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Agenda Item:

Regional Rail Subcommittee Update

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The CAMPO Regional Rail Subcommittee has met five times to discuss the outcomes of the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study and other related passenger rail initiatives and ideas for the region. Several of these meetings were joint meetings with the DCHC MPO Rail Subcommittee members to foster regional collaboration and discussion. Information on various rail projects, programs and initiatives has been shared by NCDOT and GoTriangle. The subcommittees have developed two initial recommendations:

- Develop a Regional Rail Implementation Strategy. This study will explore an implementation strategy that will move the region closer to delivering increased frequency passenger rail, including developing a vision for future passenger rail services. The study will identify TIP projects and planning efforts that are in place and will develop a strategy for targeting investment through the County transit plans, the SPOT process, and grant opportunities to facilitate the implementation of infrastructure projects that can be used to leverage other funds or otherwise further delivery of the passenger rail goals of the region.
- Incorporate a broader approach to regional passenger rail improvements. This should include taking a wider approach to implementing regional passenger rail improvements in the Wake Transit Vision Plan update that begins this spring and engaging more potential funding and implementation partners.

Requested Action: Receive as information / action as appropriate