

NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

## March 17, 2021 • Executive Board Meeting

## **GO FORWARD**

A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT

**Wake Transit Public Hearing** 

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## **CAMPO Exec. Board Meeting/Wake Transit Public Hearing**





| Public Hearing & Executive Board Meeting Agenda: |               |  |  |
|--|---------------|--|--|
|  | <b>4:00pm</b> | Meeting Starts   |  |
| 4:10pm:  | ltem 1        | Welcome by Chairman Hutchinson   |  |
| Public Speaker                                   |               | <ul> <li>Roll Call for CAMPO &amp; GoTriangle Board members</li> </ul> |  |
| Sign-up Closes                                   | ltem 2        | Agenda Adjustments   |  |
| Link is in the chat)                             | ltem 3        | Ethics Statement   |  |
| ,  | Item 4        | General Public Comments  |  |
|  | ltem 5.1      | Public Hearing: Draft Wake Transit Plan Update                         |  |
|  |               | <ul> <li>Staff Presentation</li> </ul>                                 |  |
|  |               | <ul> <li>Public Hearing</li> </ul>                                     |  |
|  | Break         |  |  |

**CAMPO Executive Board meeting resumes** 

**CAMPO Exec. Board Meeting/Wake Transit Public Hearing** 

## **Public Review & Comment Period**

## for the Draft Wake Transit Plan Update February 19 – March 31

If you have comments not heard today or have additional thoughts after the hearing, you can submit feedback through March 31: <u>GoForwardNC.org/WakeInput</u>





## Are you on the phone?



Please unmute your line now and let staff know who you are, and whether you are a Board Member/Alternate or a public speaker so that we can be prepared to unmute you at the appropriate times.







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## 1. Welcome and Introductions *Roll Call of Voting Members & Alternates*

- Today's agenda includes the Public Comment item, as well as two (2) Public Hearings.
   One hearing is for the Draft Wake Transit Plan Update, which is being held jointly by CAMPO and GoTriangle. It is a listening session for both boards to hear directly from the community about the updated plan.
- **4:10pm: Public Speaker Sign-up Closes** for all agenda items Any persons desiring to speak must sign up. (*Link is in the chat*)
- Roll Call will start with CAMPO Exec. Board followed by GoTriangle Board of Trustees.
- At the end of Roll Call, we will double check to **identify phone callers** who may be members, alternates, or public speakers.
- Once the Draft Wake Transit Plan Update Public Hearing concludes, there will be a 2-minute **break** before proceeding with the rest of the Executive Board's meeting agenda.



## Roll Call - CAMPO Executive Board Attendance

Town of Angier Town of Apex Town of Archer Lodge Town of Bunn Town of Cary Town of Clayton City of Creedmoor Franklin County Town of Franklinton

Town of Fuquay-Varina Town of Garner GoTriangle Board of Trustees\* **Granville County** Harnett County Town of Holly Springs Johnston County Town of Knightdale

Town of Morrisville NC Board of Transportation\* City of Raleigh Town of Rolesville Wake County\* Town of Wake Forest\* Town of Wendell Town of Youngsville Town of Zebulon

\* If you are both a CAMPO Ex. Board Member and a GoTriangle Board of Trustees Member, <u>please identify yourself for both roll calls</u>.



## Roll Call - GoTriangle Board of Trustees Attendance

Wake County (2)\* Orange County (1) Durham County (1) Durham City/County (1) City of Raleigh (2)\* City of Durham (1) Town of Cary (1) Town of Chapel Hill (1) NC Board of Transportation (2)\*

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CAMPO Ex. Board Member and a GoTriangle Board of Trustees Member, *please identify yourself for both roll calls.* 



2. Adjustments to the Agenda

### 3. Ethics Statement:

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Executive Board member to avoid conflicts of interest.

Does any Executive Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to matters coming before the Executive Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

Ex. Board Members & Alternates: **Statement of Economic Interest (SEI)** and **Real Estate Disclosure (RED)** forms must be filed with the State Ethics Commission by





### 4. Public Comments

This is an opportunity for comments by those in attendance. Please limit comments to three minutes for each speaker.



### 5. Public Hearings

5.1 Joint GoTriangle Board of Trustees & CAMPO Executive Board Wake Transit Plan Update - Draft Plan Document

5.2 Amendment #4 to FFY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program



5.1 Joint GoTriangle Board of Trustees & CAMPO Executive Board Wake Transit Plan Update - Draft Plan Document

Part 1: Staff Presentation

Part 2: Public Hearing



## Wake Transit Plan Update Next Steps

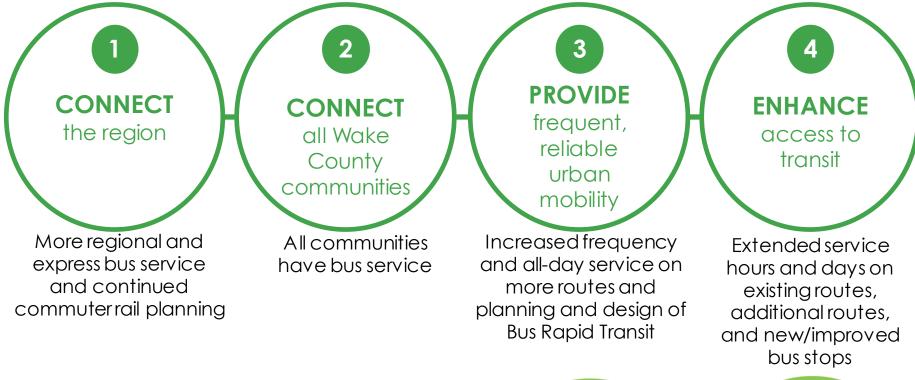
| DATES                     | TASK   |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| February 19 <sup>th</sup> | Began 40-Day Public Comment Period   |  |
| February 24 <sup>th</sup> | GoTriangle Board Received Plan Update as Information                         |  |
| March 10 <sup>th</sup>    | TPAC Recommended Adoption of Plan Update                                     |  |
| March 17 <sup>th</sup>    | CAMPO Executive Board/GoTriangle Board of Trustees Hold Joint Public Hearing |  |
| March 31 <sup>st</sup>    | End 40-Day Public Comment Period   |  |
| April 1 <sup>st</sup>     | CAMPO TCC Considers Recommendation of Adoption                               |  |
| April 14 <sup>th</sup>    | DCHC MPO Board Receives Plan Update as Information                           |  |
| April 21 <sup>st</sup>    | CAMPO Executive Board Considers Adoption                                     |  |
| April 28 <sup>th</sup>    | GoTriangle Board of Trustees Considers Adoption                              |  |





## Wake Transit Plan: Four Big Moves

We've made great strides over the past few years to implement the 'Four Big Moves' outlined in the Wake County Transit Plan adopted in 2016.





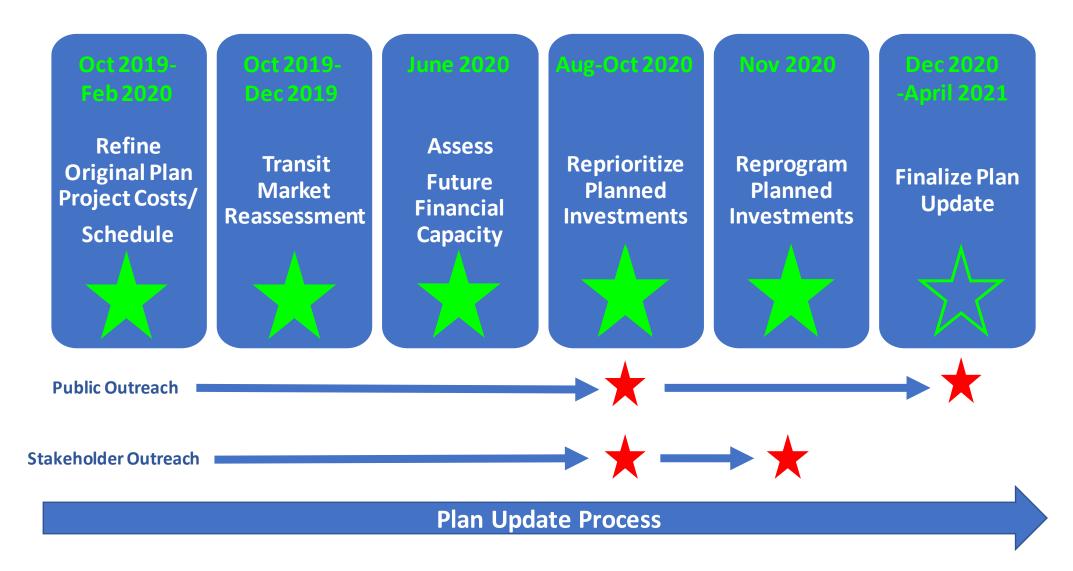
## Extending the Wake Transit Plan Horizon







## Wake Transit Plan Update Steps

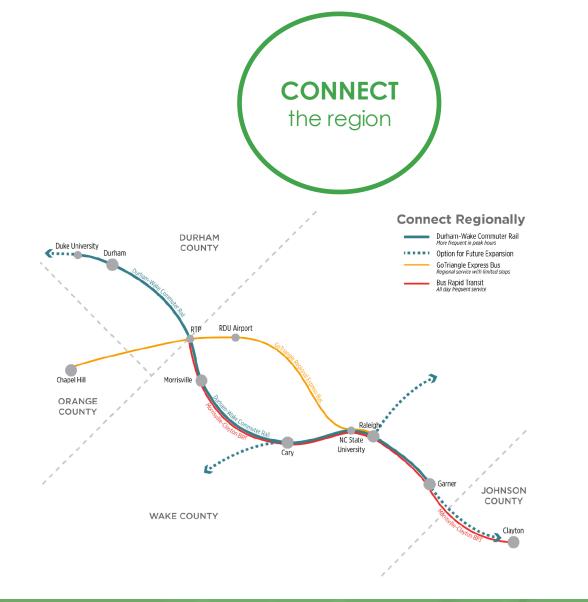


## Wake Transit Plan Update Engagement Activities

| ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY                              | DATE           | PARTICIPATION                 |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Plan Update Stakeholder Kickoff/Open House       | November 2019  | Various Targeted Stakeholders |
| Community Priorities Outreach (Survey)           | August 2020    | 1,704 Public Survey Responses |
| Stakeholder Priorities Outreach                  | Santambar 2020 | 13 Community Stakeholders     |
| (Virtual Interactive Polling)                    | September 2020 |                               |
| Stakeholder Outreach on Reprogrammed Investments | November 2020  | 15 Community Stakeholders     |
| (Virtual Interactive Polling)                    | November 2020  |                               |
| Final Plan Update Public Comment Period          | FebMarch 2021  | 24 Comments Submitted to Date |







- Improvements to express bus services between Wake and Durham Counties completed
- Service improvements to RDU completed
- Commuter rail construction planned to be complete in 2028-2029, with operations beginning in 2029
- Wake BRT Extensions to Research Triangle Park and Clayton added to plan, to begin operations in the 2028-2030 timeframe

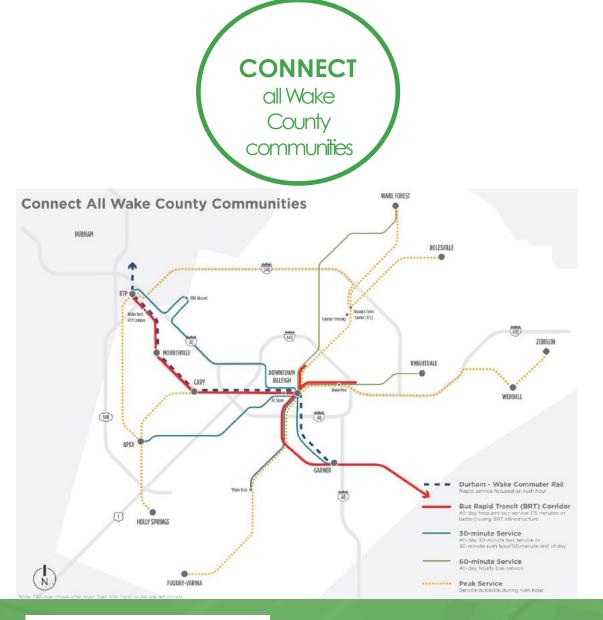


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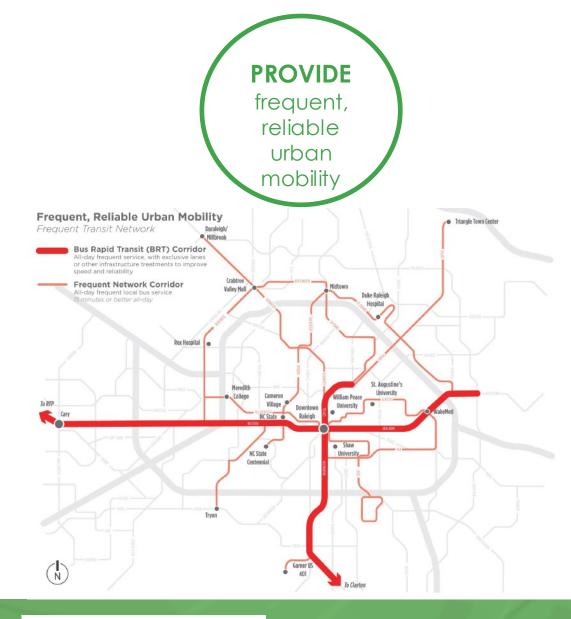


- To date, all Wake County communities have been connected with fixed-route bus service
- To date, more bus service to Research Triangle Park and RDU Airport has been implemented
- Further span and frequency improvements planned for connections to Apex, Morrisville, and Research Triangle Park

#### NOT INCLUDED:

• Full planned buildout of inter-community services (e.g., weekend service, full span and frequency)



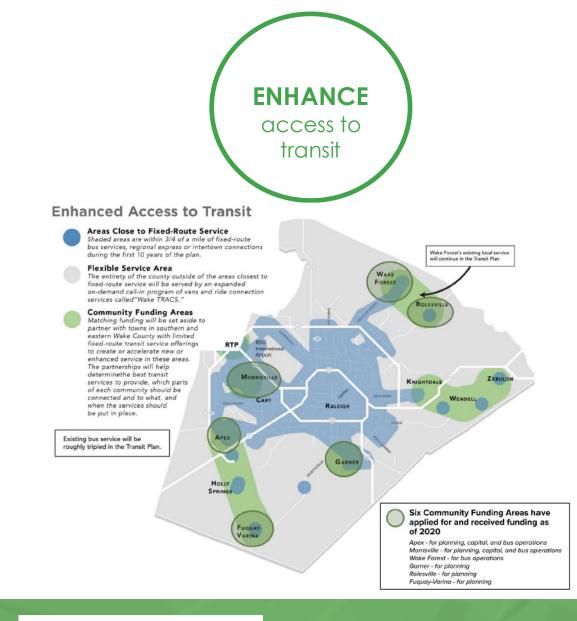


- 6 Miles Frequent Network Added to Date
- New Bern BRT Corridor to begin operations in 2023-2024
- Wake BRT: Western Corridor to begin operations in 2026-2027
- Wake BRT: Southern Corridor to begin operations in 2027-2028
- Wake BRT: Northern Corridor to begin operations in 2028-2029
- Wake BRT extensions to Research Triangle Park and Clayton to begin operations in 2028-2029
- Expands Frequent Network Beyond 83 Miles to 99 Miles

#### NOT INCLUDED: N/A







- 100% of the originally planned funding for Community Funding Area Program and GoWake Access demandresponse trips
- To date, 47% of all bus service expansion investment has been implemented (measured in terms of the total amount of spending on bus service expansion programmed for the original Wake County Transit Plan)
- Allows for >90% of all bus service expansion in the original Wake County Transit Plan to be funded within the 2030 horizon

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

 <10% of bus service expansion in original Wake County Transit Plan (measured in terms of total spending on bus service expansion)





5.1 Joint GoTriangle Board of Trustees & CAMPO Executive Board Wake Transit Plan Update - Draft Plan Document

**Requested Action:** 

#### **Receive as information and conduct a Public Hearing.**



## Draft Wake Transit Plan Update: Public Hearing Conclusion

Thank you, speakers.

If you have comments not heard today or have additional thoughts after the hearing, you can submit feedback **through March 31:** <u>GoForwardNC.org/WakeInput</u>









5.2 Amendment #4 to FFY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program



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CAMPO has received notification from NCDOT of changes to regional projects that require amending the Transportation Improvement Program. This amendment will also include changes from the updated Wake Transit Work Plan and the FFY22 LAPP Investment Program.

The FY2020-2029 TIP Amendment #4 will be posted for public comment from February 13th-April 18th with a public hearing scheduled for today's Executive Board meeting and approval anticipated at the April 21st meeting.

**Requested Action:** 

**Receive as information and conduct a Public Hearing.** 



## 6. Consent Agenda

- 6.1 Executive Board February 2021 Meeting Minutes Draft <u>Requested Action:</u> Approve the February 2021 Meeting Minutes.
- 6.2 Resolution to Endorse Statewide CMAQ Funding Application <u>Requested Action</u>: Approve a resolution of endorsement for the statewide CMAQ program application.
- 6.3 Bus Rapid Transit Extensions Major Investment Study Contract Approval <u>Requested Action</u>: Approve the contract and scope of work for the Bus Rapid Transit Extensions Major Investment Study, pending final administrative review, and authorize the CAMPO Executive Director to sign the contract.
- 6.4 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and MPO Self-Certification FY 22 <u>Requested Action</u>: Adopt the FY 22 UPWP and Self-Certification.
- 6.5 FFY 2021 FTA Formula Grant Distribution <u>Requested Action</u>: Approve the sub-allocation of FFY 2021 Section 5307, 5340, 5339, and CRRSAA funds in the amounts shown in the attached split letter to the Federal Transit Administration.



## Roll Call – Action Items

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## 7. Regular Business



# 7.1 FY 2022 Draft Wake Transit Work Plan and Associated Concerns



## FY 2022 Work Plan Development Schedule - Important Dates

| ACTION  | DATE                     |
|---|--------------------------|
| TPAC Released Draft Work Plan                             | February 17, 2021        |
| TPAC-Endorsed Public Comment Period                       | Feb. 19 – March 21, 2021 |
| <b>TPAC Refines Work Plan Based on Input</b>              | March 21 – April 9, 2021 |
| <b>TPAC Considers Recommending Work Plan for Adoption</b> | April 21, 2021           |
| CAMPO and GoTriangle Boards Consider Adoption             | By June 30, 2021         |





## **FY 22 Proposed Revenues and Expenditures**

| Revenue Source  | Amount          |
|---|-----------------|
| Half-Cent Local Option Sales Tax  | \$97.0 million  |
| Vehicle Rental Tax  | \$2.8 million   |
| \$7 Vehicle Registration Tax  | \$6.8 million   |
| \$3 Vehicle Registration Tax  | \$2.9 million   |
| Other (Federal, State, Fares,<br>Debt Proceeds, Transit Provider<br>Contributions, Allocation from<br>Capital Fund Balance) | \$18.8 million  |
| TOTAL   | \$128.3 million |

| Expenditure Category        | Amount          |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Bus Rapid Transit           | \$12.0 million  |
| Bus Infrastructure          | \$75.4 million  |
| Bus Operations              | \$22.2 million  |
| Vehicle Acquisition         | \$12.8 million  |
| Transit Plan Administration | \$4.7 million   |
| Capital Planning            | \$0.7 million   |
| Tax District Administration | \$0.5 million   |
| TOTAL                       | \$128.3 million |

## **Bus Service Expansion**



 Slowed Down Bus Service Expansion Through Transit Plan Update and Reprogramming

 Continue Bus Operations Initiated in Prior Fiscal Years

- Additional Trips for Durham-Raleigh Express
  - 3 additional trips
  - Wake share ~\$37K





## **Supporting Capital Investments**

- GoRaleigh Vehicle Acquisition
  - 5 Expansion Vehicles for Fixed-Route Service
  - 12 Replacement Vehicles for Fixed-Route Service
  - 4 Replacement Vehicles for Paratransit Service
- Systemwide Bus Stop and Transfer Point Improvements
  - GoRaleigh
  - GoCary
  - GoTriangle
- Construction of GoRaleigh/GoWake Access Paratransit Maintenance/Ops Facility
- Construction of GoCary Maintenance/Ops Facility





## **Supporting Capital Investments**



- Design/Land Acquisition for New Park-and-Rides
  - I-440/Hillsborough
  - I-540/Falls of Neuse or Creedmoor

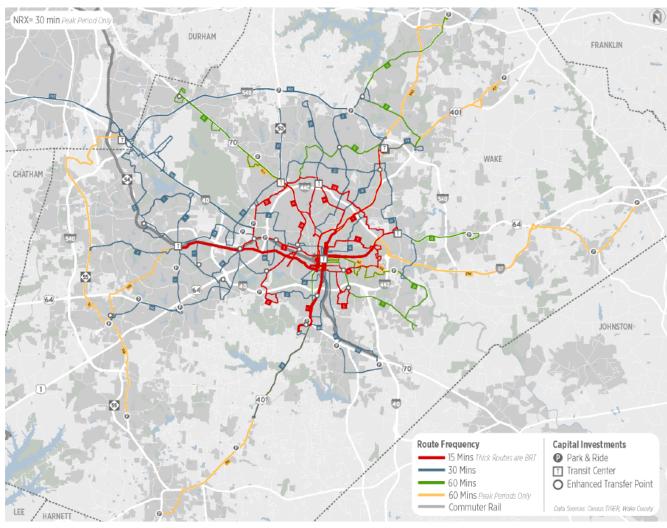


- Transit Center Design, Construction and Updates
  - East Raleigh Community Transit Center (Construction)
  - Crabtree Valley Mall Updates
  - Triangle Town Center Updates
  - GoTriangle Regional Transit Center (Design/Land)

## Planning

### Wake Bus Plan Update

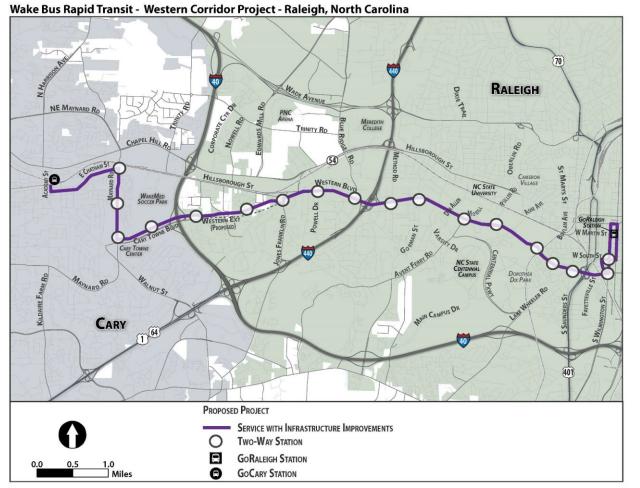
- Update Strategic Phasing of Bus Service Expansion and Supporting Capital Needs Through 2030
- Access to Transit Gap Analysis and Priorities Assessment







## **High-Capacity Corridor Investments**



#### **Complete Final Design for Western BRT Corridor**





### Public Engagement: FY22 Draft Wake Transit Work Plan

#### **Comment period runs through March 21**st

#### **Materials Distributed**

#### (incl. Spanish translation):

- $\circ$  News release
- Public-facing presentation
- o Printable flyer
- $\circ$  Social media posts and graphics
- o GoForward website update
- Comment box

#### **Online Engagement:**

- o Email announcement to community orgs
- Email announcement to individual GoForward subscribers

#### Targeted In-Person/Virtual Engagement:

- 2/11-2/19 direct outreach to:
  - 25 Wake Community
     Organizations
  - 44 Wake County Minority
     Churches
  - Wake County municipal partners
- 2/11 Wake Up Wake County
- 2/11 North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals
- 2/12 Dorcas Ministries
- 2/23: Wake County Habitat for Humanity
- 2/24: Wake Tech Community College

- 2/24 or 3/10: North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals virtual Youth Event
- 3/9 Town of Wendell virtual focus group
- TBD Dorcas Ministries virtual event
- TBD Town of Zebulon virtual event





#### \*\*\*\*CAUTION\*\*\*\*

#### Capital Requests Vs. Programmed (FYs 22 and 23)

| Budget Category     | Programmed for FY 22 | Requested for FY 22 | Change        |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Vehicle Acquisition | \$15,206,642         | \$12,773,312        | -\$2,433,330  |
| Bus Infrastructure  | \$59,484,747         | \$71,361,553        | +\$11,878,806 |
| Other Capital       | \$4,630,000          | \$4,730,000         | +\$100,000    |
| BRT                 | \$12,000,000         | \$12,000,000        |               |
| CRT                 |                      |                     |               |
| TOTAL               | \$91,321,389         | \$100,864,865       | +\$9,543,476  |

| Budget Category                                   | Programmed for FY 23 | Requested for FY 23 | Change        |  |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|--|
| Bus Infrastructure                                | \$13,015,307         | \$42,331,141        | +\$29,315,834 |  |
| Note: Higher assumed costs for certain facilities |                      |                     |               |  |

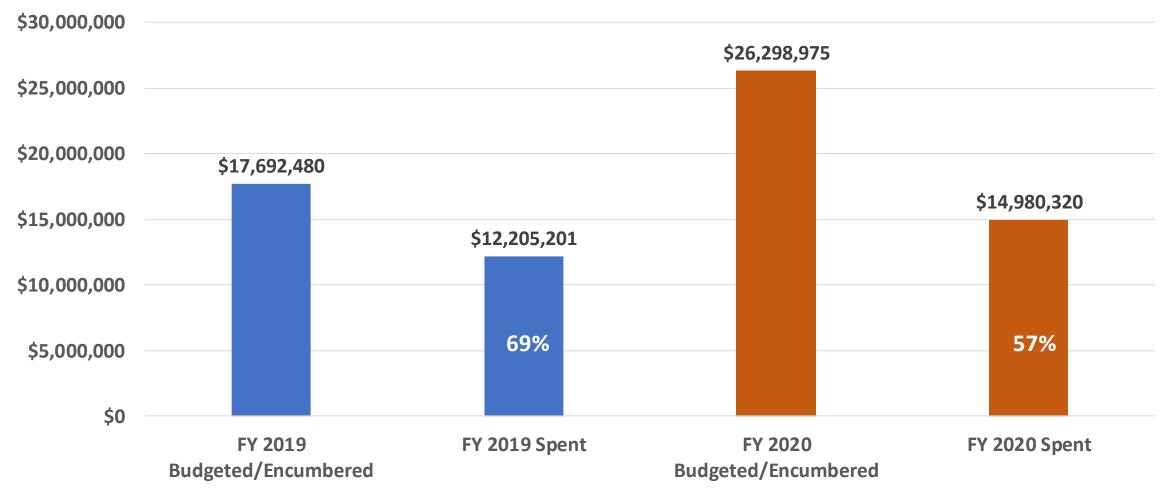


- Increases to Assumed Costs and New Projects Not Accounted for in Programming
- Remaining 10-Year Capital Liquidity Above Required Fund Balance Minimum = \$23M
   Could Be Problematic for Future Critical Capital Projects
- Concerns with Inflated Project Budgets for Operating and Capital Projects\*\*\*\*
- Issues with Project Readiness for Capital Projects Slow Progress on Prior Project Phases or Allocations\*\*\*\*
- Issues with Unrealistic Schedules for Phases of Project Life Cycles\*\*\*\*
- Projects Not Caught Up on Concurrence Policy Requirements





#### Total Operations Spending Vs. Budget







## What Can \$16.8 Million Buy?

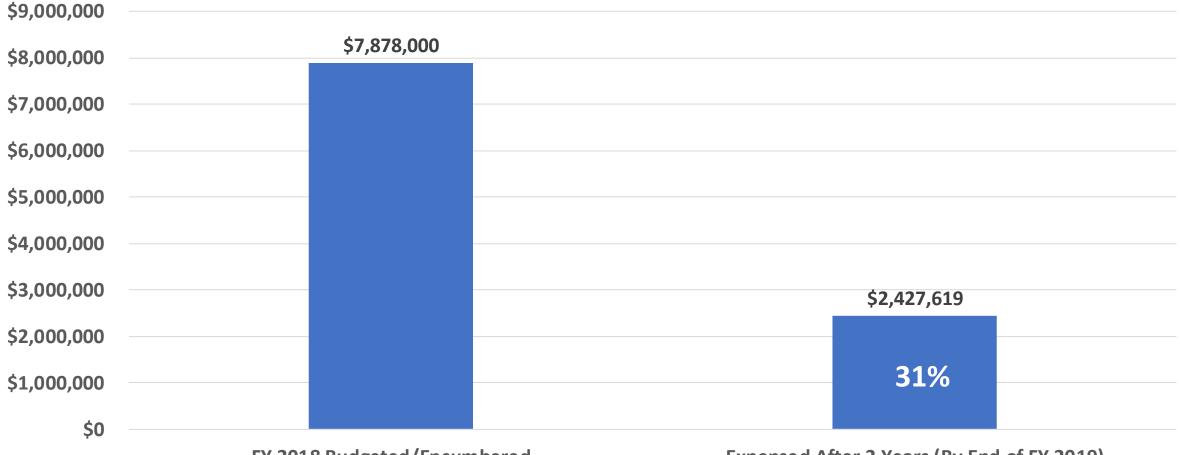
These Two Years of Unspent But Encumbered Program Operating Funds Can Buy:

- ~9.5 Years of the Community Funding Area Program
- 27 Fixed-Route Buses
- This Pattern Through 2030 Gives Us More Than the Full Cost of New Bern BRT (\$84M)





#### FY 2018 Bus Infrastructure Spending Vs. Budget After 2 Years



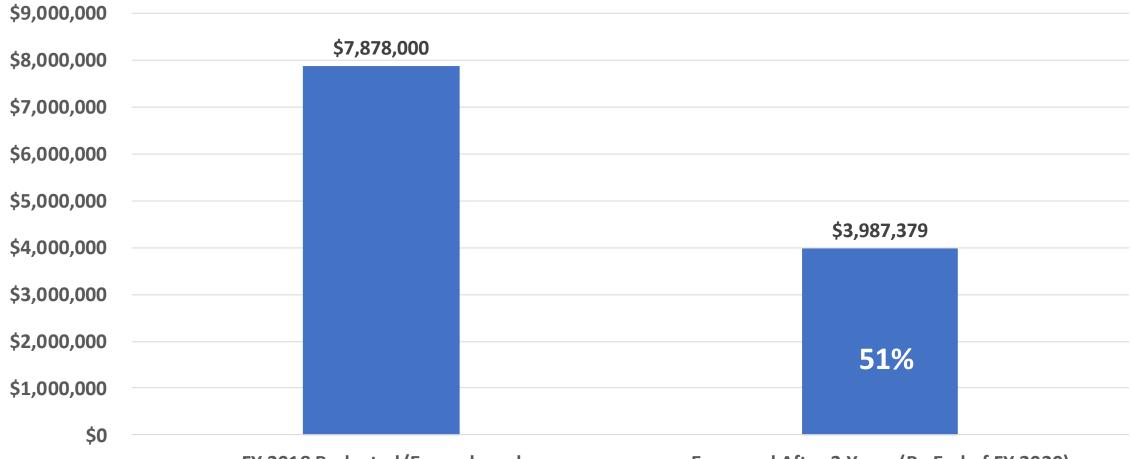
FY 2018 Budgeted/Encumbered

Expensed After 2 Years (By End of FY 2019)





#### FY 2018 Bus Infrastructure Spending Vs. Budget After 3 Years



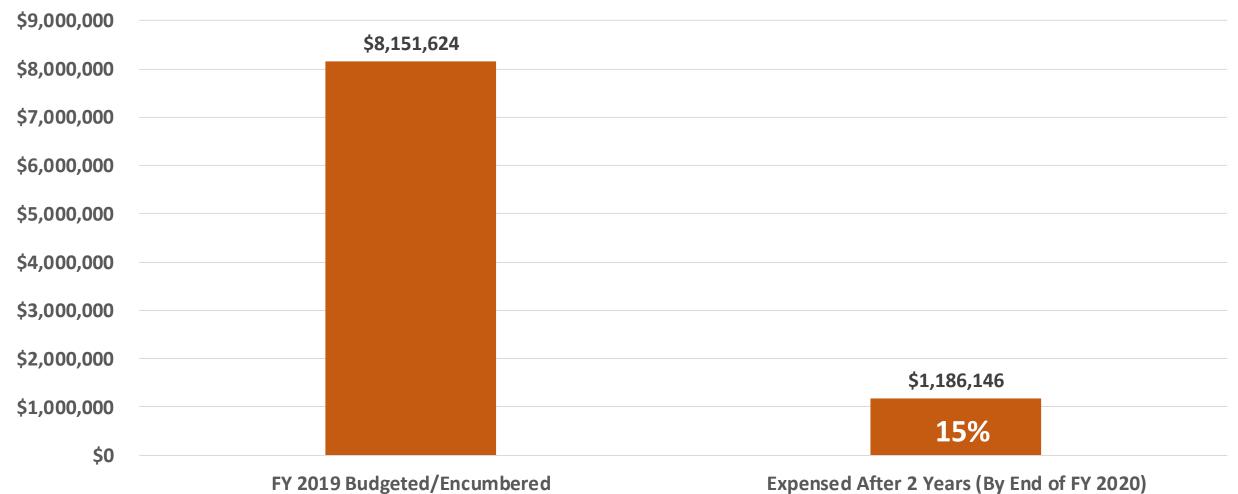
FY 2018 Budgeted/Encumbered

Expensed After 3 Years (By End of FY 2020)





#### FY 2019 Bus Infrastructure Spending Vs. Budget After 2 Years



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## Why is this a Problem?

- <u>Encumbering Way More Than Will Be Spent</u> Adversely Impacts Financial Planning for Future-Year Investments
  - **o** Inflated budgets result in Inflated Expenditure Assumptions for planning purposes
  - Leads planners to unnecessarily delay, eliminate or reduce assumed investment in other projects that could otherwise be funded earlier
- <u>Encumbering Way More Than Will Be Spent</u> Within Certain Timeframes Unnecessarily Ties Up Cash That Could Be Used for Other Projects That Are Ready to Move Forward
  - Cash should be as nimble and readily available as possible to support projects that are moving forward or that have unforeseen funding challenges
- Erodes Public/Stakeholder Trust in our financial management and in what we say we can/cannot do with public funding





## **Proposed Solutions**

#### **Operating Projects**

- Have Project Sponsors Review Recurring Budgeted Amounts Every Year and Strive to Align Budget Within 85% of Actual Expenses (Using Prior 2 Years of Data)
  - $\,\circ\,$  Still allows for some Project Cost Contingency
  - 10-Year Impact → +\$28.3M (Using FY 2019 Performance)

#### **Capital Projects**

- Unencumber Excess Project Allocations and Those That Will Not Be Used Within Next Year
   <u>Ex:</u> \$5M Allocation for a project with vendor contract for \$3M
- Put Future Project Encumbrances on Hold (Still Programmed)
  - Until prior allocations or phases upon which the project is building are >80% Expended





## Thoughts?

#### 1) Does the Executive Board share these concerns?

### 2) Discuss support for proposed solutions/other solutions.





# 7.1 FY 2022 Draft Wake Transit Work Plan and Associated Concerns

**<u>Requested Action:</u>** Receive as information.



## 7.2 CAMPO Projects and Programs Funding Update



## **Financial Situation**

- NCDOT above cash floor
  - LAPP Billing Plans- NCDOT fiscal allocated funding in budget for all LAPP projects submitted in LAPP billing plans to restart with full reimbursements (expect more billing exercises in future)
  - Additional SPOT projects restarting PE, ROW, and Construction

- Future Transportation Funding
  - FFY2021 full budget passed- including full year allocation of transportation funding included in FAST Act
  - 1 year extension of FAST Act (through FFY2021)
  - Funding beyond FFY2021 unknown- Congress beginning talks of next infrastructure package, taking backseat to COVID relief bill



## COVID Relief Funding

COVID Relief Funding included in FFY2022 Annual Budget

- \$5.9m directly allocated to CAMPO ("Direct Attributable" Funding)
- Treated as STBG-DA funding (eligible for roadway, bike/ped, transit)
- Up to 100% federally reimbursable, not part of obligation limitation
- CAMPO Staff currently reviewing LAPP account balances and project schedules to determine best recommendation for use



## 7.2 CAMPO Projects and Programs Funding Update

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.



## 8.1 Informational Items: Budget

8.1 Operating Budget – FY 2021

8.2 Member Shares – FY 2021

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.



## 9.1 Informational Item: Project Updates

- (SRTS) John Rex Endowment Grant
- Triangle TDM Program
- Triangle Bikeway Implementation Study
- Non-Motorized Volume Data Program
- Mobility Coordination Committee
- NCDOT Highway Project U-2719 Updates

- Northeast Area Study Update
- Bus On Shoulder Study
- Western Wake Traffic Signal System Integration Study
- US 401 Corridor Study
- Wake Transit Plan Implementation Update
- NC 540 Bonus Allocation Projects

**<u>Requested Action:</u>** Receive as information.



## 9.2 Informational Item: Public Engagement Updates

**<u>Requested Action</u>**: Receive as information.



## 10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

- MPO Executive Director
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
- NCDOT Division 4
- NCDOT Division 5
- NCDOT Division 6
- NCDOT Rail Division
- NC Turnpike Authority
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division
- TCC Chair

#### **Requested Action:**

**Receive as information.** 



## **ADJOURN**

## **Upcoming Events**

| Date           | Event                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| March 18, 2021 | Deficiency Analysis Lunch and Learn |
| 1:30 p.m.      | Join Session                        |
| April 1, 2021  | TCC                                 |
| 10:00 a.m.     | Webex                               |
| April 21, 2021 | Executive Board                     |
| 4:00 p.m.      | Webex                               |
| May 6, 2021    | TCC                                 |
| 4:00 p.m.      | Webex                               |
| May 19, 2021   | Executive Board                     |
| 4.00 p.m.      | Webex                               |