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Staff Report

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Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027

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The FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) draft is attached for review. The UPWP outlines the anticipated work plan and budget for the MPO for the fiscal year. In FY 2027, the MPO anticipates continuing to deliver the core programs of the MPO, including the Locally Administered Projects Program, Triangle Regional Model, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Public Involvement Program, Blueprint for Safety Implementation, Wake Transit Program, Regional Mobility Management Program, and Congestion Management Process.

Three studies from FY 26 will continue into FY 27 - the Triangle Bikeway NEPA/Design project, the Pleasant Park Access Study, and the Eastern Wake Traffic Signal System Integration Study. New studies for inclusion in the FY 27 work program are the Smithfield Road Corridor Access & Safety Study, the Franklinton Southern Bypass Connection Study, the I-40 Vision and Implementation Strategy Study, and the Knightdale Boulevard Transportation & Land Use Study. The recommended FY 27 UPWP also includes funding for the Triangle Travel Choices regional TDM plan update that will be conducted by Central Pines Regional Council in coordination with CAMPO, Triangle West TPO and NCDOT. The MPO will also invest resources in updating the TIP/MTP project database and the CAMPO website. In the interest of transparency, the MPO's Wake Transit work is also reflected in this UPWP, including the update to the Wake Transit Bus Plan and upcoming Major Investment Studies for Bus Rapid Transit projects along I-40 and in Cary.

Other elements of note in the UPWP are the MPO's self-certification of meeting federal planning requirements (Appendix C); the anticipated transit planning work to be performed by transit agency partners using federal funds; and a summary of anticipated general MPO activities and funding sources in the coming year. Per capita member share for this UPWP is anticipated to be \$0.95.

The FY 27 UPWP is available for a 30-day public review and comment from January 16, 2026 through February 16, 2026. A public hearing will be held at the February 18, 2026 Executive Board meeting. The Executive Board is anticipated to consider adoption of the FY 27 UPWP at its February 18, 2026 meeting.

Requested Action: Receive as information.