



# NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Staff Report

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**To: Executive B**

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### 2020 Urbanized Area and MPO Boundary Update

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After each decennial census, the US Census Bureau identifies urbanized areas. These data have been released over the last month and a half. The MPO, in cooperation with the State and public transportation operator(s)) is required to review the MPO's boundary after each Census to determine if the existing boundary meets the minimum statutory requirements for new and updated urbanized area(s).

Additionally, adjustments can be made to reflect the most comprehensive boundary to foster an effective planning process that ensures connectivity between modes, improves access to modal systems, and promotes efficient overall transportation investment strategies. MPO staff have begun to review these datasets and will bring forward additional analysis and recommendations for potential CAMPO boundary updates in the coming months. Some helpful links are included below:

Summary of changes for Urbanized Areas:

[https://www2.census.gov/geo/pdfs/reference/ua/Census\\_UA\\_CritDiff\\_2010\\_2020.pdf](https://www2.census.gov/geo/pdfs/reference/ua/Census_UA_CritDiff_2010_2020.pdf)

Online mapping of 2020 urbanized areas and current MPO boundaries is available here:

<https://tigerweb.geo.census.gov/tigerweb/>

CAMPO has received notification about potential MPO membership from multiple local jurisdictions. A draft map of boundary changes in Chatham, Harnett, and Johnston counties is included as an attachment. Staff will provide an update on this process and next steps include changes to the MPO boundary, MOU updates, and adoption process. A public comment period will run from August 16 to September 20<sup>th</sup>, and a public hearing will be scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Requested Action:** Conduct public hearing. Consider approval of revised MPO boundary.