



Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

May 29, 2024 • 9:30am

The livestream will begin once the TPAC Chair has brought the meeting to order.

Agenda

- 1 Welcome and Introductions**
- 2 Adjustments to the Agenda**
- 3 General Public or Agency Comment**
- 4 Adoption of TPAC Meeting Minutes**
- 5 TPAC Meeting Schedule Modification starting in FY25**
- 6 Renaming the Wake Transit Work Plan to Work Program**
- 7 Recommended FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan**
- 8 FY 2025 Agreement Groupings and Reporting Deliverables**
- 9 State of the Plan Report and Phase 1 Engagement Progress Update**
- 10 Subcommittee Report – Attachment S**
- 11 Workgroup Updates**
- 12 Other Business**
- 13 Adjourn**

1. Welcome and Introductions

TPAC Chair: David Eatman, City of Raleigh

Vice Chair: Kelly Blazey, Town of Cary

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

David Eatman, TPAC Chair

3. General Public or Agency Comment

David Eatman, TPAC Chair

Commenters are allotted three (3) minutes. Comments sent in via email in advance of the meeting, prior to 9:00am, will be summarized by staff and attached to the final meeting minutes.

4. Adoption of TPAC Meeting Minutes

David Eatman, TPAC Chair

Attachment A

Requested Action:

Adopt the April 2024 TPAC meeting minutes

5. TPAC Meeting Schedule Modification for FY2025

Stephanie Plancich, TPAC Administrator

Attachment B

| Proposed FY2025 TPAC Meeting Schedule | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| FY25 | 2nd Wed | 2nd Thur | 3 rd Thur | 4 th Week |
| | 10th/TBD | 11th/TBD | 18th/TBD | Not viable option as we would miss deadlines for lead agency board and committee meetings |
| July | 14th | 15th* | 15th | |
| Aug | 18th* | 19th* | 17th | |
| Sep | 16th* | 17th* | 19th | |
| Oct | 13th/ TBD | 14th/TBD | 21st/TBD | |
| Nov | 11th | 12th | *12th Annual Report | |
| Dec | 15th* | 16th* | 16th | |
| Jan | 19th* | 20th* | 20th | |
| Feb | 12th | 13th | 20th | |
| Mar | 16th* | 16th* | 17th | |
| Apr | 14th | 15th | 15th | |
| May | 11th | 12th | 19th | |
| June | *3 rd wk | *3 rd wk | *2 nd wk | |
| | | | | |
| | 2-TBD | 2-TBD | 2-TBD | |
| | 5 changes | 5 changes | 1 change | |

5. TPAC Meeting Schedule Modification for FY2025

Requested Action:

Receive as information in May. Submit comments by Friday June 7th. Consider approval of the schedule change at June 26th meeting.

6. Change Wake Transit Work Plan name to Work program

Stephanie Plancich, TPAC Administrator



GO FORWARD
A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT



ADOPTED BY:
Orange County Board of County Commissioners, November 1, 2022
Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO Board, December 14, 2022
GoTriangle Board of Trustees, January 25, 2023

Orange County

Transit Plan FY25 Annual Work Program

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6. Change Wake Transit Work Plan name to Work program

Requested Action:

***Receive as information in May. Submit comments by Friday June 7th.
Consider approval of the “Work Program” name change on June 26th.***

7. Recommended FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan

Ben Howell, CAMPO & Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle

Attachments C, D & E

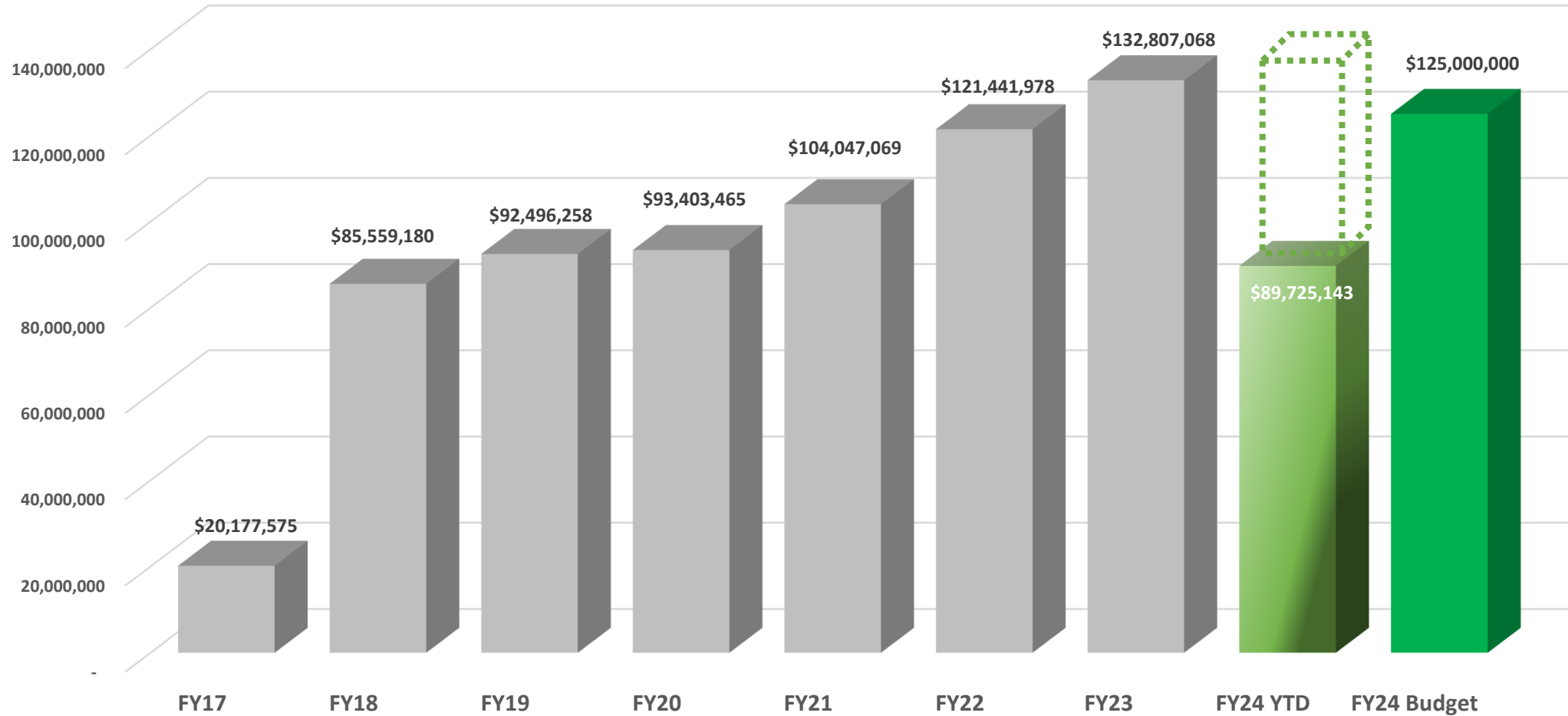
Key Dates

| ACTION | DATE |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <i>TPAC Considers Draft Work Plan for Public Release</i> | <i>February 21, 2024</i> |
| <i>30-Day Public Comment Period</i> | <i>February 26 – March 26, 2024</i> |
| <i>Updated/Modified Work Plan Funding Requests Due</i> | <i>March 15, 2024</i> |
| <i>TPAC Program Development Subcommittee Discussion on Changes to Draft Work Plan</i> | <i>March 26, 2024</i> |
| <i>Distribute Recommended Work Plan to TPAC</i> | <i>May 22-24, 2024</i> |
| TPAC Reviews Engagement & Considers Recommending Work Plan for Adoption | May 29, 2024 |
| 14-day public review and comment period for the recommended Work Plan | May 30 – June 12, 2024 |
| CAMPO and GoTriangle Boards Consider Work Plan Adoption | By June 30, 2024 |

FY2025 Recommended Work Plan Development

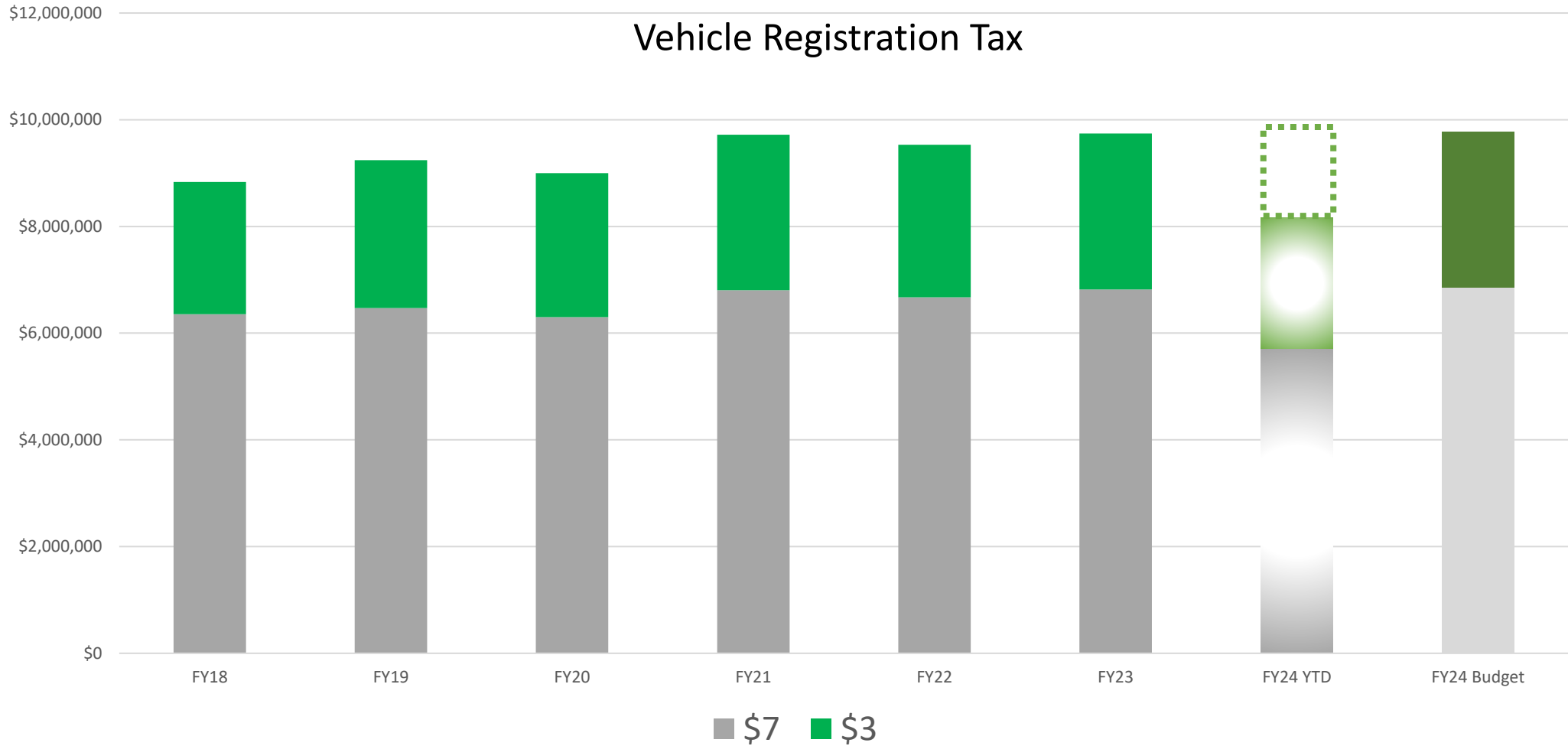
FY24 Revenue Update

Article 43



YTD Actuals: July – Feb Collections
FY24 – Estimate - \$~135M (8% increase compared to Budget)

FY24 Revenue Update



YTD Actuals: July – Apr Collections - \$8.2M
FY24 – Estimate - \$~9.9M (Slight increase compared to Budget)

FY25 Modeled Revenues
(in Thousands)

Recommended FY25 Work Plan

FY25 Recommended Work Plan Budget Assumptions

| | FY23 Final Actuals | FY24 Adopted Work Plan | <i>Inc. Vehicle Rental</i> | <i>Inc. Vehicle Rental</i> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | FY25 Draft Work Plan | FY25 Recomm Work Plan |
| Local | | | | |
| ½ Cent Local Option Sales Tax | \$132,807 | \$125,000 | \$140,000 | \$140,000 |
| Vehicle Rental Tax | 5,056 | 276 | 5,056 | 5,056 |
| \$7.00 Vehicle Registration Tax | 6,819 | 6,850 | 7,075 | 7,075 |
| \$3.00 Vehicle Registration Tax | 2,921 | 2,925 | 3,025 | 3,025 |
| Subtotal Local: | \$147,604 | \$135,051 | \$155,156 | \$155,156 |
| Federal | | 86,523 | 86,554 | 86,554 |
| Community Funding Area Fund Balance | - | 1,142 | - | - |
| Farebox | - | - | - | - |
| Prior-Year Funds (Capital Liquidity) | - | 14,233 | 662 | 10,445 |
| Total Modeled Revenue Source | \$147,604 | \$236,949 | \$242,372 | \$252,155 |

\$85.9M BRT

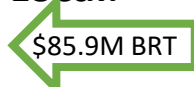
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Recommended FY25 Work Plan

FY25 Modeled Expenditures

(in Thousands)

| | New Operating | Continued Operating | Total Operating |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bus Operations | \$3,226 | \$33,895 | \$37,121 |
| Community Funding Area | 961 | 1,513 | 2,474 |
| Other Bus Operations | 1,480 | 483 | 1,963 |
| Transit Plan/Tax District Administration | - | 7,450 | 7,450 |
| Total FY 2025 Modeled Operating | \$5,666 | \$43,342 | \$49,008 |

- - Other Bus Operations includes Hold Harmless, Low wealth and Youth GoPass
- - GoWake/Town of Wendell Microtransit is listed in CFA Continued Operating

Recommended FY25 Work Plan

FY25 Modeled Expenditures

(in thousands)

Capital Projects

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Maint. Facility / Transit Center / Txf Point Improvements | \$ 22,430 |
| Park-and-Ride / Bus Stop Improvements | 6,146 |
| Technology | 338 |

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| <i>Total Bus Infrastructure</i> | \$ 28,914 |
| Bus Rapid Transit | \$ 150,915 |
| Vehicle Acquisition* | 22,578 |
| Community Funding Area | 160 |
| Capital Planning | 581 |
| <i>Total Projects Modeled (excl. Bus Infrastructure)</i> | \$ 174,234 |
| Total Capital | \$ 203,147 |

\$85.9M Federal Funding

* - Includes ADA and Support Vehicles

Recommended FY25 Work Plan

FY25 Modeled Expenditures

(in thousands)

| <u>Budget Category</u> | <u>Federal Share</u> | <u>Wake Transit</u> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| Transit Plan/Tax District Administration | \$ - | \$ 7,450 |
| Community Funding Area Operating | - | 2,474 |
| Community Funding Area Capital | - | 160 |
| Bus Operations | - | 39,084 |
| Bus Infrastructure | - | 28,914 |
| Bus Rapid Transit | 85,915 | 65,000 |
| Vehicle Acquisition | - | 22,578 |
| Capital Planning | - | 581 |
| Total Projects Modeled | \$ 85,915 | \$ 166,241 |

Total = \$252,155

Revisions from Draft Work Plan

Operations Budget

- Draft Work Plan: \$45,591,851
- **Recommended Work Plan: \$49,008,005**
 - Key Changes: GoTriangle Bus Route Improvements, Addition of GoWake Access SmartRide NE Microtransit service (funded through CFAP)

Capital Budget

- Draft Work Plan: \$196,780,083
- **Recommended Work Plan: \$203,147,110**
 - Key Changes: Additional funding for Vehicle Acquisition, Addition of BRT Concept of Operations Study, Split of Northern Corridor BRT into two corridors: Midtown and Triangle Town Center

Financial Assumptions - Revenues

Budget Option – VRT Revenue Included

½ Cent Sales Tax: \$140M

\$7.00 Vehicle Registration Fee: \$7.075M

\$3.00 Vehicle Registration Fee: \$3.025M

Vehicle Rental Tax: \$5.056M

Federal Funds: \$86.554M

Fund Balance Transfer: \$10.3M

Budget Option – VRT Revenue Excluded

½ Cent Sales Tax: \$140M

\$7.00 Vehicle Registration Fee: \$7.075M

\$3.00 Vehicle Registration Fee: \$3.025M

Vehicle Rental Tax: \$0

Federal Funds: \$86.554M

Fund Balance Transfer: \$15M

Commuter Rail Placeholder Scenario

Commuter Rail Process and Assumptions: As of the publication of the Recommended FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan, the technical analysis for the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail (GTCR) Phase 2 Feasibility Study had concluded. This study reported significantly higher costs and larger technical challenges associated with completing the full commuter rail corridor than anticipated and programmed in previous Adopted Wake Transit Work Plans. The Study also noted challenges, based on expected costs and anticipated ridership, with the 50% federal match assumption. While the Study recommended that no matching federal grants be programmed for the commuter rail project, there is potential for federal funding in subsequent phases of the project or a different regional rail project. To reflect that no decision has been made on how (or if) the project should move forward, and that decision-makers wished to explore potential options for implementation, the FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan includes capital and operating “place-holder scenarios” for rail funding.

Financials included in the FY25 Recommended Work Plan include the similar metrics included in the Adopted FY24 Wake Transit Work Plan. The Greater Triangle Commuter Rail (GTCR) Phase 2 Feasibility Study introduced the potential need for a phased approach for implementing the full ~38 miles from West Durham to Garner. The Study presented the following potential segments with the following track length and costs. This assumption is the current basis of the “place-holder scenario”:

- Western (End Points: West Durham to RTP | Miles: ~12 | Capital Cost: \$1.6B);
- Central (End Points: Ellis Road or RTP to Raleigh Union Station | Miles: ~20 | Capital Cost: \$800M - \$1B); and
- Eastern (End Points: Raleigh Union Station to Auburn Station in Garner | Miles: ~10 | Capital Cost: \$600 - \$700M)

The FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan commuter rail “place-holder scenario” allocates funding for two segments, anticipating a build out of approximately 80% of the corridor by 2037 at a total cost of \$2.1B, \$1.4B of which is assumed to be the Wake County Share of the project. The operating regional rail “place-holder scenario” allocates \$16.1 million for the Wake County share of the first full year of annual operations in FY 2033. It is expected that the capital and operating “place-holder scenarios” will be updated in the Wake Transit Financial Model after key decisions are made.

| COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT ASSUMPTIONS: FY2024 Adopted vs. FY2025 Recommended Work Plans | | |
|--|--|--|
| | FY 2024 Adopted Wake Transit Work Plan | FY 2025 Recommended Wake Transit Work Plan “place-holder scenario” |
| Total Project Mileage | 30 miles* | 30 miles* |
| Total Wake Transit Project Cost | \$2.1B | \$2.1B* |
| Wake County Share | \$1.4B | \$1.4B* |
| Federal Participation Share | \$0.7B | \$0.7B* |
| Projected Debt | \$0.9B | \$1.0B* |
| Projected Debt Term & Pay-Off Date | 35-year term, final payment FY 2072 | 35-year term, final payment FY 2072 |
| Assumed Federal Support | RRIF Loan (Both Phases), FFGA Match (Phase 2) | RRIF Loan (Both Phases), FFGA Match (Phase 2) |
| Projected Completion Date | FY 2033 (Phase 1), FY 2037 (Phase 2) | FY 2033 (Phase 1), FY 2037 (Phase 2) |

* Assumed in the FY 25 WTWP is the completion of two of the three segments, but which two remains undetermined. Exact mileage and cost will depend upon which segments are selected to move forward. Amounts rounded to the nearest billion.

Operating Budget Overview

Operating Highlights

The Draft FY25 Work Plan allocates \$49 million to the Wake Operating Budget. \$38.6 million of that would be designated for the continuation of services that were funded in previous years. New projects include:

- Service Improvements to the following Raleigh routes:
 - Avent Ferry Route 11
 - Glascokk Route 3
 - Method Road Route 12
 - Carolina Pines Route 7L
- Replace Raleigh Route 401X with the Rolesville Microtransit Connector
- Funding for implementation of a Low Income Fare Pass Program for GoTriangle and Raleigh



Operating Highlights

- Add a new East Cary Route 11 (1/2 Year Operation)
- Convert Apex-Cary Express Route from ACX to Route 12 (1/2 Year Operation)
- Provide funds to Wake County to initiate a Youth GoPass Program
- Improvements to GoTriangle Routes 305 and 300
- Continue Wake Transit Community Funding Area Program contributions to Apex Route 1, Morrisville's Smart Shuttle, and the Wake Forest Circulator
- Allocate CFAP funds to continue GoWake Access SmartRide NE Microtransit service serving Wendell, Knightdale, Zebulon and Wake County



Capital Budget Overview

Capital Highlights

The Draft FY25 Work Plan allocates \$203.1 million to the Wake Capital Budget. \$85.9 million of the total comes from federal funding allocated for the Wake BRT: Southern Corridor, and up to \$10 million may be allocated from the Wake Capital Fund balance. Capital funds will be used to support:

- Construction phase of the new shared GoRaleigh Access and GoWake Access paratransit operations and maintenance facility
- Wake County's share of GoTriangle's expansion of the bus operations and maintenance facility
- Phase II (land acquisition, design and construction) of the new Regional Transit Center
- Improvements to GoTriangle's park-and-ride facilities



Capital Highlights

- Design and construction of new bus stops / improvement of amenities and access to existing stops
- Maintenance at GoRaleigh's transit facilities including bus stops, park-and-rides, stations and centers
- Repowering buses & purchasing paratransit vehicles and/or buses to support transit expansion & replacement
- Funding to finalize design and begin Right-of-Way and construction activities for the Wake BRT: Southern Corridor
- Funding to complete the Wake Transit Plan Update
- Funding for a BRT Concept of Operations Study for the Western and Southern BRT Extensions



7. Recommended FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan

Requested Action:

Recommend approval of the FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan to the Wake Transit governing boards with one of the following budget options

- Budget Option #1 (Include VRT Revenue)*
- Budget Option #1 (Exclude VRT Revenue)*

with the understanding that the TPAC's recommendation will be revised to match any decision provided by the Wake Transit Conference Committee on the inclusion of VRT Revenue in the FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan in advance of governing board consideration.

8. FY 2025 Agreement Grouping and Reporting Deliverables

Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle

Attachments F & G

FY25 Work Plan Project Agreement

Groupings and Reporting Deliverables

Background - *The purpose of the agreements is to guide deliverables for funds appropriated in the Wake Transit major capital and operating funds appropriated by the tax district.*

Operating Agreements or Master Agreements- an agreement between an agency tasked to provide an Implementation Element, the Tax District and other agencies as needed, or an operating plan if the Implementation Element is to be provided by the Agency. The agreement shall state the details of the service to be provided and detail expectations on funding, responsibilities, schedule and performance. The agreement shall adhere to minimum standards outlined in Section 8.02 of [the Transit Governance ILA]. Master agreements mean an Operating or Capital Funding agreement that directs a discrete logical grouping of projects, operations or studies.

Capital Funding Agreements or Master Agreements - an agreement between an agency and other agencies to provide an Implementation Element or a project plan if the implementation element is to be provided by the Agency. The agreement or project plan shall state the details of the capital improvements to be provided and detail expectations on funding, responsibilities, schedule and performance and shall adhere to minimum standards outlined in Section 7.01 of [the Governance ILA]. Master agreements mean an Operating or Capital Funding agreement that directs a discrete logical grouping of projects, operations or studies.

GoTriangle is the Lead Agency for this initiative

GO FORWARD
A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT

FY25 Work Plan Project Agreement

Groupings and Reporting Deliverables

FY2025 Wake Transit Work Plan Agreement Groupings and Project Reporting Deliverables

| <u>Groupings:</u> | | <u>Amount:</u> |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| General Operating - Bus Operation | <u>General Operating-Bus Operation</u> | \$ 38,634,349 |
| General Operating - Transit Plan Administration | <u>General Operating-Transit Plan Administration</u> | \$ 6,798,207 |
| General Operating - Tax District Administration | <u>General Operating-Tax District Administration</u> | \$ 651,627 |
| Special Funding - GoPass | <u>Special Funding-GoPass</u> | \$ 1,666,314 |
| General Capital - Capital Planning - CAMPO and Morrisville | <u>General Capital-CAMPO and Morrisville</u> | \$ 631,250 |
| General Capital - Bus Infrastructure | <u>General Capital-Bus Infrastructure</u> | \$ 5,966,024 |
| General Capital - Bus Acquisition - Raleigh | <u>General Capital-Bus Aquisition-Raleigh</u> | \$ 18,355,778 |
| General Capital - Bus Acquisition - GoTriangle | <u>General Capital-Bus Aquisition-GoTriangle</u> | \$ 3,900,000 |
| General Capital - Bus Infrastructure - GoTriangle Triangle Mobility Hub | <u>General Capital-GoTriangle Triangle Mobility Hub</u> | \$ 1,400,000 |
| Special Capital- Bus Infrastructure - Raleigh BOMF | <u>Special Capital-Raleigh BOMF</u> | \$ 21,320,000 |
| Special Capital - BRT - Raleigh Bus Rapid Transit | <u>Special Capital-Raleigh BRT</u> | \$ 65,000,000 |
| Special Operating Technology | <u>General Operating-Technology</u> | \$ 167,690 |
| Total | | \$ 164,491,239 |
| Reserve : Unallocated Vehicle Acquisition (Capital) | N/A | \$ 321,407 |
| Reserve : Technology (Capital) | N/A | \$ 337,859 |
| Reserve : Hold Harmless (Operating) | N/A | \$ 129,146 |
| Reserve : Community Funding Area Program Reserve (Operating) | N/A | \$ 960,722 |
| Total including Reserve | | \$ 166,240,373 |

FY25 Work Plan Project Agreement Groupings and Reporting Deliverables

Operating Example

| Cary General Operating Funding Agreement: Bus Operations | | |
|--|----|-----------|
| 1) Sunday and Holiday Service - TO004-A | \$ | 609,785 |
| 2) Increase Midday Frequencies - TO004-B | \$ | 562,132 |
| 3) Route ACX: Apex-Cary Express - TO005-BE | \$ | 42,517 |
| 4) ADA Services - TO005-BI | \$ | 576,457 |
| 5) Weston Parkway Route - TO005-H | \$ | 1,058,533 |
| 6) Route 12: Apex-Cary - TO005-BS | \$ | 806,299 |
| 7) Route 11: East Cary - TO005-BT | \$ | 806,299 |

Deliverables

1. Revenue hours of service
2. Ridership
3. Passenger boardings per revenue hour
4. Operating cost per passenger boarding
5. Farebox recovery
6. On-time performance

FY25 Work Plan Project Agreement Groupings and Reporting Deliverables

Capital Example

| NC State Capital Funding Agreement: Bus Infrastructure | | |
|--|----|--------|
| 1) NCSU Bus Stop Improvements - TC002-BN | \$ | 99,360 |
| <u>Deliverables</u> | | |
| 1. Contract award date for site or program of sites | | |
| 2. Number of sites with improvements completed/constructed per quarter. If none completed for a quarter, report on the phase of ongoing site improvements. | | |

Project sponsors are encouraged to evaluate project budgets every quarter and release funds back to fund balance when possible.

FY25 Work Plan Project Agreement Groupings and Reporting Deliverables

Staffing:

1. Status of hire
2. Quarterly staff highlights (functions, deliverables, or accomplishments – may be provided as single report by project sponsor for all staff)

Transit Service:

1. Revenue hours of service
2. Ridership
3. Passenger boardings per revenue hour
4. Operating cost per passenger boarding
5. Farebox recovery
6. On-time performance

Plans/Studies

1. Date RFP/RFQ released for plan/study
2. Date contract awarded for plan/study
3. Estimation of percent completion of scope on quarterly basis
4. Results and/or recommendations of plan/study

Deliverables are standardized per the TPAC endorsed policy when possible

FY25 Work Plan Project Agreement Examples

- Minimal changes from FY24 agreements (Date / Year)
- Expiration Dates change on:
 - Operating Agreements to expire 12/31/25
 - Capital Agreement to expire 12/31/27
- Examples of General Capital, General Operating and Special agreements are included as part of Attachment G

8. FY 2025 Agreement Grouping and Reporting Deliverables

Requested Action:

Recommend approval of the FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan Project Agreement Groupings and Reporting Deliverables to the Wake Transit governing boards.

9. State of the Plan Report and Phase 1 Engagement Progress Update

Ben Howell, CAMPO

Attachments H, I & J

Wake Transit Plan Update Schedule



Wake Transit Plan Update

**State of the Wake
Transit Plan**

**Goals, Priorities &
Strategic Direction**

**Financial Capacity &
Scenario Development**

**2035 Wake Transit
Plan Update**

**Winter –
Spring 2024**

Engagement
starts in May

Summer 2024

Evaluate Priorities
for Future
Investment

Fall 2024

Investment
Scenarios

Engagement
in Fall 2024

Winter 2025

Recommendations

Final Engagement

Finish Study

State of the Plan



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Wake Transit Plan

- **Wake Transit Plan is a revenue stream for public transportation investment**
 - Voters approved funding package in 2016
 - Started collecting taxes and fees in April 2017
 - Wake Transit Plan started funding new transit service in August 2017
- **Wake Transit Plan investments are organized around four big moves:**



**Connect
Regionally**



**Connect All
Wake County
Communities**



**Create Frequent,
Reliable,
Urban Mobility**



**Enhance
Access to
Transit**

Wake Transit Plan

- **Wake Transit Plan is updated every four years**
 - Retains the Four Big Move Structure
 - Establishes priorities and investment direction for 10-year period
 - Built on community and stakeholder input
 - Includes financial and technical data about performance and outcomes



Wake Transit Plan 2016-2027

- **Developed with significant engagement and participation**

- Phase 1 Interactions = 15,000+
 - Advisory Committee meetings, community meetings, online videos, social media and surveys
- Phase 2 Interactions = 2,000+
 - Statistically valid surveys and polls, focus groups and outreach events



- **Achieve Four Big Moves Built with Strategies and Recommendations**

- Commuter Rail: Durham and Garner
- Bus Rapid Transit: North, South, East, West)
- Community Funding Areas Program
- Connections from suburbs to Raleigh/Cary
- Longer hours and more days of bus service
- More frequent bus service
- More regional bus service



Wake Transit Plan 2021-2030

- **Continued focus on stakeholder and community input**
 - In-person Interactions = 4,200+
 - Pop-ups, public meetings, presentations and community events
 - Online and Survey Participation = 7,800+
 - Completed surveys, visits to the website and
- **Updates to Strategies and Recommendations**
 - Advance Commuter Rail even with higher costs and potentially lower federal participation
 - Advance Bus Rapid Transit: (North, South, East, West)
 - Potential expansion to Research Triangle Park
 - Potential of Commute Rail or Bus Rapid Transit expansions to Johnston County (Clayton)
 - Continued investment in connections between suburbs and Raleigh/Cary
 - Continued investment in service spans and frequency
 - Continued investment in Community Funding Areas Program



Existing Funding Prioritization

1. Community Funding Areas Program
2. Capital Projects with Design or Land Acquisition Already Initiated
3. Facilities/Infrastructure/Resources Needed to Support Future Expansion
4. Project with Time Sensitive External Grant Sources
5. Bus Rapid Transit Projects
6. Commuter Rail Project Design
7. Existing Systemwide Bus Stop Improvements
8. Fixed-Route Bus Stop Improvements and Infrastructure to support Bus Service Improvements and Expansion

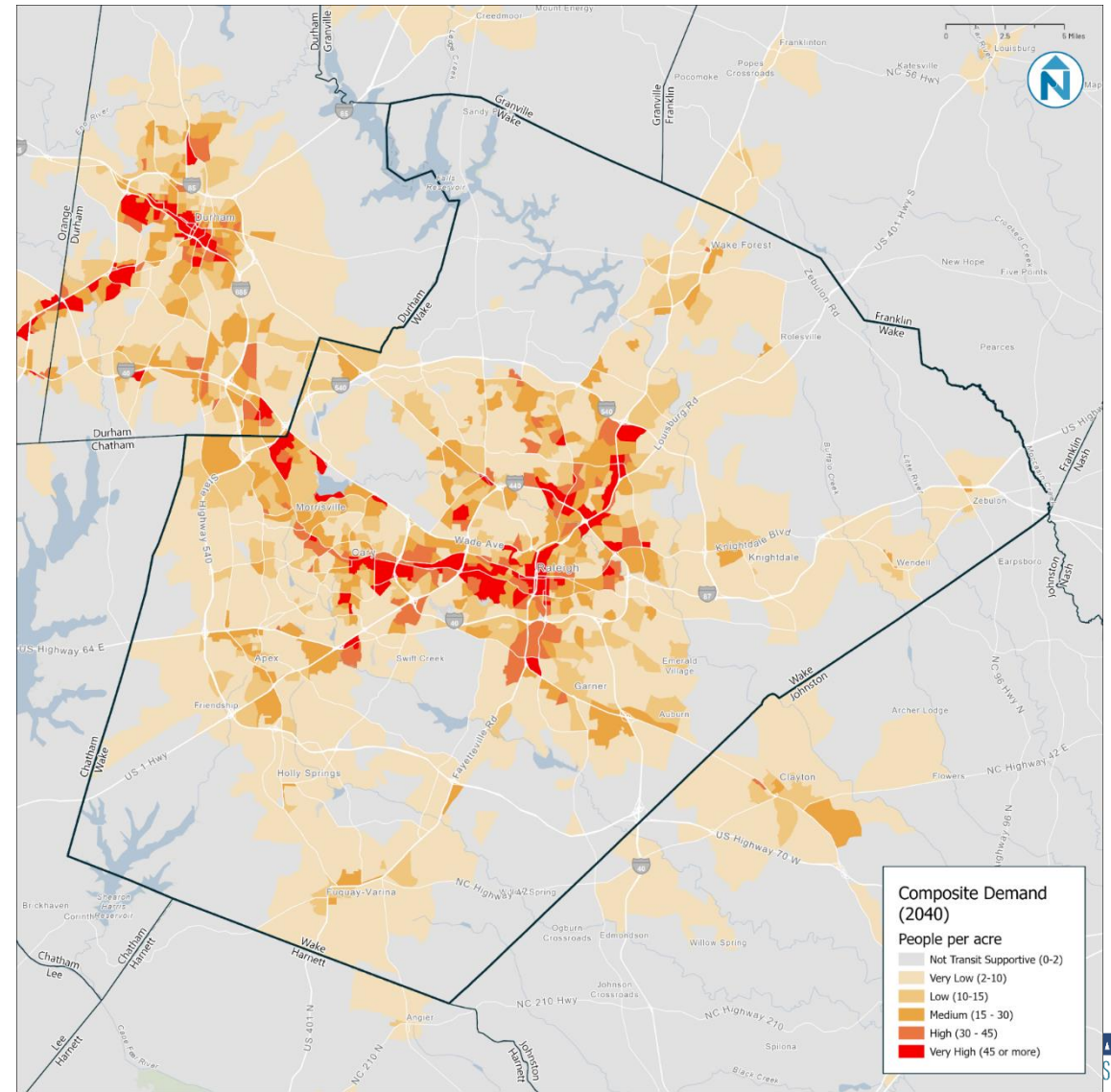
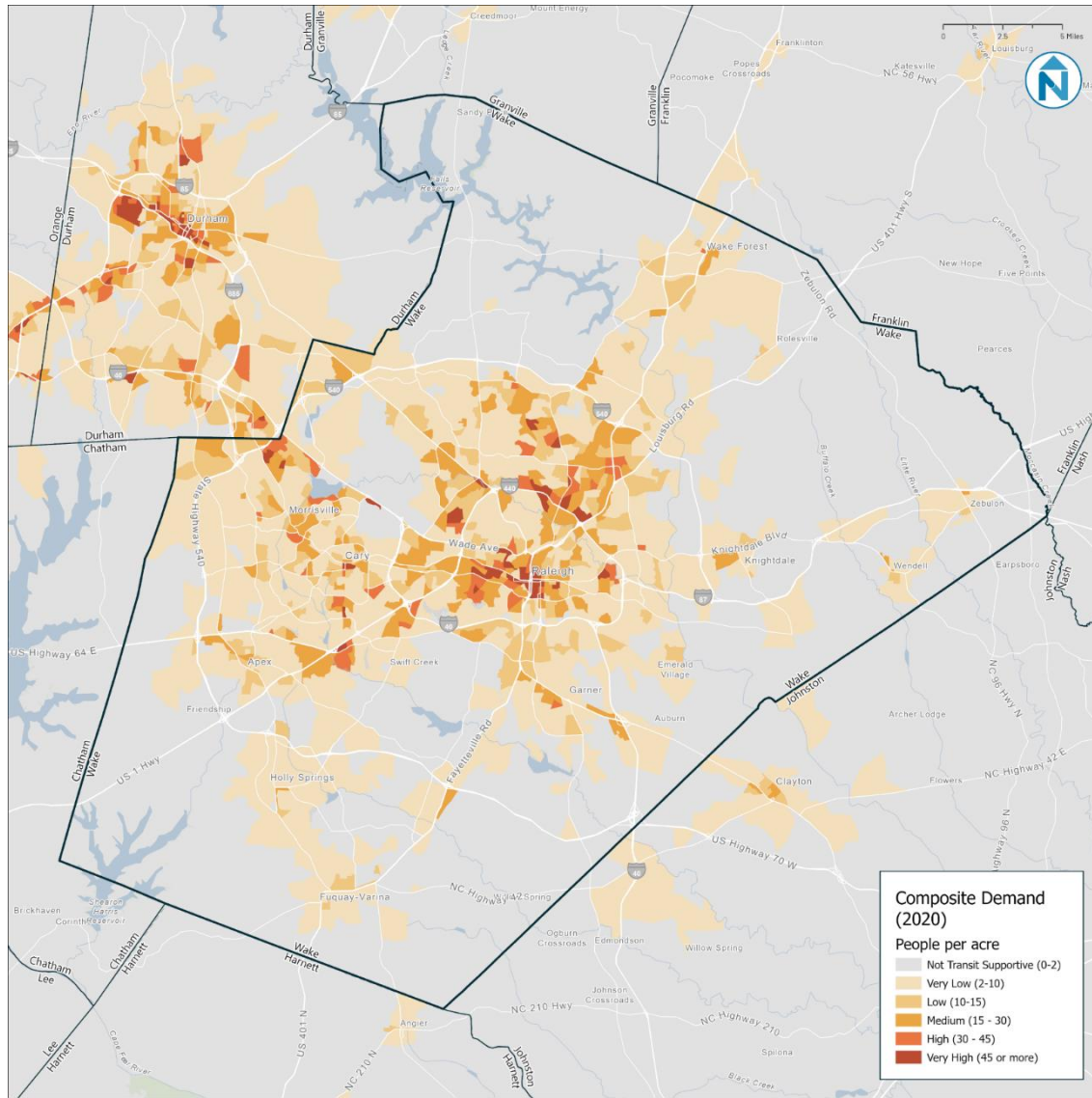


Understanding Trade-Offs

- Wake Transit Plan is ambitious and is taking on several major projects at the same time
 - Commuter Rail
 - Bus Rapid Transit
 - New vehicles and clean fuel technology
 - Operating and maintenance facilities
 - Transit centers
 - Bus stops, sidewalks, bike paths
 - Regional fare systems
 - New technology



Changing Transit Demand in a Growing Region



Wake Transit Plan

- Wake Transit Plan **revenues have been consistently strong**
 - Nearly \$750 million raised to date (2017 – 2023)
- Expected to **raise another \$700 million to \$1 billion** over next ten years (2026 – 2035)
- **We are now asking the Community:**

What are your transit priorities for the next ten years?



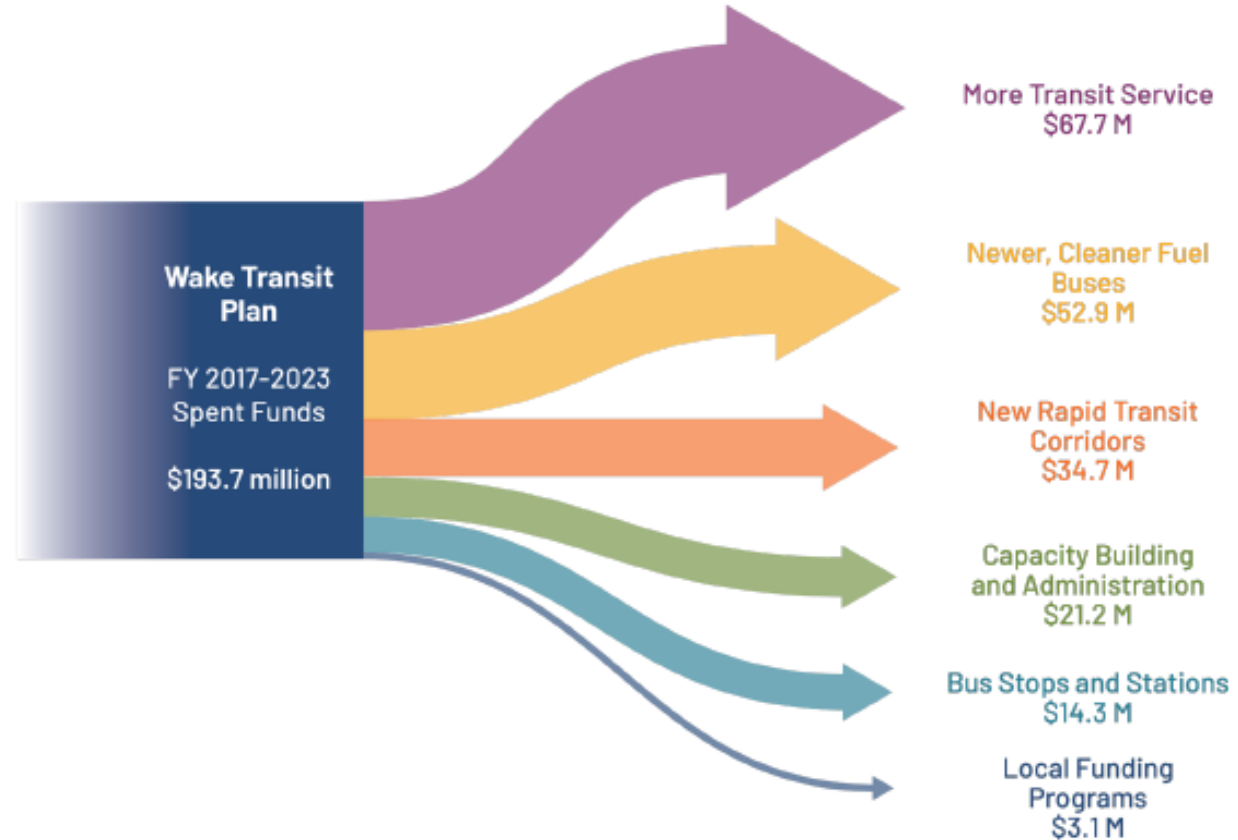
What is the State of the Plan?

Wake Transit Plan

\$200 million invested since 2017.

Funds invested in **more bus service, new buses, Bus Rapid Transit, more stops and stations,** and local funding programs.

Also invested in staff, leadership and financial management.

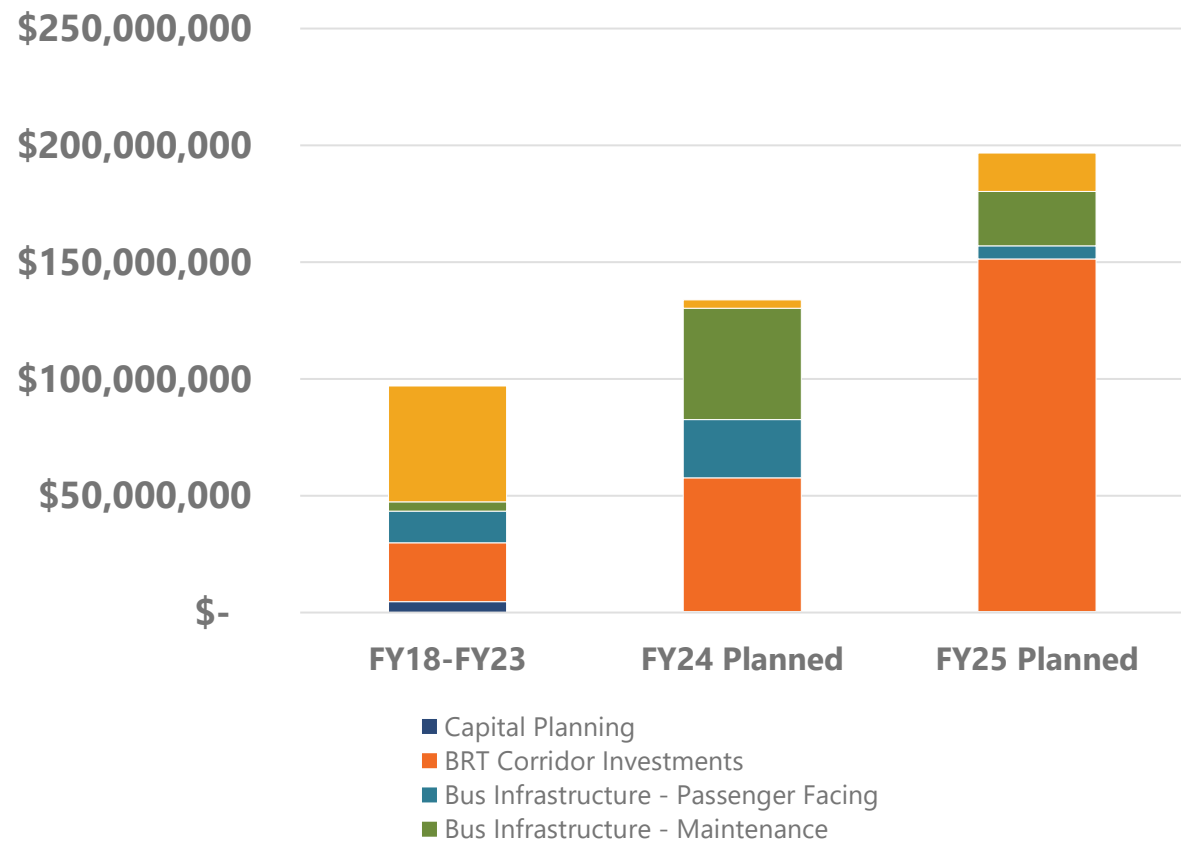


Wake Transit Plan

Scheduled to spend \$350 million in next 2-3 years.

Major projects include:

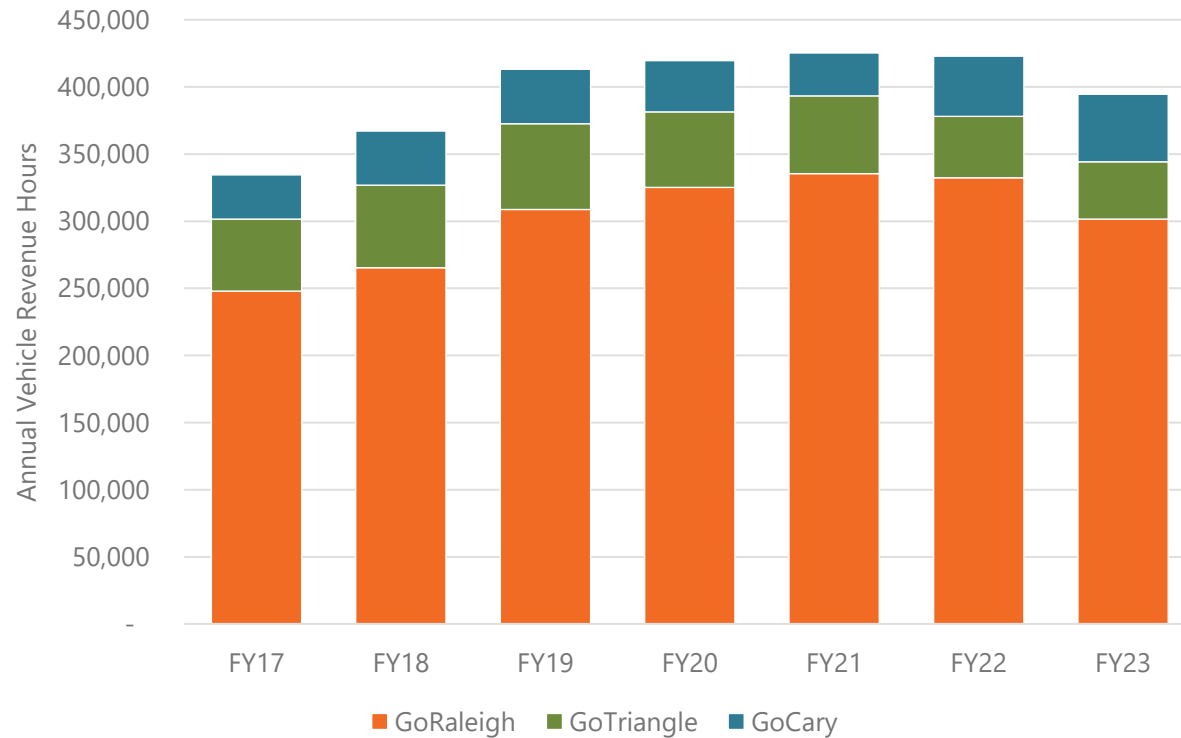
- Build New Bern BRT
- Design and Build Southern BRT
- Design Western BRT
- GoRaleigh/GoWake Access ADA Maintenance Facility and Call Center
- Cary Multimodal Center
- RUS Bus



Wake Transit Plan

Strengths and Success: **Bigger, more convenient bus network**

- More weekend service
- More evening service
- More frequent routes
- New bus routes
- New transit service models



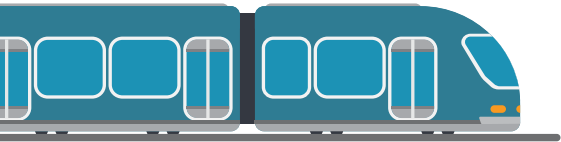
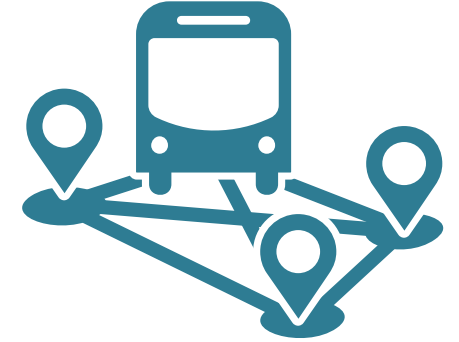
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Strengths and Success: **Leveraging Federal Funds**

Transit agencies and municipalities have earned nearly **\$182 million in federal funds**

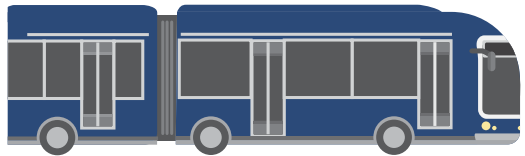
- Grants to support clean fuel vehicles
- Build RUS-BUS
- Support BRT
- Build operating and maintenance facilities
- Build park and ride

Connect Regionally



Commuter Rail

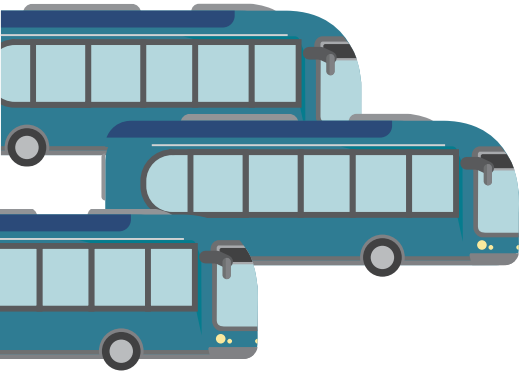
- Connect Durham, RTP, Cary, Raleigh, and Garner.
- Completed feasibility studies help better understand costs and implementation.
- ***Findings suggest higher costs, less federal funding, and longer time to finish.***



Bus Rapid Transit

- Advancing **over 20 miles of corridor service** that begins/ends in Raleigh
 - **New Bern Corridor (East) to WakeMed Campus and New Hope Road**
 - **Southern Corridor to Garner**
 - Western Corridor to Cary
 - Northern Corridor along Capital
- ***Costs and timelines are extending, but projects are advancing with federal funds.***
- ***Potential extensions to Johnston County and Research Triangle Park***

Connect all Wake County Communities



New/Expanded Bus Service completed in 2020

- Garner, Fuquay-Varina, Knightdale, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, and Zebulon have (or had) connections to Raleigh.
- Apex, Holly Springs, and Morrisville have connections to Cary.
- ***Post-COVID low ridership is leading to new service ideas (microtransit).***

Established Community Funding Area Program

- 11 communities have received funding.
- ***Major Questions we're asking:***
 - *How do we create a path for projects to "graduate" to Wake Transit Plan?*
 - *How do we support local autonomy and create a seamless rider experience?*

Create Frequent, Reliable, Urban Mobility



Advancing Bus Rapid Transit

Investments in frequent service

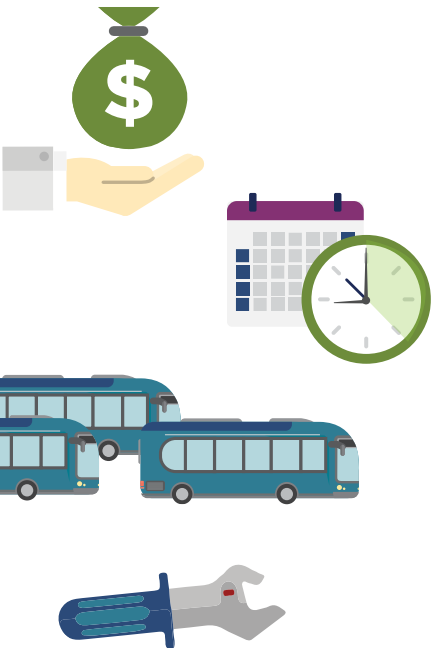
- 51.5 miles of frequent transit service (2023)
- +12 miles in 2024

Added evening and weekend service

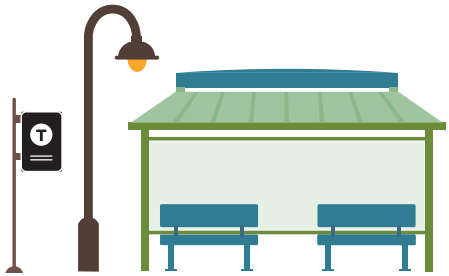
Purchased more buses

- 80% of new buses are cleaner fuel vehicles

Invested in maintenance facilities to accommodate larger and clean fuel fleet



Enhance Access to Transit



Improving Bus Stops, Building Transfer Points and Transit Centers

- Improvements to over 500 bus stops, park and rides, and enhanced transit centers
- Raleigh Union Station Bus Facility
- Downtown Cary Multimodal Center
- Regional Transit Center



Expanded bus network is bringing more people closer to transit

Potential to bring them closer with sidewalks, crosswalks and bike paths



Setting Priorities



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Wake Transit Plan Opportunities



Connect Regionally

- Commuter Rail
- Work with Existing and Planned Train Service
- More Regional Bus Service



Connect All Wake County Communities

- More Connections to Raleigh, Cary, and RTP
- More Town to Town Bus Service
- Funding to Towns



Create Frequent, Reliable, Urban Mobility

- Bus Only Lanes
- More Night and Weekend Service
- More Frequent Bus Service



Enhance Access to Transit

- Improve Amenities at Bus Stops
- More Sidewalks, Crosswalks, and Bike Lanes
- Expand On-Demand Transit

Engagement

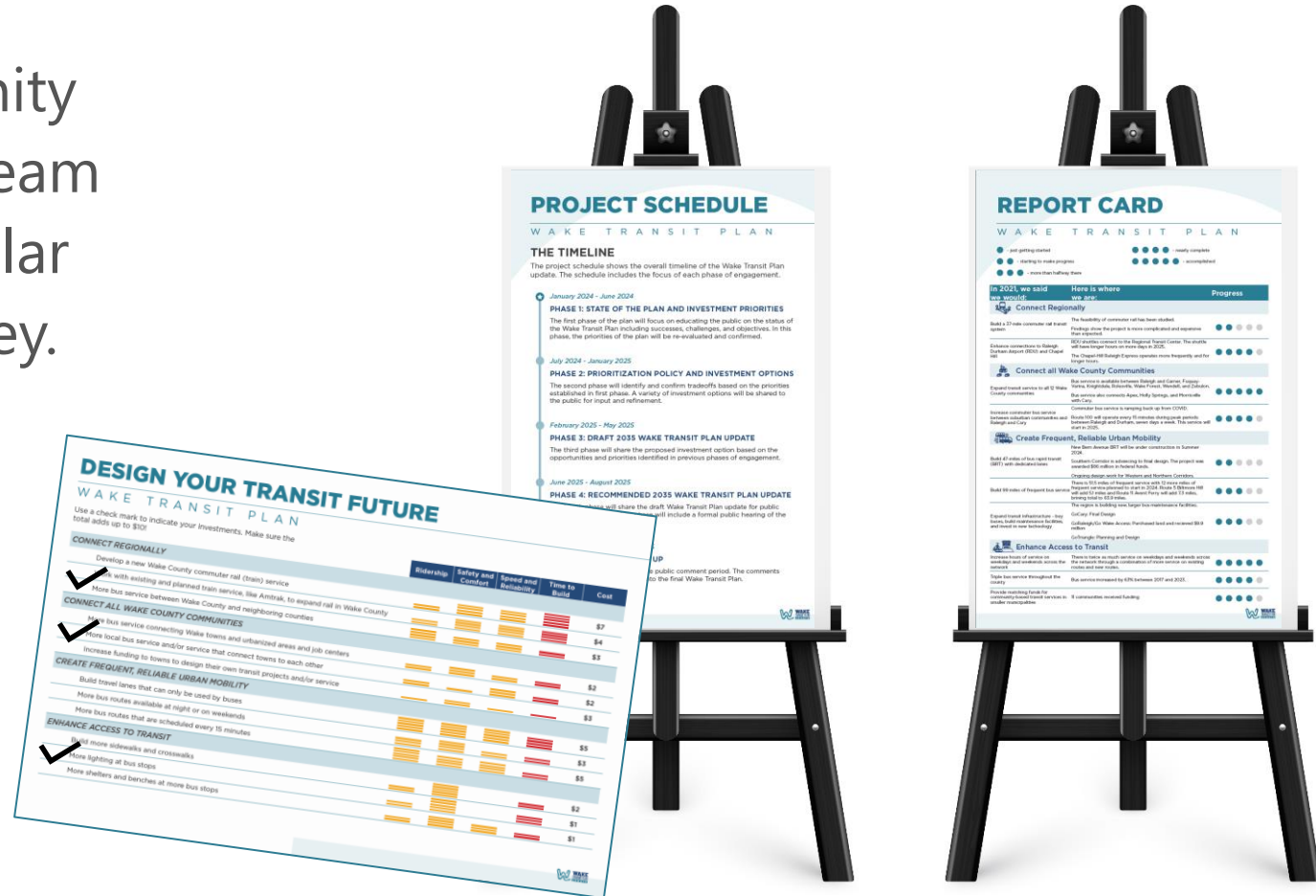
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Public Meeting & Pop-Up Events

Use: Provides an opportunity to meet with the project team in person and discuss similar themes as the online survey.

Flyer Types:

- Informational Boards
- Activities



Materials

Use: Provides more detailed information for specific event or engagement activity.

Flyer Types:

- Public meeting
- Online survey
- Pop-up event

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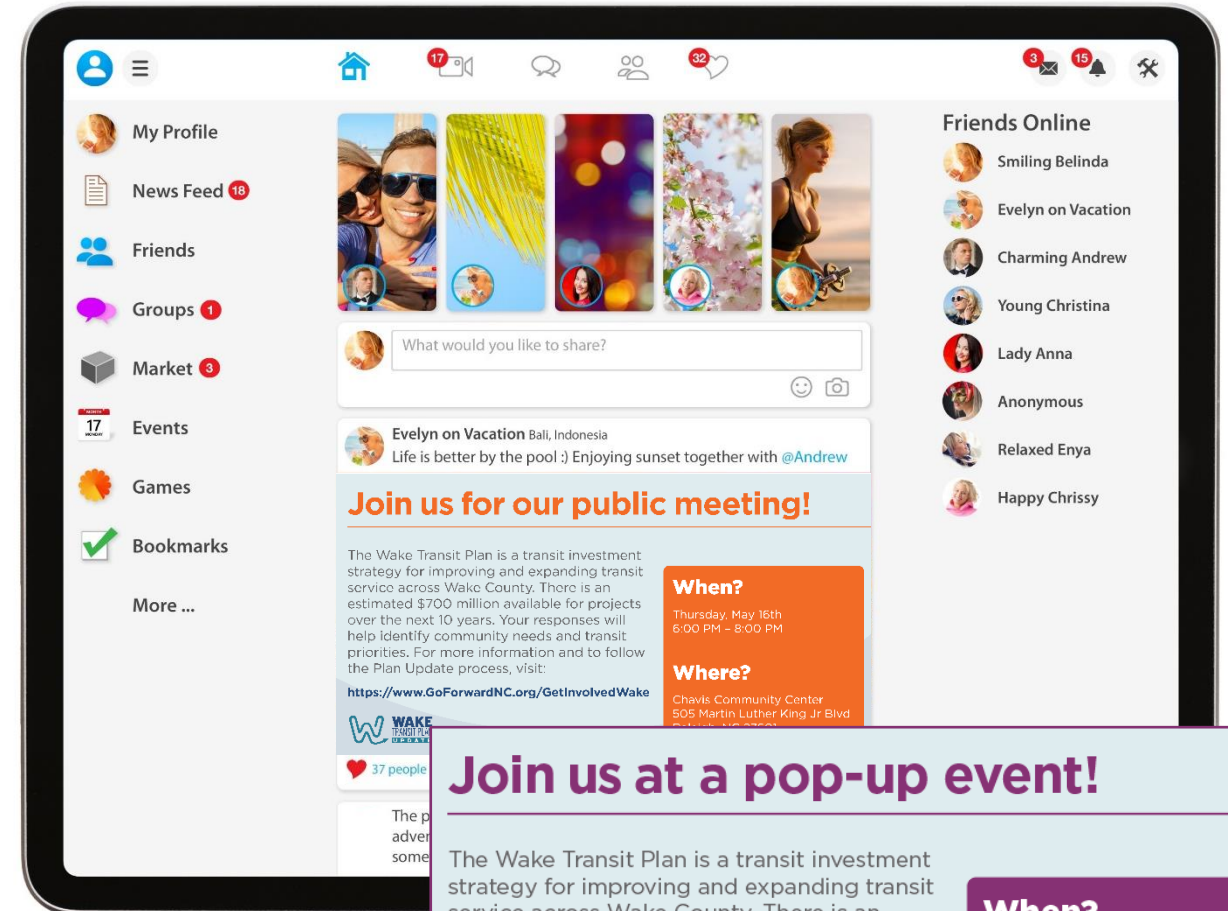
Social Media Posts

Use: Boost engagement for meetings, surveys, or other project related information.

Types:

- Facebook
- X or Twitter
- Instagram

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Join us at a pop-up event!

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When?
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INSERT TIME

Where?
INSERT LOCATION

Interactive Survey

Survey Goals:

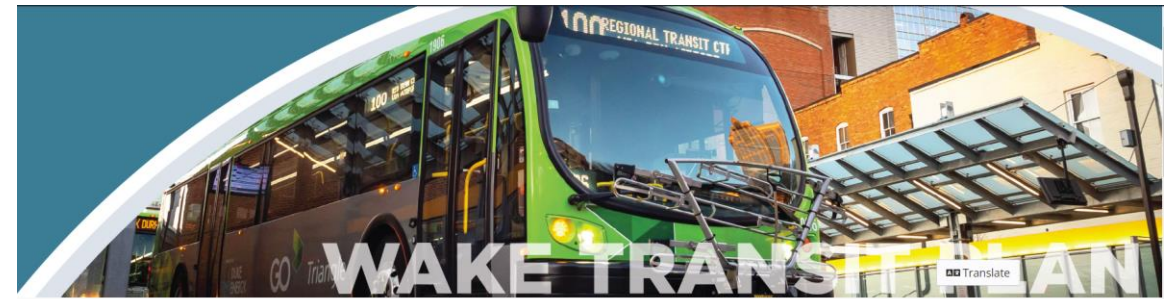
- Gauge awareness/understanding of the Wake Transit Plan
- Understand attitudes about existing Wake Transit Plan progress
- Explore priorities for future transit investments
- Identify differences in priorities based on key demographics



Wake Transit Plan Website

- One stop shop for background materials, access to the survey and engagement materials

www.publicinput.com/waketransit2035



WAKE TRANSIT PLAN 2035 Wake Transit Plan Update

The process to update the Wake Transit Plan - our investment strategy to improve and expand Wake County's transit network - is underway. Community participation is a critical component of the development process. With an estimated \$700 million to \$1 billion in new revenue being forecasted for the 10-year period between FY2026-2035, it's important that planning staff understand the community's transit needs and priorities. The Wake Transit Plan Update will reassess the transit investment priorities associated with the Plan's "Four Big Moves" established in 2016 when the Plan was first adopted.

There are five (5) planned engagement phases to support the Wake Transit Plan Update project to ensure everyone will have the opportunity for ongoing and active involvement. Click the buttons below to visit the project webpage, to share your thoughts and ideas, to sign up for Wake Transit Plan updates, view materials, and learn more about the Wake Transit Program.

Get Involved Today!

Click the links below or follow the QR code to take the survey.

Wake Transit Plan Update Presentation

More Wake Transit Info

Transit Priorities Survey



Documents

- State of the Plan Summary
- State of the Plan Summary Spanish
- State of the Plan Report
- 2030 Wake Transit Plan

Events

- Event Calendar
- Event Calendar Spanish
- Public Meeting Flyer
- Public Meeting Flyer Spanish
- Transit Survey Flyer

Survey Response

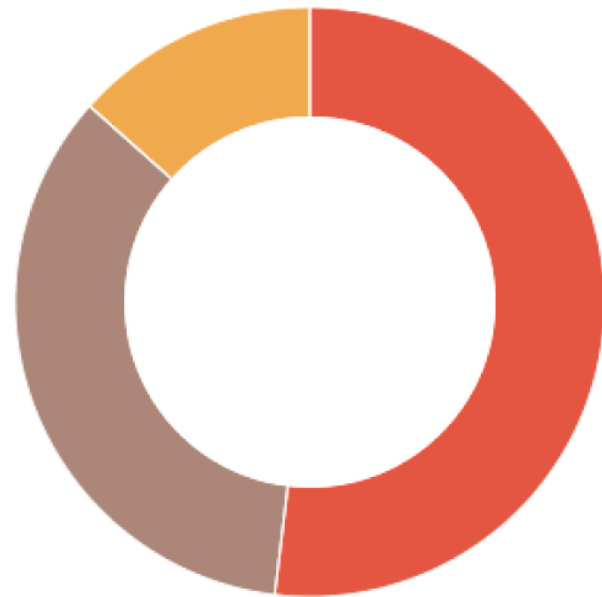
VEWS
 1,725

PARTICIPANTS
 561

RESPONSES
 3,545

COMMENTS
 0

What do you know about the Wake Transit Program?



551 respondents

WAKE TRANSIT PLAN

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

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RALEIGH BIKE BANAZA

Friday, May 3
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
501 W Martin St, Raleigh, NC

APEX PEAKFEST

Saturday, May 4
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Downtown Apex

WAKE FOREST MEET IN THE STREET

Saturday, May 4
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
350 S White St, Wake Forest, NC

ZEBULON SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Friday, May 10
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
1003 N Arendell Ave, Zebulon, NC

WENDELL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

Saturday May 11
7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
323 Lake Dr, Wendell, NC

FUQUAY-VARINA GROWER'S MARKET

Saturday, May 11
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
121 N Main St, Fuquay-Varina, NC

CARY RITMO LATINO FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 11
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
316 N Academy St, Cary, NC

CHAVIS COMMUNITY CENTER

PUBLIC MEETING
Thursday, May 16
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
505 Martin Luther King Jr, Blvd, Raleigh, NC

RALEIGH ASIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 18
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
1030 Richardson Dr, Raleigh, NC

MORRISVILLE SPRINGFEST

Saturday, May 18
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
228 Aviation Pkwy, Morrisville NC

CAREER EXPO

Saturday, June 8
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
1101 Gorman St, Raleigh, NC

MORRISVILLE BIKE RODEO

Saturday, June 8
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
200 Town Hall Dr, Morrisville, NC

ZEBULON JUNETEENTH CONCERT

Friday, June 14
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
1003 N Arendell Ave, Zebulon, NC

KNIGHTDALE AFRICAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 15
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
810 N First Ave, Knightdale, NC

ROLESVILLE JUNETEENTH

Wednesday, June 19
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
425 Nature Park Dr, Wake Forest, NC 27587

HOLLY SPRINGS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Thursday, June 20
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
300 W Ballentine St, Holly Springs, NC

Can't join in person?
Take the survey by scanning the QR code below.



Wake Transit Plan Update

**State of the Wake
Transit Plan**

**Goals, Priorities &
Strategic Direction**

**Financial Capacity
and Scenario
Development**

**Wake Transit Plan
Update**

**Winter –
Spring 2024**

Engagement
starts in May

Summer 2024

Evaluate Priorities
for Future
Investment

Fall 2024

Investment
Scenarios

Engagement
in Fall 2024

Winter 2025

Recommendations

Final Engagement

Finish Study

9. State of the Plan Report and Phase 1 Engagement Progress Update

Requested Action:

Receive as information.

10. TPAC Subcommittee Update

Attachment S

Program Development

Caleb Allred, Chair

Town of Morrisville

Shavon Tucket, Vice Chair

City of Raleigh

Next Meeting:

Tues. 6/25 @ 1:30-3:30pm

Community Engagement

R. Curtis Hayes, Chair

GoTriangle

Andrea Epstein, Vice Chair

City of Raleigh

Next Meeting:

Thurs. 6/27 @ 1:30-3:00pm

11. Workgroup Updates



Fare Workgroup

- **Coordinator:**
Steve Schlossberg
- **Next Meeting:**
June 7th
@10am

Technology Workgroup

- **Coordinator:**
Austin Stanion
- **Next Meeting:**
June 13th
@10am

Financial Policies Workgroup

- **Coordinator:**
Paul Kingman
- **Next Meeting:**
TBD

Baseline Funding Workgroup

- **Coordinator:**
Ben Howell
- **Next Meeting:**
TBD

Safety & Security Workgroup

- **Coordinator:**
Ben Howell
- **Next Meeting:**
TBD

12. Other Business

- The FY24, 4th quarter amendment request was approved by the governing boards at their respective May meetings.
- Both governing boards have received the results presentation from the City of Raleigh's Origin-Destination Survey completed last fall.
- Any other news or business items?



13. Adjourn

Upcoming TPAC meetings:

- Hold date for **June 12th** in case of need for a special meeting.
- Next regular business meeting held **in-person** at CAMPO on **June 26th**.
- July meeting will be confirmed after the June 26th meeting discussion.

GO FORWARD
A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT