

# Public Engagement Update

## Looking Forward – Fall & Winter 2020

### Public Notices & Comment Periods (CAMPO)

| Item   | Exec. Board Action | Req'd # of days | Public Comment Period & Hearing                      |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| <i>Executive Board Action in November</i>  |                    |                 |  |
| Locally Preferred Alternative for Wake BRT: Western Corridor                           | Nov. 18            | 30              | Hearing: Oct. 21<br>Comment Per.: Oct. 16 to Nov. 15 |
| FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3                      | Nov. 18            | 30              | Hearing: Oct. 21<br>Comment Per.: Oct. 1 to Nov. 2   |
| FY 21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Amendment #1                              | Nov. 18            | 30              | Oct. 16 to Nov. 15                                   |
| 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment – Air Quality Conformity Determination | Nov. 18            | 30              | Hearing: Oct. 21<br>Comment Per.: Oct. 1 to Nov. 15  |

As the pandemic continues to constrain public engagement activities that are in-person, added attention has been given to digital engagement, increasing focus on social media platforms, and a reliance on non-traditional means to connect with both the general public and traditionally underengaged populations. In order to continue to move projects and studies forward, the MPO will need to place additional emphasis on the active support of TCC and Executive Board members, as well as project stakeholder and technical teams in spreading the word about these engagement opportunities. ***Please encourage your communications experts to help amplify these messages – and thank you!***

### Online Surveys

Currently, there are no open surveys for CAMPO.

### Public Meetings (CAMPO)

The MPO anticipates holding additional public meetings (online) during the fall of 2020 for active studies/projects. More information will follow as those dates are identified.

- Triangle Bikeway Study: [www.trianglebikeway.com](http://www.trianglebikeway.com)
  - Focus Group Meetings:* The Triangle Bikeway project team is seeking input from historically under-represented groups by hosting small group discussions to provide information and gather input. Sessions will be held between the week of November 10-20. An online survey and public meetings were held between July-November 2020.

## Public Engagement Planning (CAMPO)

CAMPO staff are actively engaged with public and stakeholder engagement planning for the following projects/studies. This is in addition to typical technical analysis, reviews, and engagement as key stakeholders for member organization projects (i.e. SPOT process, STIP/TIP project development, local Comprehensive Transportation Plans and transportation studies). More information on each project can be found in the Project Updates report.

- Northeast Area Study (NEAS) Update
- Triangle Bikeway Study
- Commuter Rail Studies
- Wake Transit Plan Update & FY 2021 Work Plan Reevaluation
- Wake Bus Rapid Transit (this includes “branding” and “stations design”)
- Wake Transit Online Performance Tracker
- Non-Motorized Volume Data Program
- Bus on Shoulder Study
- US 401 Corridor Study

## Partners’ Public Engagement

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Wake Transit Bus Rapid Transit (City of Raleigh Managing Process)

Raleigh BRT Open House (Nov. 2-30, 2020): <https://raleighnc.gov/brt-open-house>

Raleigh BRT Webpage: <https://raleighnc.gov/bus-rapid-transit>

An online webpage, “BRT Virtual Open House” sharing updates on planning for each of the Wake corridors and opportunities for public input is now available. Highlights include:

1. Live Q&A session on November 19
2. Station Design Visual Preference [Survey](#) (October– November 2020)
3. Wake BRT Branding (Sep 2020 – January 2021)
  - Branding concepts have been developed and are currently being narrowed down based on the public engagement that occurred earlier in the fall. Raleigh staff will be engaging the public between November-January to help narrow the final brand concepts.
4. Artist in Residence Project: [New Bern Ave Public Art survey](#) open until Jan. 15, 2021

Greater Triangle Commuter Rail

GoTriangle CRT Webpage: <https://goforwardnc.org/commuterrail>

- Latest public survey closed on November 6, 2020. Project partners hope to reach agreement on an initial project concept that includes station locations, a possible extension to Clayton, new train tracks, bridges, changes to the roadway network, how often the trains would run and train storage and maintenance needs.

NCDOT

Clayton: Ranch Road Extension Between US 70 Bus/NC 42

- Proposed Conceptual Alternatives are available for review and comment by the public. The deadline for comments is December 11, 2020. <https://publicinput.com/RanchRd-Clayton>

## Other Public Engagement *Likely* to Occur in into early 2021

Project teams report that they anticipate resuming public engagement, or in some cases simply information sharing activities, into the winter for the following list of projects. More details will follow in future updates.

- Transit Service Changes in Wake County (starting as early as October for GoCary's Apex-Cary Express; GoTriangle's Route 305 – Holly Springs to Raleigh, GoRaleigh's Route 21 – Caraleigh, others)
- Cary's Downtown Multimodal Transit Facility: recent public survey closed 10/30/20
- Transit Customer Surveys (Joint effort among the region's providers)
- Wake Park & Ride Study
- Youth GoPass Program
- Capital Area Greenway Master Plan