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TO: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee

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SUBJECT: Report on the Development and Implementation of the Plan to Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled by State employees and Vehicle Emissions Resulting from Job-Related Travel

Pursuant to G.S. 143-215.107C(d), this memo serves to report on the ongoing status of the development and implementation plan to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by state employees.

Due to issues with funding, the state employee GoPass program was discontinued in 2012, which provided the bulk of the reduction in employee VMT. However, with the Fortify project underway, funds have been identified to revive the GoPass program for state employees, and the program is expected to re-launch in January 2015. This program will allow state employees working inside the Beltline and along the Blue Ridge corridor in Raleigh to receive an annual GoPass which allows them to ride CAT and Triangle Transit buses for their commutes to and from work. Data from prior program years indicated positive program performance and successful VMT reduction as a result of the program.

State employees also currently reduce VMT by participating in numerous vanpools and carpools, and the use of other alternative modes of transportation.

It should be noted that commute trip reductions for State Employees are captured as part of the Annual Report on Progress Toward Senate Bill 953 Goal of reducing the growth of commute VMT by 25% and contribute to the overall statewide reduction goal. This report highlights the continued success we have had in reaching this goal (26.3% for FY14). Also included in the annual report is information on the ShareTheRideNC.org matching website, Transportation Demand Management programs operating the state, and the Best Workplaces for Commuters Program, which NCDOT is a current member. Please see this report for details on the state's reduction in VMT.