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Staff Report

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Triangle Strategic Tolling Study Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

The Capital Area MPO, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, and NCDOT/NCTA have embarked on the development of a regional toll study that will identify the feasibility, applicability, and appropriateness of a variety of user pay systems for potential consideration across the Research Triangle region. Recommendations developed as part of this study will be used to inform the development of future Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) updates.

The Triangle Strategic Tolling Study consisted of a total of four Core Technical Team Meetings, three Stakeholder Oversight Team Meetings; as well as 23 initial Stakeholder Interviews to gather information on their initial perspectives on tolling and managed lanes. The Stakeholder Oversight Team included elected officials, transportation professionals, civic advocates, and policy supporters from across the political spectrum having varied experiences and knowledge of tolling and managed lanes.

Presentations have been given to study partners and stakeholder groups such as the Joint MPO Executive Board, NCDOT's North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) Staff Leadership, the NCTA Board of Directors, staff from NCDOT and FHWA and WakeUp Wake County.

The consulting team of WSP has completed their Study recommendations for presentation. The Triangle Strategic Tolling Study Report has been available for public comment between July 1, 2019 and July 31, 2019. No comments have been received. The TCC recommends approval of this item.

Requested Action: Consider endorsing the findings of the Triangle Strategic Tolling Study for use in further long range planning.