



**Item Summary Sheet (ISS) Packet
Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2026**



Item #: 5

Title/Project Name: FY 2028 Wake Transit Work Plan Kickoff

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Item Type: ☐ Action
☒ Information

Executive Summary/Key Points: CAMPO and GoTriangle Tax District Administration (TDA) staff will kick off the FY 2028 Wake Transit Work Plan development process, covering the FY28 Work Plan development schedule, FY27 actuals, preliminary FY28 revenue and expenditure assumptions, updated instructions for funding requests submissions, and the logistics for the review of Work Plan funding requests by the TPAC and the PD Subcommittee.

The funding request submission window opens at the kickoff today, and the funding requests forms are available on SharePoint, where they are also to be submitted to. Requests are due by the end of the day of September 25, 2026, with the SharePoint submission window formally closing on Monday, September 28, 2026. There are four new process changes for this year:

- The Work Plan is being developed in conjunction with the ongoing Wake Bus Plan efforts, which will seek to program projects in FY28 and beyond. Therefore, funding request submissions for fixed-route transit for GoCary, GoRaleigh, and GoTriangle will not be solicited during this funding request window.
- Applicant review meetings for each project sponsor submitting Work Plan funding requests, to be held the week of October 12.
- Two in-person Work Plan workshops at PD subcommittee (October 27 and, if needed, November 17).
- A reduced review window for the draft Work Plan, down from three weeks to two weeks, in order to provide adequate time for document development and coordination with Wake Bus Plan Phase 2 Engagement.

Attachments:

FY 2028 Wake Transit Work Plan Development Calendar

Background:

CAMPO and the GoTriangle TDA lead the development of the annual Wake Transit Work Plans, which programs operating and capital investments funded by the Wake County Transit Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. Development begins each summer with the kick off and funding request submission window opening.

The FY 2028 Wake Transit Work Plan will be the second annual Work Plan developed under the Wake Transit Plan, adopted in November 2025. This will be the first Work Plan developed concurrently with the Wake Bus Plan 2035, efforts which include programming FY 2028 transit operations projects for GoCary, GoRaleigh, and GoTriangle, and associated capital investments for those three operators in addition to GoWake Access (through the associated Fleet Plan). This year's Work Plan development cycle is being closely coordinated with the Bus Plan's technical work development and the subsequent engagement phases. Therefore, dates in the development calendar are subject to change, especially within the 2027 calendar year.

Discussion:

- Funding request submission window opens at the August 27 kickoff. Funding request forms are posted to the Wake Transit SharePoint, where they should also be submitted. Requests are due by end of day September 25, 2026.
- Updated forms and instructions will be discussed by staff, including any updated instructions for completing and submitting project funding request forms.
- An internal review has been included in the calendar this year, where CAMPO staff will conduct a ten-day internal review of funding request submissions, from September 28 - October 7, to prepare for one-on-one applicant meetings and subsequent Work Plan development processes.
- *New* applicant review meetings to be scheduled during the week of October 12–16, where CAMPO staff will hold individual, 30- to 90-minute applicant review meetings with each project sponsor to discuss their funding request submissions in advance of the October PD Subcommittee workshop.
- Restructured PD Subcommittee workshops. Building on the applicant meetings, last year's single work session has been replaced by two in-person PD Subcommittee Work Plan Workshops:
 - PD Workshop 1: October 27, 1:00–5:00 p.m. All submitting agencies present their funding requests for review of scope, budget, and readiness.
 - PD Workshop 2: November 17, 1:00–5:00 p.m. Held if needed as a follow-up to refine priorities and discuss trade-offs ahead of the draft Work Plan.
- The FY 2028 Work Plan development schedule will be available in both Google Calendar and an accessible format, where they will be linked in the TPAC document library, and embedded on relevant Work Plan webpages.
- The draft FY 2028 Work Plan is expected to be released for a 30-day public comment period, running approximately February 23 - March 25, 2027, followed by a second 30-day comment period on the recommended Work Plan from May 4 - June 2, 2027, which is in lockstep with Wake Bus Plan engagement. Adoption is targeted for June 16, 2027 (CAMPO Executive Board) and June 23, 2027 (GoTriangle Board of Trustees).
- As in past years, dates are subject to change. Coordination with Wake Bus Plan processes may result in schedule changes to ensure synchronicity of FY 28 project recommendations flowing from the Bus Plan into Work Plan recommendations.

Action Description:

No funding action is requested regarding this item. Staff will present FY 2026 actuals and preliminary FY 2028 revenue and expenditure assumptions for informational purposes, information which will be refined through the development process and reflected in the draft FY 2028 Work Plan.

Action Description:

Information Item

Next Steps:

August 27, 2026: Kickoff presentation; funding request submission window opens.

September 25, 2026: Project funding requests due by end of day.

October 12 - 16, 2026: Individual Applicant Review Meetings, scheduled by appointment.

October 27, 2026: PD Subcommittee Work Plan Workshop 1 (1:00–5:00 p.m., in person).

November 17, 2026: PD Subcommittee Work Plan Workshop 2 (1:00–5:00 p.m., in person), if needed.

February 23 - March 25, 2027: 30-day public comment period on the draft FY 2028 Work Plan.

May 4 - June 2, 2027: 30-day public comment period on the recommended Work Plan (target), coordinated with Phase 3 Bus Plan engagement.

June 2027: CAMPO Executive Board and GoTriangle Board of Trustees action on Work Plan adoption.



Item #: 6

Title/Project Name: FY28 Community Funding Area Program Kick-Off

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Item Type: ☐ **Action**
 ☒ **Information**

Executive Summary/Key Points: CAMPO staff will present an overview of available funding amounts and the schedule for the FY 2028 Community Funding Area (CFA) Program call for projects and project selection process. The schedule includes preliminary meetings, applicant training, pre-submittal requirements and the scoring & selection processes.

Attachments: FY2028 Community Funding Area Program Application and Reporting Schedule

Background/Discussion: The Community Funding Area Program, envisioned as part of Big Move #4: Enhanced Access to Transit, is a competitive funding program allowing the outlying Wake County communities, RTF, and unincorporated Wake County to apply for Wake Transit Funds with a local match of at least 35%. Every year, CAMPO staff administer the application, scoring and selection process to determine which projects will be included in the annual Work Plan for the following year.

In order to be eligible for CFAP funds, applicants must attend (1) the annual applicant training session, which serves as a high-level introduction to the program that covers procedures and addresses issues that are specific to the upcoming call for projects; and (2) a pre-submittal application review meeting, where a more detailed, project-level review will occur in order for staff to have a complete understanding of incoming applications and to determine application completeness. annual applicant training, pre-submittal review. Applicants must submit their applications during the call-for-projects after which the scoring and selection process will begin. The selection committee consists of representatives from various regional agencies such as transit providers, municipal staff, regional planning agencies (e.g., CAMPO, Central Pines Regional Council), etc. and must be selected to avoid conflicts of interest with any of the applications

Every year, CAMPO staff sets the annual CFA Program calendar, outlining dates for meetings, call-for-projects, and scoring and selection processes. CAMPO also manages the annual CFA Program budget. This year, there are no significant changes to the overall program calendar.

Action Description: Informational Item

Next Steps: Interested applicants may request a project incubation meeting with CAMPO



Item 7

Title/Project Name: FY 2027 Master TPAC Calendar

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Item Type: ☐ Action
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Executive Summary/Key Points:

CAMPO staff have prepared the draft FY27 Master TPAC Calendar and the FY27 Work Plan Amendment Schedule and will present them for TPAC review and discussion. The calendar consolidates TPAC and PD Subcommittee meeting dates and key process milestones for FY2027 (July 2026 - June 2027), including the FY28 Wake Transit Work Plan development schedule and the current Work Plan's quarterly amendment schedule.

Attachments:

FY 2027 Master TPAC Calendar

Background:

Each year, CAMPO staff compile a master calendar consolidating TPAC, PD Subcommittee, and related governing board meeting dates alongside the key milestones that drive the annual Work Plan development and amendment processes. The draft FY27 Master TPAC Calendar covers the period from July 2026 through June 2027 and includes the development schedule for the FY28 Wake Transit Work Plan, from the August 2026 call for projects through anticipated adoption in June 2027, as well as the FY27 Work Plan Amendment Schedule governing the current Work Plan's quarterly amendment cycles. Two items on the FY28 Work Plan development schedule are new points of interest this year:

- A dedicated Applicant Review Meeting window (proposed for October 12–16, 2026), giving CAMPO staff and each project sponsor a scheduled one-on-one meeting to discuss submitted funding requests ahead of PD Workshop 1.
- Closer alignment between the FY28 Work Plan schedule and the Wake Bus Plan's public engagement phases. Funding requests for bus service projects for the FY28 Work Plan will be developed through the Wake Bus Plan process itself, rather than submitted through the standard initial call for projects. There are two proposed exceptions for bus service project funding requests being permitted during this initial funding request review:
 - Continuing bus service where additional funds beyond the standard 2.5% threshold are needed and no scope changes are involved
 - Existing CFAP projects that are limited in scope & budget (<10% of revenue hours/alignment miles/geofence miles/project budget) enough to be considered through the Work Plan funding request cycle.

Discussion:

Staff will walk through the draft calendar at a high level and flag the portions of the schedule that may be sensitive to developments within the Wake Bus Plan process. Staff continue to coordinate closely with

the Wake Bus Plan team to ensure the schedules are realistically sequenced. This coordination is intended to allow FY28 Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) projects coming out of the Bus Plan process to be incorporated directly into the FY28 Work Plan as adopted, avoiding the need for a subsequent Work Plan amendment (e.g., an FY28 Q2 Work Plan amendment or otherwise a special amendment cycle) to bring those projects in after the fact. Bearing this in mind, dates throughout the calendar, especially those in calendar year 2027 surrounding the Work Plan document delivery and engagement periods, remain subject to change to accommodate this alignment with the Wake Bus Plan schedule. Staff will bring updated calendar dates for the attention of the TPAC when dates are modified.

Action Description: Information only

Next Steps: N/A

**Item: 8****Title/Project Name:** Wake BRT: Western 30% Design Engagement Strategy**Project Contact:** Gabriel Wilkins, GoRaleigh, Senior Transit Planner**Email:** gabriel.wilkins@raleighnc.gov**Phone:** 919-996-3648**Item Type:** ☐ Action☒ Information

Executive Summary/Key Points: GoRaleigh has advanced design of the Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): Western Corridor to the 30% milestone, and as such has begun public engagement related to that milestone. In partnership with GoCary – as well as NCDOT regarding an overlapping project – GoRaleigh has created an online comment form, planned in-person public open houses, and organized stakeholder meetings with community members as well as businesses & institutions. This presentation will go over those and other elements of the Western BRT 30% Public Engagement Strategy.

Attachments:

A: Western BRT Public Engagement Plan August 2026

Background/ Discussion:

GoRaleigh has advanced design of the Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): Western Corridor to the 30% milestone. Work continues toward the completion of NEPA requirements as well as advancement through the FTA's Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program. As such, we are in the process of presenting to the public the Western BRT 30% designs.

The public engagement strategy includes in-person open houses at multiple locations along the corridor, stakeholder roundtables for both businesses & institutions as well as community leaders, and an online survey. The survey and open houses will be advertised on social media as well as other communication platforms, such as GovDelivery email lists and community outreach networks. Roundtables will be invite-only, with selection based on proximity to the Western BRT corridor and the expected degree of impact from the BRT construction and/or service.

Because the Western BRT will travel through – and stop at 6 stations in – the Town of Cary, these public engagement events and materials have been planned and created in partnership with GoCary. GoRaleigh has also coordinated with NCDOT due to a concurrent railroad grade-separate project that overlaps with the Western BRT project area that is also hosting public engagement events in Fall 2026.

Feedback from the public engagement process will be used to further refine the Western BRT designs as the project continues toward the 60% design milestone.

Action Description:

N/A

Next Steps:

Host stakeholder meetings and public events along the Western BRT corridor related to the 30% design milestone, publicizing and advertising them ahead of time via mailers, handouts, and social media.

**Item: 9****Title/Project Name:** Capital Project - Facilities Update**Project Contact:** David Walker**Agency/Organization:** City of Raleigh**Email:** david.walker@raleighnc.gov

Item Type: ☐ Action
 ☒ Information

Executive Summary/Key Points:

City of Raleigh staff will provide an overall update on two large capital projects that are funded via the Wake Transit Plan. The City will review two Q2 Amendment requests associated with these two projects, TC002-BI (Fixed Route facility expansion) and TC002-V (ADA Facility).

The existing GoRaleigh fixed route facility is now at 100% design and all building permits received. The Bid is expected to be posted before Labor Day. A Q2 Amendment will be requested to ensure funding is available when bids are received so the project can be awarded on schedule.

The shared GoRaleigh/GoWake Access ADA Facility is currently at 60% design. A Q2 amendment will be made for this project based on the findings from the 60% design drawings and probable cost estimate.

Attachments:

None

Background:TC002-BI (Fixed Route facility expansion)

The current fixed route facility was opened in 2011 and is operating near capacity for administrative staff due to the WTP Funded GoRaleigh expansion projects. Additional administrative office space will be added to the property through this expansion project.

With the addition of BRT service and the use of 60' articulated buses, additional maintenance bay space is needed. The building currently has 2 bays for 60' buses, however with the planned growth of the BRT program 3 additional bays are needed to support the future fleet. A phase 2 expansion was programmed in the original design and most of the civil work completed at that time was supportive of the future expansion.

TC002-V (GoRaleigh Access/GoWake Access ADA Facility)

The current facility being used for the shared GoRaleigh/GoWake Access operations and maintenance program was built in the 1970's on top of an old unregulated landfill from the late 1800's. Walls on the north side of the facility have settled creating large cracks in the wall. The parking lot on the same side of the property has sunk multiple times over the last 20 years, creating the need to continually maintain the

asphalt parking lot on a more frequent basis than normal. 2 bays in the existing garage are not safe for use due to structural concerns with the walls.

The new facility will host the City of Raleigh and Wake County call centers in a shared space to achieve efficiencies for both agencies. Wake County transportation planning staff will also be hosted at the facility, in addition, the GoRaleigh Access ADA eligibility testing will move to this facility. The contractor providing both GoRaleigh Access and GoWake Access services will also utilize the facility as their base of operations.

Discussion:

TC002-BI (Fixed Route facility expansion)

Funding currently available for construction from the WTP is just shy of the most recent 100% probable cost estimate. The City has additional FTA 5339 funds to cover most of this estimate. The concern is if the lowest responsible bid comes in higher than the available funding, City Council would not be able to make an Award due to lack of secured funding. A Q2 Amendment request will be made to ensure the project can be awarded in December if bids come in above the estimate.

TC002-V (ADA Facility)

Funding available for construction is just over \$57.1 million. This includes a \$9.96 million RAISE Grant award plus an additional \$4.3 million in FTA 5339 funds contributed by the City of Raleigh. The 60% probable cost estimate is just over \$70 million. The main drivers of the cost increase from the 30% estimate were due to additional civil work that will be required on the property. The Geotech work that was performed early in the design process was not completed in time to inform the 30% estimate. This analysis found that additional removal and fill of dirt would be required, causing a significant increase in the site grading work required.

A significant amount of value engineering was performed at 30% schematic design to remain within the budget at that time. Value engineering options provided at the 60% Design Drawing estimate would change the scope of the project, providing a facility that wouldn't hold the current staff that are programmed and leave no room for future growth. It would require an unfunded phase 2 to allow for future growth with an unknown premium cost on the future design and construction costs.

Side Note: The Fixed Route Phase 2 expansion work being bid today has a probable cost of approximately \$23 million. The total cost to build the entire facility in 2011 was \$27 million. This is a perfect example of the potential cost of having a phase 2 on this project.

Action Description:

Next Steps: City of Raleigh staff, along with the Design Team and Project Management Team will continue to review value engineering opportunities where possible, however, to deliver a project as scoped will require additional funding. The City respectfully requests that our Q2 amendment be considered for approval in order to build a facility as originally programmed in the Wake Transit Plan.