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BRIEFING FORM

TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee
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DATE: November 25, 2014
SUBJECT: **Commuter Rail Feasibility Study Project Update**

ORIGIN

This brief 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 an external rail consultant was procured in August 2014.

STATUS

The consultant, CPCS, has completed most of the background assessments required (existing infrastructure, estimation of traffic demand, alignment and station locations, and operations design) and is working on evaluating the information and making preliminary recommendations. In consultation with Halifax Transit, CPCS is now planning the public open house that is tentatively scheduled for the second week of January, 2015. The purpose of the public open house will be to provide the public with information on the initial assessments and evaluations prior to finalizing the study.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

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