

WAKE COUNTY TRANSIT PLAN

Transit Planning Advisory Committee

TPAC Regular Meeting • February 17, 2021 • 9:30am-11:45am

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AGENDA

I. **Welcome and Introductions** (Ben Howell, TPAC Chair)

II. **Adjustments to the Agenda** (Ben Howell, TPAC Chair)

III. **General Public or Agency Comment** (Ben Howell, TPAC Chair)

Commenters will be allotted three (3) minutes during the scheduled TPAC meeting. Commenters may also email questions and feedback to bret.martin@campo-nc.us in advance of the meeting. Comments received before 9:00am will be summarized during the meeting and attached to the final meeting minutes.

TPAC ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

IV. **2021 TPAC Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

(Action Item: Stephanie Plancich, TPAC Administrator, 5 minutes)

There are three active TPAC Subcommittees. Each is led by an elected Chair and Vice Chair. Elections for the 2021 term were held in January, and the results of the elections are outlined below:

Budget & Finance: Vote held at regular meeting on January 21, 2021

Chair: Steve Schlossberg, GoTriangle (2nd Full Term)

Vice Chair: Shavon Tucker, City of Raleigh (1st Full Term)

Planning & Prioritization: Vote held at joint meeting on January 14, 2021

Chair: David Walker, City of Raleigh (1st Full Term)

Vice Chair: Kevin Wyrauch, Town of Cary (1st Full Term)

Public Engagement & Communications: Vote held at regular meeting on January 28, 2021

Chair: Andrea Epstein, City of Raleigh (1st Full Term)

Vice Chair: Sharon Chavis, GoTriangle (1st Full Term)

Requested Action: Consider confirmation of the 2021 TPAC subcommittee election results.

V. **February-July 2021 Subcommittee Work Task Lists**

(Action Item: Stephanie Plancich, TPAC Administrator, 5 minutes) **Attachment A**

Each TPAC subcommittee drafts a Work Task List that outlines the specific work it will continue, begin or complete through the next 6-month period. The draft Work Task Lists are presented to the TPAC for endorsement. Attachment A includes the Draft February-July 2021 Task lists for all three subcommittees. In January, the members of each subcommittee reviewed and discussed their respective Work Task Lists and voted on the final drafts being presented to the TPAC.

Requested Action: Consider endorsement of the draft February-July 2021 Subcommittee Work Task Lists.

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING ITEMS

VI. Release of Draft FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan

(Action Item: Bret Martin, CAMPO and Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle, 45 minutes) Attachment B

The TPAC and its assigned lead agencies are responsible for the development of all components of the annual Wake Transit Work Plan. This includes:

- Annual Operating Budget;
- Annual Capital Budget;
- Multi-Year Operating Program;
- Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP);
- Update of the Wake Transit Financial Plan and financial model assumptions;
- Operating Funding Agreements; and
- Capital Funding Agreements

The TPAC is asked to review the work plan document in draft form and consider allowing staff to publish it for public review and comment. Several modifications to the original programming of FY2022 and subsequent year projects, as compared to the final reprogramming of investments through FY 2030 as part of the Wake Transit Plan Update, were requested through the FY 2022 Work Plan development process. These modifications include additional implementation elements, increases in assumed costs for a variety of projects, and updates to assumed project implementation schedules that combined result in notable impacts to the overall Wake Transit Plan implementation program. CAMPO staff will provide an overview of the FY 2022 Draft Wake Transit Work Plan to the TPAC at its February 17th meeting, with particular emphasis on these changes and their impacts. CAMPO staff will also provide an overview of some questions that remain for some projects proposed in the Draft Work Plan that were noted by the TPAC Planning & Prioritization and Budget and Finance Subcommittees in their review of project funding requests. GoTriangle staff will additionally provide an overview of the financials supporting the implementation elements requested for FY 2022 investment. The TPAC review draft of the FY 2022 Draft Wake Transit Work Plan is provided as Attachment B.

Requested Action: Consider releasing the FY2022 Draft Wake Transit Work Plan for public review and comment.

VII. Release of Draft Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy

(Action Item: Liz Raskopf, GoTriangle, 10 minutes) Attachment C

Over the past few months, the GoTriangle engagement team has worked with other lead agency staff and the Public Engagement and Communications (PE&C) Subcommittee to finalize the draft Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy, which is an update to the Public Engagement Policy originally adopted in 2018. The TPAC received a presentation on the draft policy at its January 13th meeting. Comments received have been reviewed, and the draft has been updated appropriately. The updated Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy provides more specific guidance to Wake Transit partners executing engagement activities as part of their planning and project development efforts. The streamlined document is intended to be released for public review and comment with the Wake Transit Plan update and FY2022 Draft Wake Transit Work Plan on February 19th.

Requested Action: Consider releasing the Draft Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy for public review and comment.

*****Roll Call Vote for Action Items*****

VIII. Wake Transit Plan (FY2021-2030) Update Progress Report
(Information Item: Bret Martin, CAMPO, 15 minutes) Attachment D

CAMPO staff will provide an overview of the document prepared for the Wake County Transit Plan Update to the TPAC at its February 17th meeting. Final investment program results for the plan update have been shared with the TPAC in prior meetings. The focus of the February 17th overview will be on the organization and content of the final plan update document and the next steps to support its ultimate adoption. A draft of the final plan update document is provided as Attachment D.

Requested Action: Receive as information.

IX. Combined Wake Transit Engagement Strategy for Wake Transit Plan Update, Community Engagement Policy and FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan
(Information Item: Liz Raskopf, GoTriangle, 10 minutes) Attachments E-H

GoTriangle is the lead agency for Wake Transit program-level engagement and communications activities. In January, the TPAC supported a recommendation of the PE&C Subcommittee and Wake Transit Vision Plan Update Core Technical Team to merge the three upcoming public comment periods for the Wake Transit Plan Update, Community Engagement Policy and FY2022 Draft Wake Transit Work Plan into one coordinated campaign.

The combined engagement campaign will provide an opportunity for community members to comment on the three projects simultaneously. The campaign will be conducted in accordance with the currently adopted Public Engagement Policy, as detailed in the Spring 2021 Combined Wake Transit Engagement Strategy (Attachment E). The news release (Attachment F), presentation (Attachment G) and one-page flier (Attachment H) are provided for TPAC awareness and to use as they promote the county-wide engagement effort.

The combined campaign is anticipated to kick-off on February 19th. The following list shows the end date for each document's specific public comment period:

- FY2022 Wake Transit Work Plan 30-day comment period ends March 21st
- Wake Transit Plan Update 40-day comment period ends March 31st
- Community Engagement Policy 45-day comment period ends April 5th

Requested Action: Receive as information and discuss as needed before kick-off on February 19th.

X. Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Program Progress Update
(Information Item: Mila Vega & Het Patel, City of Raleigh, 15 minutes)

City of Raleigh staff will provide an update on the Wake Bus Rapid Transit program to the TPAC at its February 17th meeting. The New Bern Ave BRT project is currently working toward completion of 60% design plans and has recently received a \$35 million allocation in federal funds through the FTA's Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program. Next steps for the New Bern Ave BRT project include completing third-party agreements and the environmental review process (NEPA).

Staff will also provide a summary of program activities including branding, station design and public engagement. A second Virtual Open House is planned for late April, with both virtual and non-virtual components. Key upcoming milestones include:

- Review 60% design, branding, station design (Spring 2021)
- Southern Corridor Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) – TARGET (Spring-Summer 2021)
- Small Starts Ratings Application for Western Corridor – TARGET (Fall 2021)

Requested Action: Receive as information.

XI. GoTriangle Regional Transit Center (RTC) Feasibility Study Progress Update

(Information Item: Jay Heikes, GoTriangle, 15 minutes)

The county transit plans for Wake, Durham, and Orange Counties identify the need for the relocation of the Regional Transit Center to improve route efficiency, connect to planned capital investments, and improve passenger amenities. Over the past year, GoTriangle in coordination with a variety of regional and municipal stakeholders, has completed an existing conditions assessment, identified site operational and location criteria, conducted public engagement, performed a site search, and identified and scored six candidate sites. The sites were scored based on improved access to the freeway network, proximity to planned bus rapid transit and commuter rail, access to employment, ease of site acquisition and construction, and access to future employment, retail, and services.

Following development of a conceptual program and evaluation of test fits on three final sites, GoTriangle staff and the GoTriangle Planning and Legislative Committee have identified and recommended a relocation strategy inclusive of a preferred location near the NCRR overpass of NC 54, a conceptual program, and an implementation approach. The GoTriangle board will consider endorsing this strategy at its March 24 meeting. Once the GoTriangle Board adopts the relocation strategy, staff would proceed with design and implementation efforts, including the following:

- Initiate site and facility design, including continued coordination with the commuter rail study as well as coordination with the bus rapid transit extension major investment study
- Develop a federal grant strategy and secure local funding
- Continued coordination with the property owner and evaluation of public-private partnership opportunities
- Completing environmental review, including adoption of a locally preferred alternative and obtaining concurrence consistent with the Wake Transit concurrence policy
- Continued stakeholder coordination and public engagement

GoTriangle has requested funds from the three county transit plans to complete design and land acquisition in FY22, with requests for construction funding following in FY23. GoTriangle staff believe this facility is a good candidate for multiple existing federal discretionary grant programs and will pursue any and all grant funding opportunities to help reduce the cost share borne by the county transit plans.

Requested Action: Receive as information.

XII. Subcommittee Reports: Attachment I

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

Subcommittee	Budget & Finance	Planning & Prioritization	Engagement & Communications
Chair	Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle	David Walker, City of Raleigh	Andrea Epstein, City of Raleigh
Vice Chair	Shavon Tucker, City of Raleigh	Kevin Wyrach, Town of Cary	Sharon Chavis, GoTriangle
Next Meeting	2/18, 1:00-3:00pm	2/23, 1:30-3:30pm	2/25, 1:00-3:00pm

Note that the listed Chairs and Vice Chairs reflect the results of the subcommittee elections held in January. These individuals will be considered for confirmation by the TPAC earlier on this meeting's agenda.

XIII. Other Business

Help Us Prioritize Transportation Improvements in CAMPO's Northeast Area!

The Northeast Area Study Update project team will be opening a virtual open-house and survey seeking feedback on future transportation projects and priorities that are under consideration for the Northeast area of CAMPO's planning region including the unincorporated areas of northern and eastern Wake County, southern Franklin County, northeast Raleigh, and the Towns of Knightdale, Wendell, Zebulon, Wake Forest, Rolesville, Bunn, Youngsville, and Franklinton. Potential projects include various modes of transportation: driving, biking, riding the bus, and walking.

Now through March 10, 2021, you can visit the Virtual Open-House and take the online survey. Learn more and get involved at www.NEASupdate.com/Events.

If you are able to help us spread the word to organizations and people in your community please contact Brandon Watson, Project Manager, at Brandon.Watson@CAMPO-NC.US or 919-996-4397.

XIV. Adjourn

The next TPAC meeting is scheduled for March 10th, 2021.

Note: The TPAC Cabinet meeting will begin 15 minutes after adjournment.