

WAKE COUNTY TRANSIT PLAN

Transit Planning Advisory Committee

TPAC Regular Meeting • March 10, 2021 • 9:30am-11:15am

WebEx Meeting Information:

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AGENDA

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** (Ben Howell, TPAC Chair)
- II. **Adjustments to the Agenda** (Ben Howell, TPAC Chair)
- III. **General Public or Agency Comment** (Ben Howell, TPAC Chair)

Commenters will be allotted three (3) minutes during the scheduled TPAC meeting. Commenters may also email questions and feedback to bret.martin@campo-nc.us in advance of the meeting. Comments received before 9:00am will be summarized during the meeting and attached to the final meeting minutes.

TPAC ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- IV. **Meeting Minutes**
(Action Item: Ben Howell, TPAC Chair, 5 minutes) **Attachments A & B**

Requested Action: Consider approval of the January and February 2021 draft TPAC meeting minutes.

- V. **Assignment of Art & Culture Work Task Lead Agency**
(Action Item: Stephanie Plancich, TPAC Administrator, 5 minutes)

In response to art funding eligibility inquiries from project sponsors, the TPAC assigned a planning task to the Budget & Finance (B&F) Subcommittee. The assignment is defined as a specialized task to "Develop funding guidelines for incorporating art and culture elements into Wake Transit capital projects." The task was included on the February-July B&F Work Task List endorsed by the TPAC last month.

While the subcommittee is the appropriate venue to review, vet and finalize a draft policy for TPAC consideration, the work responsibility to develop the policy needs to be assigned to one of the two Wake Transit lead agencies. Go Triangle, as the lead agency responsible for Wake Transit financial management, is best suited to take this task through to completion.

Requested Action: Endorse the designation of GoTriangle as the lead agency for the task to develop a Wake Transit art funding policy.

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING ITEMS

VI. Wake County Transit Plan Update-Final Plan Update Document *(Action Item: Bret Martin, CAMPO, 10 minutes) Attachment C (and Appendices C1-C7)*

Over the past several months, CAMPO staff has presented to the TPAC the results of the final 2021-2030 Wake County Transit investment strategy, as well as high-level information on the organization and content of the final document for the Wake County Transit Plan Update. The final plan update document was provided to the TPAC as information at its February 17th meeting and is currently out for public review and comment through the end of March. This document is provided as [Attachment C](#). CAMPO staff will provide a very brief overview of the public input received to date on the draft plan update document and on the next steps to support its ultimate adoption and will ask the TPAC to consider recommending adoption of the plan update to CAMPO and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees at its March 10th regular meeting. A joint public hearing to be conducted by both the GoTriangle Board of Trustees and CAMPO Executive Board together is anticipated to occur during the regular CAMPO Executive Board meeting on March 17th. It is then anticipated that both boards will consider action on adoption of the plan update at their respective April meetings.

Requested Action: Recommend approval of the 2021-2030 Wake County Transit Plan Update to CAMPO and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees.

*****Roll Call Vote for Action Items*****

VII. Bus Rapid Transit Extensions Major Investment Study and Alternatives Analysis *(Information Item: Bret Martin, CAMPO, 10 minutes) Attachments D & E*

In April of 2021, CAMPO is planning to kick off a major investment study (MIS) that will develop and evaluate alternatives and ultimately select preferred alternatives for bus rapid transit (BRT) extensions from Cary to Research Triangle Park and from Garner to Clayton. These extensions would build onto two (2) of the core BRT corridors included in the original Wake County Transit Plan. The extensions have been included in the Wake County Transit Plan Update, and the capital improvements thereof are assumed to be funded with State revenue sources in the FYs 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Consistent with the pre-project development feasibility planning and alternatives analyses completed for the four (4) core BRT corridors in the original Wake County Transit Plan, the MIS for these BRT extensions will generally involve an analysis of the travel markets to be served, identification of environmental constraints in each corridor, development of alignment and station area alternatives to study further, development of market-appropriate operating plans, evaluation of alternatives against a set of performance and other relevant criteria, development of capital and operating cost estimates, selection of recommended preferred alternatives, a risk assessment, assessment of federalizing the extensions, and identification of project sponsors.

At the TPAC's March 10th meeting, CAMPO staff will provide a high-level overview of the scope of work and schedule for the study, as well as CAMPO's plan for engaging appropriate partners throughout the duration of the study. The scope of work for the study is provided as [Attachment D](#), and the Workgroup Identification Worksheet for the core technical teams to be assembled for the study is provided as [Attachment E](#).

Requested Action: Receive as information.

VIII. FY22 Community Funding Area (CFA) Program Update *(Information Item: Evan Koff, CAMPO, 15 minutes)*

The FY22 Community Funding Area (CFA) Program call for projects opened October 26, 2020, and closed January 8, 2021. Two (2) applications were submitted for consideration. CAMPO staff will provide a status update on the selection of projects to receive CFA Program funding at the TPAC's March meeting. CAMPO staff will also discuss the program's fiscal health now that its projects have been incorporated into the Wake County Transit Plan's extended FY2030 planning horizon.

Requested Action: Receive as information.

IX. GoTriangle Bus Stop Improvement Program

(Information Item: Erin Convery, Sr. Planner, GoTriangle, 10 minutes)

GoTriangle staff will provide an overview and update on the agency’s ongoing bus stop improvement efforts in Wake County. Currently, GoTriangle is designing and constructing improvements at 23 bus stops in Wake County, with a pipeline of funding available for additional improvements in FY22. These bus stop improvements enhance passenger safety and comfort by creating a safer, cleaner, and more accessible waiting environment. The bus stop improvement program will help GoTriangle reach its goal of making all stops ADA accessible.

Requested Action: Receive as information.

X. Transforming Rail Corridors: The S-Line Opportunity

(Information Item: Jason Orthner, NCDOT Rail Division Director, 20 minutes)

The S-Line is a rail corridor owned by CSX Transportation that runs from Hamlet, NC to Richmond, VA. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) recognizes the opportunity to acquire the S-Line and advance an innovative vision for rail across the state. Building the foundation of strong intercity passenger service along the line will create future opportunities for transit-oriented development (TOD) and additional regional rail services. Recently, NCDOT won a grant with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to acquire the S-Line, followed by a grant with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to develop a comprehensive TOD vision for the S-Line corridor that will improve opportunity for economic development, spur transit-oriented communities, connect our residents to job-centers, education, and more.

Requested Action: Receive as information.

XI. Subcommittee Report: Attachment F

Subcommittee meeting agendas and materials are posted online at, <https://www.campo-nc.us/about-us/committees/wake-county-transit-planning-advisory-committee-tpac/subcommittee>, at least 3 days in advance of scheduled meetings.

Subcommittee	Budget Finance &	Planning Prioritization &	Community Engagement
Chair	Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle	David Walker, City of Raleigh	Andrea Epstein, City of Raleigh
Vice Chair	Shavon Tucker, City of Raleigh	Kevin Wyrauch, Town of Cary	Sharon Chavis, GoTriangle
Next Meeting	3/18, 1:30-3:00pm	3/23, 1:30-3:30pm	3/25, 1:30-3:00pm

Other Subcommittee Notes:

Joint Meeting Notice:

A joint meeting of the B&F and P&P subcommittees is scheduled on April 6th from 2:30-4:30pm. Discussion includes: Amendment Requests for the FY21 Work Plan and development of the recommended FY22 Work Plan.

Subcommittee Schedule Adjustments:

1. The Budget & Finance (B&F) Subcommittee reduced its meeting time from 2 hours to 1.5 hours. It will now meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 1:30-3:00pm.
2. Public Engagement & Communications, to better align with the policy and strategies it develops and deploys, will now be called the Community Engagement (CE) Subcommittee
3. The Community Engagement Subcommittee reduced its meeting time from 2 hours to 1.5 hours. It will now meet on the 4th Thursday of the month, from 1:30-3:00pm.
4. All subcommittee meetings now begin at 1:30pm on their designated days.

XII. Other Business

Partner Support Request:

Please help support the active Wake Transit engagement efforts by retweeting and posting announcements on social media, forwarding emails you receive to contact lists and transportation partners in your community, sharing the link to GoforwardNC.org/WakeInput at appropriate meetings, and otherwise informing your staff and constituents.

The currently active public comment periods are:

- a. February 19th-**March 21st** - FY22 Draft Wake Transit Work Plan
- b. February 19th-**March 31st** – FY2021-2030 Wake Transit Plan Update
- c. February 19th-**April 5th** – Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy

Information about each draft document, links to submit comments and copies of fliers and social media posts are available at GoforwardNC.org/WakeInput.

Notice of Public Hearing:

A Joint Public Hearing of the CAMPO and GoTriangle governing boards is scheduled for March 17th at 4:00pm. The hearing will allow members of the community an opportunity to share their thoughts and to provide feedback before the draft Wake Transit Plan Update is considered for adoption

Speakers must sign-up to be called upon during the hearing. The link to the sign-up sheet is included on the flier. Sign-up will close at 4:10pm. Anyone not able to attend the hearing or who is not able to sign-up may submit their comments anytime between now and March 31st.

The public hearing notice is included as **Attachment G** and is also posted at GoforwardNC.org/WakeInput.

XIII. Adjourn

The next TPAC meeting is scheduled for April 21st, 2021. (3rd week of the month)

April Action Items will include:

- Recommend approval/adoption of the recommended FY22 Wake Transit Work Plan
- Recommend approval/adoption of the Community Engagement Policy
- Recommend approval/adoption of the FY21-Q4 Wake Transit Work Plan Amendments