

## Legislation Text

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### **FY20 Durham Transit Work Plan Amendment - CRT Study (15 mintues)**

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GoTriangle has recently completed a study of potential commuter rail along the North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) corridor from Mebane to Selma. The results of that study show that a commuter rail project, the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail (GTCR), may be eligible for federal funding from Durham to either Garner or Clayton, pending additional analysis. However, this is a planning-level study, and to address concerns that have been raised by various stakeholders, further study is necessary.

In order to move forward on that study and continue the partnership that has been created with the NCRR and Norfolk Southern, which operates freight service in the NCRR corridor, funds need to be programmed within the current fiscal year. GoTriangle has requested \$2,235,000 for that study, which combined with previously programmed funds will have Durham contribute \$2.7M of a total budget of \$9.2M for the next phase of study. The Durham Staff Working Group recommended approval of \$2,235,000 of additional funds as an amendment to the FY20 Work Plan on January 29, 2020.

**SWG Action:** The Durham Staff Working Group unanimously recommended approval of an additional \$2.235,000 for the next phase of study for the GTCR.

**TC Action:** Recommended the Board adopt the resolution to program an additional \$2,235,000 for the next phase of study for commuter rail.

**Board Action:** Adopt the resolution to program an additional \$2,235,000 for the next phase of study for commuter rail.