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Wake Transit Plan: Documents for Public Review

Community Participation is an Important Part of Wake Transit Planning

CARY – The Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) is responsible for the ongoing implementation of the 10-year Wake Transit Plan. Starting September 5th, there are four (4) Wake Transit documents available for public review and comment: 2035 Wake Transit Plan, Regional Transit Technology Plan, Operations Security Funding Policy and 2nd Quarter Wake Transit Work Plan amendment requests.

2035 WAKE TRANSIT PLAN

The first document posted for review is the recommended update to the Wake Transit Plan itself. The 2035 Wake Transit Plan was developed over an 18-month period. Detailed analysis and extensive public and stakeholder outreach were conducted throughout the process. The Plan outlines how over \$3 billion will be invested to improve and expand public transportation choices for people living in, commuting to and traveling through Wake County. The specific service and infrastructure projects identified in the Plan are expected to kickoff and/or be completed within the 10-year period between FY 2026 and 2035.

Feedback received during the Plan development process helped design the 10-year investment strategy. Each investment will continue our efforts to advance Wake Transit's **Four Big Moves**.

We will **CONNECT THE REGION** by:

- Investing in the expansion of regional rail services
- Expanding the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network with new connections between Cary and RTP, Garner and Clayton, and Raleigh and RTP along I-40

We will **CONNECT ALL WAKE COUNTY COMMUNITIES** by:

- Expanding local and regional bus service with longer hours and service more days of the week
- Connecting more towns to each other and to Cary, Raleigh, and/or RTP

We will **CREATE FREQUENT, RELIABLE, URBAN MOBILITY** by:

- Extending 15-minute service into the evenings and weekends on existing frequent routes
- Adding more 15-minute or less bus routes to the frequent transit network

We will **ENHANCE ACCESS TO TRANSIT** by:

- Continuing to build and improve transit access facilities like bus stops and sidewalks
- Tripling funding and lowering the match requirement for the Community Funding Area Program making it easier for towns to invest in local transit projects and services

The 2035 Wake Transit Plan is available for comment through October 5, 2025. **Now is your chance to review the final draft and provide input!** Visit the **project webpage**, <https://publicinput.com/waketransit2035>, to view materials, explore the story map, and submit a feedback form.

You can also plan to share your thoughts at a **public hearing on Wednesday, September 17, 2025** held jointly by the CAMPO and GoTriangle governing boards. The hearing will take place as part of the CAMPO Executive Board meeting agenda starting at 3:00pm at the CAMPO offices: 1 Fenton Main, Suite 201, Cary NC 27511. The listen only WebEx meeting link and speaker sign-up sheet is available at <https://www.campo-nc.us/about-us/meeting-details>. Only those attending in person will be able to speak.

REGIONAL TRANSIT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The second document provided for public review is the draft Regional Transit Technology Plan. The first Technology Plan was published in 2019. The emerging needs of Wake, Durham and Orange County transit operators as well as the necessity to keep up with changing technologies led to the request for an updated plan. Led by GoTriangle staff, the goals of the updated plan include developing a guidance structure that will move regional transit partners toward a more cohesive and consistent technology system which will provide transit riders with a more streamlined and user-friendly experience.

Technologies covered by the plan include upgraded rider apps, real-time bus tracking and monitoring systems, updated data collection, fare payment options as well as roadway enhancements like traffic signal prioritization which helps the buses achieve on-time performance goals even in heavy traffic.

The draft Regional Transit Technology Plan can be downloaded and comments submitted by visiting the Wake Transit Public Notices web page at <https://publicinput.com/WTnotices>. The public review period for this plan ends on September 21, 2025.

OPERATIONS SECURITY FUNDING POLICY

In recent years, the Wake County community, transit riders and transit operating agencies have expressed a desire to boost safety and security associated with transit services. For capital projects including bus facilities and vehicles, funding for safety measures is applied for as part of the overall project budget. For staffing needs, the Operations Security Funding Policy has been developed. This policy outlines the rules and expectations for operators who use Wake Transit funds to hire security officers, security program support staff and associated equipment. Operational safety measures and security enhancements improve the transit experience for riders and staff.

The Funding Policy requires requesting agencies to demonstrate that the safety or security need is tied to Wake Transit Plan implementation, to describe how the specific need will be addressed, how much the personnel and/or equipment will cost and provide a report that provides a status report and documents the effectiveness of the investment.

The draft Operations Security Funding Policy can be downloaded and comments submitted by visiting the Wake Transit Public Notices web page at <https://publicinput.com/WTnotices>. The public review period for this policy ends on September 21, 2025.

2ND QUARTER WAKE TRANSIT WORK PLAN

CAMPO staff are also releasing the 2nd quarter Wake Transit Work Plan amendment request packet for public review and comment. Amendment cycles are scheduled throughout the fiscal year to allow Wake Transit partners the opportunity to update project scopes, schedules, budgets and/or request funding for new projects or project phases.

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The amendment request review packet can be downloaded and comments submitted by visiting the Wake Transit Public Notices web page at <https://publicinput.com/WTnotices>. The public review period for this amendment cycle ends on October 5, 2025.

Here are some additional ways that you can submit feedback, ask questions or request assistance from the Wake Transit Team:

- **By Email:** waketransit@campo-nc.us
- **By Phone:** (984) 542-3609
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