



NC Capital Area **Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Executive Board Meeting

January 21, 2026

3:00 PM

Audio for the livestream will begin when the Chair calls the meeting to order.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting Etiquette:

- Please refrain from muting, obstructing, or moving the microphones.
- Please move toward the microphone when speaking.
- Please clearly state your name and organization when speaking or making/seconding a motion.

(Ex: I, _____, move that... or I, _____, second the motion.)

***** Don't forget to sign in before you leave *****

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

3. Ethics Statement:

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Executive Board member to avoid conflicts of interest.

Does any Executive Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to matters coming before the Executive Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

4. Public Comments

This is an opportunity for comments by those in attendance. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes for each speaker.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes – November 19, 2025

5.2 Wake Bus Plan 2035 Contract

5.3 FY 2025 Congestion Management Process - Resolution
Correction

End of Consent Agenda

6. Public Hearing

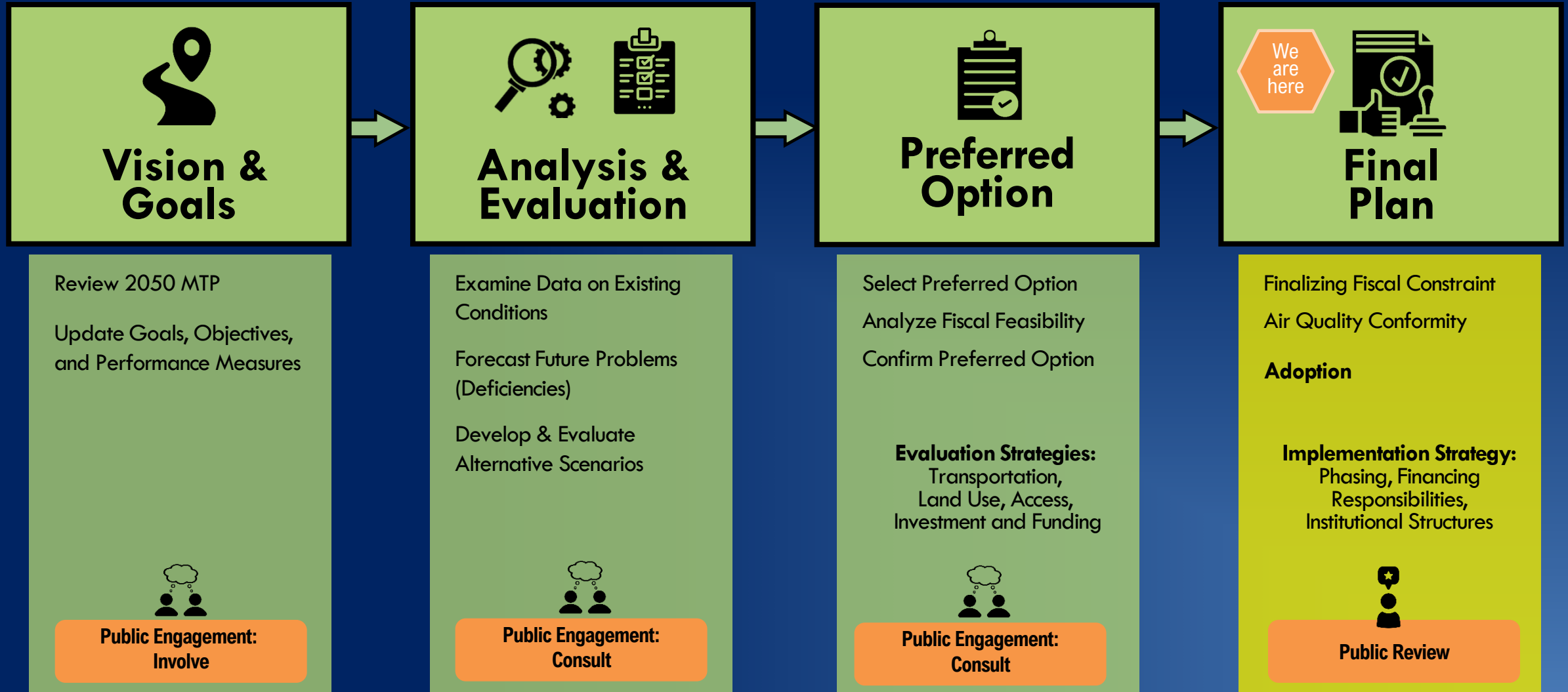
6.1 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Requested Action: Receive as information

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MTP Update Process

The overall process to develop the MTP typically takes 18 months, or more. CAMPO updates the MTP on a 4-5 year cycle and is currently developing the 2055 MTP.



6.1 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- The CAMPO Executive Board approved the projects/programs for the 2055 MTP/CTP at their November 19, 2025, meeting.
- The MPO staff is working on the necessary next steps to complete the full 2055 MTP/CTP report document. This includes:
 - Final network updates based on approved projects
 - Final socio-economic and travel demand forecast model runs
 - Air quality and environmental justice network analysis
 - Performance measure analysis and report
 - Document preparation
- A full draft document is available on the **CAMPO website (www.campo-nc.us)**
- Public comment period open until February 17, 2026.
- Public hearing is scheduled for today, Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6.1 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Item	Anticipated Milestone Dates
Approve 2055 MTP pending AQ	Nov. 2025
AQ Conformity	Nov./Dec. 2025 – Feb. 2026
Final 2055 MTP Approval	Feb. 2026

Requested Action:
**Conduct public hearing and
receive as information**

End of Public Hearing

7. Regular Agenda

- 7.1 Election of Chair & Vice Chair for 2026
- 7.2 Wake Transit Funding Contribution to NCDOT National Railroad Partnership Program Grant Application
- 7.3 Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027
- 7.4 FFY 2027 LAPP Program
- 7.5 Amendment #2 to FY 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

7.1 Election of Chair & Vice Chair for 2026

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Requested Action:
**Conduct elections for Chair and Vice Chair
of the Executive Board for 2026**

7.2 Wake Transit Funding Contribution to NCDOT National Railroad Partnership Program Grant Application

2035 Wake Transit Plan

- 2035 Wake Transit Plan included \$250 Million for Regional Rail investments:
 - The Plan will designate \$250 million over the next 10 years to support regional rail investment opportunities within Wake County through investments like new train stations, track improvements, and funding more trips on existing services.
 - Any Wake Transit investment in Regional Rail should have a direct and quantifiable benefit to the existing or proposed transit network.
 - Additional study may be necessary to determine how Wake Transit will consider and prioritize funding for Regional Rail investments.
- 2035 Wake Transit Plan Modeled Yearly Funding for Regional Rail investments (Millions \$):

FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33	FY34	FY35	FY36	TOTAL
23.795	24.747	25.737	26.766	27.837	28.950	30.109	31.313	32.565	33.868	251.820

Other Considerations

- CAMPO and Triangle West TPO recently completed the Strategic Regional Rail Infrastructure Investment Study (www.campo-nc.us/programs-studies/rail)
 - The 2035 WTP assumed this study may provide guidance for the Wake Transit Regional Rail investments, but noted that additional Wake Transit-specific study may be needed
 - CAMPO staff presented Study findings and recommendations to TPAC in January
- CAMPO, Triangle West TPO and NCDOT have also discussed funding a Feasibility Study to determine necessary infrastructure improvements to increase the number of intercity passenger trains serving the Triangle on the S-Line and NCRR corridors
 - This study would look at the NCRR corridor east and west of Raleigh/Cary and the S-Line corridor north and south of Raleigh/Cary
 - Estimated cost of Feasibility Study is \$200,000, with an estimated 6-8 months timeframe for completion
 - CAMPO will be requesting Wake Transit funding through a FY26 Q4 Work Plan Amendment for the Study

TPAC, TCC and GoTriangle Action to Date

- TPAC voted at their meeting in December to recommend the Wake Transit Governing Boards approve the resolution for funding
 - The Town of Apex (1) and Town of Wendell (1) representatives voted no on the motion to approve the request, and the Town of Cary (2) representatives abstained on the vote
- TCC voted at their meeting in January to recommend the Executive Board approve the resolution for funding
 - TCC voted 31-3 in favor of recommending approval of the resolution; Apex, Garner and Wendell voted no on the motion
- The GoTriangle Audit and Finance Committee voted at their meeting in January to recommend the GoTriangle Board of Trustees approve the resolution for funding

Next Steps

- Wake Transit Governing Boards Action
 - January 21st: The CAMPO Executive Board will consider action on the request
 - January 28th: The GoTriangle Board of Trustees will consider action on the request
- If the resolution is approved by both Boards:
 - CAMPO staff will include the FY 2027 funding in the Recommended FY27 Work Plan (released in April), and include FY28 and beyond funding in the CIP in the Recommended Work Plan
 - CAMPO staff will work with NCDOT to sign the Wake Transit Master Participation Agreement so that they can become a Wake Transit Project Sponsor
 - If the grant funding is approved, NCDOT will work with the Wake Transit Tax District Administration to execute a Project Agreement



NORTH CAROLINA
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National Railroad Partnership Program

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Rail Division Director

January 21, 2026

Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina

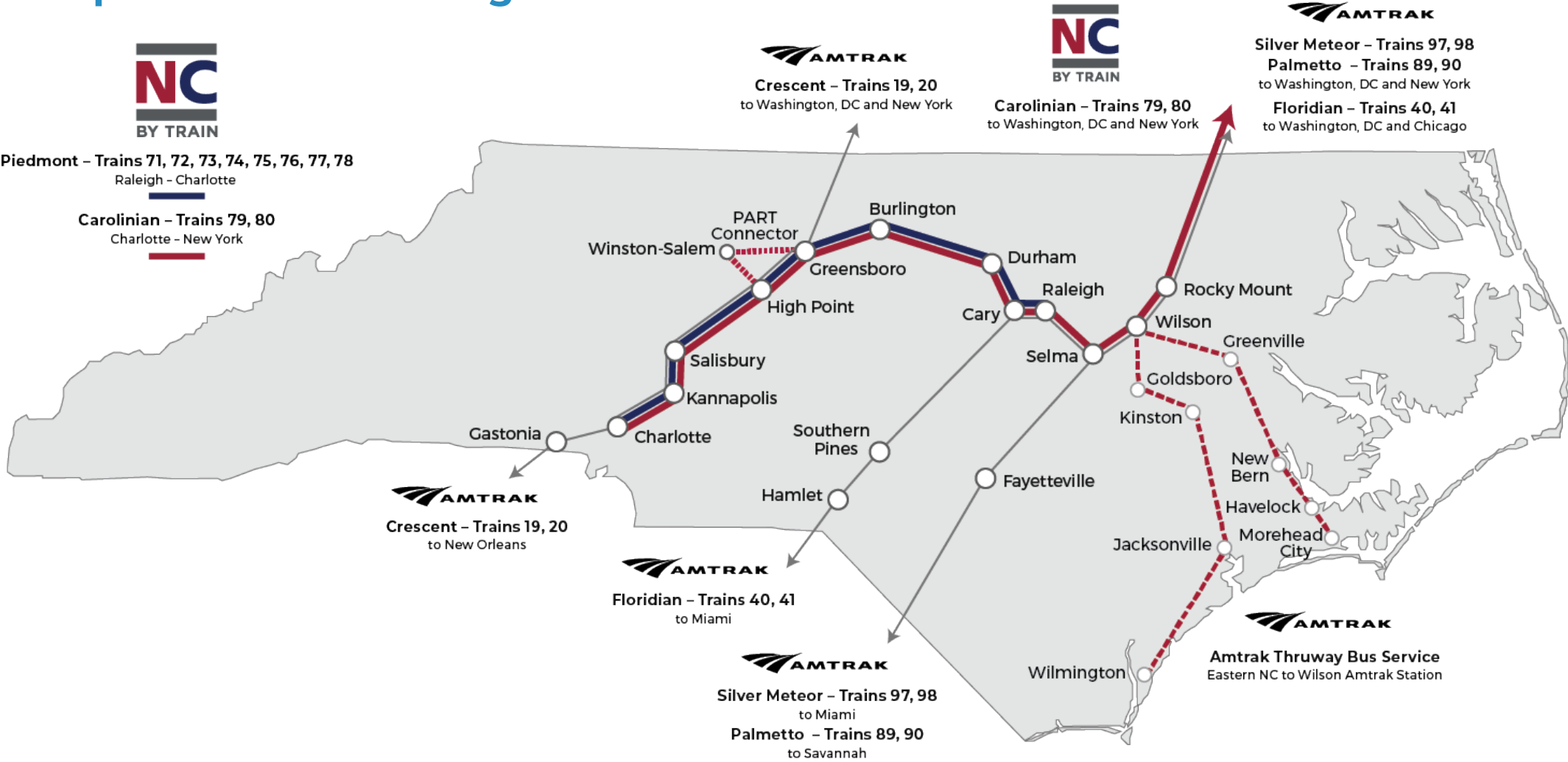
Types of Passenger Rail Service

- **Intercity Passenger Rail (Typically FRA supported)**
 - *NCDOT NC By Train Service operated by Amtrak in North Carolina*
 - Connecting the centers of cities and towns
 - Longer distances between stations
 - Longer trip durations
 - Baggage and food service typical
- **Commuter Rail (Typically FTA supported)**
 - Connecting outlying areas and urban centers
 - Peak hour service is historically typical
 - Closer station spacing
 - Shorter trip durations
- **Light Rail (Typically FTA supported)**
 - Urban area
 - Separate rail system (not part of national rail network)



NC Intercity Passenger Rail Service

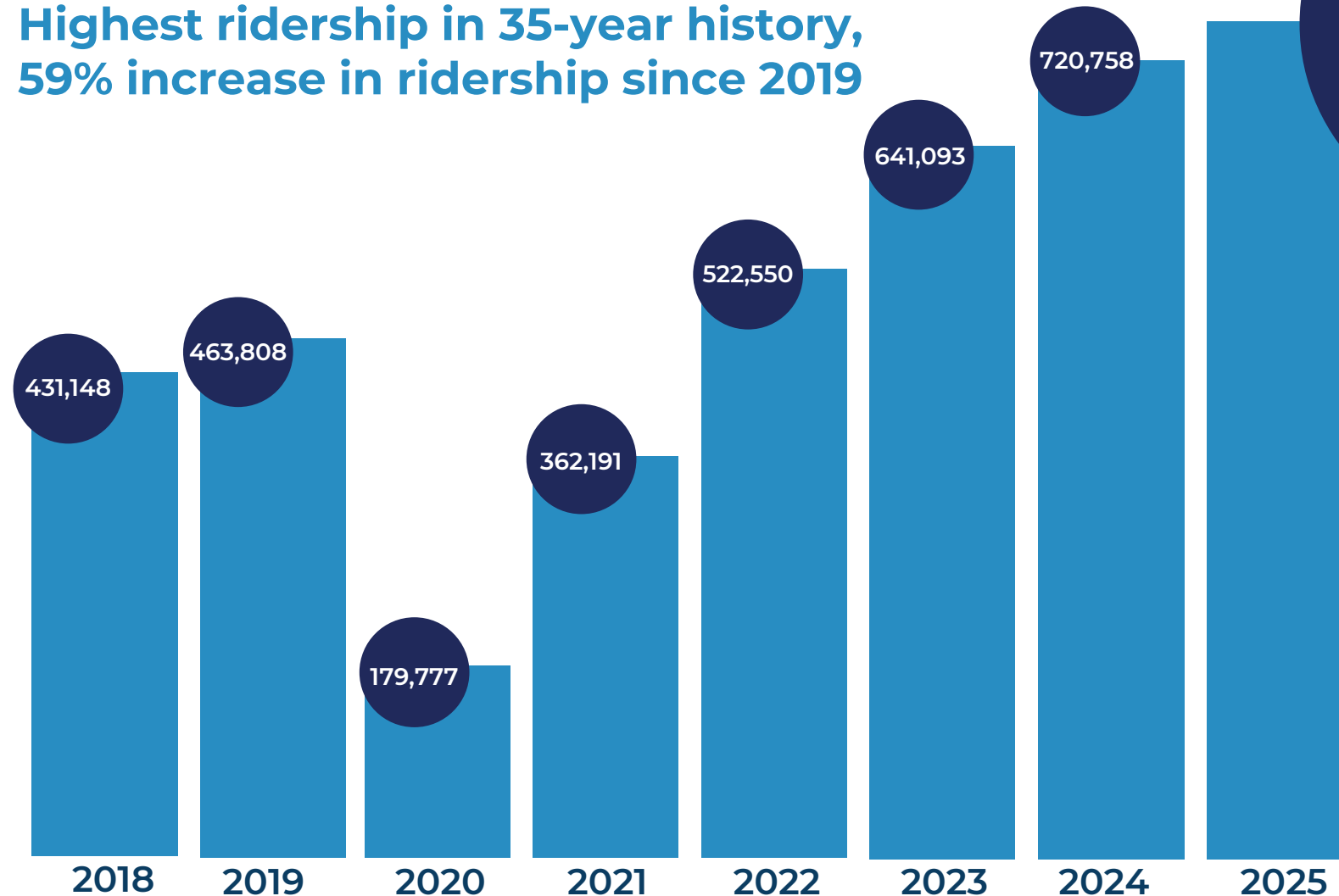
Ridership at record breaking levels





NC Intercity Passenger Rail Service – Amtrak Piedmont and Carolinian services

Highest ridership in 35-year history,
59% increase in ridership since 2019



739,636



Three Congruent Plans

Are the Foundation of the Rail Division's Strategy

Southeast Corridor

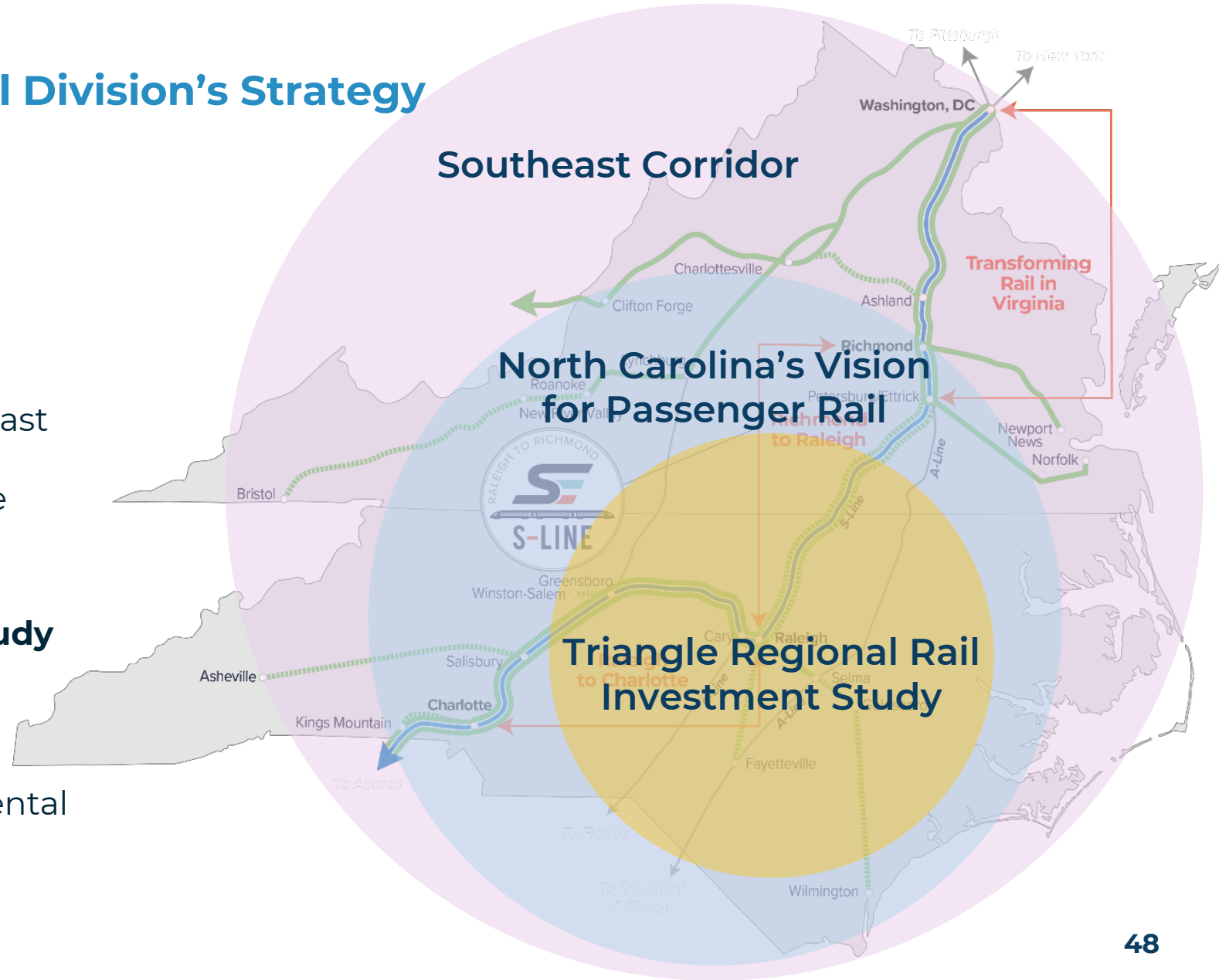
- Connect NC By Train success with Virginia success
- Need S-Line to complete gap

NC Vision for Passenger Rail

- Corridors branching off Southeast Corridor
- Many services connect in Wake County
- Use Corridor ID Program

Triangle Regional Rail Investment Study

- Intercity Passenger Rail
- Joint CAMPO + TWTPPO Plan and vision
- Strategic approach for incremental expansion



The Opportunity

National Railroad Partnership Program (FFY2024-25) (aka Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail)

- \$5.07 Billion Available
- 80% federal funds with 20% non-federal match
- Application Deadline: February 6, 2026
- Eligible Projects for Improving Intercity Passenger Rail Service:
 - Projects that replace, rehabilitate, or repair infrastructure, equipment, or facilities.
 - Projects that improve performance (reduced trip times, increased train frequencies, higher speeds, improved reliability, etc.).
 - Projects that expand or establish new service.
 - Applications can include a group of related projects.
 - Eligible project phases include planning, environmental studies, final design, property acquisition, and construction.
- Same program as Raleigh to Wake Forest grant announced in December 2023.

Two Application Strategy

Maximizing the National Railroad Partnership Program FY2024-25 Opportunity

Element	Piedmont (NC-Line)	Raleigh to Richmond (S-Line)
Source of Match	STIP Projects	Primarily Wake Transit Regional Rail Funding
Builds on...	CAPPFI program funded by FFY23-24 CRISI	S-Line Raleigh to Wake Forest funded by FSP FFY22-23 grant
Infrastructure	Grade separations, curve improvements, and additional track between Raleigh and Greensboro	Southeast High-Speed Rail (S-Line) project from Wake Forest to Franklinton
Service Outcome	Improve train speed and reliability	Extend Piedmont service to Franklinton
Reserve Capacity	Capacity for more than six Charlotte to Raleigh round trips	Up to 12 round trip trains per day (equals approx. a train every 1.5 hours)
Next Steps (if successful)	Additional double tracking Durham County and westward	Extend from Franklinton to Henderson
Necessary Wake Transit Contribution	\$0	Up to \$125 Million

Strategy Considerations

Raleigh to Richmond (S-Line) Project

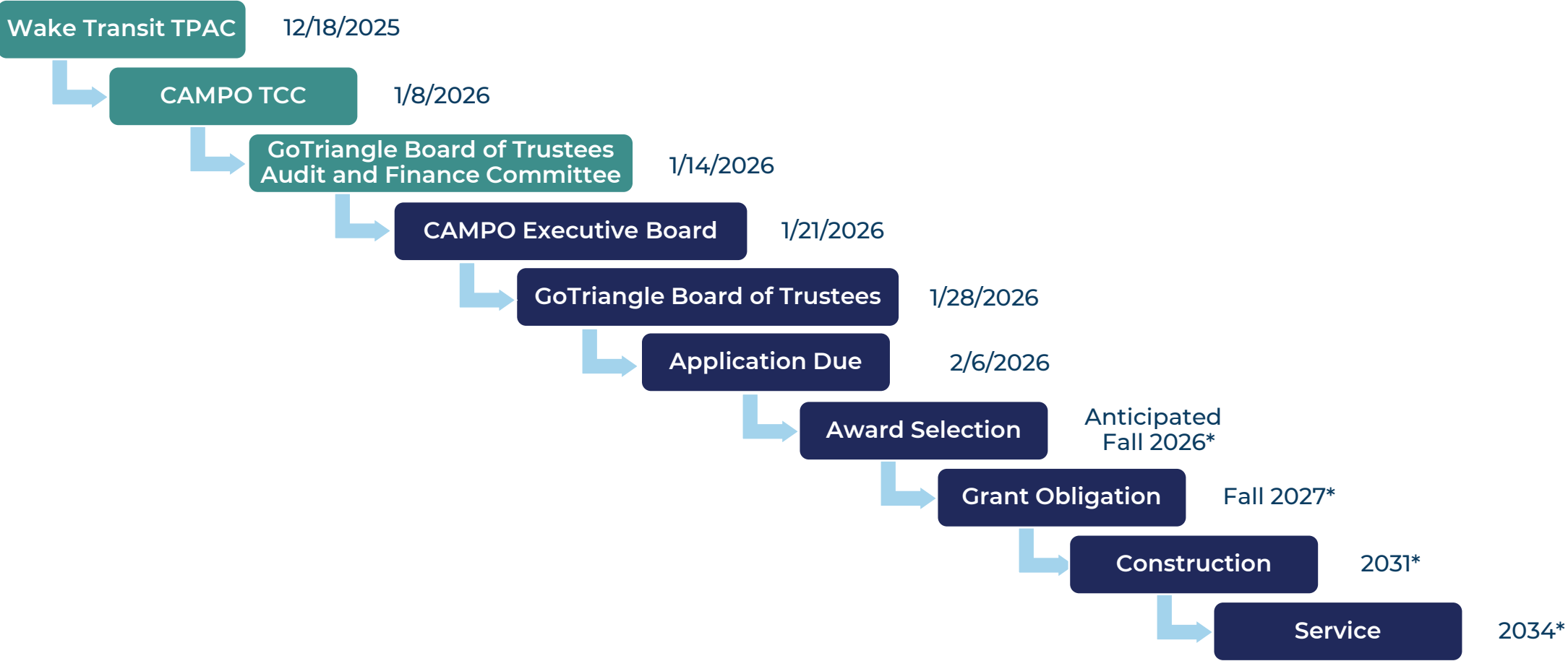
- Use of Wake Transit funds would not displace other projects that are ready for project delivery.
- Rail network does not end at county lines.
- Strategy creates capacity for additional passenger trains on both S-Line north and NC-Line west of Raleigh.

Timing of funding needed (R2R):

- Roughly flat annually
- \$15-20M per year
- 2027-2033 (7 years)



S-Line Raleigh to Richmond Application Timeline



*Dates dependent on FRA

Benefits to Wake County

S-Line service will benefit people who live and work in Wake County.

- Provide access to jobs, healthcare, education, etc.
- Create additional modal choice that saves highway trips.
- Bring more people to multimodal stations (Wake Forest, Cary, Raleigh, and others).

Build capacity, speed, and safety for service in Triangle Regional Rail Study

- Constructs railroad capacity on S-Line and NCRR in Wake County.
- Route length contributes to FRA determination of intercity passenger rail.



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Thank you!

7.2 Wake Transit Funding Contribution to NCDOT National Railroad Partnership Program Grant Application

Requested Action:

Adopt the resolution of support and dedication of Wake Transit funds as local match towards the NCDOT Raleigh to Richmond Program Application to the National Railroad Partnership Program Grant

7.3 Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027

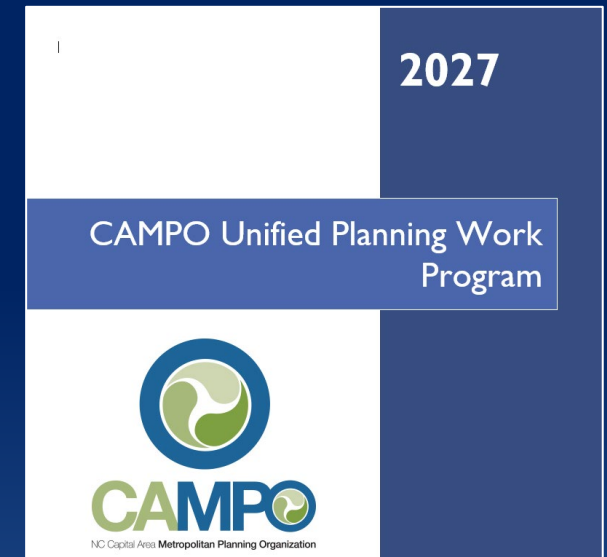
7.3 Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027

FY 2026 Studies Continuing:

- Triangle Bikeway NEPA / Design / GEC
- Eastern Wake ITS Study
- Pleasant Park (Apex) Access Study
- Regional Advanced Air Mobility Study

NEW FY 2027 Studies Proposed:

- Triangle TDM Plan Update (CPRC)
- Smithfield Rd / Grasshopper Rd Area Safety Study (Knightdale)
- Franklinton Southern Bypass Alignment Study
- Knightdale Blvd Corridor Land Use & Transportation Study
- I-40 Vision & Implementation Strategy Study
- Wake Transit Studies:
 - Wake Transit Bus Plan Update
 - BRT Major Investment Studies



Technical Projects Proposed:

- Project Database Upgrade
- Website Upgrade

7.3 Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027

Other Ongoing FY 2027 Work:

- LAPP
- 2060 MTP
- TRM
- Blueprint for Safety Implementation
- Public Engagement
- Mobility Management Program
- Wake Transit Plan Administration
- Technical Assistance
- Safe Routes to Schools Program
- Transportation Demand Management
- Congestion Management Process
- MPO Strategic Plan Implementation

Budget:

\$0.95 per Capita Member Share
(\$0.12 increase)

Indirect Cost Estimate - \$175,000

7.3 Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027

Next Steps:

Public Review & Comment Period - Jan. 16 – Feb. 17, 2026

Public Hearing - Feb. 18, 2026

Executive Board Considers Adoption - Feb. 18, 2026, meeting

Requested Action:
Receive as information

7.4 FFY 2027 LAPP Program

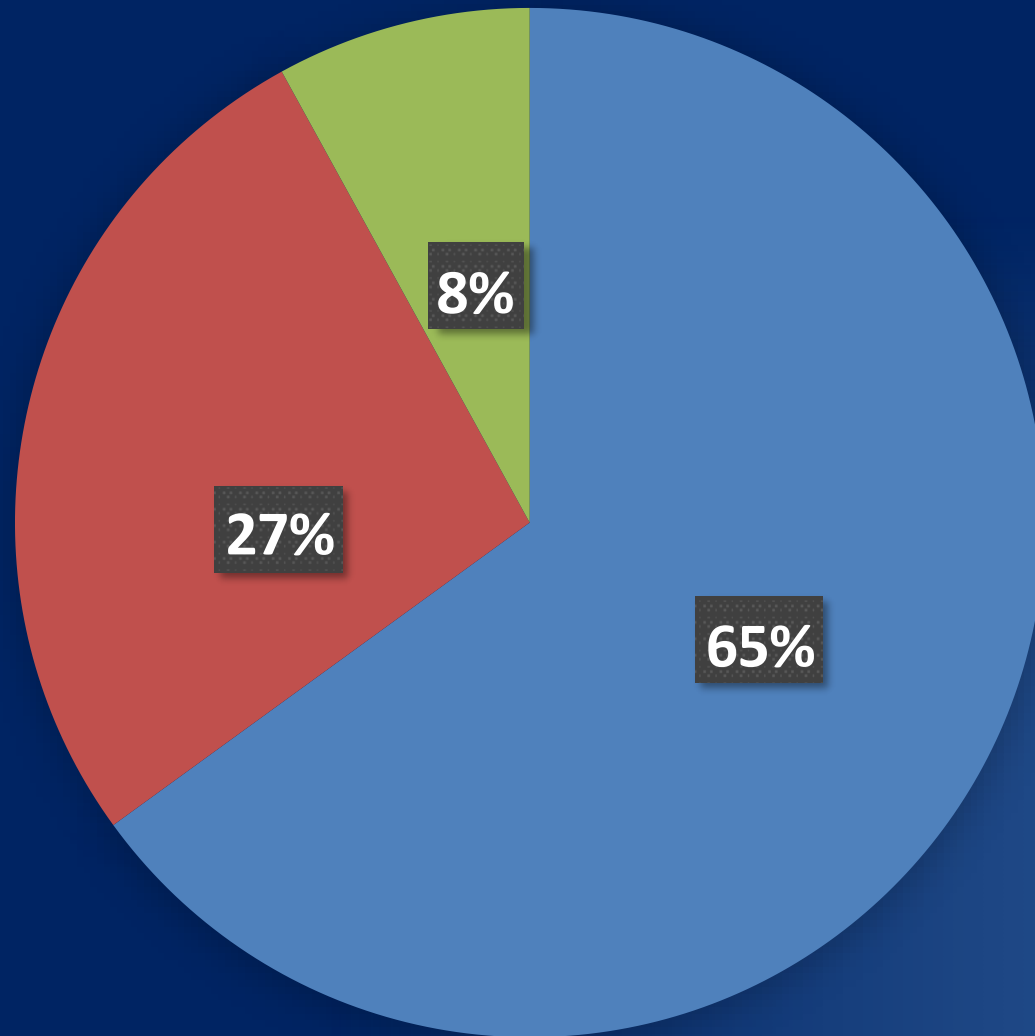
Call for Projects FFY 2027 LAPP Funds opened in August 2025

- 19 Projects Submitted
 - 12 Roadway
 - 7 Bicycle/Pedestrian
 - 0 Transit

Scoring

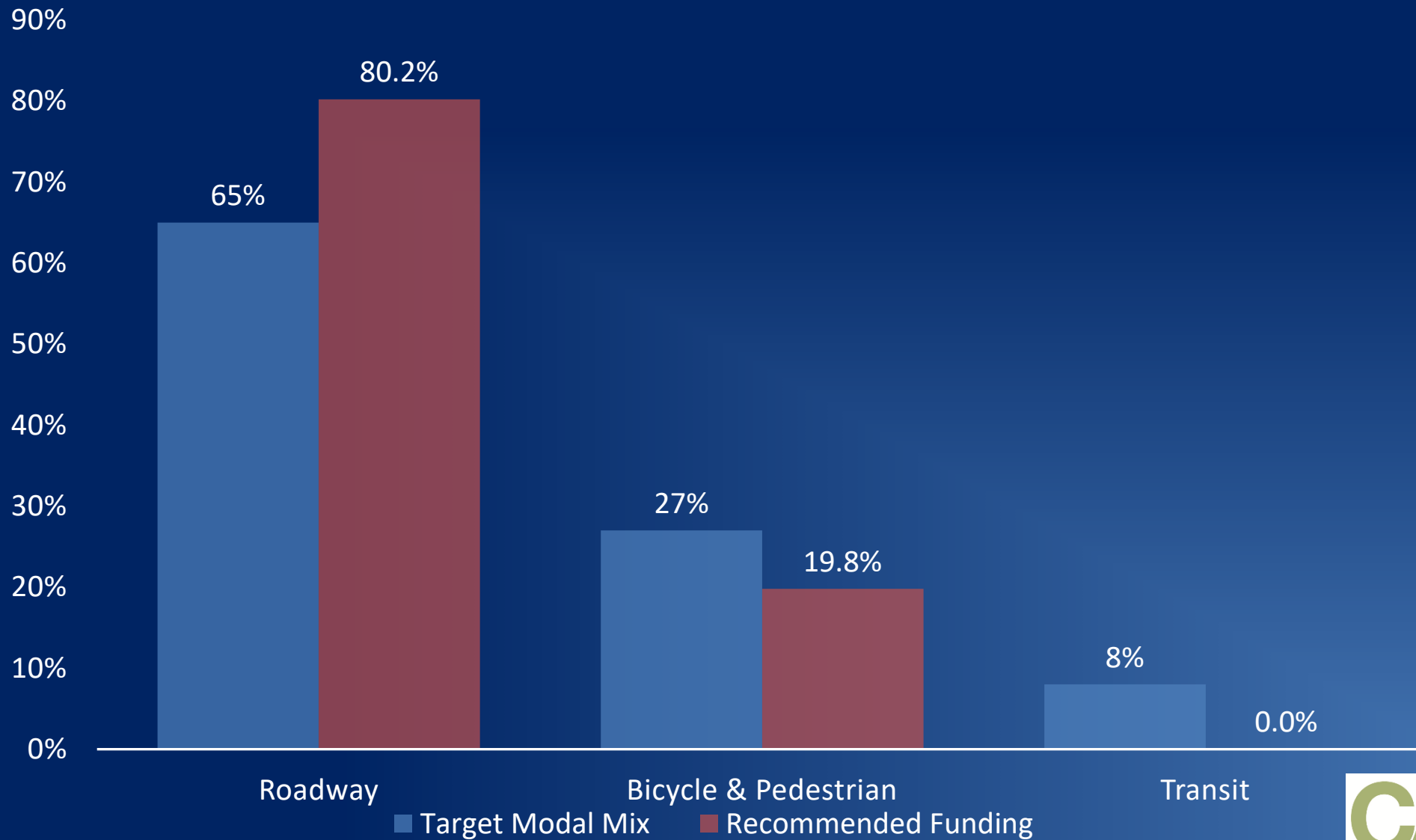
- Projects are only scored against projects of the same mode

FFY 2027 LAPP Target Modal Mix



- Roadway
(\$16,250,000)
- Bicycle Pedestrian
(\$6,750,000)
- Transit (\$2,000,000)

Target vs. Recommended Percent Modal Investment Mix



Project Selection Process

- Staff seeks applicant clarification only to confirm eligibility and clarify details
 - Federal Aid Eligible, MTP Compliant, Shovel Ready, Reasonable Schedule, Required Materials, etc.
- LAPP Selection Panel discusses evaluation philosophy, including:
 - Serving as an external check.
 - Raising questions: Has the applicant covered their bases?
 - Recommending approaches to implementation to improve the outcomes.
- All projects are expected to score at least 50% of the points awarded to the top-scoring project in each mode.
 - If a project does not, the Selection Committee determines if the project should be funded OR if the funds from that mode should be reallocated to another mode to fund higher-scoring projects.

Roadway Recommendations: \$22,426,165

ROADWAY								
Project Name	Sponsoring Agency	Requested Phase (PE/ROW/CON)	Eligible Phases	Local Match %	CAMPO Cost	Amount Funded	Total Score	
Rolesville @ Riley Hill - realign	Wake County	No/No/Yes	\$814,000	20	\$651,200	\$651,200	53.6	
Holly Springs Road - Central	Holly Springs	No/No/Yes	\$18,826,165	35	\$12,237,007	\$12,237,007	52.4	
Youngsville Bypass East - Cedar Creek Straightening Submittal 2	Youngsville	No/No/Yes	\$11,666,160	20	\$9,332,928	\$9,332,928	50.6	
Morrisville Parkway Intersection Improvements	Morrisville	No/Yes/No	\$292,900	30	\$205,030	\$205,030	44.5	
Bowling Road/S. Main St. Phase 1 Operational Improvements	Fuquay-Varina	No/No/Yes	\$3,579,738	20	\$2,863,791		44.2	
Sunset Lake Road at Optimist Farm Road	Division 5	Yes/Yes/No	\$1,073,000	20	\$858,400		43.1	
Realign Grasshopper at Smithfield Road	Wake County	Yes/Yes/No	\$848,250	20	\$678,600		42.1	
10th ST Bypass	Lillington	Yes/Yes/Yes	\$3,191,492	20	\$2,553,194		41.6	
US 401 at Ransdell	Wake County	Yes/Yes/No	\$971,500	20	\$777,200		36.6	
Apex Peakway North Widening	Apex	No/Yes/No	\$4,111,690	20	\$3,289,352		31.5	
Old Honeycutt Road Ultimate Build-Out	Fuquay-Varina	Yes/Yes/No	\$4,890,000	20	\$3,912,000		27.5	
Southern Connector (New Roadway Little Creek Church Rd to Barbour Clayton		Yes/No/No	\$3,987,500	20	\$3,190,000		12.2	
Total			\$54,252,396		\$40,548,702	\$22,426,165		
Target Modal Investment						\$ 16,250,000		
Remainder								(\$6,176,165)

The Selection Panel has recommended funding the top 4 highest scoring projects

- The scores are dependent on requested phases that are more competitive the closer they are to construction.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Recommendations: \$4,845,796

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN								
Project Name	Sponsoring Agency	Requested Phase (PE/ROW/CON)	Eligible Phases	Local Match %	CAMPO Cost	Amount Funded	Total Score	
Atlantic Avenue Multi-Use Path	Raleigh	Yes/Yes/Yes	\$7,720,185	35	\$5,018,120	\$5,018,120	59.7	
Smith Creek Greenway Phases 2 and 3	Wake Forest	No/No/Yes	\$20,532,892	74	\$5,338,552		54.0	
Vandora Springs SRTS	Wake County	No/No/Yes	\$650,000	20	\$520,000	\$520,000	38.0	
W. Academy St. Railroad Grade Crossing Operational Improvements	Fuquay-Varina	Yes/Yes/No	\$2,833,320	20	\$2,266,656		26.2	
Clayton Connector and S. Robertson/Main Street Improvement	Clayton	No/No/Yes	\$9,950,210	30	\$6,965,147		25.0	
Hidden Valley Greenway	Fuquay-Varina	No/Yes/Yes	\$2,928,469	20	\$2,342,775		20.7	
S. Fuquay Avenue Pedestrian Improvements	Fuquay-Varina	Yes/Yes/No	\$3,075,751	20	\$2,460,601		10.2	
Total			\$3,075,751		\$24,911,851	\$5,538,120		
Target Modal Investment						\$ 6,750,000		
Remainder						\$1,211,880		

The Selection Panel has recommended funding the top scoring project, Atlantic Ave MUP, and the Vandora Springs SRTS.

The bottom four projects were below the 50% mark of the top scoring project

Transit Recommendations: \$0

- No Transit projects were submitted for FFY27 LAPP

7.4 FFY 2027 LAPP Program

Recommendation

FFY 2027 LAPP Recommended Investment Program	\$27,964,300
Board-Adopted Target Modal Mix Recommendation	<u>\$25,000,000</u>
Amount Above Board Target Recommendation	\$2,964,300

7.4 FFY 2027 LAPP Program

Next Steps

- Public Comment Period: January 19 – February 17, 2026
- Public Hearing and Proposed Adoption: February 18, 2026
- TIP Amendment #2 will include adopted projects
- LAPP Project Manager Training (mandatory for all funded projects) will be scheduled for March

Requested Action:
Receive as information

7.5 Amendment #2 to FY 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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- CAMPO and statewide CAMPO-eligible projects
- Changes made from November – December 2025
- Will include FFY27 LAPP Programming

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Next Steps:

- Public comment period from January 19 - February 17, 2026
- Public Hearing on February 18, 2026

Requested Action:
Receive as information

8. Informational Items: Budget

8.1 Operating Budget FY2025

8.2 Member's Shares FY2025

Requested Action:
Receive as information

9. Informational Items: Project Updates

9.1 Project Updates

9.2 Public Engagement Updates

Requested Action:
Receive as information

10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

- MPO Report
- TCC Chair
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
- NCDOT Division 4
- NCDOT Division 5
- NCDOT Division 6
- NCDOT Division 8
- NCDOT Rail Division
- NC Turnpike Authority
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
- Executive Board Members

11. Closed Session

Requested Action:

Enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS sections
143-318.11(a)(3), 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6)

End of Closed Session

12. Adjournment


NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization



MPO 101

TRAINING

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February
2026

**8:30AM -
12:00PM**

In-Person 

CAMPO Office: 1 Fenton Main Street,
Suite 201, Cary, NC 27511

Online 

Webex link will be emailed

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Event
February 5, 2026 10:00 a.m.	Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting
February 18, 2026 3:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting
February 20, 2026 8:30 a.m. – Noon	MPO 101 Training
March 5, 2026 10:00 a.m.	Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting
March 18, 2026 3:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting