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Triangle Bikeway East Design Project Update: Winter 2026 Engagement Summary Cara Russell, MPO Staff

The Triangle West TPO & Capital Area MPO Boards jointly adopted a Triangle Bikeway Feasibility Study in Spring of 2022 that concluded with a recommended route for a major bikeway facility connection from Chapel Hill to Raleigh. The Preliminary Design for the eastern portion of the project (connecting Research Triangle Park to Raleigh) is currently underway. This portion consists of 14 miles between Research Triangle Park/TW Alexander Drive to the NC Museum of Art greenway bridge at 1-440/Wade Avenue.

Wake County and the Research Triangle Foundation have partnered to fund the design of the eastern portion of the recommended larger facility and CAMPO was requested to manage the design phase of the project. This effort is a partnership between Wake County, Research Triangle Foundation, CAMPO, NCDOT and municipal area partners. The goal of the project is to position the bikeway for future construction funding opportunities and advance design further to evaluate implementation. McAdams was awarded the contract for the design project in late 2024 and Kimley Horn was awarded a contract for General Engineering Services in Spring of 2025 to assist CAMPO in the management of the project.

As a part of the alternatives alignment analysis, stakeholders and the public were asked about their preferred connections to each area and their priorities. This period of public information consisted of 13+ informational presentations, 3 main pop up events, as well as community events that were attended over the course of January 21 - February 25, 2026. Over 630 complete responses to the online survey were collected and analyzed. The full Engagement Report is posted to the project website www.publicinput.com/tribikeeast <<http://www.publicinput.com/tribikeeast>> and is included in the attachments.

The Technical and Leadership Committees are continuing to meet on a regular schedule to agree upon decision frameworks and options for the project in the months ahead after preliminary design is anticipated to be complete (Early 2027).

Current Activities on the project Include

- Continued project coordination with Wake County, Research Triangle Park (RTP), Durham County, City of Durham, Cary, Morrisville, Raleigh
- Stakeholder & Public Engagement Analysis to form technical recommendation for alignment endorsement
- Preliminary design work continues to work toward completing 30% design plans

Next Steps

- TWTP and CAMPO Boards will receive the technical recommendation for alignment endorsement of the Triangle Bikeway East Design Project in June 2026.

Requested Action: Receive as information