Public Engagement Update

January 2022

Public Notices & Comment Periods (CAMPO)

Item	Req'd # of days	Public Comment Period & Public Hearing
Executive Board Action in JANUARY		
Safety Performance Measures	30	Public Comment: Dec. 19-Jan. 17 Public Hearing: None
Wake Transit Bus Plan – Project Prioritization Policy	-	Public Comment: Nov. 9-23 Public Hearing: None
Executive Board Action in FEBRUARY		
LAPP Investment Program of Projects – FFY 2024	30	Public Comment: Jan. 13-Feb. 14 Public Hearing Jan. 18
CAMPO Unified Planning Work Program – FY 2024	30	Public Comment: Jan. 13-Feb. 14 Public Hearing: Feb. 15
Executive Board Action in MARCH		
Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Report – actual date of Exec. Board Action TBD	45	Public Comment: Jan. 5-Feb. 19 Public Hearing: TBD
Regional Mobility Management Program Adoption	30	Public Comment: Feb. 13-Mar. 14 Public Hearing: TBD

As the Coronavirus 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 community and traditionally underengaged populations. To continue moving 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. *Pleaseencourage your communications experts to help amplify these messages – thank you!*

CAMPO Projects – Public Engagement Updates

LAPP FFY 2024 Program of Projects

The call for projects for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) closed on October 31, 2022. Since then, CAMPO Staff has worked internally to verify project scoring and has met with the LAPP Selection Panel, who has provided a recommendation of projects to fund. The recommended list of projects, known as the LAPP Investment Program, will be presented for public

comment from **January 13 to February 14, 2023**, with a public hearing and anticipated Executive Board action at the February 15th meeting.

U.S. 401 Corridor Study:

https://www.US401CorridorStudy.com

The third round of public engagement **ended on December 16, 2022**. Along with an online survey and in-person popups, Public Open Houses were held in the Town of Fuquay-Varina on Dec. 6th and in Harnett County on Dec. 8th. The study team will now analyze the results of the public engagement input received, including comments received via the survey, in-person, and via email and voicemail. A public engagement summary report will be developed. The next steps for the study are to develop recommendations for future improvements along the corridor. There will be another round of public engagement to gain feedback on the recommendations.

FY2024 Unified Planning Work Program Draft

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) represents the work products and budget for the MPO. The Draft FY 24 UPWP will be released for public review and comment from **January 13, 2023 to February 14, 2023.** A public hearing will be held at the February 15, 2023 Executive Board meeting.

Cary-RTP and Garner-Clayton Rapid Bus Extensions MIS

https://wakebrtextensionsstudy.com

This major investment study (MIS) will develop and evaluate alternatives and ultimately select preferred alternatives for two (2) rapid bus or bus rapid transit (BRT) extensions: one from Cary to Research Triangle Park, and another from Garner to Clayton. These extensions would build onto two (2) of the core BRT corridors included in the original Wake County Transit Plan. The final of three rounds of public engagement **ended on December 16, 2022**. Following review of feedback, a final recommendation of a Locally Preferred Alternative is anticipated to be presented in early 2022.

Southeast Area Study Project

https://seareastudyupdate.com/

The project team conducted the first phase of community engagement throughout July of 2022. The project team will be providing a summary of Phase 1 engagement in the next month or so, which will be presented to the Core Technical Team and Stakeholder Oversight Team, as well as posted to the project website. The project team will now focus on technical analysis to develop a set of draft priorities and improvements, with a workshop for the SOT and CTT slated for this October. Following additional work, **Phase 2 community engagement is likely to occur in early 2023**. Following that, final recommendations will be developed which will be shared through a third and final phase of community engagement to conclude the approximately 18-month long study.

Wake Transit FY 2024 Work Plan Development

The TPAC will receive progress updates and is anticipated to release the draft FY 2024 Work Plan for public review from **February 20, 2023 to March 22, 2023** and will be combined with engagement for drafted Wake Bus Plan components. The work plan will also include recommended funding for projects in the FY 2024 Community Funding Area Program. The Executive Board will receive ongoing progress updates throughout the development of the draft, and then the recommended work plan. Adoption of the FY 2024 Work Plan is anticipated to occur in June 2023.

Regional Partner Projects – Public Engagement Updates

Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study (GoTriangle = Lead Sponsor)

https://www.readyforrailnc.com/

GoTriangle presented a copy of the updated draft results for the Feasibility Study to governing boards and key stakeholders in the fall of 2022. An updated draft has been presented to the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, which will also be shared with the Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) in December, and the CAMPO Executive Board and TCC at their January 2023 meetings. The report will be released for public comment **from January 5, 2023 to February 19, 2023**.

Wake Durham Bus Plan Update (GoTriangle = Lead Sponsor)

https://goforwardnc.org/bus-plans-project

GoTriangle is working with regional partners to update the Wake Bus Plan which will recommend how and when the Wake Transit Plan invests transit funds between 2025-2030. Public engagement activities took place during the month of May and feedback will guide recommendations for transit investments. The current phase of the project is working to prioritize and develop a recommended program specific transit service improvements –short and mid-term (2-7 years). The Executive Board will consider approval of a Project Prioritization Policy for the Plan at their January meeting. **The draft policy was available for public comment from November 9-23, 2022.** The actual Draft Short Range Transit Plans and Draft Wake Bus Plan will have a larger, final phase of public engagement in early 2023. This engagement will likely be integrated with the public engagement plans for the FY24 Wake Transit Work Plan.

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, LAPP investments, and transportation studies).

Engagement Anticipated for Winter (January-March 2023)

- Transit Riders On-Board Surveys
- Commuter Rail Feasibility Study
- Southeast Area Study Update
- CAMPO's Unified Planning Work Program FY2024
- Wake Transit Work Plan FY 2024
- Wake Bus Plan Update
- Wake Bus Rapid Transit Projects and Studies – ongoing
  - New Bern – ROW & Start of Construction
  - Northern MIS Phase 1

Other Studies/Projects that may have community engagement/outreach:

- Non-Motorized Volume Data Program
- Mobility Management Committees & Program Implementation
- Safe Routes to Schools – Road Safety Audits

General Communications:

CAMPO continues to be active on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. In addition, a quarterly email newsletter is sent to the MPO's general email distribution list consisting of over 1,600 people.

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any public participation process. The Spectrum is used internationally, and it is found in public participation plans around the world.

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION

	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

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