welton, Deputy County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business or industry.

11. Adjournment