



TPAC Chair: Kelly Blazey Town of Cary)  
Vice Chair: Katie Schwing (Town of Apex)

## Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

Thursday, December 18, 2025 • 9:00am-12:00pm

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

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### TPAC MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions

Chair Kelly Blazey called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

12/18/25 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	<b>Kelly Blazey</b>	1				Wendell	<b>Kevin McCarthy</b>	1					
Vice Chair/Apex	<b>Katie Schwing</b>	1				Wake Forest	<b>Emma Linn</b>	1					
CAMPO	<b>Shelby Powell</b>	1				Zebulon	<b>Cate Farrell</b>		1	-	-		
CAMPO	<b>Ben Howell</b>	1				Wake County	<b>Tim Gardiner</b>	1					
CAMPO	<b>Stephanie Plancich</b>			1		Wake Forest	<b>Emma Linn</b>	1					
CAMPO	<b>Steven Mott</b>			1		Wendell	<b>Kevin McCarthy</b>	1					
CAMPO	<b>Suvir Venkatesh</b>			1		Zebulon	<b>Cate Farrell</b>		1				
CAMPO	<b>Daniel Spruil</b>			1		NCDOT	<b>Cheryl Collins</b>				1		
Cary	<b>Mark MacDougal</b>		1			NCDOT	<b>Jason Meyers</b>				1		
Cary	<b>Mark Eatman</b>			1									
Fuquay-Varina	<b>Allison Wylie</b>		1			<b>Online Guests</b>							
Garner	<b>Julien Griffee</b>		1			GoTriangle	<b>Jay Heikes</b>						
GoTriangle	<b>Paul Black</b>	1				GoTriangle	<b>Kelley Smith</b>						
GoTriangle	<b>Jason Hardin</b>	1				GoTriangle	<b>Mathew Clark</b>						
GoTriangle	<b>Curtis Hayes</b>			1		CAMPO	<b>Jacob Irving</b>						
GoTriangle	<b>Gary Tober</b>				1	Cary	<b>Brandon Watson</b>						
GoTriangle	<b>Catherine Miller</b>				1	Raleigh	<b>Andrea Epstein</b>						
GoTriangle/TDA	<b>Steve Schlossberg</b>				1	Raleigh	<b>Reese Berman</b>						
GoTriangle/TDA	<b>Paul Kingman</b>				1	Raleigh	<b>Rachel Anderson</b>						
Holly Springs	<b>Chris Garcia</b>	1				Raleigh	<b>Reese Berman</b>						
Knightdale	<b>Tucker Fulle</b>	1				Raleigh	<b>Mason Chamblee</b>						
Morrisville	<b>Bret Martin</b>		1			Raleigh	<b>Dana Smith</b>						
Morrisville	<b>Phillip (new)</b>				1	Raleigh	<b>Melanie Rausch</b>						
NC State Univ.	<b>Andrea Neri</b>	1				Wake Forest	<b>Brad West</b>						
Raleigh	<b>David Walker</b>	1				Wake County	<b>Akul Nishawala</b>						
Raleigh	<b>Andrew Miller</b>		1			Wake County	<b>Anita Davis</b>						
Raleigh	<b>Sylvia Greer</b>				1	Unknown	<b>Marven McClean</b>						
Raleigh	<b>Sara Tromba</b>				1	VHB	<b>Candice Andre</b>						
Raleigh	<b>Taylor Cooleen</b>				1	VHB	<b>Candice Andre</b>						
RTF	<b>Anne Calef</b>		1										

2. **Adjustments to the Agenda** – None
3. **General Public or Agency Comment** – None

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 4. Consent Agenda:

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

#### 4.1. Adoption of October 23, 2025 TPAC meeting minutes

Contact: Stephanie Plancich, TPAC Administrator

**Attachments:** Summary Report 4, Draft October TPAC Minutes

**Action:** Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Katie Schwing. Second by David Walker. No comments. Passed.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 5. Any Items removed from Consent Agenda

Kelly Blazey, TPAC Chair • 1 minute

**Action:** No items removed for discussion this meeting.

### 6. NCDOT Rail Project Updates and Funding Request

Ben Howell, CAMPO and Jason S. Myers, NCDOT Rail Division • 30 minutes

**Summary:** Receive an overview of Wake Transit Regional Rail Funding and an update from NCDOT Rail Division staff on upcoming funding opportunities. Consider a request from NCDOT Rail Division for Wake Transit Regional Rail funding.

**Attachments:** Summary Report 6, NCDOT Rail Division Memo

**Discussion Summary:** CAMPO and NCDOT staff presented an overview of regional rail funding and a request for \$125 million in Wake Transit funds. Members discussed concerns about the scale of the request, timing ahead of final rail study adoption, the proportion of the project outside Wake County, and the precedent of using Wake funds beyond county boundaries. Members emphasized that Wake Transit funds should supplement—not fully fund—regional projects. Staff confirmed alignment with regional goals and the Wake Transit financial model. After extensive discussion, the committee approved including the funds in the draft FY27 Work Plan with conditions and safeguards.

**Action:** Motion to include \$125M in the draft FY27 Wake Transit Work Plan with instruction to CAMPO staff to develop a resolution for governing board signature before February 2026 that supports the use of Wake Transit regional rail funds to satisfy this project match funding request, acknowledging that the project is in alignment with both CAMPO and Wake Transit regional service expansion and connectivity goals, that requires NCDOT to become party to the Wake Transit Master Participation Agreement, that requires NCDOT to continue to actively search for other project support funds, and that includes specific SPOT project applications for NCDOT consideration to offset the total match requirement needed, with

caveat that funds included in the Work Plan are for this specific project and if the federal application fails, the funds will return to the Wake Transit budget for future regional rail investment.

**Vote Passed.** Motion made by Andrea Neri. Second by Bret Martin. **Abstentions:** Town of Cary (Kelly Blazey and Mark MacDougal), **Opposed:** Town of Apex (Katie Schwing) and Town of Wendell (Kevin McCarthy)

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### 7. GoTriangle Project Updates

Gary Tober, Jason Hardin and Catherine Miller, GoTriangle • 30 minutes

**Summary:** Receive an update on GoTriangle's capital projects including bus stop improvements, Triangle Mobility Hub, Bus Operations Facility and RUS Bus (overbuild status, early performance data and status of refund to Wake Transit Plan).



**Discussion:** Gary Tober began the presentation. He shared progress information on the new GoTriangle BOMF facility. Notice to proceed to final design has been signed. Project construction Fy27-29 with operations starting in FY29. RUS Bus facility opened to service in August 2025. Currently, serving ~8000 passengers per day. Lots of room to grow since this represents only 20-25% of the facility's capacity. The overbuild remains on hold, still seeking a financeable path forward, Hoffman continues to work to deliver the project but extension, or other adjustment may be needed due to a variety of current conditions. Wake Transit gave \$11m to the overbuild, but project expenditures came in a little under budget, so amount used came in closer to \$8.8m.

Catherine Miller provided the Triangle Mobility Hub project update. Hoffman was selected for this project too. NEPA has begun expected to be completed in Summer 2026, working closely with RTP on site acquisition process. Construction is scheduled to begin in FY27 with operations starting in FY29.

Paul Black provided a bus stop program update noting that many projects being completed were partially funded through the LAPP program. Some projects have taken nearly 10 years to complete. The main reason was navigating the federal process as well as selecting some of the most site constrained stops in the early phases of the program.

Curtis Hayes next presented on the regional customer survey process. 2018, 2019, 2023 were previous survey years. Current survey launched in November 2025 and includes GoRaleigh and GoTriangle. GoCary will be surveyed in the Spring. Final deliverables for first 2 providers expected in Spring/Summer 2026. Has there been any discussion or concern about rate of response doing this in Nov/Dec around holidays instead of in new year. Curtis noted that November was not ideal, but they missed the October intended start date.

**Attachments:** Summary Reports 7a-d

### 8. Raleigh Project Updates

David Walker and Team, City of Raleigh • 30 minutes

**Summary:** Receive an update on City of Raleigh's Wake Transit-funded capital projects including bus stops, park and ride lots, transit centers and transfer stations as well as the shared maintenance facility.

**Discussion:** David began by acknowledging and thanking the planning team for the City who have all played a part in their slate of projects. Recent DBE interim rule affected their project progress. They paused many projects to determine how to appropriately respond and protect their federal funds but are now moving forward. David provided a brief overview and project development status on each of the City's transit centers, transfer points and park and ride facilities. He highlighted planning successes as well as challenges like finding land (especially for the new Midtown Transit Center), challenges working with developers, and needing to rework project schedules so right of way can be purchased when it becomes available. GoRaleigh capacity for operations staff is at 90%. They are designing additional staff space as part of the Poole Road maintenance facility. The facility is near 100% design. Expect to go to bid in early 2026 with operations in about 18 months. The GoRaleigh/GoWake Access facility land was purchased in 2023. They are at 30% design. Construction and operations will be handled by the same facility manager as the current bus facility, which is expected to offer enhanced coordination and keep project construction on schedule. It's a large project. On budget so far but will get updated numbers in early 2026.

The city has a large bus stop catalog with 1400 total stops, 316 have shelters, 77.2% of riders use those stops. 164 have some types of seating, used by 84% of riders. In 2024-2025, the city built out 61 ADA compliant stops, 55 of which include a shelter and bench. City has 8 transfer point and transit center improvement projects underway. One of them is utilizing LAPP funding to extend sidewalks from the stop. The current bus stop improvement contract includes 200 more stops waiting to enter into design and 70 stops that are in the early development/design phase.

**Attachments:** Summary Report 8

**9. FY 2025 Unaudited Progress Report - Due to time constraint, item pushed to January**

Steve Schlossberg, TDA • 10 minutes

**Summary:** GoTriangle/TDA staff have compiled the FY25 end of year unaudited financial report, that will be considered this year's annual progress report. Staff will share the results noting that the audited final report is anticipated in Spring 2026.

**Attachments:** Summary Report 9, FY25 ACFR Schedule

**10. FY 2026, Quarter 1 Unaudited Financial Results - Due to time constraint, item pushed to January**

Steve Schlossberg, TDA • 10 minutes

**Summary:** Starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY26, TDA staff will provide TPAC with quarterly overview information regarding Wake Transit's financial status in the form of an unaudited results summary.

**Attachments:** Summary Report 10

**11. FY27 Wake Transit Work Plan Development Update**

Steven Mott, CAMPO • 10 minutes

**Summary:** The draft Work Plan will be compiled through December and distributed for TPAC member review in late January. TPAC will vote to release it for public review in February.

**Discussion:** PD Subcommittee recommended slate of projects on Tuesday. Conference Committee will meet in January. We hope to get guidance on VRT inclusion for the draft Work Plan at that time. All CFA projects have been updated to reflect the new 65% match that goes into effect in FY27. Steven showed the list of

projects discussed and all of the updated recommendations for inclusion. He also reviewed the Work Plan development schedule noting that public engagement for the draft will run February 25- March 25 and highlighting March 6<sup>th</sup> as due date for any revised funding requests.

Based on PD discussion, staff will update the CE Task List to include their recommendation that CE provide guidance on how marketing, engagement and communications allocations can be utilized.

**Attachments:** Summary Report 11

## OTHER BUSINESS

### 12. Subcommittee Chair 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, 1/27/26 at 1:30pm
- **Next Community Engagement (CE) Meeting:** Thursday, 1/29/26 at 1:30pm

### 13. Workgroup Progress Update

Regional Technology | Fares Workgroup | Financial Policies | Baseline Funding

- Fares Workgroup will meet on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Several items are planned for discussion including fare allocation.

### 14. CAMPO Lead Agency Updates

- TPAC Chair and Vice Chair nominations are open for the 2026 term. Election held at January meeting. Submit nominations to [stephanie.plancich@campo-nc.us](mailto:stephanie.plancich@campo-nc.us) by January 15, 2026.
- We will also note in January to confirm and change the TPAC meeting schedule.
- CAMPO and GoTriangle adopted the 2035 Wake Transit Plan, CFAPMP, Microtransit Policy.
- Bus Blue Print project contract has been signed. Project is not Wake Transit funded but will have regional impact and participation.

### 15. GoTriangle Lead Agency Updates

- The State of North Carolina has changed the FY25 ACFR submission due date from October to December, but the Government shut down extended that further in February 2026. TPAC presentation will be scheduled once results are in.
- The draft FY24 Wake Transit Progress Report will be shared with the TPAC in January before being finalized and posted online.

### 16. TPAC partner news and business to share?

- GoRaleigh is preparing for service changes in March 2026. Engagement in January. \*See slide for details.
- Fuquay-Varina and Holly Springs will hold kickoff events in January for their respective new Microtransit services.
- NCSU is planning for a Welcome Event with SPIN, rental scooter company around campus.
- CAMPO anticipates adoption of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan which includes a transit vision for the region, in March and will host engagement in January for Triangle Bikeway alternatives.
- Wake Forest is educating the community in advance if instituting fares for their microtransit service.

- GoTriangle is in active outreach in advance of their service changes including realignment of ZWX.
- Morrisville has hired a new Senior Planner, Phillip will be the primary TPAC point of contact after transitioning with Bret.
- New Title VI rules have been released and a major change is removing the disparate impact standard for discrimination. The update was not done with required public engagement so it may not stand, but the changes can affect our programs, so members are encouraged to review the update and follow the progress and Wake Transit agreements require compliance with all applicable non-discrimination rules.
- The Holly Springs Hopper and Fuquay-Varina MicoLink services both launch on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Black. Second by Emma Linn.