



INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PROJECT UPDATES

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Studies

Southeast Area Study Update

The original Southeast Area Study, evaluating land use and transportation issues in the southeastern section of the MPO's planning area, was completed in 2018. It covered parts of Wake and Johnston Counties, and the municipalities of Archer Lodge, Benson, Clayton, Four Oaks, Garner, Kenly, Micro, Raleigh, Selma, Smithfield and Wilson's Mills. The Study update includes the Town of Pine Level as well. The study is being conducted in coordination with NCDOT and the Upper Coastal Plain RPO.

The consultant developed two land use scenarios, shaped by CTT and SOT feedback on desired growth and development trends, which were compared against current land use patterns. The CTT convened in March to review results and provide input on which scenario best fit the guiding principles established at the outset of the SEAS.

The final Core Technical Team (CTT) meeting was held on May 24th at Clayton Town Hall. A final Stakeholder Oversight Team (SOT) meeting is scheduled for June 22nd from 4pm to 5pm, to be immediately followed by a Public Symposium from 5pm to 7pm, hosted at Garner Town Hall. The objective of these meetings is to present outcomes of the preferred land use scenario and discuss the draft modal recommendations.

More information is online here: <https://seareastudyupdate.com/> (Staff Contact: Gaby Lawlor)

U.S. 401 Corridor Study

This study covers the U.S. 401 Corridor from generally U.S. 421 in Harnett County north to Banks Road in Wake County. For the purpose of the study, the corridor has been divided into three segments that enable the study team to focus on the requirements of each segment individually:

US 401 Fuquay-Varina Bypass

US 401 - Fuquay-Varina @ Banks Road to the Harnett/Wake County Line

US 401 - Southern Section – Harnett/Wake County Line to Lillington

The project schedule has also been extended to conclude by June 2023, and future notifications of meetings will be presented to the public. Following two Public Open Houses that were hosted in December by the Town of Fuquay-Varina and Harnett County, the US 401 Corridor Study team is currently working to determine the preferred alignment as well as work on design for the existing US 401 highway through northern Harnett County. The Core Technical Team (CTT) and Stakeholder Oversight Team (SOT) meetings for the study will occur in June 2023; with additional public engagement to occur following the completion of the contract. The project website is located at www.US401CorridorStudy.com.

(Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

Project Prioritization Methodology Update FY 2023

The MPO has contracted with High Street Consulting Group to develop a new comprehensive, flexible, and data intensive project prioritization program to be applied to transportation improvement projects within the Capital Area MPO region. The purpose of the study is to identify and develop a robust and systematic approach for selecting proposed roadway improvements throughout the Capital Area MPO beyond traditional measures of effectiveness. The analysis will investigate existing data inventories and prioritization algorithms and develop new methodologies that incorporate broader measures of project impact in support of the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

General deliverables include:

1. Peer research review and analysis for applicability.
2. Documentation of benefit metrics evaluated and ultimately selected to be part of the tool.
3. Recommended data sources for each metric.

4. Functionally detailed methodology for prioritization and any accompanying tools or utilities required in that process.
5. Document highlighting how the updated project prioritization process fits into the overall process of developing the MTP and the actual method of scoring projects using the process.

Current progress has been in the form of:

1. An initial kick-off meeting between the consulting team and the core technical team selected for this study on October 27, 2022. The purpose of this meeting was to confirm the schedule, key milestones, and work plan for this task order. The meeting was also a chance for the team to clarify project goals and CAMPO's expectations, as well as confirm data and technical elements that will be needed to implement project impact assessments and integrate them into CAMPO processes.
2. An initial project management meeting (recurring monthly) to review initial findings of the peer review and data assessment task outlined in the project scope. Consultant staff presented data gathered so far and asked follow-up questions to:
 - a. Understand the current prioritization process for the roadway portion of the MTP
 - b. Identify any need for incorporating additional datasets or reporting standards based on past technical analysis at the MPO and desired future criteria for prioritization
 - c. Request any discovered or listed data that was not available via online public consumption
3. A December project management meeting where a draft presentation by the consulting team was delivered. The presentation provided the initial findings of the peer review and data assessment task.
 - a. Project managers and CAMPO staff provided feedback to be incorporated into the succeeding presentation for the study CTT.
4. A polished presentation, using the MPOs stated goals and objectives and CAMPO-sourced technical data, was delivered in mid-December to the study CTT.
 - a. CTT members provided additional guidance on the desired applicable data to be considered in the next task deliverable (criteria development)
5. The consulting team presented a draft set of criteria to CAMPO project management team with a request for feedback before presenting these findings to the CTT.
 - a. CAMPO project management presented draft criteria to CAMPO staff at-large with a request for feedback.
 - b. Feedback from staff was received and delivered back to the consulting team for integration into a polished presentation for the next CTT meeting.
6. The consulting team presented the initial set of draft criteria development concepts and ideas to the CTT at the end of February, with a request for feedback before beginning scoring framework and script development tasks.
 - a. A follow-up meeting with the CTT and consultant, in mid-March, was held to provide one more opportunity for follow-up questions and guidance before finalizing a set of criteria.
7. Finalized criteria were used to develop a draft framework and script for project scoring.
 - a. Consultant met with CAMPO project management team in late April to review current progress on this task and address any preliminary issues before generating initial score results.
8. At the beginning of May the consultant delivered an operating scoring tool and an initial set of prioritization scores for the adopted 2050 MTP project list.

- a. CAMPO staff have performed a preliminary review of the scoring outputs and have successfully run the scoring tool to confirm that it is operable.
 - b. CAMPO staff made recommendations to the consultant for small efficiency improvements to the scoring tool. The consultant provided an updated tool based on this feedback.
9. The consultant and the project management team met in mid-May to discuss the Strategic Roadmap deliverable.

Next milestone:

1. The consultant will host a final CTT meeting to review initial project scores and provide an overview of the Strategic Roadmap deliverable.

(Staff contact: Tim Shortley)

MTP Bicycle & Pedestrian Element Update

CAMPO has contracted with Alta to conduct a one-year study to review the existing Bicycle/Pedestrian Element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), with the purpose of determining a better and more meaningful approach to document bicycle and pedestrian projects or corridors in the MTP, and to assist the MPO with producing a dataset more meaningful and productive for member agencies to use for local planning and project implementation in service to a regional vision. This project will be guided by a technical steering committee (TSC) comprised of CAMPO and TCC members. The TSC will meet at key points in the planning process. Project kickoff will be scheduled in June to gather input from the TSC, which will help establish project goals and strategies.

(Staff contact: Gaby Lawlor)

Committees

Wake Transit/Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

FY 2023 Work Plan, Period of Performance Extensions

The next Wake Transit Work Plan amendment cycle launched in May with requests for Period of Performance extensions. CAMPO staff worked in tandem with the GoTriangle legal team to determine a list of eligible projects, and informed partners to submit their respective extension requests by the submittal deadline of May 26, 2023. Continuing their tandem work after May 26th, CAMPO and GoTriangle staff will work with the service providers to determine each project's most appropriate period of performance extension. Lastly CAMPO will submit these recommendations to the TPAC for their June meeting and TCC and Executive Board in their respective August Meetings. **(Staff Contact: Evan Koff)**

FY 2024 Work Plan Development Update

Due to a proposed shift in revenue streams by GoTriangle leadership, Wake Transit Program staff worked to provide revised sections of the Recommended FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan to the Program Development (PD) Subcommittee's ad-hoc meeting to on May 9, 2023. After a presentation and discussion, the PD Subcommittee recommended that the revised sections be integrated into the greater Work Plan and be presented to the Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) at their rescheduled meeting on May 17,

2023. At the May TPAC meeting, the fully revised Recommended FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan was recommended for adoption by the Wake Transit governing boards. Later that day, CAMPO's Executive Board received as information the revised Recommended FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan from CAMPO and GoTriangle staff. Following, on May 18, 2023, staff commenced the 14-day public hearing, which will conclude on June 1st. The remaining development process for the FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan will adhere to the following development calendar:

- June 1: TCC meeting
- June 21: Public Hearing & Adoption by CAMPO Board
- June 28: Adoption by GoTriangle Board

Included in the recommended Work Plan is the proposed Annual Operating Budget, Annual Capital Budget, Multi-Year Operating Program, Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as well as an update to the Wake Transit Financial Plan and financial model assumptions. Operating and capital funding agreements will be included in the final version of the document after the Work Plan's adoption in June. The governing boards will receive ongoing progress updates throughout the development of the recommended plan. Staff expects that the CAMPO Executive Board will consider adoption of the FY 2024 Work Plan at the June meeting. **(Staff Contact: Shelby Powell and Evan Koff)**

[FY2024 Community Funding Area Program Update](#)

The Wake Transit's Community Funding Area Program's (CFAP) FY 2024 call-for-projects will conclude upon adoption of the Recommended FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan. At which point, CAMPO staff will schedule the kick-off meetings for the two (2) capital projects and planning project for the Town of Apex and the capital project for the Town of Knightdale. Prior to those kick-off meetings all currently active grantees (Towns of Apex, Fuquay-Varina, Morrisville, and Wake Forest) will attend their annual reviews. It is anticipated that work will begin shortly on evaluating the sections of the Community Funding Area Program Management Plan that require updating since the plan's adoption in November 2018. Lastly, it is also anticipated that the FY 2025 CFAP project incubation meetings will occur in September 2023, and the Applicant Training and the call-for-projects will open in late October 2023. **(Staff Contact: Evan Koff)**

[Mobility Coordination Committee](#)

The MCC is the CAMPO administered regional committee borne out of the 2018 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The Plan sets the regional priorities for transportation investments and initiatives for human services and public transit coordination for seniors, disabled and low-income persons and establishes short, mid and long-term goals for the committee. Short-term goals (2019- 2022) consists of establishing the organizational structure to address the recommendations (the MCC), developing a consistent ADA program, preparing for changes in the state's Medicaid program, preparing a regional mobility framework for emerging partners and creating a regional mobility management structure/program. Given the complexity of our regional transportation system, the CAMPO Board approved hiring a consultant with mobility management expertise to assist the committee members with the short-term goal of developing and implementing a mobility management program. The notice to proceed for the Mobility Management Program Implementation Study (MMIS) was issued to the firm of Nelson Nygaard with sub-consultant P3 on August 11, 2021. The study is concluding June 30, 2023.

The sub-committee members continue to meet at least bi-monthly to work through the coordinated plan's remaining recommendations which includes advancing the mobility management program implementation study and ADA coordination among the transit providers. CAMPO staff is coordinating the MMIS and MCC work while advancing the mobility study. CAMPO and the members as funding partners and the technical steering committee, are continuing to work directly with the MMIS consultants to develop the regional mobility program.

Other ongoing committee work includes, developing a scope of work for the upcoming 2024 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan update, examining the Triangle Transportation Choices/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program for synergies with the mobility coordination efforts, working collectively on Phase II of the Mobility Management Study and the recommendations outlined in the 2018 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation/Wake Transit Plan. Members are sharing Information to help new members become familiar with the committee's work and to coordinate services and programs to improve communication and service operations. Committee members are also continuing to work with NCPTA, NC DOT, service brokers and others participating in activities to improve the State's NEMT program.

The last quarterly meeting was held April 20th, 2023, while a joint subcommittee working meeting was held April 6th and May 3rd. Committee members have been focusing on the MMIS tasks- detailed operational plans and the work program for the mobility manager position, work scope/RFP for the updated coordinated plan, and preparing a Section 5310 program application. Information on the MCC's work along with the Short-Term Goal Implementation report is on the CAMPO's [Mobility Coordination Committee webpage](#). CAMPO staff will be presenting regular updates to the TCC/Executive Board.

(Staff Contact: Crystal Odum)

Programs

[Triangle Transportation Choices \(Triangle Transportation Demand Management \(TDM\) Program\)](#)

Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) issued a Call for Projects by February 10th, 2023 for the Triangle Transportation Choices/ Transportation Demand Management (TDM) grant program. Proposals were requested for three different funding opportunities for fiscal year 2023-24 (FY24). A brief overview of these three different RFPs (traditional, innovative projects, and equity & inclusion pilot initiative) can be viewed [here](#). The FY24 RFP for Triangle Transportation Choices transportation demand management (TDM) grant program is now closed. The applications are currently being reviewed and the awards will be announced in May.

The purpose of the Triangle TDM Program is to coordinate and evaluate regional TDM activities that aim to reduce traffic and air pollution by promoting commute alternatives such as transit, carpooling, biking, walking, teleworking, and vanpooling. CAMPO serves on the Oversight Committee as one of three funding partners with NCDOT and DCHC, along with representatives from TJCOG and the NC Department of Environmental Quality Division of Air Quality. The FY 21 TDM Annual Impact Report has been released and can be viewed [here](#).

Information about the TDM Plan Update, FY 23 grantees, and FY 24 RFP information can be found on the Triangle Transportation Choices website at:

<https://www.tjcog.org/programs-landusetransportation/transportation-demandmanagement>.

Questions about the program can be directed to Shuchi Gupta, Grant Administrator at (919) 558-2715 or sgupta@tjcog.org. (Staff contact: Crystal Odum)

Projects

NCDOT Highway Project U-2719 – Updates

The overall completion is scheduled for 2024. A presentation will be given this month by Brandon Jones of NCDOT. Further details about the projects are located at NCDOT's [I-440 & Blue Ridge Road Improvements webpage](#). **(Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)**