

WAKE COUNTY TRANSIT PLAN

Transit Planning Advisory Committee

TPAC Regular Monthly Meeting • May 17, 2023 • 9:30am-12:00pm

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AGENDA

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

Commenters will be allotted three (3) minutes during the scheduled TPAC meeting. Commenters may also email questions and feedback to Shelby.Powell@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. **Adoption of TPAC Meeting Minutes**
(Action Item: David Eatman, TPAC Chair) **Attachment A**

Requested Action: Adopt the April 2023 TPAC meeting Minutes.

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING ITEMS

- I. **Revised Recommended FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan**
(Information Item: Shelby Powell, CAMPO & Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle) **Attachment B & C**

On April 19, 2023, the TPAC recommended approval of the Recommended FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan to the Wake Governing Boards. On April 21, 2023, GoTriangle's leadership, acting through approval by the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, delivered correspondence to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and Wake County leadership describing their intent to no longer contribute 50% of the Regional Transit Authority Vehicle Rental Tax, as defined in NCGS § 105-550 through NCGS § 105-556, to the Orange, Durham, and Wake County Transit Program(s) for the FY 2024 budget, effective July 21, 2023. This action would reduce the allocation of Vehicle Rental Tax revenue shown in the Recommended FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan's Tax District Revenues by 94.25% or \$4,516,296.

Due to the change of allocation in revenues, the Recommended FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan has been revised, therefore requiring further consideration of recommending the TPAC approve. As lead agency for Work Plan development, CAMPO staff will introduce the revisions to the FY2024 Wake Transit Work Plan, and

GoTriangle staff will provide further insight on impact to the Recommended FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan.

The revised FY 25 Work Plan was discussed at the Program Development Subcommittee meeting held on May 9, 2023, and resulted in a recommendation that the TPAC approve the revised Work Plan for adoption by the Wake Transit Governing Boards.

Requested Action: Consider recommending approval of the revised FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan to the Wake Transit governing boards.

II. FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan, Project Agreement Groupings and Reporting Deliverables

(Action Item: Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle) **Attachments D & E**

At the May TPAC meeting, GoTriangle staff will present the grouping of agreements for projects included in the recommended FY2024 Wake Transit Work Plan and will also review the reporting deliverables for each category of project covered by the agreements.

Requested Action: Consider recommending approval of the FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan Project Agreement Groups and Reporting Deliverables to the Wake Transit governing boards.

III. Recommended FY2025-2030 Wake Bus Plan

(Action Item: Michelle Peele, GoTriangle) **Attachment F**

This Wake Bus Plan update recommends bus service improvements in Wake County for fiscal years 2025 through 2030. While it specifically addresses new bus services funded with Wake Transit revenues, the Wake Bus Plan also proposes changes to existing routes that will make bus service more useful and more responsive to changing travel patterns. Led by GoTriangle, the plan has been in development since July 2021 with consultant support and guidance from partner transit agencies, municipalities, CAMPO, and other key institutions in Wake County. The recommended plan for bus service improvements in fiscal years 2025-2030 has been finalized. At this meeting, GoTriangle will provide an overview of the changes in recommendations resulting from the public review and comment period held February 20, 2023 through March 22, 2023. The complete report and associated appendices can be found online here: <https://www.goforwardnc.org/wake-county/plans-policies/>.

Requested Action: Consider recommending approval of the Recommended FY2025-2030 Wake Bus Plan to the Wake Transit governing boards.

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

IV. Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Project Update

(Information Item: Matthew Clark, GoTriangle)

GoTriangle Staff will provide an update to the TPAC on the status of the project, and potential next steps.

Requested Action: Receive as information.

V. Western BRT Update

(Information Item: Het Patel, GoRaleigh)

In March 2023, Raleigh staff provided an update on the Wake Bus Rapid Transit Program of projects including next steps for New Bern and Southern Corridors. This item will provide additional detail regarding New Bern and Southern Corridor next steps and provide project approach update for the Western BRT Corridor, which includes anticipated timeline for federal Small Starts Ratings application process and advancing the project through preliminary design to final design. The Western BRT Corridor extends approximately 12 miles connecting downtown Raleigh to downtown Cary via Western Boulevard, Western Boulevard Extension, Cary Towne Boulevard, Maynard Road and Chatham Street.

VI. Fare Workgroup Update

(Information Item: Steve Schlossberg, GoTriangle)

The Fare Workgroup, reassembled earlier this year, was organized to discuss FY24 fare impact and future year impact to Wake Transit as transit partners are in the process of evaluating the possible reinstatement of fares. Members of the group met several times over the last couple of months to discuss farebox revenue as it relates to the FY24 Wake Transit Work Plan. The group collectively decided to omit farebox revenue from the FY24 Wake Transit Work Plan. As transit partners continue discussions of the possible reinstatement of fares for the future, the workgroup will meet to discuss farebox revenue for the FY25 Wake Transit Work Plan.

At the April 14, 2023 Fare Workgroup meeting, members discussed the importance of establishing a low income fare pilot program for Wake Transit. The cost of transportation can present challenges for Wake County residents, making it harder to access employment, healthcare and care for families. Building on the Four Big Moves of Wake Transit, a low income fare program would enhance access to transit. The idea of a low income fare pilot program, funded by Wake Transit, would provide transit rides to qualified individuals. The workgroup members will continue to meet regularly to develop an initiative that makes public transit more affordable to low income residents. The group will provide future updates to the TPAC as work progresses. If you would like to participate in the workgroup, contact Michelle Peele, mpeele@gotriangle.org.

Requested Action: Receive as information

VII. Subcommittees

Subcommittee meeting agendas and materials are posted online at least 3 days before each meeting at <https://www.campos-nc.us/about-us/committees/wake-county-transit-planning-advisory-committee-tpac/subcommittee>.

Subcommittee	Program Development	Community Engagement
Chair(s)	Kevin Wyrauch, Town of Cary	R Curtis Hayes, GoTriangle
Vice Chair(s)	Shavon Tucker, City of Raleigh	Bonnie Parker, CAMPO
Next Meeting	Tues. 5/23, 1:30-3:30pm	Thurs. 5/25, 1:30-3:00pm

VIII. Other Business

- Future TPAC Meeting Format (virtual vs hybrid) and Schedule Discussion
(David Eatman, TPAC Chair)

IX. Adjourn

The next TPAC meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on June 14th , 2023.