

FY 2019 Recommended Wake Transit Work Plan & Agreement Structures

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FY 2019 Recommended Wake Transit Work Plan – Agreement Structures

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Item Summary

The FY2019 Recommended Wake Transit Work Plan includes numerous operating and capital projects to advance the implementation of the Wake Transit Plan. As a part of the overall plan, you will find the FY2019 Recommended Wake Transit Operating & Capital Budgets, Multi-Year Operating & Capital Programs for FYs 2019-2027, and Corresponding Project Sheets providing more detail contained in the aforementioned Budgets & Programs. A total of \$100.6 million is budgeted in the Wake Transit Plan for FY 2019. The FY2019 Recommended Work Plan assumes a full year of sales tax (the half-cent local option sales tax in Wake County), totaling \$86.7 million. In addition to the half-cent sales tax, the FY2019 Recommended Wake Transit Work Plan contains four other revenue sources:

- A \$7 county vehicle registration tax to fund transportation systems; \$6.2 million is budgeted for FY2019.
- A \$3 dedication from the \$8 Regional Transit Authority Registration Tax; \$2.6 million is budgeted for FY2019.
- A portion of the 5% vehicle rental tax allocated to Wake County; \$4.2 million is budgeted for FY2019.
- Farebox revenue \$942,000 is budgeted for FY2019.

FY 2019 Operating Budget & Multi-Year Operating Program

The FY2019 Recommended Wake Transit Work Plan includes \$11.5 million in bus operations, of which \$5.2 million is for the continuation of funding for routes implemented in the prior year and \$6.3 million is for new bus service. The Recommended Work Plan also includes \$230,000 to offset fares that would have been collected by the transit providers, in addition to purchasing supplies needed to support the new Youth GoPass Fare program. This program will allow youth ages 13-18 ride for free on any of the transit providers fixed route services in Wake County.

Wake Transit Partners have identified several positions to staff the administration and implementation of the Wake Transit Plan, outside the scope of fiscal duties of the tax district. GoTriangle, City of Raleigh, CAMPO & Town of Cary have all identified additional staffing needs

(either through FY19 programming, or through FY18 plan amendment procedures). Total Transit Plan Administration, which covers staffing and other items (i.e. marketing, communication & additional studies) is budgeted at \$3.9 million.

FY2019 Capital Budget & Capital Improvement Program

The FY 2019 Recommended Wake Transit Plan includes \$8.2 million for bus infrastructure projects. GoCary is allocated an additional \$200,000 for a total of \$500,000 to continue the Downtown Cary Multimodal Facility Feasibility Study that was approved in FY 2018. Funds of \$2.0 million will also be programmed for GoCary, allowing land acquisition and initial design of a downtown multimodal facility. The Plan also allocates \$350,000 to GoRaleigh for the design of the East Raleigh Transit Center. GoTriangle is allocated funds for specific projects, such as \$700,000 towards the continuation of design for Raleigh Union Station Bus Facility, \$312,500 towards a feasibility study for a new Regional Transit Center and \$568,124 towards the design & implementation of temporary Paratransit Office Location. Other Bus Infrastructures include new Bus Stop Amenities, as well as Park and Ride Facilities. All transit operators in Wake County will also be conducting a regional technology integration study that will evaluate the next generation of on-board vehicle and passenger-facing technologies.

The FY 2019 Recommended Wake Transit Plan includes \$19.8 million for bus acquisition. GoRaleigh will be purchasing vehicles to replace, as well as add to, their fleet (23 buses total). GoTriangle will be purchasing vehicles to replace, as well as add to, their fleet (10 buses total). VW Settlement funds in the amount of \$1.2 million will be placed in reserve, and will be made available for transit agencies to advance bus purchases for alternative fuel technologies pending a successful FTA low-no grant.

Future Fixed Guideways Alternatives Refinement and Project Development Studies will also be continuing for both Bus Rapid Transit (\$3.0 million programmed in FY 2019) and Commuter Rail Transit (\$1.7 million programmed in FY 2019) after the first phase of the Major Investment Study is complete. An additional \$333,333 is allocated to GoTriangle to conduct Rail Traffic Controller modelling activities in conjunction with the North Carolina Rail Road and Norfolk Southern. Future years of the Wake Transit Plan implementation require extensive capital outlay for major infrastructure projects. Funds of \$19.2 million in FY 2019 will be used to add to the capital projects fund balance, and \$30.1 million will be used for temporary capital liquidity to cash fund future capital projects.

FY 2019 Recommended Work Plan – Agreement Structures

As directed by the Wake Transit Governance Interlocal Agreement (Governance ILA) and reaffirmed by the Wake Transit Participation Agreement (Participation Agreement), annual appropriations for operating and capital projects in the Wake Transit Work Plan require capital funding agreements and operating agreements. These agreements detail the expectations, roles and responsibilities of all parties. No Wake Transit Tax Revenue shall be spent prior to execution of an operating or capital agreement by all parties.