Public Engagement Update

March 2022

Public Notices & Comment Periods (CAMPO)

Item	Req'd # of days	Public Comment Period & Public Hearing
Executive Board Action in MARCH		
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #11	30	Public Comment: Feb. 13-Mar.15 Public Hearing: Mar. 15

CAMPO Projects – Public Engagement Updates

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. A public engagement summary report will be developed. The next steps for the study are to develop recommendations for future improvements along the corridor. This will include meetings with jurisdictions in the study area. **There will be another round of public engagement to gain feedback on the recommendations, likely in Spring 2023**.

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. A final round of public engagement occurred during November and December 2022. The project team has developed a **recommended Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for each extension, however, there is also need for additional study on operational components. The recommended LPA will likely come to the Exec. Board for action in the spring or early summer 2023.**

Southeast Area Study Update

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 Spring 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 has released the draft FY 2024 Work Plan for public review from **February 20, 2023 to March 22, 2023**. Public engagement activities have been largely combined with engagement for the drafted Wake Bus Plan recommendations. The work plan also includes 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/

The Feasibility Study report was released for public comment **from January 5, 2023 to February 19, 2023**. Following the development of a summary of the public engagement results, the governing boards will be asked to make a decision about next steps for the Commuter Rail project, likely in Spring 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. Following the last round of public engagement activities in May of 2022, the project team has developed recommendations for transit investments through the Wake Bus Plan Update. **These draft recommendations have been released for public review and feedback with a close date of March 22nd.** The project team will then finalize recommendations to be approved through the TPAC to go on to the Wake Transit Governing Boards. It is anticipated that the recommended bus plan update will come to the TCC and Executive Board for action in the late spring to early summer. This round of public engagement is also 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
- 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

Engagement Anticipated for Spring (April-June 2023)

- SEAS Update proposed recommendations
- US 401 Corridor Study proposed recommendations
- Wake Transit Work Plan FY 2024 Adoption
- Wake Bus Plan Adoption
- Wake BRT Transit Projects and Studies - ongoing

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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