



RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND DEDICATION OF WAKE TRANSIT FUNDS AS LOCAL MATCH TOWARDS THE NCDOT RALEIGH TO RICHMOND PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT

A motion was made by Executive Board Member _____ and seconded by Executive Board Member _____ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote, was duly adopted on January 21, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (CAMPO) Board is the duly recognized transportation decision making body for the 3-C transportation planning process (i.e., continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive) of the CAMPO; and

WHEREAS, the CAMPO Board is the duly recognized transportation decision making body for the CAMPO as required by 23 CFR Part 134; and

WHEREAS, the CAMPO Board is designated as one of the two Wake Transit Governing Boards for the Wake County Transit Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Wake Transit Governing Boards receive recommendations regarding Wake Transit project funding and programming from the Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee, made up of professional and technical staff from Wake County municipalities, transit agencies and other entities involved in transit in Wake County; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 Wake County Transit Plan was adopted by the Governing Boards on November 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 Wake County Transit Plan includes designated funding for Regional Rail Investments, totaling approximately \$250 Million over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 Wake County Transit Plan states that these funds should be used to support regional rail investments like new train stations, track improvements and funding more trips on existing services, and any regional rail investment should have a direct and quantifiable benefit to the existing or proposed transit network; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rail Division presented to the Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee on December 18, 2025 their plan to apply to the National Railroad Partnership Program for funding for the next phase of the Raleigh to Richmond (S-Line) Program, extending final design and construction from Wake Forest northward to an interim terminus in Franklinton; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT Rail Division requested that Wake Transit fund the Local Match for the Raleigh to Richmond Program application to extend the final design and construction from Wake Forest to Franklinton, totaling \$125 Million over seven years; and

WHEREAS, the TPAC recommended that the Wake Transit Governing Boards approve a resolution supporting the use of Wake Transit Regional Rail funds to satisfy the Local Match, acknowledging that the project is in alignment with both CAMPO and Wake Transit regional rail service expansion and connectivity goals; and

WHEREAS, the TPAC further recommended that the Wake Transit Governing Boards request NCDOT to become a party to the Wake Transit Master Participation Agreement, that NCDOT continue to actively search for other project support funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program or other sources that could lessen the Wake Transit contribution, and require that if the project is not funded that the Wake Transit funds will revert back to the Wake Transit Regional Rail Investments Reserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Capital Area Metropolitan Organization adopts the following:

1. The Executive Board supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation application to the National Railroad Partnership for the Raleigh to Richmond (S-Line) Program project to extend final design and construction from Wake Forest to Franklinton.
2. The Wake County Transit Plan will provide matching funding for the project in the amount of \$125 Million over 7 years from the Regional Rail Investments funding identified and programmed in the 2035 Wake Transit Plan.
3. The matching funds for fiscal year 2027 will be included in the Wake Transit Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Work Plan.
4. The matching funds for fiscal years 2028 through 2033 will be programmed in the Wake Transit Capital Investment Program adopted as part of the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Work Plan.
5. The North Carolina Department of Transportation will continue to actively search for other potential matching funds, including projects funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program and other sources, to minimize the necessary contribution of Wake Transit funds.
6. If other matching funds are identified, the amount of Wake Transit funding will be decreased accordingly.
7. If the North Carolina Department of Transportation is not successful in its application to the National Railroad Partnership, the Wake Transit funds dedicated to the project will be returned to the Wake Transit Regional Rail Investments Reserve.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Board of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts the Resolution of Support and Dedication of Wake Transit Funds as Local Match Towards NCDOT's Raleigh to Richmond Program application to the National Railroad Partnership Program Grant on this, the 21st day of January, 2026.

Executive Board Chair
NC Capital Area MPO

Chris Lukasina, Executive Director
NC Capital Area MPO