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**Date:** November 8, 2012

**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

**Through:** Steven L. Medlin, AICP, City-County Planning Director

**From:** Aaron Cain, AICP, Planning Supervisor

**Subject:** Rail Transit Update

**Summary.** Attached is a presentation updating the Council on proposed rail transit in the Triangle region. This presentation focuses on Durham's efforts on land use planning for rail transit and housing affordability requirements for rail transit as directed by the state legislature.

**Recommendation.** This item is for informational purposes only. No action is required at this time.

**Background.** Since the early 1990s, Durham has participated in planning efforts to bring rail transit options to the Triangle region. Significant milestones have occurred within the last twelve months, such as Durham's adoption of its Bus and Rail Investment Plan, successful referendum on a half-cent sales tax increase for transit, and submission of a New Starts application to the Federal Transit Administration for light rail service between Durham and Chapel Hill. The purpose of the presentation from Planning Department staff is threefold:

- Provide an update on completed and upcoming milestones in the rail transit process;
- Update the Council on land use planning efforts in preparation for rail transit; and
- Advise the Council on requirements for affordable housing planning in transit areas as directed by the state legislature.

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Rail Transit Update Presentation Slides