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BRIEFING FORM

TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee
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DATE: September 2, 2014
SUBJECT: **Commuter Rail Feasibility Study Project Update**

ORIGIN

This originates from a request from the Transportation Standing Committee for monthly status updates on the Commuter Rail project.

BACKGROUND

Regional Council has directed staff to undertake a feasibility study for commuter rail in the Halifax – Windsor Junction – Enfield corridor. In order to complete this work the services of a consultant(s) with the relevant expertise and experience will be required.

STATUS

CPCS Transcom has been selected to prepare the commuter rail feasibility study (RFP #14-047). CPCS Transcom is an international management consulting firm with extensive experience in rail feasibility studies and economic analysis, and were formerly the consulting arm of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Staff from Halifax Transit will be meeting with CPCS Transcom on September 9, 2014, to begin the study.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED

None

ATTACHMENTS

None