



NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

## INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PROJECT UPDATES

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## Studies

### Advanced Air Mobility Study

CAMPO was awarded an Advanced Air Mobility Grant from the NCDOT Division of Aviation for FY 2026 to examine the current condition of Air Mobility and explore what this mode of transportation could mean for the region. This study will be managed by NCDOT Division of Aviation alongside CAMPO to develop a high-level regional framework for AAM implementation and coordination between member jurisdictions.

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### Apex Rail Study

CAMPO has partnered with the Town of Apex to look at the Rail Yard in Downtown Apex and the rail spur to Durham. This study has pivoted several times during its life and has led to Apex entering an agreement with CSX Rail Operator/Owner to review the outputs of this study for CSX support. This study was on hold for several months but has restarted and moving forward with an end in this current Fiscal Year.

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### North Falls Lake Area Study (NFLAS)

This will be the first area study conducted in the northwest portion of CAMPOs jurisdiction. The study area will include roughly the southern half of Granville County and extends into portions of Franklin County and Wake County, as well as the municipalities of Creedmoor, Butner, Stem and Oxford. The goal of this study is ultimately to lay out a long-term vision for development patterns within the framework of water resource and land management considerations, and for a multi-modal transportation network in the study area, with a detailed implementation strategy that includes short-term and mid-term recommendations to aid with the implementation of the long-term vision. The study will evaluate water supply watershed (WSWS) capacity and other environmental regulatory considerations, as related to residential development; the safety and mobility in the transportation network, including planned and existing roads, transit service and bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

Separate meetings involving the Core Technical Team (CTT), Elected Officials, and Stakeholders will occur during the month of February: (1) Core Technical Team – Friday, February 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Butner Town Hall, (2) Elected Officials – Wednesday, February 11, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Granville County Expo and Convention Center, (3) Stakeholders – Wednesday, February 11, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, Granville County Expo and Convention. The meetings will address previous public engagement efforts and land use scenario modeling. To access the website, please go to <https://publicinput.com/nfallslake>.

**(Staff contact: Kenneth Withrow)**

### Cape Fear River Basin Wildlife Crossing Study

Following a successfully adopted wildlife crossing study by the Triangle West TPO, Chatham County requested a similar study to be conducted in the portion of the county within CAMPO's jurisdiction in the FY26 UPWP. Upon reviewing the study area, CAMPO staff determined that in order to replicate the study for future areas within CAMPO (if desired), the study boundary should be expanded to include all of CAMPO that is within the Cape Fear River Basin. With the study area determined, the study kicked off in early October with a stakeholder meeting which included both representatives within the study area, as well as environmental and ecological professionals. The study is now within the data collection and analysis phase, which is expected to be completed by December. The study team will conduct site

evaluation assessments in February, and a Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) update will be provided at the February 5, 2026, meeting.

**(Staff contact: Caleb Allred)**

### Apex Pleasant Park Access Study

This study seeks to identify additional multimodal access opportunities to the recently opened Pleasant Park in Apex. The study is programmed in the FY26 and FY27 UPWP. Procurement for the study is underway with an Interlocal Agreement anticipated to be brought to the Executive Board for approval in the coming months.

**(Staff contact: Caleb Allred)**

### Eastern Wake Traffic Signal System Integration Study

On December 9, 2025, CAMPO in partnership with the City of Raleigh, NCDOT, and eastern Wake County jurisdictions (the towns of Garner, Knightdale, Wake Forest, and Rolesville), began soliciting proposals for the Eastern Wake Traffic Signal System Integration Study. The deadline for RFP submittals was January 9, 2026. CAMPO received the requested proposals and, along with members of the study's technical steering committee, is currently in the process of scoring said proposals to arrive at a preferred consultant.

This study will serve as a follow up to the 2020 Triangle Region ITS Strategic Deployment Plan Update, the 2022 Western Wake Signal System Integration Study, and the 2025 ITS Deployment Roadmap. The purpose of this study is to evaluate feasibility, provide technical guidance, and outline implementation steps for integrating traffic signal systems across jurisdictional boundaries while aligning with Raleigh's Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) standards. This study will be managed by CAMPO staff alongside a technical steering committee from the relevant jurisdictions.

**(Staff contact: Evan Koff)**

## Committees

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

#### FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan Development Update

Following the review of funding requests for the FY27 Work Plan, Wake Transit CAMPO Staff, with budgeting and financial model information provided by the Tax District Administration, assembled the draft FY27 Work Plan and released the document to the TPAC in late January for their review. The TPAC will vote to release the document for a 30-day public comment period from February 25 – March 26, 2026. Following the comment period, the TPAC will review public comments and any requests from transit providers for updates to projects and will recommend the Work Plan for approval to the Wake Transit Governing Boards.

The Recommended FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan will then be released for a 14-day public comment period, planned from May 6 through May 20, 2026. A public hearing is scheduled at the CAMPO Executive Board meeting on May 20, 2026. The governing boards will consider the Work Plan for adoption at their respective June 2026 meetings.

**(Staff contact: Steven Mott)**

## Wake Bus Plan 2035

The Scope of Work has been finalized for the Wake Bus Plan 2035, and the Executive Board voted at their January 2026 meeting to authorize the CAMPO Executive Director to authorize the contract. The Wake Bus Plan 2035 will program investments outlined in the Wake Transit Plan 2035 adopted in November 2025. The project kick off will be scheduled for February and the project timeline is expected to span to June 2027.

**(Staff contact: Steven Mott)**

## Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Extensions Concept of Operations Study

The BRT Extensions Concept of Operations (ConOps) Study is a follow-up study to the BRT Extensions Major Investment Study completed in 2023, funded by Wake Transit and 6 local agency partners – Research Triangle Foundation, Regional Transportation Alliance, Town of Morrisville, Town of Cary, Town of Clayton and City of Raleigh. The purpose of the ConOps Study is to develop and study up to 3 operating scenarios, developing a final operating and financial plan for the Extensions. The consultants and CTT are reviewing the results of the scenarios for the two extensions and selecting a preferred scenario. The Study is expected to be completed by June 2026.

**(Staff contact: Ben Howell)**

## Wake Transit Staffing Analysis Study

The Wake Transit Staffing Analysis Study will analyze existing staffing and staffing needs for the Wake Transit Program for all Wake Transit-funded staffing positions at CAMPO, GoTriangle, Raleigh, Cary and future staffing needs for any Wake Transit agencies. The Study kicked off in August, and the first CTT meeting was held in September. The second CTT meeting was held in December, where the consultant reviewed the information from the interviews with Cary, Raleigh, GoTriangle, GoTriangle Tax District Administration, and CAMPO/Wake County. The consultants are preparing the draft recommendations, and will present them to the Steering Committee in February. The Study is expected to be completed in April 2026. The Study is fully funded by Wake Transit in the FY 2026 Wake Transit Work Plan.

**(Staff contact: Ben Howell)**

## Mobility Coordination Committee

The Mobility Coordination Committee's two subcommittees continue to meet and work toward the goals identified on the six-month work plan for each committee. The ADA Subcommittee will meet Feb. 6, 2026 at 1:30 and the Community Transportation Subcommittee will meet on Feb. 6, 2026 at 3:00.

Background information on the MCC and its work is located on the CAMPO's [Mobility Coordination Committee webpage](#).

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# Programs

## FY 2025 Community Funding Area Program Update

CAMPO staff worked with our consultants to complete the update to the CFA Program Management Plan as part of the larger Wake Transit Plan Update. The PMP was presented to the GoTriangle Audit and Finance Committee and CAMPO TCC in November and was adopted by the Governing Boards on November 19, 2025.

The FY2027 CFAP Application cycle kicked off on September 18, 2025, TPAC meeting. Project Incubation meetings were scheduled from October 1 – 22, 2025, by request. The CFAP Applicant Training was held on October 29, 2025, providing an overview of the program, application process, and project eligibility. The pre-submittal meetings were held between December 1-19, 2025. A total of seven (7) pre-applications were received this year- four (4) from the Town of Apex, two (2) from the Town of Knightdale, and one (1) from the Town of Wendell. The call-for-projects will open on January 5<sup>th</sup> and close on January 31<sup>st</sup>. There are no further updates at this time. More information and this year’s development schedule can be found on [CAMPO’s CFAP website](#).

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### Blueprint for Safety Program

The Executive Board adopted the Blueprint for Safety Plan on June 18, 2025; and work has begun to implement the plan. The inaugural CAMPO Blueprint for Safety Program Summit was held Wednesday, December 3, 2025 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Following the Summit, attendees were sent a poll to help determine future meeting dates for the two Task Forces charged with implementing the Blueprint for Safety Plan’s recommendations. The Safety Policy & Culture Task Force and the Safety Projects Task Force will meet virtually in February 2026 with a focus on plan implementation, peer learning, and education. The virtual meetings will occur on the following dates and times: (1) Safety Policy & Culture Task Force - Tuesday, February 3rd from 10:30am-12:00 pm, and (2) Safety Projects Task Force - on Tuesday, February 10th from 10:30am-12:00 pm.

**(Staff contact: Kenneth Withrow)**

### Congestion Management Process (CMP)

The FY 2025 Status of the System Report evaluates the performance of the CAMPO’s transportation network through the framework established in the latest CMP Update, adopted in October 2024. This report is the first full Status of the System prepared using the updated CMP network, performance measures, and objectives, all of which are directly derived from and aligned with the recommendations and investment priorities of Connect 2050, CAMPO’s MTP. As a result, every congestion finding, bottleneck trend, and system performance measure presented here reflects the region’s adopted long-range vision and the strategies prioritized in the MTP.

Drawing on six fiscal quarters of INRIX/RITIS probe data, the report identifies where congestion is most severe, what operational and recurring factors drive delay, and how these conditions affect economic vitality, freight reliability, public health, and multimodal mobility. The report also documents how Wake Transit investments, freight reliability trends, and safety outcomes intersect with congestion patterns. The overlap between major bottlenecks and CAMPO’s High Injury Network underscores the growing importance of integrating congestion management with safety and public health objectives—an emphasis embedded in both the CMP Update and the 2050 MTP.

**(Staff contact: Evan Koff)**

## Projects

### Triangle Bikeway East Design Project Update

The Alternatives Analysis is underway in 3 key areas along the 14 miles corridor that comprises Triangle Bikeway East Design Project: the RTP area in Durham, the Lake Crabtree area in Cary/Morrisville, and the Wade Avenue area in Raleigh.

As a part of the analysis, stakeholders and the public will be asked about their preferred connections to each area and their priorities. This period of public information will be occurring Jan 21 - Feb 25, 2026, and will include 3 pop up events, an online survey, and presentations across the region. The information gathered from this period will not only help educate the public about the project, but will also help inform how the bikeway could be incorporated into travel patterns in the future.

To help spread the word about this engagement period, please use any of the materials on the digital toolkit tab of the project website [www.publicinput.com/TriBikeEast](http://www.publicinput.com/TriBikeEast) which includes:

- Flyers detailing events and survey
- Handouts about the project
- Social Media calendar complete with images/videos for use
- Newsletter template for use

To stay up to date on the progress of the project, and sign up for the newsletter, please visit [www.publicinput.com/TriBikeEast](http://www.publicinput.com/TriBikeEast).

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