Public Engagement Update



Looking Forward - March 2022

Public Notices & Comment Periods (CAMPO)

Item	Req'd # of days	Public Comment Period & Public Hearing				
Executive Board Action in March						
UPWP – FY 2022 Administrative Modification #1	30	Public Comment: Feb. 14 to Mar. 15 Public Hearing: Mar. 15				
Executive Board Action in April						
FY 2020-29 Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #8	30	Public Comment: March 21 to April 19 Public Hearing: April 20				

As the pandemic continues to constrain public engagement activities that are in-person, added attentionhas 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. *Please encourage your communications experts to help amplify these messages – thank you!*

<u>CAMPO Projects – Public Engagement Updates</u>

U.S. 401 Corridor Study:

https://www.US401CorridorStudv.com

The project team is now in the third phase of the study – Developing a Preferred Alternative. A public engagement summary report for the second phase has been developed and distributed to the Core Technical Team. At the December 8, 2021 Executive Board meeting, a motion was approved to evaluate potential alternative options for the Future U.S. 401 (bypass) that are further to the south and/or east. CAMPO staff are working with the consultant team to conduct this analysis, which is anticipated to take at least a couple of months. An update on this additional analysis will be provided to the TCC and Executive Board at their meetings in March.

Plans for the third phase of public engagement for the study are now being adjusted to ensure information about the additional analysis is distributed at the same time as the third phase of engagement. Public engagement was previously scheduled for March of 2022 and, while that will be delayed, it is still anticipated to occur in the Spring. The goals for the third phase of engagement are for members of the public to review and comment on the refined recommendations (preferred alternative). For the public meeting (probably an open house format), the project team is also exploring including space for other area transportation projects currently in project development

with NCDOT and also local jurisdictions in the study area in order to combine public engagement opportunities. More will be shared in this public engagement update as those plans develop further.

Triangle Bikeway Implementation Study:

http://trianglebikewav.com/

A final report is currently under review and, therefore, one final round of public engagement – informational - on the final report of recommendations is also being planned. A public review and comment period is likely to occur in March/April. More will be shared in this public engagement update as those plans develop further.

Mobility Management Program Implementation Study

This study is in its first phase, which includes the development of a public and stakeholder engagement plan. The plan is anticipated to include both engagement of key stakeholders, existing and potential users/customers affected by the program, and the broader public. While the plan is still being developed for all phases of the project, the first phase of stakeholder engagement has begun in the meantime. Throughout February and early March, members of the project team will be sharing a kickoff/introductory presentation about the study with decision-making partners and key stakeholder officials. This presentation was shared with the TCC at their February meeting.

Draft FY 2023 Wake Transit Work Plan Development

https://goforwardnc.org/wakeinput/

The Initial Draft of the FY 23 Work Plan was released by the TPAC for public comment on February 9th. Following consideration of the public input and additional analysis by the TPAC members, the committee will submit a Recommended FY 23 Work Plan to CAMPO and GoTriangle boards for approval. CAMPO will then host a public comment period and hearing as part of Exec. Board consideration in the late spring.

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). More information can be found in the Project Updates report.

Engagement Anticipated for Spring (April - June 2022)

- o CAMPO's Strategic Plan Update
- Southeast Area Study Update (starting spring 2022)
- o FY 22 Hot Spots (starting in Feb 2022)
- o Cary-RTP and Garner-Clayton Rapid Bus Extensions MIS (next: April/May 2022)
- Commuter Rail Feasibility Study (next: April/May 2022)
- Bus Rapid Transit Projects and Studies

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

- Non-Motorized Volume Data Program
- Western Wake Traffic Signal SystemIntegration Study
- Mobility Management Committees & Implementation
- Safe Routes to Schools Road Safety Audits

General Communications:

CAMPO continues to be active on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>. In addition, a quarterly email newsletter is sent to the MPO's general email distribution list consisting of over 1,200 people. The next newsletter is slated to be sent in February.

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.	