

Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee



TPAC Monthly Meeting – September 18, 2025 | 9:00am–10:30am | [WebEx Link](#)

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Meeting MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions Chair: Kelly Blazey

Kelly welcomed attendees to the September TPAC meeting. Two new TPAC members were introduced: **Julien Griffiee**, new alternate for Garner and **Jason Hardin**, second primary member for GoTriangle.

9.18.25 TPAC Attendance & Voting Record		PM= Primary Member, VA= Voting Alternate, OA= Other Alternate, MG= Meeting Guest									
Agency/Org	Name	PM	VA	OA	MG	Agency/Org	Name	PM	VA	OA	MG
Chair/Cary	Kelly Blazey	1				Wake County	Tim Gardiner	1			
Vice Chair/Apex	Katie Schwing	1				Wake County	Akul Nishawala		1		
CAMPO	Alex Rickard		1			Wake Forest	-	-	-	-	-
CAMPO	Ben Howell	1				Wendell					
CAMPO	Stephanie Plancich				1	Zebulon					
CAMPO	Steven Mott				1	AECOM	Nathan Spencer				1
CAMPO	Suvir Venkatesh				1	Raleigh - RTA	Nardra Johnson				1
Cary	Christine Sondej	1				Online Guests					
Cary	Fabian Rodriguez				1	Garner	Erin Joseph				
Fuquay-Varina	Allyson Wylie		1			GoTriangle	Steven Schlossberg				
Garner	Julien Griffiee		1			GoTriangle	Nedra Rodriguez				
GoTriangle	Paul Black	1				GoTriangle	Curtis Hayes				
GoTriangle	Jason Hardin	1				GoTriangle	Michelle Jeng				
GoTriangle	Austin Stanion				1	CAMPO	Crystal Odom				
GoTriangle	Kelly Smith				1	Cary	Sheri Legans				
GoTriangle	Paul Kingman				1	Cary	Mark MacDougal				
Holly Springs	Chris Garcia	1				Raleigh	Sylvia Greer				
Knightdale	Tucker Fulle				1	Raleigh	Taylor Cooleen				
Morrisville	Bret Martin		1			Raleigh	Gabe Wilkins				
NC State Univ.						Raleigh	Tierra Hobley				
Raleigh	David Walker	1				Raleigh	Mason Chamblee				
Raliegh	Het Patel		1			Raleigh - RTA	Letonia Williams				
Raleigh	Shavon Tucker			1							
Raleigh	Tracy Chandler			1							
Raleigh	Andrew Miller			1							

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

3. General Public or Agency Comment

- None

PLANNING & PROGRAMMING ITEMS

4. FY 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Information Item – Steve Schlossberg (Tax District Administration), Nedra Rodriguez (GoTriangle) – 20 minutes [Link to ACFR](#)

- ACFR provides a detailed account of GoTriangle’s financial operations per GASB standards.
- FY2024 ACFR was compiled late due to staff turnover. Four findings were identified (correcting opening balances, payroll FICA, and other accounting issues).
- Final ACFR expected by end of October 2025; GoTriangle intends to meet the ILA deadline of December 15, 2025 for future years.

Staff contact: Steve Schlossberg, sschlossberg@gotriangle.org

Received as information

5. Concur with Funding Strategy for Wake BRT: New Bern Ave Construction Package 2

Action Item – Het Patel (Raleigh) – 10 minutes

- Construction of the New Bern Ave Corridor project has been divided into three packages;
 - Package 1, focusing on Downtown streets out to Poole Rd was awarded July 1, 2025.
 - Package 2, covering I-440-New Hope Road bid opening is September 19, 2025.
 - Package 3, covering the transitway from Poole Rd to Sunnybrook Rd advertising anticipated in October 2025.
- 2018 budget estimate was \$72 million for the corridor. Current estimate is \$105.3M. Have already dipped into \$7-8M of contingency set aside, but think they may need more.
- Raleigh is requesting TPAC approval to borrow contingency funds from other BRT projects to cover Package 2 award, if needed, to keep the project timeline.

Staff contact: Het Patel, het.patel@raleighnc.gov

Motion: Paul Black moved to concur with Raleigh’s intended use of Wake BRT contingency funds to support New Bern Ave construction if needed; second by Bret Martin. **Passed.**

6. Review of Community Funding Area Program Management Plan Edits

Action Item – Suvir Venkatesh (CAMPO) – 15 minutes

- CFA PMP revision highlights include Lowering local match requirement from 50% to 35%, removing cap on planning projects and instead providing a 3% annual target, 10-year CFAP budget tripled from \$20M to \$60M, scoring criteria was updated, and clarity for making budget and scope changes was added.
- The draft was previously reviewed by TPAC, CFA Program communities and the 2035 Transit Plan Core Technical Committee.
- Final public review period: September 22 – October 21, 2025.
- Adoption of CFA PMP and 10-year Wake Transit Plan is anticipated on November 19, 2025.

- Should either document not be adopted as planned, staff will inform TPAC and make needed adjustments to the schedule.

Staff contact: Suvir Venkatesh, suvir.venkatesh@campo-nc.us

Motion: Tim Gardiner moved to release the draft CFA PMP for public review; second by Bret Martin.
Passed.

7. FY 2027 Community Funding Area (CFA) Program Kickoff

Information Item – Suvir Venkatesh (CAMPO) – 15 minutes

- Overview of FY27 CFA Program, budget (\$6.5M, \$1.9M for new projects), and schedule.
- Program details: <https://www.campo-nc.us/funding/CFAP>
- Schedule Highlights: Mandatory applicant training: October 29, 2025 and Call for projects: January 5, 2026
- Budget reflects anticipated CFA PMP updates presented in previous item.
- Suggest that applicants submit with currently adopted base budget as well as using new figures.
- CAMPO staff will apply the appropriate budget request in the final FY27 Work Plan

Staff contact: Suvir Venkatesh, suvir.venkatesh@campo-nc.us

Received as information

8. Review of the 2025 Draft Regional Transit Technology Plan

Information Item – Austin Stanion (GoTriangle) – 15 minutes

- First plan published in 2019; updated plan addresses emerging technology needs and consistency across Wake, Durham, and Orange counties.
- Six priority areas: Real-time info, service planning tools, transit signal priority, integrated payments, GTFS coordination, and open data.
- Draft Plan public review: September 22 – October 5, 2025; adoption anticipated in January 2026.

Staff contact: Austin Stanion, astanion@gotriangle.org

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9. GoRaleigh High Frequency Network Update

Information Item – Taylor Cooleen (Raleigh) – 10 minutes

- Presentation on ridership before/after service changes; significant ridership increases on high-frequency routes (example: Glenwood Ave, pre-change ~19K estimate vs. ~50K riders post-change).
- 89% growth across all current high frequency routes.
- New logos were developed to identify frequent service
- Success of the Wake Transit investment is being shared with riders and TPAC.



- Raleigh is asked to continue collecting data and to report any related customer satisfaction survey results back to TPAC

Staff contact: Taylor Cooleen, taylor.cooleen@raleighnc.gov

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10. TPAC Subcommittee Update

Program Development (PD) - Chair: Emma Linn (Wake Forest)

- Next meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 1:30–3:30pm

- Meeting is after lunch today, virtual but members can stay at CAMPO to participate if desired. Emma Linn, Wake Forest, was elected PD Chair at August meeting. PD voted for adoption of the Operations Security Funding Policy, TPAC action expected in October

Community Engagement (CE) - Chair: Tim Gardiner (Wake County)

- September meeting cancelled

- CE Chair Tim reminded members that the September meeting will be cancelled while staff update the task list. Members can expect to meet later in the year.

11. Workgroup Updates

- **Financial Policies Workgroup** – Planning October meeting on reimbursement process, defining and clarifying roles and responsibilities.
- **Fare Workgroup** – Discussion on Wake Transit TAP contributions and reimbursements FY27 will be scheduled in next month or so.
- **Technology Workgroup** – Meeting bi-weekly through next few months.
- **Baseline Funding Workgroup** – Maintenance of effort/baseline discussions restarting in October/November.

12. Lead Agency Updates & Other Business

- **Raleigh Union Bus Station (RUS Bus)** – Recipient of 2025 Imprint Award for the Acorn art installation at the new RUS Bus facility.
- **Fuquay-Varina Microlink Launch** – October 4, 2025 as part of the town’s celebration event.

13. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 23, 2025, 9:00am

Agenda Development Schedule:	
10/1	TPAC Agenda Request email sent out by Oct 1 st .
10/14	Agenda item information and all attachments submitted
10/16	TPAC agenda packet is posted online
10/20	All presentation slides submitted (widescreen PPT)