

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PROJECT UPDATES**

**A. Hot Spot Program** – The FY 2017 Hot Spot studies include a study of the I-40 / I-540/NC-540 interchange area and assistance with developing a methodology for programming MTP projects with the STI Bonus Allocation funds that will be allocated to the MPO. The I-40/I-540/NC-540 Hot Spot is being conducted by STV, Engineers Inc. STV is developing the final report and a draft has been posted to the CAMPO Sharefile site for review. VHB has been selected to assist the MPO with developing the STI Bonus Allocation methodology. For more information please contact Alex Rickard.

**B. Transit Systems Planning** –The CAMPO Executive Board and GoTriangle Board of Trustees approved a final FY 2018 Wake Transit Work Plan at their June meetings. Starting July 1, 2017, agencies began executing projects funded in the FY 2018 Wake Transit Work Plan. Beginning in October 2017, the TPAC will begin the process of developing the FY 2019 Wake Transit Work Plan in accordance with a schedule that involves the release of a draft for public comment in January 2018 and a final recommendation to CAMPO and GoTriangle in April 2018.

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 strategy, a 10-year bus service implementation plan, a transit corridors major investment study to address fixed guideway projects, 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 in the coming months. (Staff Contact: Bret Martin)

**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) has hired the consultant services of Parsons Brinckerhoff to develop a Regional Freight Plan for the Triangle region. The proposed study is jointly funded by the agencies as mentioned above. The partnership recognizes the importance and need for these agencies to jointly address freight issues in the region. The purpose of the plan is threefold:

- To conduct a comprehensive regional study of freight, goods movement, and services mobility needs;
- To develop a framework to proactively address freight and goods movement mobility needs and challenges in our region; and
- To examine all modes of a freight transportation system with emphasis on trucks, rail and air

cargo and to develop freight recommendations for the 2045 joint Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

A presentation on the Regional Freight Plan was given at the Joint MPO Executive Board meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. A Freight Workshop was held at both the CAMPO and DCHC offices to review maps for the Final Report. The Study and Final Report will be completed by the end of summer 2017. (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 members also met with local government staff members in October and November, 2015 to conduct a “Policy Audit” to understand existing municipal policies and practices for pedestrian safety. Finally, 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. The plans are recommendations and are accompanied by a small amount of funding (\$16,000 per school). The Wake County SRTS Work Group met on August 19; and reviewed the John Rex Endowment grant activities, discussed policy directives for the Wake County Public School System, presented the Greenlight Expression of Interest (EOI) application process, and reviewed subcommittee updates. The SRTS Subcommittee met on Friday, June 16 to discuss the JRE Grant, receive legislative updates from the director of BikeWalkNC, and received update from various subgroups within the Subcommittee. The next Subcommittee meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2017 at 10:00 am. Please note that International Walk to School Day (Wednesday, October 4, 2017) gives children, parents, school teachers and community leaders an opportunity to be part of an event as they celebrate the many benefits of walking. Walkers from around the world will walk to school together for various reasons — all hoping to create communities that are safe places to walk. 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. At this time the Interlocal Agreement between CAMPO Raleigh has been approved by the Raleigh City Council and is ready for signature. The

Interlocal Agreements involving CAMPO and the Towns of Apex, Cary, and Wake Forest are still being reviewed by the attorneys for each local government. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

**F. Triangle Tolling Study** - The Capital Area MPO, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, and NCDOT/NCTA are embarking 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. Scope negotiations are underway with the consultant. The contract between CAMPO and the consultant was presented at the March 15 Executive Board meeting; and was endorsed by the Board for the CAMPO director to sign. Following the approval of an Interlocal Agreement involving the Capital Area MPO, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, and NCDOT, the consultant will schedule work on the Tolling Study project. The Triangle Strategic Tolling Study Kickoff Meeting was held on Wednesday, June, 2017 at the CAMPO offices. All activities associated with the Study have begun; with the Core Technical Team to be scheduled later in September. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

**G. 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 Study Oversight Team (SOT) met on August 31<sup>st</sup> to review the materials for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of public meetings. The public meetings were held in Wake Forest on September 19<sup>th</sup> and In Durham on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The study will continue until no later than June 30, 2018. (Staff Contact: Paul Black)

**H. Rolesville Main Street Study** – CAMPO and Rolesville are partnering to fund a study of the Rolesville Main Street area. A team led by Stantec has been selected to perform this study. The study is expected to begin in September 2017 and be completed by June 2018. (Staff Contact: Shelby Powell)