## Weigh in on Wake Transit!

1 engagement effort; 3 opportunities to provide input



## **Three Opportunities to Comment**

- 1. The Wake Transit Plan Update outlines the long-term vision for public transportation investments in Wake County
- The draft FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan outlines what will be spent in the next year to reach this vision
- 3. The **Community Engagement Policy** guides how Wake Transit partners communicate with the public about transit investments



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## **1. WAKE TRANSIT PLAN UPDATE**

- Outlines the long-term vision for public transportation investment in Wake County
- Extends the 10-year planning period out through FY2030
- 2021-2030 investments build upon growth and improvements realized in the first 3 years of plan implementation
- Community input received during the 18-month update process confirmed the plan's goals, aka "The Four Big Moves":
  - Connecting all Wake County communities
  - $\circ$  Connecting the region
  - Creating frequent and reliable urban mobility
  - o Enhancing access to transit
- A public hearing for the Wake Transit Plan Update is scheduled on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- The Wake Transit Plan Update is anticipated to be adopted in April



Review and comment now through March 31<sup>st</sup>!



## 2. FISCAL YEAR 2022 WAKE TRANSIT WORK PLAN

- Each year transit partners create and approve an annual Work Plan to accomplish the goals of the Wake Transit Plan
- Outlines the service improvements and infrastructure investments that will be funded over the next fiscal year (July-June)
- Comments received on the draft Work Plan will be collected and considered by the planning team
- The updated document recommended for approval will be made available for additional community input
- The FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan is anticipated to be adopted in June



Review and comment now through March 21<sup>st</sup>!



## 3. WAKE TRANSIT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

- Provides guidance to partners responsible for communicating, working with and hearing from the community on a wide variety of Wake Transit activities
- First engagement policy was adopted 2018 and is guiding the engagement periods for all three planning documents
- The updated policy:
  - Reflects current best practices
  - $\circ~$  Offers clearer guidance to partners
  - Establishes a set of standards that align well with the many activities of Wake Transit
  - Streamlines the engagement requirements and sets expectations the community can count on



Review and comment now through April 5<sup>th</sup>!



## WHAT'S PROPOSED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 WAKE TRANSIT WORK PLAN?



#### **Anticipated Revenues**

#### **Anticipated Expenditures**

Half-cent local option sales tax	\$ 97.0 million
Vehicle rental tax	\$ 2.8 million
\$7 vehicle rental fee	\$ 6.8 million
\$3 vehicle rental fee	\$ 2.9 million
Total local	\$ 109.5 million
<b>Other</b> (federal, state, fares, prior year funds, debt proceeds)	\$ 66.0 million
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- Bus Operations/Purchases/Infrastructure
- Allocation to Reserves
- Transit Plan and Tax District Administration
- Bus Rapid Transit
- Capital Planning



### **ADVANCING BUS RAPID TRANSIT**

- The Wake Transit Plan includes the development of **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 (New Bern Ave, Southern to Garner, and Northern on Capital Blvd.) will continue in FY2022.
- More information on the benefits of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), how it could work in our community and progress updates on all four corridor projects can be found at <u>raleighnc.gov/bus-rapid-transit</u>.







## Making the Four Big Moves a Reality

Proposed FY2022 GoRaleigh investments include:

- **\$17.8 million** to design and build a Paratransit Operations and Maintenance Facility that would accommodate both GoRaleigh Access and GoWake Access operations.
- **\$12.8 million** to buy 22 new buses. Four paratransit replacement vehicles as well as 17 natural-gas fueled buses, 12 to replace older diesel vehicles and five to accommodate service increases.
- **\$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.
- **\$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.

Proposed FY2022 GoCary investments include:

• \$35 million to begin building a GoCary Regional Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility.

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• **\$1.6 million** to improve bus stops.

## Making the Four Big Moves a Reality, Continued

Proposed FY2022 **GoTriangle** investments include:

- **\$6 million** to buy land to relocate and design a new Regional Transit Center.
- **\$3.3 million** to design and buy land for park-and-ride lots near Interstate 440 and Interstate 540.
- **\$1 million** to improve bus stops.
- **\$343,000** to renovate and enhance several other park-and-ride lots.
- **\$333,000** toward design, land acquisition and construction of a Downtown Apex transfer point.
- Add 3 trips to the DRX Route (downtown Raleigh to downtown Durham)
- Kick-off the <u>Wake Bus Plan</u> update process.

#### New and Continuing Regional Efforts:

- Support Community Funding Area Program eligible communities study and create their own local transit options.
- Study transit access to inform transit programming and funding decisions.
- Launch a unified mobile ticketing system for all Wake County transit agencies.
- Continue free fare programs for youths ages 13 to 18 and seniors age 65+.

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### **APPROVAL TIMELINE**

Feb. March April

**2/19** A combined public comment period for the draft Wake Transit Plan Update, draft FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan, and draft Community Engagement Policy begins.

**3/17** Public hearing for the Wake Transit Plan Update. Held Virtually at 4:00pm as part of the CAMPO Executive Board Meeting. https://www.campo-nc.us/events

**3/21** Draft FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan comment period ends

**3/31** Draft Wake Transit Plan Update public comment period ends

**4/5** Draft Community Engagement Policy public comment period ends

April

June

**4/21** TPAC releases the recommended FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan for 14-day public review and comment period.

**4/21** CAMPO Board considers Wake Transit Plan Update and Community Engagement Policy for adoption

**4/28** GoTriangle Board considers Wake Transit Plan Update and Community Engagement Policy for adoption

**6/16** CAMPO Board considers adoption of the FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan

**6/23** GoTriangle Board considers adoption of the FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan

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# Help shape your community investment in transit



For more information, visit **goforwardnc.org/wakeinput**.

Submit your comments online at goforwardnc.org/wakeinput.



Or mail them to:



GoTriangle, Attn: Public Engagement, 4600 Emperor Blvd., Suite 100, Durham, NC 27703



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