



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. CAMPO has met with the selected consultant, Stantec, with a virtual kick-off.

**(Staff contact: Daniel Spruill)**

### 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. AMT has developed draft recommendations for the rail corridor and awaits comments from CAMPO, Apex, and CSX.

**(Staff contact: Daniel Spruill)**

### 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 2026: (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 the successful completion of the wildlife crossing study methodology memo, the study moved to completing site assessments, which were scheduled and completed with our partners on February 12, 2026. With the site assessments completed, the study is now focused on drafting a final report to be presented to the stakeholder partners by May. A project update was provided to the Executive Board on February 18, 2026.

**(Staff contact: Caleb Allred)**

### Apex Pleasant Park Access Study

The CAMPO Executive Board approved the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Apex and authorized the signing of the study contract at its February 18, 2026, meeting. The Interlocal Agreement is now scheduled for action at the March 10, 2026, Apex Town Council meeting. CAMPO staff are working on preparing the study for contract execution following the Town Council meeting.

**(Staff contact: Caleb Allred)**

### Eastern Wake Traffic Signal System Integration Study

CAMPO, in partnership with the City of Raleigh, NCDOT, and eastern Wake County jurisdictions (the towns of Garner, Knightdale, Wake Forest, and Rolesville), is nearing the end of the proposal evaluation process to arrive at a preferred consultant for the Eastern Wake Traffic Signal System Integration Study.

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 voted to release the document for a 30-day public comment period from February 26 – March 27, 2026, at their February meeting.

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. At its February 2026 meeting, the CTT agreed to move forward with the Study recommending that the City of Raleigh be the project sponsor for the Western BRT Extension. The CTT is planning to make a recommendation on a project sponsor for the Southern BRT Extension at their meeting in March 2026. 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 presented the draft Recommendations to the Steering Committee in February and are working to address feedback from the Steering Committee. 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](#).

**(Staff contact: Shelby Powell)**

## 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 opened on January 5, 2026, and closed on January 31, 2026. The selection committee met on February 19, 2026, to discuss and recommend projects for selection in the upcoming Work Plan. These recommendations will be presented to the TPAC in March. There are no further updates at this time. More information and this year’s development schedule can be found on [CAMPO’s CFAP website](#).

**(Staff contact: Suvir Venkatesh)**

### Blueprint for Safety Program

The Safety Policy & Culture Task Force and the Safety Projects Task Force met virtually in February 2026 (Tuesday, February 3rd from 10:30 am-12:00 pm, and Tuesday, February 10th from 10:30am-12:00 pm respectively). The Policy & Culture Task Force agenda addressed items such as: (1) the City of Raleigh’s Crash Report Training Walkthrough, (2) the Safety Related Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Ordinance Language Update, and (3) the Safety Related Development Ordinance Language Update. The Projects Task Force agenda addressed items such as: (1) a Walkthrough of the Blueprint’s “Safety Scoping Process”, (2) an Overview of Adopted, Underway, and Future Regional Safety Plans, (3) an Overview of Regional Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Safety Projects, and (4) a Walkthrough of NCDOT’s Speed Management Program. Both task forces were given a Blueprint for Safety – Website Overview so that task force participants would know how to access materials pertinent to each task force.

**(Staff contact: Kenneth Withrow)**

### Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Following publication of the FY 2025 *Status of the System* Report, which evaluates the performance of CAMPO’s transportation network using the framework established in the latest CMP Update, staff have been compiling bottleneck reports for FY 2026 Q1 and Q2. These will be included in the April project update. In parallel, with the February 2026 adoption of *Destination 2055*, CAMPO’s newest Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), staff have initiated the next CMP Update to align the process with the policies, findings, and recommendations of the MTP.

**(Staff contact: Evan Koff)**

### FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Modification #3

Modification #3 to the FY 2026 UPWP refined the fiscal year 2026 budget for the Wake Transit Bus Plan, and spread the cost over two fiscal years (2026 and 2027). The budget was revised from \$731,543 in FY 26

to reflect \$334,860 in FY 26 and \$396,683 in FY 27. Executive Board Member list in Appendix A was updated to reflect membership changes to the Executive Board in January 2026.  
**(Staff Contact: Shelby Powell)**

## 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 were asked about their preferred connections to each area and their priorities. This period of public information consisted of over a dozen informational presentations, 3 main pop up events, and community events that were conducted over the course of Jan 21 - Feb 25, 2026. Over 700 responses to the online survey were collected and are currently being analyzed and prepared to share with the region at April's meeting as an update. The technical and leadership committee met in February and will meet again in March to also agree upon decision frameworks for the project in the months ahead.

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). **(Staff contact: Cara Russell)**