



# Public Engagement Update

November 2022

## Public Notices & Comment Periods (CAMPO)

Item	Req'd # of days	Public Comment Period & Public Hearing
<b>Executive Board Action in NOVEMBER</b>		
FY 20-29 Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #10	30	Public Comment: Oct. 17-Nov. 15 Public Hearing: Nov. 16
Wake Transit FY 23 Work Plan Q2 Amendments	30	Public Comment: Sep. 1-30 Public Hearing: None
Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Policy Update	-	Public Comment: Aug 15-30 Public Hearing: None
<b>Executive Board Action in DECEMBER/JANUARY</b>		
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
Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy	45	Public Comment: Aug. 15-Sep. 29 Public Hearing Oct. 19

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. *Please encourage your communications experts to help amplify these messages – thank you!*

## CAMPO Projects – Public Engagement Updates

### U.S. 401 Corridor Study:

<https://www.US401CorridorStudy.com>

The project team is ~~now in the third~~ in the second phase of the study - Develop Solutions. At the December 8, 2021 Executive Board meeting, a motion was approved to evaluate potential alternative alignments or corridor options for the Future U.S. 401 (bypass). CAMPO staff worked with the consultant team to conduct this analysis, provided an update to the TCC and Executive Board at their

meetings in March, and also received direction to proceed with a scope adjustment including an additional alignment in the analysis for the study. The study has been extended with an updated deadline of June 2023.

Based on feedback and discussion about the draft public engagement materials at the November CTT and SOT meetings, **the study's third round of public engagement is being pushed back**. It did not start on October 25 as previously anticipated. The study team is working to update and finalize materials with the goal of keeping existing stakeholders in the loop as well as informing new stakeholders along the latest alignments about the study efforts. Updated public engagement plans and materials will be distributed to the CTT and SOT members as activities begin. **Engagement is still anticipated to occur in November, and now into December.**

### 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. Three (3) touchpoints of community outreach were planned for each corridor during the study. The first occurred in October 2021 and focused on education while also soliciting feedback on priorities for the investments to inform alternatives development and the development of an evaluation framework. The second, “alternatives development and screening” phase, ended in late April 2022 when the public provided feedback on various alternatives. A public engagement summary report is available on the project website and the technical project team will incorporate the feedback into development of final recommendations for the study. Study results/recommendations were presented to the Core Technical Teams and Stakeholder Oversight Teams in October. **A final round of public engagement is being planned for November 7 to December 14, 2022**, with anticipated recommendation of a Locally Preferred Alternative after the holidays.

### 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.

### Mobility Management Program Implementation Study

<https://www.campo-nc.us/programs-studies/transit/mobility-management-implementation-study>

This study is unique because, over the course of the study, engagement will generally be targeted to key stakeholders and organizations, individuals directly impacted by these services and any potential program, with less emphasis on the broader public. As part of the first phase, in the first part of 2022, members of the project team shared a kickoff/introductory presentation with decision-making partners and key stakeholder officials, as well as held a stakeholders workshop on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Two focus groups were held in July and August. The first targeted providers and community human service organizations; the second targeted riders. A summary of both conversations will be shared with the project team and will help inform the development of a draft mobility management program framework, which is anticipated to be presented to stakeholders this fall as a “White Paper”.

### 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<sup>th</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be combined with engagement for drafted Wake Bus Plan components. 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)

GoTriangle presented a copy of the draft results for the Feasibility Study to governing boards and key stakeholders in August of 2022. Based on feedback from those presentations, additional analysis has been conducted before the report is finalized. An updated draft has been presented to the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, which will also be shared with the Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) and the CAMPO Executive Board. **Community engagement, the public release of the report for information and feedback, is anticipated to begin in January of 2023.** <https://www.readyforrailnc.com/>

### Wake Bus Rapid Transit Projects (City of Raleigh = Lead Sponsor)

In an effort to ensure transparency and accessibility to information about the progress of the four central BRT projects in Wake County, **in November 2022, the GoRaleigh project team will be providing a comprehensive informational update to the community.** The anticipated plan is to provide updates across multiple mediums (online, in person popups/tabling, virtual “Ask a Planner” events, and more). <https://raleighnc.gov/bus-rapid-transit>

### Wake Durham Bus Plan Update (GoTriangle = Lead Sponsor)

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 rest of 2022 will be spent developing the Draft Short Range Transit Plans (FY25-FY27) and Draft Wake Bus Plan. As part of that process, the Executive Board will consider approval of a Project Prioritization Policy for the Plan at their November 2022 meeting. **The draft policy will be available for public comment from Nov. 9-23. 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. For more info, as well as the location where the summary of the engagement will be available, visit: <https://www.publicinput.com/WBPA5> or <https://goforwardnc.org/bus-plans-project>.

### Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy Update (GoTriangle = Lead Sponsor)

The Transit Planning Advisory Committee’s (TPAC) Community Engagement Subcommittee and the Communications and Engagement Team at GoTriangle have developed an update to the Community Engagement Policy, which ultimately will need adoption by both the CAMPO Ex. Board and GoTriangle Board of Trustees. The public comment period spanned Aug. 15-Sept. 29, with a **public hearing on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Executive Board adoption is anticipated for December/January 2023.** <https://www.goforwardnc.org/wake-county-comment-period/notice-of-public-hearing/>

## 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 Fall (October-December 2022)

- Commuter Rail Feasibility Study
- Triangle Region’s Household Travel Survey (began on Sept. 26)
- Transit Riders On-Board Surveys
- Rapid Bus Extensions Major Investments Study (Cary-RTP and Garner-Clayton)
- Wake Bus Rapid Transit Projects and Studies – ongoing
  - New Bern – Start of Construction
  - Northern MIS Phase 1

### Engagement Anticipated for Winter (January-March 2023)

- 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

### 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.

<b>IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation</b>						
		<b>INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION</b> 				
		<b>INFORM</b>	<b>CONSULT</b>	<b>INVOLVE</b>	<b>COLLABORATE</b>	<b>EMPOWER</b>
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL</b>	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.	
<b>PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC</b>	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.	