

Triangle Mobility Hub Concurrence Plan

Concurrence Team Members

Project Sponsor: GoTriangle (with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and The Durham and Wake County Transit Plans as funding partners)

Definite Cooperating Agencies to be Invited:

- Research Triangle Foundation
- Durham County
- Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization
- Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- NC Department of Transportation
- NC Department of Environmental Quality
- NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

Participating Agencies to be Invited:

- City of Durham (GoDurham)
- City of Raleigh (GoRaleigh)
- Town of Cary (GoCary)
- Town of Morrisville
- Orange County
- Wake County
- North Carolina Railroad

Agency roles (Participating versus Cooperating)

The group of agencies involved in the Concurrence Process for each applicable project is known as the Concurrence Team. The Concurrence Team is composed of a Project Sponsor, Cooperating Agencies, and Participating Agencies. The composition of agencies on each Concurrence Team will vary, depending on the project's geographic location and scope. The determination of the composition of a Concurrence Team and its progression through the Concurrence Process is facilitated and staffed by a Concurrence Administrator, in support of and in cooperation with the Project Sponsor. The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) will serve as the Concurrence Administrator for the Concurrence Process.

Each role on the Concurrence Team has a defined set of responsibilities in moving the Concurrence Process forward, and in satisfying National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) compliance requirements:

Concurrence Team Role	Responsibilities
Project Sponsor	Role assigned through adoption of <i>Wake Transit Work Plan</i>
	Initiates project and takes responsibility for its implementation
	Identifies Cooperating Agencies and Participating Agencies with Concurrence Administrator
	Identifies necessary project Concurrence Points with Concurrence Administrator and Cooperating Agencies
	Leads project through Concurrence Points and proposes project-level actions or implementation approaches at corresponding key milestones
Cooperating Agency	Federal, state, or local agency with legal jurisdiction over aspects of project implementation or with respect to resources the project can reasonably be anticipated to impact
	Develops information and/or prepares analyses related to verification of proposed actions' compliance or noncompliance with regulations, policies, or laws under its jurisdiction
	Has capability of voting on Concurrence or Non-Concurrence in response to proposed actions at key project milestones
Participating Agency	Is invited to Concurrence Meetings and may provide input throughout the Concurrence Process
	Does not have legal jurisdiction over aspects of project implementation or with respect to resources the project can reasonably be anticipated to impact
	Does not have capability of voting on Concurrence or Non-Concurrence in response to proposed actions at key project milestones

CAMPO's Concurrence Process

Concurrence is a process in which Sponsors of major Wake Transit Capital Projects may, with respect to such Projects, verify compliance with: Laws, regulations, and policies enacted and/or enforced by agencies having regulatory authority over a resource or interest that may be substantially impacted by the project. The Concurrence Process arises at key project milestones throughout: (1) Project development and permitting and, if applicable to the project, (2) Final design, right-of-way/land acquisition, construction, or other subsequent phases. These milestones, or points, are known as Concurrence Points.

Concurrence Points are distinct to the nature and magnitude of impacts anticipated for each project. Specific sequential Concurrence Points are identified in a project-specific Concurrence Plan. Concurrence Points cumulatively build over the course of project development and subsequent phases such that Concurrence at prior milestones informs the trajectory of project implementation that leads to future milestones. It is anticipated that Project Sponsor actions, and project trajectories, will be informed and improved by the Concurrence Process.

Concurrence Points 1-6 include:

- **Concurrence Point 1: Project Purpose and Need**
 - Review of Purpose and Need.
- **Concurrence Point 2: Identification of Alternatives to Study Further**
 - Identification of alternative(s) which satisfy the Purpose and Need (Mode, alignment, and termini).
 - This may be one alternative.
- **Concurrence Point 3: Screening of Alternatives/Elimination of Alternatives**
 - Based on effectiveness of alternative to satisfy Purpose and Need.
 - Based on environmental avoidance or minimization associated with each alternative
 - If only one alternative is selected for further study at Concurrence Point 2, Concurrence Point 3 is not needed.
- **Concurrence Point 4: Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Recommendation**
 - This is a recommendation of which GoTriangle will seek concurrence from the Concurrence Team's Cooperating Agencies.
 - The recommended LPA would then be considered by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees.
 - The recommended LPA would then be considered by the CAMPO TCC and Executive Board, as well as Triangle West TPO's TCC and Executive Board.
 - The LPA would need to be appropriately integrated with the development of the 2055 MTP; however, GoTriangle can proceed with the concurrence process when the LPA adoption occurs. The site identified is consistent with the 2050 MTP.
 - At this point in the process, the project location must be established. Orientation of the transit facility on the project site can be further refined through the NEPA process.
- **Concurrence Point 5: NEPA Assessment**
 - A detailed, interdisciplinary and interagency review of required NEPA assessment. Although the classification of the environmental document has not yet been determined by FTA, it is anticipated to be a Categorical Exclusion.
- **Concurrence Point 6: Least Environmentally Damaging Preferred Alternative (LEDPA) Recommendation**
 - This is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-preferred alternative. At this point, stations, termini, mode, alignment, ROW, pavement impacts, etc. should be known.
 - At this point, environmental avoidance and minimization should be discussed relative to the refined project details to select a LEDPA.
 - This is the point at which we optimize the design and benefits of the project while reducing environmental impacts to both the human and natural environment.

- Opportunity for the project sponsor and cooperating agencies to reassess whether any remaining proposed project-level decisions will impact their jurisdictions.
- If there are impacts, an agreement will be reached on future points for concurrence and this concurrence plan will be updated to include those additional subsequent concurrence points.

Proposed Schedule for Concurrence Process Through LPA Adoption

Action	Date
Concurrence Plan and Concurrence Agenda Distributed to Concurrence Team	By Week of March 10, 2025
Concurrence Meeting Information Packet Distributed to Concurrence Team and posted for TPAC	By Week of March 17, 2025
<u>Concurrence Plan Overview Presentation to TPAC</u>	<u>March 20, 2025</u>
First Concurrence Meeting with Concurrence on Points 1, 2 & 3	April 1 – 11, 2025
Second Concurrence Meeting with Concurrence on Point 4 – Selection of LPA	July 23 – August 1, 2025
Recommended LPA review and release for public comment period by GoTriangle Board	By Week of August 25, 2025
30-Day Public Comment Period on LPA	Closes by Week of September 22, 2025
TCCs, CAMPO & Triangle West TPO receive Engagement Summary and approve LPA selection	September/October
Information presentation to TPAC on project progress	October 22, 2025
LEDPA Consideration of Adoption by GoTriangle subcommittees and Board of Trustees	November 2025
LEDPA recommendation from TCCs, Approval by Triangle West TPO and CAMPO Boards	November 2025

Project Background

Wake County residents passed a ballot measure to fund the Wake Transit Plan in November of 2016. The Wake County Transit Plan recommends connecting all Wake County Municipalities and improving regional connections, among other big moves. The GoTriangle Regional Transportation Center (RTC) is the primary hub for GoTriangle regional bus services connecting Wake, Durham, and Orange Counties. The Wake County Transit Plan identified the RTC as a critical regional facility to enable the tripling of bus service committed by the plan as well as to provide connections to future regional rail.

In 2019, with funding from the county transit plans, GoTriangle initiated the Regional Transit Center (RTC) Relocation Study that included a stakeholder oversight team comprised of transit plan

partners and NCDOT. Of the initial 113 sites considered (including the existing location), three final sites were identified, evaluated and scored based on the following factors: mobility, community, viability, accessibility and multimodality. Of the three sites, a 19.4-acre site located in Durham County scored the highest.

In 2022, GoTriangle partnered with Research Triangle Foundation, the owner of the proposed property, on developing a shared vision for the site. In August of 2023, the Research Triangle Foundation passed a resolution approving the siting of the RTC, now called the Triangle Mobility Hub, on the proposed property and supporting TOD in the surrounding area. In 2024, GoTriangle was awarded a \$25M RAISE grant for the Triangle Mobility Hub and SPOKE project.

Funding requested in the FY26 Wake Transit Work Plan shows the anticipated Wake County Transit Plan allocation is \$17.9 Million through FY 2029 for planning, design, land acquisition, construction and implementation of the Triangle Mobility Hub. Additional funding for the project will come from the Durham County and Orange County Transit Plans, as well as federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds from the Triangle West TPO Regional Flexible Funding Program.

The following documents support the current definition of the Triangle Mobility Hub project:

- Wake Transit Work Plan (annual, ongoing)
- Durham Transit Work Program (annual, ongoing)
- Orange Transit Work program (annual, ongoing)
- Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Plan (Project ID TD-5306)
- Regional Transit Center Relocation Feasibility Study (2021)
- Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2022)
- Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2022)
- City of Durham and Durham County Comprehensive Plan (2023)
- August 25, 2023 Research Triangle Foundation Board Resolution
- FY 2024 Triangle Mobility Hub RAISE Grant Application

March 13, 2025

Project Location



Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

[Stephanie Plancich \(Mar 16, 2025 14:00 EDT\)](#)

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Date

GoTriangle (Research Triangle Public Transportation Authority)

Catherine Miller, Transit Oriented Development Program Director

Date