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# WAKE TRANSIT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW DRAFT 2022

# Adoption Schedule

TPAC Considers Recommending Adoption to Governing Boards of CAMPO & GoTriangle	October 12, 2022   9:30 a.m.
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# 1.0 Purpose & Context

- 1.1 On November 8, 2016, Wake County voters approved a transit-dedicated, half-cent sales tax investment to expand and better connect the public transportation network throughout Wake County. This policy acknowledges the fact that public input is a crucial element in planning for effective transit, as well as the prioritization and implementation of public transportation services that meet the needs of residents and the community.
- **1.2** The Wake Transit Master Participation Agreement established designated partnership roles for implementing specific programs and projects in order to serve the best interests and the greater good of all community members. That agreement indicates that Implementation Elements, Implementation Agreements, and Operating Agreements tied to capital investment shall at a minimum include public involvement and engagement expectations (WT MPA, Article II).
- **1.3** The purpose of the Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy is to build upon, develop, and maintain a thoughtful set of guiding principles to apply to the development of community engagement strategies designed to maximize communications with the public and other stakeholders related to the investments funded through the Wake Transit program. This policy applies to project sponsors to serve as a guide for engagement practices when delivering program-level and/or project-level services in the area.
- **1.4** This policy seeks to improve Wake Transit's engagement processes and outcomes by encouraging a consistent, transparent approach, and continual learning through evaluation and expanding the range of engagement methods.
- **1.5** Project sponsors are committed to engaging the community in planning and decision-making through the use of appropriate, effective, and inclusive practices.
- **1.6** This Community Engagement Policy document does not supersede federal, state, or local regulations or guidance governing agencies or organizations responsible for the planning or management of any Wake Transit funded investment. These regulations, among others, are referenced in Appendix 1.

## 2.0 What is Community Engagement?

- **2.1** Community engagement is a strategic process that involves working with the public on decisions affecting the well-being and quality of life of their communities.
- **2.2** Public engagement focuses on gaining meaningful public input and feedback to inform the development of a Wake Transit-funded investment including any associated outreach, promotion, marketing, advertising, public relations, relationship building, or communications activities.
- 2.3 The goal of public engagement is to acquire feedback from all sectors of the community in order to identify the transit needs and priorities that ensure transportation plans are fair across all levels of society. Public input helps planning staff increase their awareness of potential adverse effects and implement efforts to mitigate the costs in favor of benefits that serve the greater good.
- **2.4** Public engagement provides a strong foundation for understanding and working with our community to establish a system of shared responsibility for decisions and develop trust in the decision-making process.
- **2.5** Public engagement delivers opportunities for our community to participate in Wake Transit's decision-making process, ensuring outcomes that benefit the greater good of the community by reflecting the opinions expressed through the gathering of meaningful input.

# 3.0 Why is Community Engagement Important?

- **3.1** Public input remains as vital as ever to the mission of improving the quality of life of residents by connecting people and places through safe, reliable, and easy-to-use travel choices.
- **3.2** Input from the communities impacted by transit plans and activities allows Wake Transit to serve their needs and plan effectively for the future.
- **3.3** Community engagement allows Wake Transit to create transit solutions by drawing upon and implementing local knowledge provided by diverse groups, thereby creating solutions that are inclusive, practical, and effective.

# 4.0 Guiding Principles

- **4.1** Accountability: Wake Transit community engagement efforts include advising the Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) members of planned engagement efforts, requesting support, and providing updates on efforts; explaining how community input influenced the decision-making process; sharing outcomes of engagement and planning activities with the community; and, conducting performance assessments to ensure future engagement efforts meet objectives.
- **4.2** Inclusivity: Wake Transit community engagement efforts will identify affected and interested community members and provide equitable access and opportunities to contribute meaningful input into the decision-making process.
- **4.3** Transparency: Wake Transit community engagement efforts will build trust and prove integrity through authentic interactions; the distribution of timely information that provides clarity of purpose, intent, and relevance of the engagement effort; clarity on the community's role in the decision-making process; and, keeping TPAC members informed of past, current, and future engagement efforts and results.

# **5.0 Policy Statement**

- **5.1** Wake Transit partners are committed to ensuring all Wake County community members have meaningful opportunities to participate in the decision-making process for Wake Transit investments through continuous, cooperative, transparent, inclusive, and comprehensive engagement.
- **5.2** The community can expect Wake Transit partners to evaluate and select the most appropriate engagement methods to meet their specific needs, based on project requirements, audience factors, and proposed impacts.
- **5.3** An effective engagement strategy will establish timelines and strategic plans for proactive outreach to impacted Wake County communities regarding Wake Transit program investments and goals.
- **5.4** Plans will facilitate the development of efforts that realize the meaningful implementation of community input in the Wake Transit decision-making process
- **5.5** Engagement strategies will develop specific opportunities for community members to provide input and share ideas with governing boards and planning staff.
- **5.6** Resources are available, upon request, to assist Wake Transit partners responsible for engagement activities in support of implementation elements, programs, projects, and planning efforts.

- **5.7** Engagement strategies will focus on the identified community and the creation of a situational evaluation, which includes the strategic analysis of audiences, engagement methods and tools, key messaging, and analytics designed to measure the effectiveness of efforts.
- **5.8** This policy encourages meaningful collaboration among Wake Transit partners on community engagement implementation activities to incorporate the concerns of the community and apply a thoughtful prioritization of programs, projects, and planning efforts.
- **5.9** Wake Transit partners are encouraged to support the community engagement activities of each other by representing a unified and consistent approach when possible and appropriate. This may include the sharing of engagement strategies and materials and/or co-developing, promoting, and attending the events of partners.

# 6.0 Community Engagement Framework

- 6.1 When developing community engagement work plans, project sponsors should consult all available references and resources. The approved Wake Transit Community Engagement Strategy and Wake Transit Community Engagement Summary Report templates are available as part of the Wake Transit Communications Plan. These documents are examples of appropriate sources that contain valuable resources that can guide project sponsors as they develop engagement frameworks. Project sponsors should also consult with lead agency personnel for additional insights and resources. Project sponsors should then develop clear engagement frameworks that include objectives, priorities, action steps, timelines, strategies, recommended activities, and communications tools.
- **6.2** Community engagement frameworks match the investment with its impact on the audience through a customized approach. Targeted community engagement tools, strategies, and materials educate audiences about the Wake Transit program by presenting accurate information in a narrative form designed to optimize engagement.
- **6.3** Each engagement effort should include measurable goals. Relevant analytical feedback should be gathered and included as part of the Wake Transit Community Engagement Summary report. Evaluating and reviewing engagement activities allows project sponsors to optimize their efforts. The Wake Transit Communications Plan includes information related to measuring objectives.

### 7.0 Standards and Requirements

- **7.1** Operating and capital projects that create forward progress on transit opportunities by meeting the goals outlined in the Wake Transit Plan receive funding through the annual Wake Transit Work Plan.
- **7.2** Programs, projects, plans, and policies are implemented by Wake Transit lead agencies and partners, also known as Project Sponsors, as either program-level investments, which apply to the Wake Transit program as a whole, or as project-level investments, which apply to individual projects carried out by municipal, institutional, and agency TPAC members.
- **7.3** Each level of investment involves different requirements to meet Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy standards. The tables included in this policy document outline the requirements for both program and project-level investments. They are located in the Wake Transit Public Engagement Development Guide on the following page.

	Wake Transit Plan Update	Wake Bus Plan Update	Annual Wake Transit Work Plan
Description	The Wake Transit Plan is the multi-year vision for public transportation investments in Wake County. It spans a 10- year planning period. The overarching goals of the plan are referred to as the "Four Big Moves."	The Wake Bus Plan provides a year-by-year listing of planned infrastructure and service investments by type and provider. It defines the order in which service expansion will occur to meet the goals of the Wake Transit Plan.	The Work Plan details the specific operating and capital investments scheduled to receive funding in the upcoming fiscal year. It also outlines anticipated investments in the remaining years of the 10-year Wake Transit planning period.
Document Span	10 fiscal years (July to June)	10 fiscal years (July to June)	1 fiscal year (July to June)
Update Cycle	Updated every 4 years	Updated every 4 years	Developed each year
Adoption Authority	Governing Boards	Governing Boards	Governing Boards
Adoption Date	Adopted in April 2021	Adopted in February 2019	Adopted in June annually
Project Lead	САМРО	GoTriangle	САМРО
Engagement Lead	САМРО	GoTriangle	GoTriangle
Required Strategy	Project specific engagement strategy		Project specific engagement strategy
CE Subcommittee Role	Review & recommend the draft strategy to TPAC; support engagement and communications activities; participate in after-action review process	Review & recommend the draft strategy to TPAC; support engagement and communications activities; participate in after-action review process	Review & recommend the draft strategy to TPAC; support engagement and communications activities; participate in after-action review process
TPAC Role	Receive engagement strategy as information; release draft plan for public review; receive engagement report as information; incorporate feedback in the recommended plan; recommend Governing Board adoption	Receive engagement strategy as information; release draft plan for public review; receive engagement report as information; incorporate feedback into the recommended plan; recommend Governing Board adoption	Receive engagement strategy as information; release draft plan for public review; receive engagement report as information; incorporate feedback, release recommended plan for public review; receive second engagement report; recommend Governing Board adoption
CAMPO Role	Lead development; advertise, and attend public hearing and review period; TCC reviews draft and recommends final plan; Executive Board reviews and adopts the final plan	Advertise and attend public hearing; advertise public review period; TCC reviews draft and recommends final plan; Executive Board reviews and adopts the final plan	Lead development; advertise and attend public hearing and review period; TCC reviews draft and recommends plan; Executive Board reviews and adopts the final plan
GoTriangle Role	Advertise and attend public hearing; implement draft public review period; Board of Trustees reviews and adopts the final plan	Lead development and advertise public hearing & review period; incorporate feedback; Board of Trustees reviews and adopts the final plan	Advertise and attend public hearing; implement draft review period; Board of Trustees review and adoption of the final Work Plan
Partner Role	Support dissemination efforts for planned engagement activities	Support dissemination efforts for planned engagement activities	Support dissemination efforts for planned engagement activities
Public Hearing	Joint: CAMPO and GoTriangle (14-day notice)	CAMPO (14-day notice)	CAMPO (14-day notice)
Public Review Period*	30-days for the recommended plan update	30-days for recommended plan update	30-days for draft, 14-days for recommended
Reporting	Engagement Lead provides engagement report to CE and TPAC as information and Governing Boards prior to consideration of adoption	Engagement Lead provides engagement report to CE and TPAC as information and Governing Boards prior to consideration of adoption	Engagement Lead provides engagement report to CE and TPAC as information and Governing Boards prior to consideration of adoption
After-Action Review	Annual after-action performance review	Annual after-action performance review	Annual after-action performance review

		Wake Transit Public Engagement Development Guide	
	Community Engagement Policy	Other Program-Level Plans, Policies, and Deliverables	Project-Level Plans, Policies, and Deliverables
Description	engagement requirements for applicable Wake Transit planning, programming, and project development efforts. It	Plans, policies, guidelines, and processes that apply to the Wake Transit program as a whole or components thereof AND must be adopted by the TPAC or Wake Transit governing boards require a public review and engagement.	Wake Transit planning and project efforts being led by partner agencies that require engagement, as identified in the project presentation schedule, are subject to the guidance provided in this policy. Engagement strategies will be unique and scoped for each individual project.
Document Span	Continuous until updated	Varies by project size, scope & type	Varies by project size, scope & type
Draft Cycle	Updated as needed	As needed	As needed
Adoption Authority	Governing Boards	TPAC and/or Governing Boards	Varies by project, may not require adoption
Adoption Date	Adopted as needed	Adopted as needed	Adopted as needed
Project Lead	GoTriangle	CAMPO/GoTriangle/Other Designee	Project sponsor
Engagement Lead	GoTriangle	GoTriangle	Project sponsor or designee
Required Strategy	Project specific engagement strategy	Project specific engagement strategy	Project specific engagement strategy
CE Subcommittee Role	Review & recommend the draft strategy to TPAC; support engagement and communications activities; participate in after-action review process	Review draft strategy as applicable; support engagement and communication activities	Receive presentation of engagement strategy as information; support engagement and communication activities
TPAC Role	Receive engagement strategy as information; release draft policy for public review; receive engagement report as information; incorporate feedback into the recommended plan; recommend Governing Board adoption	Review all program-level deliverables, and take appropriate action	Varies by project
CAMPO Role	Advertise public hearing and review period; TCC reviews draft and recommends policy; Executive Board reviews and adopts the final policy	Review and adopt applicable plans, policies, and materials	Varies by project
GoTriangle Role	Lead development; advertise public hearing & review period; incorporate feedback; Executive Board reviews and adopts the final policy	Review and adopt applicable plans, policies, and materials	Varies by project
Partner Role	Support dissemination efforts for planned engagement activities	Support dissemination efforts for planned engagement activities	Support engagement efforts, as appropriate
Public Hearing	CAMPO (14-day notice)	Determined during project development	Determined during project development
Public Review Period*	30-days for recommended policy	14-day or 30-day public review period determined during project development phase	Varies by project
Reporting	Engagement Lead provides engagement report to CE and TPAC as information and Governing Boards prior to consideration of adoption	Determined during project development (engagement summary report recommended)	Determined during project development (engagement summary report recommended)
After-Action Review	Annual after-action performance review	Optional to include in annual or separate after-action review	After-action review recommended, led by project sponsor

# **Appendix 1: Regulations**

Minimum requirements for public participation are based on a number of federal and state laws and regulations that speak to the inclusion of all individuals. The following federal and state rules guide public participation for all projects receiving Wake Transit funding.

Law/Regulation/Rule	Description
Section 508 of the	Establishes requirements for electronic and information
Rehabilitation Act	technology to be accessible to people with disabilities,
	including employees and members of the public.
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act	Prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national
of 1964	origin
Civil Rights Restoration Act of	Broadened the scope of Title VI to include programs
1987	whether federally assisted or not
Age Discrimination Act of 1975	Prohibits discrimination based on age
Rehabilitation Act of 1973,	Prohibits discrimination based on physical or mental
Section 504	handicap
Americans with Disabilities Act	Prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities
of 1990	
1973 Federal-aid Highway Act	Prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex
Executive Order 13166	Provides guidance on access for services for Limited English
	Proficiency persons
Executive Order 12898	Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in
	Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations
49 CFR Part 21	US DOT regulation on implementing Title VI of the Civil
	Rights Act of 1964
49 CFR Part 27	US DOT regulation on implementing Section 504 of the
	Rehabilitation Act of 1973
23 USC §128	Requires public meetings to be held at convenient and
	accessible locations and times
N.C. Gen Stat. §143-318.10(b)	North Carolina Open Meetings Law

# **Appendix 2: Glossary of Terms**

- **Community:** A defined group of individuals, businesses, and organizations potentially affected by a planned Wake Transit investment as identified by geographic boundaries, special interests, specific characteristics, or other situations.
- **Community Engagement:** A strategic process that involves working collaboratively with and through identified groups of people connected by geographic proximity, special interest, or other affiliation to discuss issues affecting their well-being and quality of life.
- **Community Engagement Policy:** The Wake Transit community engagement policy provides overarching guidance for how partners will communicate, involve, and include community members in the Wake Transit decision-making process.
- **Community Engagement/Public Participation Plan:** Each partner agency's participation plan that provides details about how Wake Transit, state, federal, and local engagement requirements will be met.
- **Community Engagement Strategy**: An engagement strategy identifies the project manager, specific tactics, measures, methods, timeline, budget, and additional deliverables and activities needed to accomplish the goals of a planned engagement effort.
- Implementation Agreements: Shall mean regular and annual agreements that outline the details of how projects in the Wake County Transit Annual Work Plan shall be implemented. These agreements shall be designated as Operating Agreements or Capital Funding Agreements and will clearly outline implementation standards. The expected amount of funds associated with each Implementation Agreement will be clearly defined in the Wake Transit Work Plan.
- Implementation Element: Shall mean a discrete project, operation or study, or a discrete logical grouping of projects, operations, or studies tracked separately by the Wake County Transit Work Plan.
- **The Four Big Moves:** The adopted goals of the Wake Transit Plan are the "Four Big Moves," which are as follows: 1) Connect the region; 2) Connect all Wake County communities; 3) Provide frequent, reliable urban mobility; and, 4) Enhance access to transit.
- Master Participation Agreement: An agreement between the Wake Transit Governance Interlocal Agreement (ILA) parties (Capital Area MPO, GoTriangle and Wake County) and the other eligible partner agencies.
- **Material Concern:** A concern raised about core components of a project or plan's draft engagement strategy, scope, budget, potential for conflict of interest, missing partners from the process, performance targets, a need for additional approvals, and other possible concerns.

- **Meaningful Input:** Feedback from all sectors of the community that helps to identify transit needs and priorities so that transportation plans are fair across all levels of society. Meaningful input helps planning staff become aware of the potential adverse effects of a project and balance the benefits of a project against its potential adverse effects.
- **Partner Agency:** Agencies and organizations that are eligible to receive Wake Transit funds include Apex, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, GoTriangle, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, Research Triangle Park Foundation, Rolesville, Wake County, Wake Forest, and Zebulon. Partner agencies responsible for carrying out a specific project are designated as a "Project Sponsor" in relevant Wake Transit documents.
- **Program-Level Investments**: Program-level investments apply to more than one project, require approval by the TPAC and/or Governing Boards, and are most often the responsibility of a lead agency, CAMPO or GoTriangle, to execute.
- **Project-Level Investments**: Project-level investments apply only to one project, do not necessarily require approval by the Governing Boards, and are most often the responsibility of a Project Sponsor to execute.
- **Public Review Period:** The lead agency, project manager or other staff responsible for developing the engagement strategy for the deliverable must determine whether a 14-day or 30-day comment period will be required based on a set of criteria. In general, deliverables subject to the 30-day comment period requirement are major planning efforts including those that could directly impact community members. Deliverables that are subject to the 14-day comment period requirement are those that are more administrative in nature, act as guidance for staff and partners managing and/or participating in Wake Transit Plan implementation, and do not establish or change set requirements for communicating or engaging with the public.
- **Community Engagement (CE) Subcommittee:** A designated subcommittee of the TPAC tasked with oversight and support of Wake Transit program-level engagement and communication activities, as well as providing promotional support for Wake Transit project-level engagement efforts.
- **Significant Change:** Wake Transit Partners and staff collect community comments on draft Wake Transit planning documents. Following the review and consideration of comments, if there have been no significant changes to the draft, then a recommended version is released for consideration of approval or adoption.

Unless specifically outlined in an engagement strategy, a second public review and comment period is not required for a recommended plan that is materially the same as the draft previously presented for community review. However, if significant changes are made between the draft and recommended versions of a plan, policy or project document, the revised draft will be made available for an additional 7-day minimum public review and comment period to allow interested

community members the opportunity to review and comment on the changes made prior to a vote for adoption.

Significant changes to a draft are those in which the scope of a plan is adjusted, funding sources are changed, funding amounts are adjusted for more than minor modifications or calculation corrections, the addition or deletion of project(s) or other plan elements, and other edits that would qualify as major amendments to an existing document. Minor changes include a shift in allocation year, rewording plan components for clarity or for correctness, the division of a project funding amounts into phases, and other adjustments deemed minor in the approved Wake Transit amendment policy. Minor changes between a draft and recommended planning document do not require an additional public comment period.

Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC): The TPAC is a staff-level advisory
committee comprised of representatives from agencies and local governments with jurisdiction in
Wake County charged with coordinating planning and implementation aspects of the Wake Transit
Plan. The TPAC serves in a structured advisory role to the CAMPO Executive Board and the GoTriangle
Board of Trustees.



# **Appendix 3: Community Engagement Summary Report**

Wake Transit

**Community Engagement Summary Report** 

Project Name: Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy Update 2022 Project ID: TO002-D Project Sponsor: GoTriangle Project Start Date: 8/15/2022

> Prepared by: GoTriangle Date: 10/25/2022



#### **Executive Summary**

Community Engagement in the summer of 2022 sought input on the draft update to the Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy. The 45-day public comment period took place from August 15, 2022 to September 29, 2022.

The Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy guides the execution of public involvement activities related to Wake Transit investments. The policy sets standards for engagement and lets the community know what to expect from Wake Transit project sponsors and lead agencies. The first Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy (formerly known as the Wake Transit Public Engagement Policy) was adopted by the Governing Boards in 2018. This policy is reviewed annually and updated as needed, with revisions requiring a public comment period prior to consideration for adoption.

The purpose of the public review period for the Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy is to raise awareness of the policy among community members and provide an opportunity to submit feedback as to whether the policy meets expectations regarding engagement and communication activities.

Community Engagement for the Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy Draft Update was strategic. It included a targeted digital communications approach with an email campaign, a social media campaign, an online survey, and a web presence on the GoForward website at https://www.goforwardnc.org/wake-county/get-involved/. In addition, the strategy included three tabling activities that provided face-to-face engagement between GoTriangle staff professionals and members of the public.

A review of the analytics reveals that the communication and engagement strategy resulted in a measurable level of awareness of the Community Engagement Policy Draft Update. Future efforts will benefit from the analytics gathered during this effort, as they provide a baseline measurement to which future efforts can be measured and evaluated. In addition, future campaigns will benefit from an increase in collaboration among Wake Transit partners.

Comments received were low. However, it is noted that the expectations for public comments on a policy related to engagement may not be a highly controversial topic, and therefore, a high level of comments may not be the anticipated result from the public engagement period. Overall, the engagement strategy was effective in being transparent and making the public aware of the draft policy update.

#### **Engagement Purpose**

The purpose of engagement for this policy was to raise awareness of the policy throughout the community and provide members of the public with the opportunity to review and comment on the Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy Update. Public input allows Wake Transit to create transit solutions by drawing upon and implementing local knowledge provided by diverse groups, thereby creating solutions that are inclusive, practical, and effective.

#### Methods

Promotion of the public comment period was achieved through strategic digital and non-digital communication and engagement activities.

#### Materials

Communication materials used to educate community members about the project and promote the engagement effort included the following items:

- Community Engagement Strategy
- Demographics
- Email #1 (Listserve Included Media)
- Email #2
- Email #3
- Face-to-Face Engagement Tabling
- Social Media Briefs (#1-#9, 2 Geo-Targeted)
- Social Media Graphics (FB & Twitter, Instagram)
- Specific Survey Questions
- Talking Points
- Website Content



#### **Events and Activities**

The following tabling events provided face-to-face engagement and awareness of the Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy and its public comment period:

- September 15, 2022 Cary Depot, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- September 19, 2022 GoRaleigh Station, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- September 20, 2022 RTC, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Engagement Results

#### **Participant Demographics**

Key audiences for the Community Engagement Policy Update included the Wake County community, including individuals, organizations, businesses, interest groups, and other parties affected or interested in the Wake Transit decision-making process, including targeted outreach to traditionally underserved populations.

The 1 commenter from the public self-identified as a white, male, non-Hispanic, English speaker, between the ages of 56-63, earning more than \$100,000 annually. The three stakeholder commenters did not provide demographic data.

#### **Comment Themes**

The one public comment received was in response to the question, "How can the government best keep the public aware of bus and public transportation opportunities in Wake County and your community?" The respondent answered, "By amplifying CAMPO, GoTriangle, and other organizations' social media educational campaigns." The three stakeholder comments pointed out technical corrections in the document related to grammar. In addition, one stakeholder comment recommended adding additional references to Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

The public commenter's input was reviewed and considered covered by point 5.9 in the Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy Update, which states, "Wake Transit partners are encouraged to support the community engagement activities of each other by representing a unified and consistent approach when possible and appropriate. This may include the sharing of engagement strategies and materials and/or codeveloping, promoting, and attending the events of partners." Two of the stakeholder comments were updated in the document as technical corrections of grammar. The third stakeholder comment was received after the previous two comments and referred to a grammatical correction that had already been made. In addition, it was concluded that the stakeholder recommendation to include additional references to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) was already covered in the document, which includes a reference to Limited English Proficiency as part of Appendix 1. In addition, points 1.5, 2.3, 3.3, 4.2, and 5.2 all include references to terms like "inclusive, all sectors, diverse" and similar terminology. In addition, point 1.6 refers specifically to Appendix 1 when it states, "This Community Engagement Policy document does not supersede federal, state, or local regulations or guidance governing agencies or organizations responsible for the planning or management of any Wake Transit funded investment. These regulations, among others, are referenced in Appendix 1."

#### Analytics

The public input survey based on the GoForward > Wake website resulted in 26 views, 1 participant, 13 survey responses, and 1 comment. Email, website, and social media data revealed measurable awareness levels, as revealed below:

Email Campaign (4 emails)

- 252 Opens
- 80 Clicks

Website Views

- Page Views 102
- Unique Views 29
- Engagement Average 0:16s

				Link	
Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy		Impressions	Engagement		
GoTriangle Twitter					
	-Aug	2,243	21	4	
18	-Aug	315	5	3	
23	-Aug	399	10	3	
31	-Aug	707	7	0	
7	-Sep	447	11	3	1
14	-Sep	250	4	1	
21	-Sep	286	7	2	
28	-Sep	256	1	0	
GoTriangle Facebook					
15	-Aug	200	10	3	
18	-Aug	100	5	1	
23	-Aug	162	8	1	
31	-Aug	139	8	1	
7	-Sep	248	8	0	
14	-Sep	80	1	0	
21	-Sep	91	0	0	
	-Sep	172	11	2	
GoTriangle Instagram					
31	-Aug	118	2	0	
Wake Transit					
	-Aug	317	5	0	
	-Aug	115	0	0	
	-Aug	111	0	0	
	Aug	97	1	1	
	-Sep	88	0	0	
	-Sep	189	3	2	
	-Sep	274	8	1	
28	-Sep	130	2	0	

#### **Next Steps**

The Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy Update (draft) is progressing forward through the stages of the adoption process. To date, the process has included two reviews by the Wake Transit Planning Advisory Committee's (TPAC) Community Engagement Subcommittee, which resulted in a recommendation for the policy update to be forwarded to the full TPAC Committee. In addition, CAMPO's Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) received the policy update as information during its October 6 meeting. The TPAC also reviewed the policy update during its October 12 meeting and recommended it move forward to the CAMPO

Executive Board. A Public Hearing was held October 19 during the CAMPO Executive Board meeting. GoTriangle's Planning & Legislative Committee (P&L) is scheduled to review the document during its October 26 meeting. The TCC is scheduled to consider it again on November 3. Adoption of the policy may then possibly be considered by the governing boards of CAMPO and GoTriangle during their separate meetings, which happen to occur on the same date of November 16.

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