



March 19, 2026 TPAC Meeting
Agenda Item Summary Sheet Packet

Table of Contents by Agenda Item Number:

- 4a TPAC Meeting Minutes
- 5 Workgroup Modification: Merger of Fares & Financial Policies
- 6 Workgroup Modification: Discontinue Baseline group
- 7 N/A
- 8 FY27 CFA Program Selections
- 9 FY26 Q2 Financial Report/FY25 Annual Report Update
- 10 Go Wake Forest Update
- 11 Holly Springs Hopper Update
- 12 Fuquay-Varina MicroLink Update



Agenda Item Summary Sheet
TPAC Meeting 3/19/26

Item #: 4

Item Title/Project Name: Draft February 2026 TPAC Minutes

Project Contact: Stephanie Plancich

Agency/Organization: TPAC Administrator

Email: stephanie.plancich@campo-nc.us

Phone: 984-542-3606

Item Type: Action
 Information

Executive Summary/Key Points:

The draft TPAC meeting minutes are being presented for TPAC review and adoption.

Attachments:

Draft TPAC Meeting Minutes

Background:

TPAC typically meets monthly and minutes of each event are drafted and adopted prior to being posted to the TPAC archives here: <https://www.campo-nc.us/about-us/committees/wake-county-transit-planning-advisory-committee-tpac/archives>.

Discussion:

Submit questions, comments or corrections to Stephanie.

Scope/Financial Impact:

N/A

Action Description:

Adopt the TPAC meeting minutes.

Next Steps:

Post in TPAC Meetings Archive.



**Agenda Item Summary Sheet
TPAC Meeting 3/19/2026**

Item #: 5

Item Title/Project Name: Workgroup Modification: Request Merger of Fare and Financial Policy Group

Project Contact: Steve Schlossberg

Agency/Organization: GoTriangle/TDA

Email: sschlossberg@gotriangle.org **Phone:** 919-485-7590

Item Type: Action
 Information

Executive Summary/Key Points:

Tax District Administration (TDA) staff recommend merging the Fare Work Group and the Financial Policy Work Group into a single workgroup.

Attachments: Identification Worksheet

Background: The Financial Policy Work Group and the Fare Work Group have collaborated on various tasks over the past few years. As discussions have progressed, the idea emerged to merge the two groups, given their similar scope and overlapping focus areas.

Discussion:

Scope/Financial Impact: n/a
TPAC member discussion, as needed.

Action Description: Consider approval of the proposed merging of the Fares and Financial Policies Workgroup into the Budget & Finance Workgroup.

Next Steps: If consolidated, the new Budget and Finance workgroup will continue discussions listed on the attached identification worksheet.



Agenda Item Summary Sheet
TPAC Meeting 3/19/2026

Item #: 6

Item Title/Project Name: Baseline Workgroup Discontinuation

Project Contact: Ben Howell

Agency/Organization: Wake Transit Program Manager

Email: ben.howell@campo-nc.us

Phone: 984-542-3609

Item Type: **Action**
 Information

Executive Summary/Key Points: The Baseline Workgroup (in its current form) was formed in 2024 as the Steering Committee for the Baseline Study that was funded by CAMPO and GoTriangle. Since the completion of the Study, the Baseline Workgroup has met several times to discuss how to implement the recommendation from the Study but has not been able to come to agreement.

Since there are several ongoing processes/projects that may impact any analysis of setting a potential baseline for Wake Transit, staff is recommending that the workgroup be discontinued, with the potential of re-forming the workgroup once these processes and projects are completed.

Attachments: N/A

Background: The Baseline Workgroup met several times during the development of the Baseline Study, coordinating with CAMPO staff (as project manager of the Study) and the consultants. Following the completion of the Study, the workgroup continued to meet to discuss how the Study recommendation(s) could be implemented. However, the workgroup could never come to agreement on how the recommendation(s) could or should be implemented, and the workgroup has not met for over a year.

In the meantime, the 2035 Wake Transit Plan has been adopted, and the Wake Bus Plan Update effort has begun. In addition, discussion is ongoing at the Wake Transit Conference Committee about potential removal of the Wake County portion of the regional Vehicle Rental Tax revenue from the Wake Transit Plan Financial Model. Both the Bus Plan and the Conference Committee discussion may impact consideration of Baseline for Wake Transit

moving forward, so staff is recommending discontinuing the Baseline Workgroup at this time.

Discussion: TPAC member discussion, as needed.

Scope/Financial Impact: N/A

Action Description: Consider approval of the proposed discontinuation of the Baseline Workgroup.

Next Steps: Will be determined and presented to TPAC at a later date.



Agenda Item Summary Sheet
TPAC Meeting 3/19/26

Item #: 8

Item Title/Project Name: FY2027 Community Funding Area Program Selection Results

Project Contact: Suvir Venkatesh

Agency/Organization: Wake Transit Planner

Email: suvir.venkatesh@campo-nc.us

Phone: 984-542-3608

Item Type: Action
 Information

Executive Summary/Key Points: The FY2027 Community Funding Area Program application cycle kicked off in September 2025. During the fiscal year, CAMPO staff worked with the CFA Partners to administer the project submittal and selection process. The selection committee convened during the month of February to develop a final recommendation of projects to be included in the FY27 Wake Transit Work Plan. TPAC will review and discuss the recommendations.

Attachments: FY2027 Community Funding Area Program Selection Process and Results Summary

Background: The Community Funding Area Program was envisioned as part of the Wake Transit Plan's Big Move #4: Enhanced Access to Transit. It is a competitive funding program allowing the 10 outlying Wake County Communities, Research Triangle Foundation and Wake County to apply for funding for transit operating, capital or planning funding. Every year, the CFA Program kicks off with a presentation to TPAC in August or September. This presentation outlines program timeline and general guidelines. The partners have an opportunity to request project incubation meetings with CAMPO staff to clarify questions or develop ideas for applications. The applicant training took place in late October to provide a more in-depth overview of the program including timeline, guidelines, available funding, project eligibility, etc. The pre-submittal reviews took place in December and provided CAMPO staff with a chance to review the draft submittals before the final call-for-projects. The call-for-projects ran from January 5, 2026, to January 31, 2026. The scoring and selection process took place in February with final recommendations presented to the TPAC in March.

Discussion: We received a total of seven (7) CFA applications for FY2027:

- **The Town of Apex:** 3 capital applications, 1 planning application
 - Bus stop improvements for existing bust stops

- New bus stop construction for future GoApex routes
- Final Design for Apex Mobility Hub
- Mobility Solutions Study
- **The Town of Knightdale:** 2 capital applications
 - Old Knight Rd sidewalk construction
 - Second Avenue sidewalk construction
- **The Town of Wendell:** 1 operating application
 - GoWake SmartRide NE cost escalation

Action Description: Informational Item only

Next Steps: The selection committee recommendations will be included in the FY27 Recommended Wake Transit Work Plan. The committee's recommendation on the Town of Apex's application for Mobility Hub Final Design was intended to be a backup if it were to not be funded through the regular Work Plan development process. The project was already included in the Draft Work Plan which was released for public comment in February. The project will be assumed to be funded through the Wake Transit Work Plan development process and not the CFAP. Should the project be funded through the Work Plan development process, the CFA application will be formally rescinded by the town. Those discussions are scheduled to occur during the March 31 PD Subcommittee meeting.



**Agenda Item Summary Sheet
TPAC Meeting 3/19/2026**

Item #: 9

Item Title/Project Name: FY26 Quarter 2 Unaudited Financial Results

Project Contact: Steve Schlossberg

Agency/Organization: GoTriangle/TDA

Email: sschlossberg@gotriangle.org **Phone:** 919-485-7590

Item Type: Action
 Information

Executive Summary/Key Points:

Tax District Administration (TDA) staff will present the FY 2026 Q2 Unaudited Financial Results including revenues, expenses and cash and investment balances for the quarter.

Attachments: None

Background: The Tax District Administration housed at GoTriangle is tasked with tracking and reporting on project and financial progress throughout the year. TDA staff collect and compile quarterly progress reports that detail activities undertaken by project sponsors and program staff. They produce a technical report that is posted to the Wake Transit SharePoint site. TPAC members may request access to the SharePoint site by reaching out to TDA staff. Previous year's reports are archived for member reference.

TDA staff will provide a quarterly financial summary to the TPAC starting with a presentation of the FY2026 Q2 unaudited financial results in March 2026.

Discussion: None

Scope/Financial Impact: n/a

Action Description: Receive as information

Next Steps: TDA staff will provide a financial results summary to TPAC in Q3. Detailed technical reports are available in SharePoint.



Agenda Item Summary Sheet
TPAC Meeting 03-19-26

Item #: 10

Item Title/Project Name: Go Wake Forest Microtransit Update

Project Contact: Emma Linn

Agency/Organization: Town of Wake Forest

Email: elinn@wakeforestnc.gov

Item Type: Action
 Information

Executive Summary/Key Points:

Presentation on the Town of Wake Forest's on-demand microtransit service, Go Wake Forest. Go Wake Forest launched as a pilot program in October 2024 replacing the Wake Forest Loop Circulator. In February 2026, Go Wake Forest began charging a fare for trips. Town staff will provide a recap of 2025 service and the rollout of fares.

Attachments: None

Background:

As part of the Community Funding Area Program, the Town of Wake Forest launched an on-demand, door-to-door microtransit service. This service began as a self-funded pilot in October 2024, replacing the underperforming Wake Forest Circulator system.

When Go Wake Forest launched in October 2024, the service operated with three vehicles and one spare. Go Wake Forest was quickly inundated with demand and made a contract amendment within the first month of service to increase the fleet size to eight, doubling the initial capacity. Two months later in December 2024, we executed our second contract amendment to add additional capacity. This addition brought the current fleet size to ten plus two spares.

Following the conclusion of the pilot, in February 2026, the Town began charging a fare to ride Go Wake Forest. The fare structure is tiered based on ariel miles travelled. A discounted fare is available for those who are eligible.

Discussion: N/A

Scope/Financial Impact: N/A

Action Description: Receive as information.

Next Steps: N/A



Agenda Item Summary Sheet
TPAC Meeting 03-19-26

Item #: 11

Item Title/Project Name: Holly Springs Hopper Service Update

Project Contact: Chris Ritter-Garcia

Agency/Organization: Town of Holly Springs

Email: christopher.garcia@hollyspringsnc.gov

Item Type: Action
 Information
 For Review (Deadline: _____)

Executive Summary/Key Points:

January 5, 2026, marked an important day for Holly Springs as the launch of its microtransit service: the Holly Springs Hopper. The Community Funding Area Program (CFAP) funded service is a door-to-door microtransit system that operates weekdays from 7:00a to 8:00p with 3 vehicles in service. Two of the vehicles are the electric Volkswagen ID Buzz and one of the vehicles is a handicap-accessible Toyota Sienna.

The service has seen a successful launch and has been applauded by residents as a valuable service for folks who need or would like to get around town without driving themselves. Popular destinations for the service have included Walmart, Downtown Holly Springs, the WE Hunt Recreation Center, and Rex Holly Springs Hospital. There has also been anecdotal evidence about Hopper riders using the service to connect to the broader fixed route transit system via GoTriangle's Route 305.

Though the Hopper only just launched, there is already discussion about expansion of the service to potentially include some combination of extended hours during the week or weekend service. Town of Holly Springs staff will provide a presentation on the status of the launch of the Holly Springs Hopper.

Attachments:

- Holly Springs Hopper Service Update presentation

Background:

In 2022, the Town of Holly Springs adopted its Comprehensive Transportation Plan which analyzed the transportation network of town, including an analysis of multimodal options. Finding that there were minimal transit options in town, the plan recommended the

implementation of a microtransit pilot program. Seeing the success of microtransit programs in the Triangle, such as GoWake Forest, Morrisville Smart Shuttle, and MicroLink, the Town decided to investigate what it would take to begin a microtransit service in Holly Springs through a ridership projection analysis conducted in winter of 2024 and consultations with staff in Wake Forest and Morrisville.

In 2025 the Town was awarded funding through the Community Funding Area Program to begin service in FY26. From notification of the CFAP award, the Town spent the rest of 2025 developing the program and finding a partner to operate the service. Freebee was secured as the operating partner and the Holly Springs Hopper launched in January 2026.

Discussion: N/A

Scope/Financial Impact: N/A

Action Description: No action. Receive as information.

Next Steps: N/A



Agenda Item Summary Sheet
TPAC Meeting 3/19/2026

Item #: 12

Item Title/Project Name: Fuquay-Varina MicroLink Update

Project Contact: Taylor Cooleen & Allison Wylie

Agency/Organization: City of Raleigh & Town of Fuquay-Varina

Email: taylor.cooleen@raleighnc.gov; awylie@fuquay-varina.org

Phone: 919-996-4176; 919-753-1015

Item Type: **Action**
 Information

Executive Summary/Key Points: MicroLink Fuquay-Varina, operated by GoRaleigh, launched January 5, 2026. Staff will provide an update on operations since launch.

Attachments: MicroLink Service Area Map

Background: MicroLink Fuquay-Varina, operated by GoRaleigh, launched January 5, 2026. This service replaced the FRX Express route that made stops at South Park Community Center, Wake Tech South Campus, and Downtown Raleigh during peak hours. MicroLink is an on-demand microtransit service that offers curb-to-curb rides within the designated service area, weekdays from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturdays from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Discussion: N/A

Scope/Financial Impact: N/A

Action Description: Receive as information.

Next Steps: N/A