

Public Engagement Update

February 2024

Public Notices & Comment Periods (CAMPO)

	Req'd # of days	Public Comment Period & Public Hearing					
Executive Board Action in FEBRUARY							
Unified Planning Work Program FY 2025	30	Public Comment: Jan. 22 – Feb. 21 Public Hearing: Feb. 21					
LAPP Program FFY 2025	30	Public Comment: Jan. 22 – Feb. 21 Public Hearing: Feb. 21					
Executive Board Action in MARCH							
U.S. 401 Corridor Study Final Recommendations & Report - Endorsement	30	Public Comment: Feb. 19 – Mar. 20 Public Hearing: None					

<u>CAMPO Projects – Public Engagement Updates</u>

2055 MTP Development

Destination2055nc.com

Public facing development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), known as "Destination 2055", occurred from November 2023 to mid-January 2024. Working with staff from DCHC MPO and Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC), the initial phase of public engagement focused on Goals. A preliminary summary of the feedback received was presented at the Joint MPO Boards meeting on January 31st. A similar presentation focused on CAMPO feedback will be shared at the February Executive Board meeting. A formal summary report will also be developed. For most of 2024, MTP development will be focused on data/technical modeling and scenarios for review by Executive Board Members. Once a few Alternative Scenarios have been developed, the next round of public engagement will occur to gain feedback on them, and on overall priorities for future transportation improvements.

U.S. 401 Corridor Study:

https://www.US401CorridorStudy.com

The fourth round of public engagement, which focused on gaining feedback on draft recommendations, concluded on November 5, 2023. A summary of feedback has been developed, the final report and recommendations have been updated, and presentations are scheduled with partner jurisdictions. Following a 30-day public comment period from Feb 19 to March 20 focused on feedback on the final report, it is anticipated that the Executive Board will consider endorsement of the study's recommendations at their March 20, 2024 Meeting.

U.S. 401 Local Presentations

Town of Angier Board
January 10, 2024. 6:30 pm.

Harnett County Commissioners
January 30, 2024. 9:00 am.

Town of Fuquay-Varina Board
February 20, 2024. 7:00 p.m.

Wake County
Letter

Southeast Area Study Update (SEAS)

https://seareastudvupdate.com/

Following the second phase of public engagement in the Summer of 2023, the study team updated the study's recommendations and completed a final report. That report will be shared through a third and final phase of community engagement to conclude the approximately 18-month long study. **Presentations to member jurisdictions in the study area are being scheduled now.** Ultimately, the Executive Board will consider "endorsing" the study for use in future transportation planning efforts, including the development of the Transportation Improvement Program, and the 2055 MTP.

Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan Update

(https://publicinput.com/coordinatedplan2024)

Work on updating the Coordinated Plan is underway and a public engagement plan as well as communication materials have been developed, with a few (for example a short video) still being finalized. Engagement with stakeholders (human service and public transit providers, advocates, local jurisdictions, etc.), began in late November. Earlier this month, general community engagement began and included/s activities such as an online survey and over 10 popups (Feb. 6 & 7). Exec. Board and TCC Members and Alternates are encourage to help spread the word by using the online digital toolkit that has been developed for YOUR use – thanks!

Regional Multimodal Safety Action Plan

(website coming soon)

The Safety Action Plan has recently begun and the first round of public and stakeholder engagement will be a big one! A large stakeholders workshop is being planned for March 14th. Additional details will follow as they are finalized.

N Harnett County Transit Feasibility Study

(https://www.northharnetttransitstudy.com/)

The transit study is now well underway with a workshop for Elected and Public Officials on February 14th in Lillington. Public facing educational materials are being populated onto the project website, and the first round of public engagement is anticipated to begin in April 2024. Additional details will be shared in the March Public Engagement Report.

<u>Regional Partner Projects – Public Engagement Updates</u>

Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study (GoTriangle = Lead Sponsor)

https://www.readyforrailnc.com/

The public comment period for the Feasibility Study report concluded in February and a summary was presented at the Joint CAMPO and DCHC MPO Boards meeting on March 29th. Each MPO has a Rail Subcommittee working to identify next steps for the project that decision making organizations can take action on.

Bus Rapid Transit (Raleigh = Lead Sponsor)

https://raleighnc.gov/bus-rapid-transit

From November to early January, the Raleigh Project Team for the Wake BRT lines conducted a robust round of public engagement. It focused on gaining input related to the Northern BRT line, while sharing an update with the community on the Western, Southern, and New Bern BRT lines' progress. A summary report will follow on the website.

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).

Other Studies/Projects that may have community engagement/outreach in 2024:

- NW Harnett County Transit Study
- o Wake BRT Transit Projects and Studies ongoing
- o Triangle Bikeway NEPA/Design Management
- Wake Transit Plan Update
- Morrisville Parkway Access Management Study
- o Fayetteville-Raleigh Passenger Rail Study, Phase II
- 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 <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>. In addition, a quarterly email newsletter is sent to the MPO's general email distribution list consisting of over 1,600 people.

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any public participation process. The Spectrum is used internationally, and it is found in public participation plans around the world.

- 1	INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION						
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER		
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	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.		
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	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.		

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