



MINUTES

TPAC Chair: Kelly Blazey (Town of Cary)

Vice Chair: Katie Schwing (Town of Apex)

Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

Thursday, June 25, 2026 • 9:30am

In-person at CAMPO: 1 Fenton Main, Ste 201, Cary NC 27511

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TPAC MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions (Kelly Blazey, TPAC Chair)

Kelly Blazey welcomed members and guests to the June TPAC Meeting. Aaron Gunderson introduced himself to the group. This is his first TPAC meeting as an alternate voting member or the Town of Zebulon.

6/25/26 TPAC Attendance & Voting Record		PM= Primary Member, VA= Voting Alternate, OA= Other Alternate, MG= Meeting Guest									
Agency/Org	Name	P M	V A	O A	M G	Agency/Org	Name	P M	V A	O A	M G
Chair/Cary	Kelly Blazey	1				Wake Forest	Emma Linn	1			
Vice Chair/Apex	Katie Schwing	1				Wendell	Kevin McCarthy	1			
CAMPO	Shelby Powell	1				Zebulon	Aaron Gunderson		1		
CAMPO	Ben Howell	1				ETC Institute	Fred G'Sell				1
CAMPO	Stephanie Planchich				1	Three Oaks	Jennifer Baldwin				
CAMPO	Suvir Venkatesh				1						
Cary	Mark Eatman		1			Online Guests					
Fuquay-Varina	Allison Wylie		1			Wake County	Natalie Wilson				
Garner	Julien Griffee					Holly Springs	Chris Garcia				
GoTriangle	Curtis Hayes		1			Raleigh	Mason Chamblee				
GoTriangle	Jason Hardin	1				Raleigh	Andrea Epstein				
GoTriangle/TDA	Steve Schlossberg				1	Raleigh	Rachel Anderson				
GoTriangle/TDA	Paul Kingman				1	Raleigh	Reese Berman				
Holly Springs	N/A					Raleigh	Dana Smith				
Knightdale	Tucker Fulle	1				Cary	Sheri Legans				
Morrisville	Phillip Vereen	1				Cary	Christine Sondej				
NC State Univ.	Andrea Neri	1				Cary	Brandon Watson				
Raleigh	Melanie Rausch		1			Cary	Fabian Rodrigues				
Raleigh	Het Patel	1				Cary	Jorge Salazar				
Raleigh	Andrew Miller			1		GoTriangle	Meg Scully				
Rolesville	Tanner Hayslette	1				GoTriangle	Kelley Smith				
RTF	Anne Calef		1			GoTriangle	Nedra Rodriguez				
Wake County	Tim Gardiner	1									
Wake County	Akul Nishawala		1								

2. Adjustments to the Agenda – None, see comment on PD Work Task List below in item #4.

3. General Public or Agency Comment – None

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Consent Agenda:

Items listed on the consent agenda are considered in a single motion. Any voting member of the TPAC may request an item be removed from consent and acted upon as a separate motion within the regular agenda.

a. Adopt the April 30, 2026, TPAC Meeting Minutes

Contact: Stephanie Plancich, TPAC Administrator

Attachments: Draft April 2026 TPAC Minutes

b. Endorse the July-December 2026 Program Development Subcommittee Work Task List

Contact: Stephanie Plancich, CAMPO

Attachments: PD Adopted July-December Work Task List

c. Approve the suspension of the Community Engagement Subcommittee

Contact: Ben Howell, CAMPO & Tim Gardiner, Wake County/CE Chair

Attachments: N/A

d. Endorse the 2026 Workgroup Operating Guidelines

Contact: Stephanie Plancich, CAMPO

Attachments: Draft 2026 Workgroup Operating Guidelines, Comparison Report

Discussion:

- Aaron Gunderson commented that he did not feel he received enough background information on the draft PD Work Task List to fully understand what he was being asked to vote on. As a new TPAC member, he doesn't have historical knowledge to know what the tasks mean, and the ISS form was too high-level for him to understand specific task details or PD member responsibilities tied to them. Stephanie Plancich noted this request for more detailed information to be done with future material preparation. She will set up a meeting with him to discuss PD tasks as well as a general welcome to TPAC. Kelly Blazey confirmed with Aaron that he was okay with keeping the item on the consent agenda today.

MOTION to approve the consent agenda made by Katie Schwing. Second by Emma Linn. Consent agenda passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Wake BRT Extensions Concept of Operations Report and Wake Transit BRT System Guidelines

Ben Howell, CAMPO • 15 minutes

Summary: The Wake Transit BRT Extensions Concept of Operations Study has been completed. The Study evaluated the Western (Cary to RTP) and Southern (Garner to Clayton) BRT Extensions, including several operating scenarios for each extension. The Study recommend an operating scenario and project sponsor for each corridor, provided an Operating and Capital Plan for each corridor, evaluated potential capital and operating funding, and recommended a Locally Preferred Alternative for each corridor to be approved by the CAMPO Executive Board. The Study also updated and revised the draft Wake Transit BRT System Guidelines developed by the City of Raleigh, and the TPAC is asked to endorse these Guidelines for use in developing and designing the BRT Extension Corridors and all future BRT corridors funded by Wake Transit.

Attachments:

Wake BRT Extensions Concept of Operations Study Final Report, Wake Transit BRT System Guidelines, Wake BRT Extensions Concept of Operations Study Scenarios Memo, Wake BRT Extensions Concept of Operations Study Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Memo

Action: Receive the Wake BRT Extensions Concept of Operations Study Final Report, Scenarios Memo and LPA Memo; and vote to endorse the Wake Transit BRT System design Guidelines.

Discussion:

- Kelly Blazey asked for clarity on the vehicle and financial information displayed.
- Steve Schlossberg noted that a large portion of the project would be build with STIP funds. He asked if Town of Clayton and Johnston County will also be contributing to the operations of the southern extension. Ben Howell responded that those conversations are starting but the project will be led into next phases by City of Raleigh so more notable discussion will take place once the change in leadership is complete.
- Julien noted that Jones Sausage Rd may be realigned and asked how flexible the route selected could be to those types of changes. Ben confirmed that the route alignment displayed is recommended through the study process but if the roadway network is changing the route presented is flexible enough to respond.
- Kelly confirmed with Ben that the Design Guidelines are not new but an update to what had been previously developed and endorsed by the TPAC.
- Tim Gardiner asked staff to develop a next steps roadmap to be brought back to TPAC to understand what conversations are happening with Wake and Non-Wake partners, what state and federal funding and other participation is expected to take place, and other planning steps looking ahead. Ben replied that once Raleigh is onboard as project sponsor that level of planning can take place and be brought back for review.
- Phillip Vereen asked if there was a concurrence plan drafted for this project. Ben responded that CAMPO does have a plan for points 1-4 that resulted in the concurrence meeting that was held earlier this week. City of Raleigh will be responsible to creating a plan for future concurrence points as they lead the project through construction.
- Katie Schwing asked if implementation of the project could be phased. For example, doing TSP/cue jumps starting now while other planning steps are being finalized. Ben commented that this is possible but has not been planned to date.

Motion to endorse the Wake Transit BRT System Guidelines made by Shelby Powell. Second by Het Patel. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

N/A

INFORMATION ITEMS**7. 2025 Regional Onboard Customer Satisfaction Survey Results**

Fred G'Sell, ETC Institute • 20 minutes

Summary: GoTriangle contracted with ETC Institute to conduct the 2025 Regional Onboard Customer Satisfaction Survey process. The results are published in individual agency reports for GoCary, GoDurham, GoRaleigh, and GoTriangle and one final combined report. TPAC will receive an overview presentation of the findings and any resulting recommendations.

Attachments: Link to study results: <https://gotriangle.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-GoTriangle-Onboard-Survey-Report.pdf>

Discussion:

- Kelly Blazey asked how totals are calculated above 100% for some questions. Fred explained that those questions allow survey takers to select more than one response that applies to them. For example, someone may select full-time student and part-time employee for the employment question.
- Stephanie asked what specific safety features were asked about for the safety question. Fred and Curtis Hayes clarified they were asked how safe they feel with other people/passengers not safety at stops/stations or getting to and from transit facilities.
- Kevin McCarthy asked when the survey was completed. GoRaleigh and GoTriangle were done around Thanksgiving/December. GoDurham was done a little later and GoCary was conducted in March 2026.
- Fred confirmed that the survey was conducted in late-November just after the WRX changed from GoRaleigh to GoTriangle.
- Fred also confirmed that there is an overall survey summary, but an individual report for each agency was also provided.

8. FY 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Progress Report

Nedra Rodriguez, GoTriangle & Steve Schlossberg, TDA • 20 minutes

Summary: GoTriangle is responsible for preparing the annual financial report, ACFR, and the Wake Transit progress report. In June, agency staff will provide an overview presentation of the ACFR development progress, how corrective comments were addressed and provide a high-level overview of the final audited report. TDA staff have compiled and are presenting the annual progress report.

Attachments: FY25 ACFR, FY25 Wake Transit Progress Report

Discussion: None, but if you have questions or want to discuss the audit process and final ACFR document, please email Nedra at nrodriguez@gotriangle.org directly.

9. FY26-Q3 Wake Transit Unaudited Financial Update

Steven Schlossberg, TDA • 10 minutes

Summary: Tax District Administration (TDA) staff will present the FY 2026 Q3 Unaudited Financial Results including Revenues, Operating Expenses/Disbursements, Capital Expenses/Disbursements, and Cash and Investment balances for the quarter ending March 31, 2026.

Attachments: N/A

Discussion: None

10. 2035 Wake Bus Plan Phase 1 Engagement Strategy and Planning Update

Jennifer Baldwin, Three Oaks Engineering • 20 minutes

Summary: The first phase of engagement for the 2035 Wake Bus Plan update is scheduled to run for 7 weeks from July 20-Sept 4. This is the most active planned engagement period where public input will be solicited on several topics of plan and process decision-making. TPAC will receive the engagement strategy and view early draft materials prepared for staff and partner use.

Attachments: A. Wake Bus Plan Phase 1 Strategy, B. Draft Focus Group Agenda, C. Branding Guide

Discussion:

- Request not using “other” options and instead writing out all answer options for better phone user friendliness

- Change question at top of survey or add a question in addition to the provider question of what zone(s) do you travel to/through.
- Can we add/alter a question 8
 - Can improve existing routes option by separating into be separated made more specific to capture frequency or span preference
 - Use more clear language on bus stop/amenities
 - Add question between bus stop improvements or access sidewalks/crosswalk, then ask between sidewalk and crosswalks to dive to next level
 - Maybe lose question 8 or change format to a rank all – offer a few options into two questions – capital and operating. A few people like this idea.
- What does “regional” mean. Inter county or County-to-County
- Can we make effort to better capture non-rider “why” they don’t ride. Maybe expand options in question 2.
- Want to get specific on capturing and being able to filter responses by microtransit services
- Jennifer suggested that we use the TPAC members to beta test the survey. Staff will try to make that happen.
- For question 9,
 - Prefer it be ranked not choose 1.
 - Separate weekend service to Saturday and Sunday
 - Use this and eliminate question 8
 - Add a 5th option for capital investments to 9 to capture it all
- Change zone map and either include all microtransit areas or none, or highlight each municipal boundary to help people orient on the map
- Please double check that the maps, PDFs, etc. are phone friendly.
- Jennifer asked partners if they have ability, ideas, business, etc. to help pull together some incentives for focus group participants. Free bus passes, business give aways, premier swag items, etc. would all be helpful in securing participants for the sessions.
- Curtis suggested going out in person to ask riders to attend the focus group. Bring printed invitations with a couple of swag items. Team will work with providers to identify participants or ways to get a few committed. Limited seats by participant type.
- Curits commented that search engine optimization efforts, like Ads, will help people find us to participate.

11. Northern BRT Major Investment Study (MIS) Results & Recommendations

Melanie Rausch, Raleigh • 20 minutes

Summary: The City of Raleigh is nearing completion of the Northern BRT Corridor MIS. One of the most significant recommendations resulting from the study process is the division of the project into two separate corridors, Triangle Town Center and Mid-Town. TPAC will receive a study process overview and a concurrence progress update for both corridors on Points 1-4; Purpose and Need, Alternatives Identification, Alternatives Analysis and LPA recommendation. CAMPO is scheduled to consider approval of the LPA in September.

Attachments: Concurrence Points 1-4 Package

Discussion: None

12. 2026 Origin and Destination Survey Scope Overview

Melanie Rausch, Raleigh • 10 minutes

Summary: GoRaleigh is responsible for leading the Triangle Region Transit Survey, a region-wide tablet-based survey of fixed-route riders for regional routes serving Durham, Orange, and Wake Counties to obtain demographic, ridership and origin-destination data. Participating agencies GoCary, GoDurham,

GoTriangle, Orange County Transportation, and Wolfline. Results from this survey help inform the Triangle region travel demand model, to meet air quality requirements, provide up to date data for the Bus Rapid Transit STOPS model and support long-range transportation network plans across modes.

Attachments: Final Scope of Work

Discussion:

- Melanie noted that this survey is required by FTA to comply with Title VI requirements. It is different from the Customer Survey in that it focuses less on public feedback and more on collecting data and where and when people travel throughout the Triangle Region.
- Will a question be asked to know if respondents and study will include data on linkage between various microtransit services and the fixed-route network.
- GoApex would like to participate and be included in the planning discussions. They'd like to get some information from the study that will support their planning efforts if possible.

OTHER BUSINESS

13. Subcommittee Report

Subcommittee meeting agendas and materials are posted online at least 3 days before each meeting at <https://www.campo-nc.us/about-us/committees/wake-county-transit-planning-advisory-committee-tpac/subcommittee>

Next Program Development (PD) Meeting: Tuesday, 7/28/26 at 1:30pm – Emma Linn asked PD members to plan on a full agenda in July.

Next Community Engagement (CE) Meeting: Subcommittee suspension was approved on consent agenda. Stephanie will remove from calendars.

14. Workgroup Updates

- Regional Technology** (Austin Stanion) – Austin is currently on leave. He plans to present workgroup recommendations for Tech Plan implementation to PD Subcommittee in July, then bring the information to TPAC in August/September to inform FY28 Work Plan development and upcoming Work Plan amendment cycles.
- Budget & Finance** (Steve Schlossberg) – TDA staff continue to work with partners to collect data to support continued discussion. A meeting is expected to be scheduled in late July/August
- Scope & Deliverables** (Paul Kingman/Steven Mott) Workback Schedule Attachment – Coordinators will meet July 8 to refine the attached Work Back Schedule. Email for meeting on July 29th will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

15. CAMPO Lead Agency Updates

- FY27 Work Plan Amendment Schedule is being finalized. 2nd quarter amendment/Period of Performance (POP) requests are **due by August 14, 2026**. Contact: suvir.venkatesh@campo-nc.us
- Beginning in August, TPAC agendas will be developed using a new Civic Plus software system. Staff will be working to learn the new system and integrate TPAC templates over the next couple of months. Keep an eye out for updates.
- BRT Extensions Concept of Operations and the Northern BRT MIS project managers both held Wake Transit Concurrence meetings in June and will be seeking CAMPO LPA Approval in September. Monthly Conference Committee update. Contact: ben.howell@campo-nc.us.
- Wake Transit On-Call contract has been executed by CAMPO, Raleigh, Cary and GoTriangle. There was an impressive amount of qualified interest in our program including from agencies who provide engagement-related support. Contact: ben.howell@campo-nc.us.
- FY27 Wake Transit Work Plan was considered for adoption by CAMPO and GoTriangle Boards at their respective June meetings. Contact: steven.mott@campo-nc.us
- Other CAMPO Updates?

16. GoTriangle/TDA Lead Agency Updates

- a. The TDA's new online dashboard will be presented to TPAC in Late summer/early Fall. Contact: Steve, sschlossberg@gotriangle.org. Hope to present to GoTriangle's Board in late summer 2026.
- b. Review the list of project agreements set to expire in December 2026.
- c. Other GoTriangle/TDA Updates?

17. TPAC Partner Updates

- a. The Triangle Mobility Hub project has completed the concurrence process for points 1-4. CAMPO approved the site location LPA on June 17, 2026. It is moving toward approval from other necessary boards before being considered final.
- b. GoTriangle Board of Trustees approved Wake, Durham and Orange County Work Plans yesterday. GoTriangle requested funds from the Wake and Durham plans to apply improvements to the DRX route. Wake approved the requested funds but Durham did not. No change is needed to our plan at this time, but we may need to submit a Work Plan amendment later in the year to release those funds if Durham does not ad their portion needed to complete the project. Ben will monitor the situation and keep TPAC informed.
- c. Kelly Blazey will be presenting bid results for the new Cary Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility (BOMF), which came in under budget. The town is excited to hit this miles stone and be moving the project forward.
- d. GoTriangle is doing service changes in August. Engagement kicks off on July 13th. Curtis Hayes will share outreach materials once they are finalized.

ADJOURNMENT**18. Next Meeting:**

July TPAC meeting has been cancelled.

See you on Thursday, August 27, 2026 @ 9:30am (4th week of the month)