



2024 State of the Plan

The Wake Transit Plan has guided investment in the region's public transit system.

The goal is to improve and expand transportation choices for people living in, commuting to and traveling through Wake County by investing in projects that advance the Four Big Moves: Connect the Research Triangle Region, Connect all Wake County communities, Create frequent, reliable, urban mobility and Enhance access to transit.

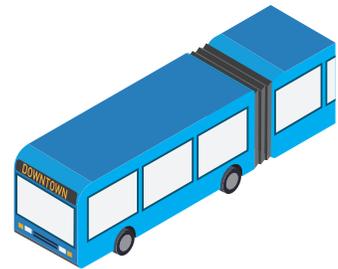
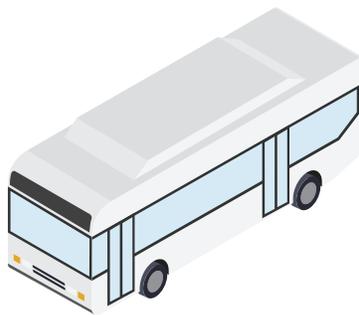
At the beginning of 2024, forecasts prepared by the Wake Transit Plan show there will be between \$700 million and \$1 billion to invest in transit services between 2026 and 2025. These funds are in addition to the capital projects and transit services already programmed, but do not include full funding for large, long-term projects like Commuter Rail.

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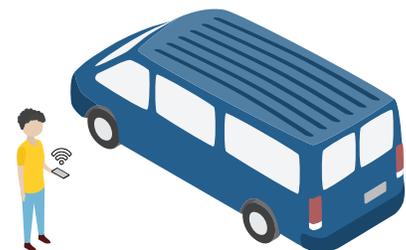
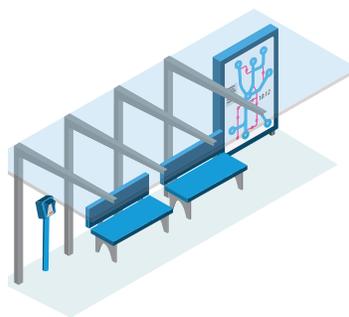
The Wake Transit Plan has supported \$193.7 million in new transit services and projects so far.



1 Provided More Transit Service – \$67.7 million spent on new and improved bus service. Bus service has increased since 2017, with twice as many bus routes available during the middle of the day, during the evenings, and on weekends.

2 Purchased new, clean-fuel buses – \$52.9 million used to buy newer, cleaner fuel buses and build space to store and maintain them. There are 104 new buses in our region, nearly 80% of which are clean fuel vehicles that have low or no emissions.

3 Designed Bus Rapid Transit – \$34.7 million invested in rapid transit service and the planning and design of Wake County’s Bus Rapid Transit Network. Through this work, the City of Raleigh has secured or is working to secure more than \$130 million in federal grants.



4 Focused on project management and administration – \$21.2 million invested in staff and systems to administer projects and manage the Plan. Wake Transit Plan remains financially strong, with no major challenges.

5 Improved Bus Stops and Transit Centers – \$14.3 million spent designing and building bus stops and transit centers so riders are safer & more comfortable. Benches, shelters, and lighting have been added to more than 100 locations countywide.

6 Invested in community-based programs – \$3.1 million has been used to help communities plan and implement local transit solutions.

There are a lot more transit projects scheduled for 2024 and 2025.

The Wake Transit Plan will support \$4 million in new bus service in 2024, plus another \$4 million in 2025. The Plan also looks to invest another \$200 million over the next two years, building new facilities and developing transit corridors.

We are investing in bus service.

Two new frequent bus routes.

- **GoRaleigh Route 5 Biltmore Hills** will become a Frequent Bus route with 15-minute service all day on weekdays and 30-minute service on weekends.
- **GoRaleigh Route 11 Avent Ferry** will become a Frequent Bus route with 15-minute service all day on weekdays and 30-minute service on weekends.

Lots of additions to local bus service.

- **Two new GoCary bus routes.** Route 11 East Cary will connect Cary, NC State, and the NC Fairgrounds, and Route 12 will connect Apex and Cary. Both routes will be available all day, every day.
- **More service** on the RDU Airport Shuttle, more trips on weekdays and Saturdays and new service on Sundays.
- **Weekend service** on Route 305, which connects Holly Springs, Apex, and Raleigh

New types of transit service.

- **New on-demand microtransit** service in Rolesville, Wake Forest, and northeast Wake County.

We are planning to build projects across Wake County.

- **Bus Rapid Transit construction** is starting on New Bern Avenue. We'll be building bus-only lanes, stations, and roadway improvements for fast, reliable service.
- **Raleigh Union Station Bus Station** is under construction and scheduled to open in 2025.
- **GoCary's new Multimodal Center** is moving into final design.
- GoTriangle is designing the **new Regional Transit Center** and GoRaleigh is planning a **new transit center in Midtown**.
- We're breaking ground on **operating and maintenance facilities** for GoRaleigh/GoWake Access, GoCary, and GoTriangle.
- We'll keep **improving your bus stops** and transit centers and buying new vehicles.

In 2021, we said we would:

Here's where we are:

Progress



Connect Regionally

Build a 37-mile commuter rail transit system	The feasibility of commuter rail has been studied. Findings show the project is more complicated and expensive than expected.	● ● ● ● ●
Enhance connections to Raleigh Durham Airport (RDU) and Chapel Hill	RDU shuttles connect to the Regional Transit Center. The shuttle will have longer hours on more days in 2025. The Chapel Hill-Raleigh Express operates more frequently and for longer hours.	● ● ● ● ●



Connect all Wake County Communities

Expand transit service to all 12 Wake County communities	Bus service is available between Raleigh and Garner, Fuquay-Varina, Knightdale, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, and Zebulon. Bus service also connects Apex, Holly Springs, and Morrisville with Cary. Some express bus routes are changing to match what riders want.	● ● ● ● ●
Increase commuter bus service between suburban communities and Raleigh and Cary	Commuter bus service is ramping back up from COVID. Route 100 will operate every 15 minutes during peak periods between Raleigh and Durham, seven days a week. This service will start in 2025.	● ● ● ● ●



Create Frequent, Reliable Urban Mobility

Build 47-miles of bus rapid transit with dedicated lanes	New Bern Avenue BRT will be under construction in Summer 2024 Southern Corridor is advancing to final design. The project was awarded \$86 million in federal funds. Ongoing design work for Western and Northern Corridors.	● ● ● ● ●
Build 99 miles of frequent bus service	There is 51.5 miles of frequent service with 12 more miles of frequent service planned to start in 2024. Route 5 Biltmore Hills will add 5.1 miles and Route 11 Avent Ferry will add 7.3 miles, bringing total to 63.9 miles.	● ● ● ● ●
Expand transit infrastructure – buy buses, build maintenance facilities, and invest in new technology	The region is building new, larger bus maintenance facilities. GoCary: Final Design GoRaleigh/Go Wake Access: Purchased land and received \$9.9 million federal grant. Moving to final design. GoTriangle: Planning and Design	● ● ● ● ●



Enhance Access to Transit

Increase hours of service on weekdays and weekends across the network	There is twice as much service on weekdays and weekends across the network through a combination of more service on existing routes and new routes.	● ● ● ● ●
Triple bus service throughout the county	Bus service increased by 63% between 2017 and 2023.	● ● ● ● ●
Provide matching funds for community-based transit services in smaller municipalities	11 communities received funding	● ● ● ● ●

- - just getting started
- ● - starting to make progress
- ● ● - more than half way there
- ● ● ● - nearly complete
- ● ● ● ● - accomplished