

# THREE WAKE TRANSIT ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY COMMENTS

**DATELINE** – Wake Transit engagement staff members are inviting the community to offer feedback on three important transit items.

The 10-year Wake Transit Plan is being updated, and the draft is ready for public review and comment. At the same time, the draft FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan, which outlines what will be spent in the next fiscal year to accomplish the long-range goals of the Wake Transit Plan, and a proposed update to the Community Engagement Policy that guides how transit partners communicate with the public about transit activities also are available for review.

Complete details for each planning document are available at [goforwardnc.org/wakeinput](https://goforwardnc.org/wakeinput). Here is a snapshot of each:

## 1) WAKE TRANSIT PLAN UPDATE

The Wake Transit Plan outlines the long-term vision for public transportation investment in Wake County. Community input received during the 18-month update process confirmed that connecting all Wake County communities, connecting the region, creating frequent and reliable urban mobility and enhancing access to transit – “The Four Big Moves” outlined in the plan – will remain the program’s goals moving forward. The update extends the planning period from 2027 through 2030.

The 40-day public review and comment period for the Wake Transit Plan update will be open from Feb. 19 to March 31. A public hearing is scheduled for 4 p.m. March 17.

Find more information [here](#).

## 2) FISCAL YEAR 2022 WORK PLAN

Each winter, transit partners put together and approve a work plan that outlines the service improvements and infrastructure investments that will be funded in the next fiscal year (July-June). The draft FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan is available for a 30-day public review and comment period from Feb. 19 to March 21.

Comments received on the draft plan will be collected and considered by the planning team. Before its adoption in June, a recommended plan will be made available for additional community input.

The draft FY2022 Work Plan calls for spending more than \$75 million on bus infrastructure, which includes transfer points, transit centers, park-and-ride lots, bus stop improvements, bus maintenance facilities, sidewalk access and advanced technology.

GoRaleigh, GoCary and GoTriangle receive money from Wake Transit, and the three agencies work together to create a regional fixed-route transit network.

**Highlights for GoRaleigh include:**

- \$17.8 million to design and build a Paratransit Operations and Maintenance Facility that would accommodate both GoRaleigh Access and GoWake Access operations.
- \$3.2 million toward building the East Raleigh Transit Center near New Bern Avenue and \$133,200 to design and acquire land for two other transfer facilities. Transit centers are at minimum sheltered waiting areas located where several bus routes converge.
- \$2 million to improve bus stops. Bus stop amenities can include concrete pads, benches, shelters, signs, access ramps and sidewalk improvements.
- \$647,000 to update transit centers at Crabtree Valley Mall and Triangle Town Center.

**Highlights for GoCary include:**

- \$35 million to begin building a GoCary Regional Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility.
- \$1.6 million to improve bus stops.

**Highlights for GoTriangle include:**

- \$6 million to buy land to relocate and design a new Regional Transit Center.
- \$3.3 million to design and buy land for new park-and-ride lots near Interstate 440 and Interstate 540.
- \$343,000 to renovate and enhance several existing park-and-ride lots.
- \$1 million to improve bus stops.
- \$333,000 toward design, land acquisition and construction of a Downtown Apex transfer point.

The draft FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan also includes \$12.8 million to buy 21 new vehicles for GoRaleigh: 12 buses to replace older diesel vehicles, 5 buses to increase service and 4 paratransit vehicles. The new buses will be fueled by compressed natural gas.

The Wake Transit Plan includes creating four bus rapid transit corridors. In FY2022, the City of Raleigh is proposed to receive \$12 million to advance the design of the Western Corridor Project. Planning for the other three corridors will continue.

Work also continues on the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail feasibility study, which was funded in the FY2020 work plan. The study, which will further outline the possibility for a regional commuter rail service between Durham and Garner, is expected to be completed in mid-FY2022. For more information on the commuter rail project, visit [goforwardnc.org/commuterrail/](https://goforwardnc.org/commuterrail/).

A link to a PDF of the draft FY2022 Work Plan can be found [here](#).

### **3) WAKE TRANSIT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

One of the priorities of the Wake Transit program is to ensure that all Wake County community members have meaningful opportunity to participate in the planning and programming decision-making process through continuous, cooperative and comprehensive engagement.

As part of the regular program performance review process, staff saw opportunities to update the policy to reflect current best practices, to offer clearer guidance to partners and to establish a set of standards that align well with the many activities of Wake Transit. The draft policy is available for a 45-day public review period from Feb. 19 to April 5.

Find more information about the draft policy [here](#).

Comment on one or all three items at [goforwardnc.org/wakeinput](https://goforwardnc.org/wakeinput). Find out more about the Wake Transit Plan and what it has accomplished to date at [goforwardnc.org/wake](https://goforwardnc.org/wake).