

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PROJECT UPDATES**

**A. Hot Spot Program** – Two Hot Spot studies were conducted in FY 2018: an analysis of the US 401/US 70/Mechanical Blvd intersections and surrounding network, and an analysis of the US 64/Hodge Road interchange general area in Knightdale. Both projects are complete and final reports are being polished up for distribution. For more information please contact Paul Black.

**B. Wake Transit Planning Studies & Tasks** –The FY 2019 Wake Transit Work Plan was adopted by the CAMPO Executive Board and GoTriangle Board of Trustees at their June regular meetings, and projects included in the work plan are in the process of moving forward.

The TPAC and its appointed task-specific technical committees have been and will continue to be involved in steering the execution of a number of tasks and studies that are part of the TPAC's on-call consultant transit planning services program. These tasks and studies include the completion of a staffing plan for Wake Transit Plan implementation, a Wake Transit Plan implementation public engagement policy (formerly known as the public engagement strategy), the Wake Bus Plan, a fixed guideway corridors major investment study, and a community funding areas program management plan. These studies/plans are all currently underway, and many interim and final deliverables associated with each will be forwarded to the TCC and Executive Board for action or as information as they are prepared and finalized. More details regarding the major tasks are below, and updates will continue to be provided as tasks and studies progress. (Staff Contacts: Bret Martin, Shelby Powell, Adam Howell)

1. Public Engagement Policy

Work on the Public Engagement Policy resumed in January and the initial tasks related to data collection are complete. The current focus is on finalizing the draft policy recommendation, soliciting feedback from key community stakeholders, and preparing final materials for review and approval. Development of the policy recommendation is anticipated to be completed this summer, with presentations and action items forwarded to the TPAC for its consideration in August or September, followed by public hearings at meetings of the two governing boards and consideration of adoption in September or October.

2. Staffing Model and Expectations Plan

Final review and endorsement by the TPAC on the report can be expected at the TPAC's August regular meeting.

3. Community Funding Area (CFA) Program Management Plan

The Community Funding Area Program Management Plan CTT continues to review and provide feedback on draft program management plan documents. The draft of the program management plan to date would set up community funding area-

eligible organizations with the ability to begin submitting projects for consideration in the FY 2020 Wake Transit Work Plan. CAMPO and the CTT plan to make a final policy document available for TPAC and governing board consideration in late summer or early fall to allow the newly developed program to be used for the development of the TPAC next work plan.

4. Wake Bus Plan

**10-Year Bus Operations/Capital Plan and Short-Range Transit Plans** - The Bus Plan core technical team continues to meet on a biweekly basis to develop the phasing of operating and capital projects through the horizon year of the Wake Transit Plan (2027). Short-range transit plans for each of Wake County's transit providers are also under development and will provide more implementation detail for services that are proposed to be implemented within the next five years of plan implementation. The CTT is preparing for the next stage of public outreach, generally scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup>, to engage the public and receive feedback on individual operating projects proposed to be deployed in the next five years of the plan.

**GoCary Comprehensive Operational Analysis** – Two alternative service scenarios have been developed for the existing GoCary system that will be shared with the public during the late summer GoForward public outreach period to solicit feedback and preferences that will inform the direction of any operational changes.

5. Transit Corridors Major Investment Study

The MIS CTT continues to develop and refine interim deliverables associated with the bus rapid transit track of the MIS. The CTT has reviewed potential project sponsor plans for transitioning from the MIS stage of planning to further alternatives refinement and project development. The CTT has also been provided a draft of the proposed concurrence policy and process that will drive coordination of decision making throughout project development and other phases for large capital projects. The CTT is also in the process of receiving data for each of the corridors and various alignment alternatives within each corridor that coincide with the adopted evaluation framework being used to assess alternatives' efficacy.

6. Transit Customer Surveys

After gathering information from Wake Transit partners and working with a survey expert, GoTriangle staff has drafted a scope for the coordinated customer survey and community-wide survey to set benchmarks in customer satisfaction and attitudes toward transit. In order to ensure this draft scope captures all agency partners' needs in our dynamic environment, Wake Transit partners are reconvening again in the coming weeks to review and finalize the proposed scope and schedule for deployment of a regular survey program.

**C. Regional Freight Plan Study** - The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, in cooperation with the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHCMPO), and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) hired the consultant

services of Parsons Brinckerhoff to develop a Regional Freight Plan for the Triangle region. The Regional Freight Plan Study and Final Report was provided to both MPOs in November, 2017; with a presentation was given to the Joint Executive Board on November 30, 2017. Staff from both MPOs have reviewed the document; and suggested final edits to be completed by the consultant. Staff from both MPOs have provide comments on the draft Executive Summary; which will be finalized by the consultant by end of April/early May. A presentation of the Triangle Regional Freight Plan will be given at the June TCC and Executive Board meetings. Public comment on the Plan will be received until August 15, 2018; as which time the Executive Board will vote to approve the Triangle Regional Freight Plan. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

**D. (SRTS) John Rex Endowment Grant Award Update** - As of the December 18, 2015 SRTS Subcommittee meeting, UNC Highway Safety Research Center (HSRC) staff reported that they have held steering committee meetings at all five of the schools that are participating in the John Rex Endowment project. Along with the “common threads” found for each of the schools and their respective local government staff members is the need for sidewalks to the schools and greenway access. HSRC staff has launched the project website as <http://saferouteswakecounty.org/>. The website was created to focus first on serving the needs of those involved in the project, but also broad enough that others who visit the site looking for SRTS info in general may find something useful. Activities have been done at all of the five partner schools in the form of steering committee meetings to create school action plans. All five SRTS Action Plans were completed in July, 2017. The plans are recommendations and are accompanied by a small amount of funding (\$16,000 per school). The Subcommittee met on April 13, 2018; and received information improvements to be proposed for Apex Friendship High School; as well as information concerning the state’s newly enacted sidewalk construction policy associated with municipal connections to schools. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 15, 2018 in CAMPO Conference Room B. Please go to <http://www.iwalktoschool.org/> for additional details. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

**E. NC Non-Motorized Volume Data Program - Phase II Region Roll-out** - The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in cooperation with ITRE, the MPOs and RPOs in Highway Divisions 4, 5, 8, and 10 is working this year to develop a bicycle and pedestrian volume counting program with consistent methodologies that can be replicated statewide. Following a review of 44 sites, a total of 14 sites in the four cities of Apex, Cary, Raleigh, and Wake Forest were determined to be suitable. All Interlocal Agreements between CAMPO and the four municipalities have been adopted by their elected leadership; and the Memorandum of Agreement between CAMPO and NCDOT has received the signature of NCDOT’s chief engineer. CAMPO has accepted the bid from a NCDOT recognized vendor and will be working to finalize a contact with that vendor. The vendor awarded the contract is OnSite Development in Charlotte, North Carolina. Construction on the project was completed as of June 28, 2018. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow).

**F. NC 98 Corridor Study** – The Capital Area MPO, Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, and NCDOT initiated a corridor study for NC 98 from U.S. 70 in Durham to U.S. 401 in southern Franklin County in FY 2017. The study will determine and address critical issues and needs along the corridor associated with mobility, operational function, and safety for motor vehicle users, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users. The study will provide recommendations for the ultimate vision for the corridor while also generating recommendations for the corridor that can be implemented in the short- to mid-term that address more immediate deficiencies but also work toward implementation of the ultimate vision. Recommendations developed as part of the study will be used to inform the development of future Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) updates, as well as the MPO's biennial prioritization of projects to be considered for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project is complete and final report is ready for distribution. (Staff Contact: Paul Black)

**G. Rolesville Main Street Study** – CAMPO and Rolesville are partnering to fund a study of the Rolesville Main Street area. A team led by Stantec performed this study. The study kicked off in October and is now largely complete. A successful public project symposium was held in early January followed by a multi-day charrette in February to discuss ideas and options for the Vision Plan. Recommendations from the study include several intersection improvements and access improvements along the corridor. A Public Open House to review draft recommendations was held May 17 at the Rolesville Community Center, and more than 50 members of the public attended. The draft report is available on the project website, and a final presentation will be made to the Rolesville Town Board in August, where the Town Board will consider endorsing the study. Recommendations will be presented to the CAMPO TCC and Executive Board in September. More information is on the project website: <https://www.mainstreetrolesville.com/>. (Staff Contact: Shelby Powell)

**H. Southwest Area Study (Update)** - CAMPO and NCDOT are embarking on the development of an update to the original Southwest Area Study that will address the changes in land use and transportation in the area since 2012 and serve to inform the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Scope negotiations have been completed with the candidate consultant; which is Ramey-Kemp & Associates. The funding Agreement involving CAMPO and NCDOT has been approved as well. The kickoff meeting for the Southwest Area Study project was held on Wednesday, February 28 in CAMPO Conference Room B; and the first Core Technical Team (CTT) meeting was held on March 28, 2018. The first Stakeholder Oversight Team (SOT) was held on Wednesday, May 2 in the Town of Fuquay-Varina. Subsequent CTT meetings have been held in June and July and Apex and Holly Springs respectively. CAMPO staff and staff from the consulting firm of Ramey-Kemp and Associates have participated in several public forums beyond the CTT and SOT meetings to receive input from people within the community as well. The next CTT meeting will be on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 12:30pm, in the Angier Municipal Board Room, 28 N. Raleigh Street. The website for the Southwest Area Study is located at <https://www.swastudy.com/>. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

**I. Triangle Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Deployment Plan Update** – The Capital Area MPO, Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, and NCDOT are jointly funding an update to the 2010 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Deployment Plan. The inter-local agreement was completed in January and contract is in process for final approval. The notice to proceed has been issued, and the stakeholder kick-off meeting was held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and the first stakeholder workshop was held on July 10. (Staff Contact: Paul Black)

**J. Triangle Strategic Tolling Study – Update**

The Capital Area MPO, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, and NCDOT/NCTA have embarked on the development of a regional toll study that will identify the feasibility, applicability, and appropriateness of a variety of user pay systems for potential consideration across the Research Triangle region. Recommendations developed as part of this study will be used to inform the development of future Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) updates. An initial establishment of a Stakeholder Team and conducting subsequent Team interviews, occurred during the week of January 22, 2018 at the Triangle J Council of Governments' Offices in Research Triangle Park. The results from these interviews were presented at the Triangle Tolling Study Stakeholders Workshop, which was held on Wednesday, March 7 at the RTP Headquarters from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. The Workshop concluded by presenting the next steps in the Study; which includes the Tier 1 corridor screening process. ECONorthwest, a company working along with the consultant team on the Tolling Study is on schedule to provide preliminary corridor results from their Toll Optimization Model by the end of July. The Core Technical Team meeting will be scheduled during the mid-August timeframe; and the Stakeholder Oversight Team Workshop #2 will be scheduled in early September. Finally, a Study update to MPO Boards will be scheduled for either September or October. Additional information concerning the Triangle Strategic Tolling Study are located at <http://www.campo-nc.us/programs-studies/triangle-strategic-tolling-study>. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)