



# INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PROJECT UPDATES

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# Studies

## NW Harnett County Transit Connections Feasibility Study

County leaders are interested in exploring opportunities for serving the area with transit. Transit connections between Harnett County and Wake County have been envisioned in the Harnett County CTP and the CAMPO MTP for several years. This study will be conducted in two phases. The first phase in FY 24 focused on an evaluation of the transit market in the area, along with public engagement and evaluation of public, stakeholder and elected official support for providing transit services. The second phase in FY 25 will build upon the outcomes of phase one to identify transit opportunities that could feasibly serve the area and recommend an implementation plan for those services.

A joint CTT and Public Official workshop was held in November, where the group was presented with the draft service area and transit service types. The workshop included discussion of tradeoffs, ease of implementation, and cost implications for the various service options. Based on feedback from the group, the project team is refining the proposed service type and preparing for the second and final engagement round, targeted for the month of February. To learn more about the study or stay up to date with ongoing activity, visit the project website: <https://www.northharnetttransitstudy.com/>

**(Staff contact: Gaby Lawlor)**

## Regional Rail Infrastructure Investment Study

At the request of the CAMPO and DCHC MPO boards' Rail Subcommittees, the MPO's are partnering on a study to develop a passenger rail vision for the Triangle region. This study will culminate in a series of policy and project recommendations intended to facilitate deployment of passenger rail service in the area. It will recommend a critical path for investments in identified projects, a framework for transit plan participation decision making and a regional strategy for funding future rail projects. The study issued the Notice to Proceed on October 30, 2024 and has started working on initial data work with consultant. CAMPO and DCHC MPO convened a Rail Visioning Committee from their respective Rail Subcommittees on December 6<sup>th</sup> of 2024. **(Staff contact: Daniel Spruill)**

## Regional Multi-Modal Safety Action Plan

The Regional Multi-Modal Safety Action Plan is a project underway and will be finalized by Fall 2025. The Regional Multi-Modal Safety Action Plan when completed will better inform the safety-related performance metrics for the MPO, as well as evaluate available safety data to determine priority areas for safety improvement projects across multiple modes of travel in the region. The Multi-Modal Safety Action Plan will also ensure the completed plan meets the criteria for the IJA's Safe Streets for All program and Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options planning criteria, thus allowing member agencies to apply for additional implementation funding through that program. Final Working Group meetings were completed in December, and the second round of Technical Advisory Team (TAT) meetings have been scheduled for late January/early February 2025. The dates, times, and locations are included on the next page.

<b>Subregion</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
·Western Wake	January 23, 2025	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Fenton Main - Cary
·Granville	January 28, 2025	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Camp Butner room - Butner

·Harnett	January 30, 2025	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Resource Ctr & Library - Lillington
·Northeastern Wake	February 3, 2025	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Wake Forest Town Hall
·Central Wake	February 6, 2025	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Garner Town Hall
·Johnston	February 11, 2025	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Johnston Cty. Public Library
·Franklin	February 12, 2025	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Youngsville Town Hall

**(Staff contact: Kenneth Withrow)**

## Committees

### Wake Transit/Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

#### FY 2025 and Prior Year Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Update

Eight (8) Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment requests were submitted for the FY25/Q3 round. The amendment requests have come from CAMPO, the Town of Cary, the Town of Kightdale, the Town of Morrisville, and Wake County. The comment period began from December 9, 2024, and extends to January 10, 2025. The Program Development Subcommittee will consider the amendment request at their December 17, 2024, meeting. The TPAC will see the item at their January 2025 meeting, and the CAMPO TCC and Executive Board will review the amendments at their February meetings.

**(Staff Contact: Steven Mott)**

#### FY 2026 Wake Transit Work Plan Development Update

The kickoff for the FY2026 Wake Transit Work Plan development cycle was presented at the September TPAC meeting by CAMPO and GoTriangle Tax District Staff. Two Work Plan development meetings have occurred during the TPAC PD Subcommittee meetings in October and November, where the subcommittee reviewed the submitted requests to be included in the draft FY26 Wake Transit Work Plan. The final PD Subcommittee draft Work Plan development session will occur at the December PD meeting. The CAMPO TCC and Executive Board will receive updates on the draft FY26 Wake Transit Work Plan after its release for public comment at their March 2025 meetings.

**(Staff Contact: Steven Mott)**

#### FY 2025 Community Funding Area Program Update

The Wake Transit Community Funding Area Program's (CFAP) FY 2026 application cycle began in September. CAMPO staff has been working with our consultants to complete the update to the CFA Program Management Plan as part of the larger Wake Transit Plan Update. The draft document was completed on 5/24 for CAMPO staff to review. CAMPO staff organized a roundtable discussion on August 8<sup>th</sup> with the CFA partners to discuss any final changes needed to the document before it is presented to the TPAC. Based on discussion from this meeting, a decision was made to postpone the PMP update until next year. The TPAC was informed of this decision during their September meeting. Project Incubation meetings for the FY26 CFAP Application Window was from October 1<sup>st</sup> till October 21<sup>st</sup>. These meetings were optional and by request of the applicants. No incubation meetings were requested this year. The CFA Applicant training was held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. CAMPO staff provided an overview of the program, available funding, program schedule and application process for FY25. The pre-submittal meetings were held during the month of

December. We received 4 applications from 3 applicants (Apex, Holly Springs, and Wake Forest). CAMPO staff reviewed the draft applications and provided comments and feedback. The call for projects opens on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and will close on January 31<sup>st</sup>. More information and this year's development schedule can be found on [CAMPO's CFAP website](#). **(Staff Contact: Suvir Venkatesh)**

#### [Wake Transit Plan Update](#)

The Wake Transit Vision Plan Update, which will extend the Wake Transit Plan's horizon to 2035, kicked off in December 2023. The Vision Plan Update will include substantial public outreach and will be informed by a Core Technical Team (CTT) made up of members of the TPAC and a Stakeholder Committee made up of representatives of TPAC member agencies and jurisdictions, as well as other groups representing interested parties. The CTT has met regularly throughout the year, and the Stakeholders have met in May and September. The first phase of Public Engagement began May 6<sup>th</sup> and ran through July 21<sup>st</sup>, and saw over 1,900 citizens participate in the survey and events. The second phase of public engagement kicked off on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs through January 30<sup>th</sup>. The Wake Transit Plan Update website includes the current survey, a toolkit for partners to use to publicize the engagement period, as well as a document repository, can be accessed directly at [www.publicinput.com/waketransit2035](http://www.publicinput.com/waketransit2035). The Plan Update is approximately halfway through the 18-month process. **(Staff Contact: Ben Howell)**

#### [Mobility Coordination Committee](#)

The MCC is the CAMPO administered regional coordination committee borne out of the 2018 Coordinated Public Transit- Human Service Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP) established to administer and monitor recommendations of the adopted regional coordinated plan and other coordination efforts. Coordinated Plans set the regional priorities for transportation investments and initiatives for human services and public transit coordination for seniors, disabled and low-income persons. The most recent 2024 coordinated plan was adopted by the CAMPO Executive Board on September 18, 2024 and is now available on CAMPO's website. The MCC is beginning the work implementing the updated recommendations and strategies identified in the updated plan. The 2024 plan is built upon the 2018 plan that established short, mid and long-term goals for the committee as well as recommendations from the 2023 Mobility Management Program Implementation Study (MMIS) that outlined a plan for implementing the region's new mobility management program (MMP).

During the scheduled January 8<sup>th</sup> Joint ADA and Community Transportation Sub-committees meeting the members shall prepare for the quarterly January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting where the members will elect officers and adopt by-laws per the MMIS' adopted recommendations to formalize the committee. The members will also continue to enhance the detailed implementation schedule/work program for the next five years.

Information on the MCC's work on the CAMPO's [Mobility Coordination Committee webpage](#).

**(Staff contact: Crystal Odum).**

## Projects

### NCDOT Highway Project U-2719 – Updates

The overall completion is scheduled for 2024. Regular stakeholder meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month to ensure partners are updated on the progress of the project. Lane Construction and NCDOT has provided the following update on the project:

The following new notices have been issued:

There will be major lane closures through end of January. Locations and dates are to be determined.

Starting late this week and continuing through February

Hillsborough Street Right Lane Closure eastbound (under I-440) for bridge demolition.

Week of January 12th

Lane must take down four of the five girders over westbound I-440 and replace them and then set the 5 remaining girders that go over eastbound I-440 for the new Ligon Street bridge. The full closure would be from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am each night. Construction should require two nights on each side of the road with it fully shutdown and traffic detoured down Gorman Street to allow crews to set or remove/set these girders...if crews have the westbound lanes shutdown, they will have single lane closure on the eastbound side to stage girders and equipment in on those nights. Once the westbound side is done, crews will switch to the eastbound direction and do the same operation there for two more nights. There may be some other closures on either side of this to get the cranes in and out, but it will not be more than normal nightly lane closures.

The only other highlight the remainder of this week (December 16 through December 20, 2024)

Wade Loop B (westbound I-440 to eastbound Wade) will reopen has been closed for 3 years.

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