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### **Presentation: Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (DOLRT) System Overview and Land Use Planning.**

**Staff:**  
Ben Hitchings, Director  
Bergen Watterson, Transportation Planning Manager

**Department:**  
Planning & Development Services

**Overview:** From 2016 to the present, the Town of Chapel Hill has been working with GoTriangle, Gateway Consultants, the City of Durham, and more recently, Orange County and Durham County to plan for appropriate land uses around the stations along the proposed future light rail line extending between Durham and Chapel Hill. This presentation will provide a brief overview of the planned light rail system and a review of the land use planning efforts to date. It will also include a discussion of some of the economic development considerations at the proposed Gateway Station near the intersection of US 15-501 and Interstate 40, as well as next steps in the land use planning process. This presentation provides an opportunity for the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Orange County Commissioners to discuss the project, ask questions, and consider how to share information moving forward.

☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council receive and discuss the information presented, ask questions of staff and partners, and share feedback.

**Decision Points:**

- Provide feedback on the proposed planning approach
- Determine a mutually agreeable way to share information between the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Orange County Commissioners moving forward

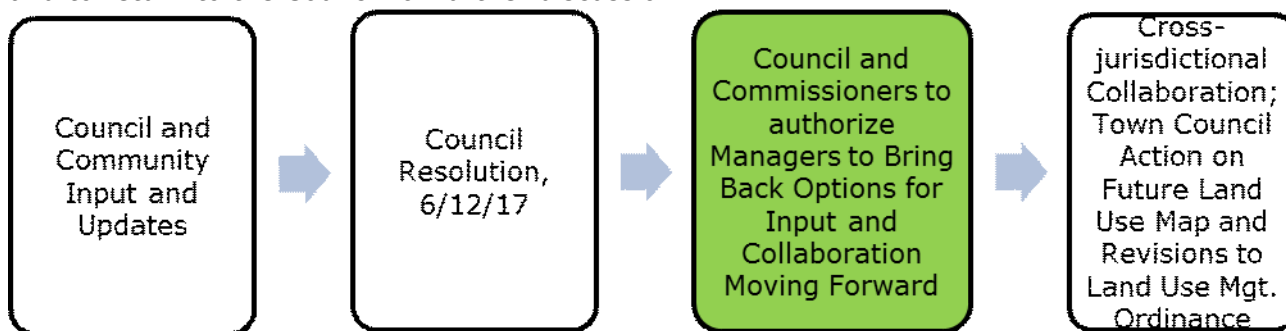
**Key Issues:**

- Future land uses in the planned station area
- Opportunities to secure community benefits
- Potential revenues and resource needs in the station area

**Fiscal Impact/Resources:** Staff time only.

**Where is this item in its process?** In June of 2017, the Chapel Hill Town Council adopted a resolution endorsing the station area planning effort. The resolution also authorized the Town Manager to solicit input from the Town’s boards and commissions, and collaborate with institutional partners and community stakeholders to promote outcomes that serve the needs of project partners, the community, and the Town. The Town is now folding the station area planning and code drafting work into its Charting Our Future project for continued public comment and refinement.

A key next step is to establish an ongoing means of communication between the Town Council and the Orange County Board of Commissioners on the project. We recommend that the Council authorize the Town Manager to work with the County Manager to develop options for continued input and collaboration, and to return to the Council for further discussion.



**Council Goals:**

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**Attachments:**

- Draft Staff Presentation
- (2017-06-12/R-6), Resolution to Provide Policy Direction for Durham-Orange Transit Station Area Planning Project
- Summary of Planned Light Rail System

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PRESENTER: Ben Hitchings, Planning & Development Services Director  
 Bergen Watterson, Transportation Planning Manager

The purpose of this item is to provide the Council and the Orange County Commissioners with a brief overview of the planned light rail system and an update on the land use planning efforts to date, and to provide an opportunity to discuss the

project, ask questions, and consider how to share information and input on it moving forward.