

## Public Engagement Update

November 2024

Public Notices & Comment Periods (CAMPO)

Item	Req'd # of days	Public Comment Period & Public Hearing					
Executive Board Action in NOVEMBER							
SPOT 7.0 Division Needs Points Allocation	30	Public Comment Oct. 21 to Nov 19 Public Hearing Nov. 20					
Wake Transit FY 2025 Work Plan - Q2 Amendments	30	Public Comment Sep. 3 to Oct. 4					
FY 24-33 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6	30	Public Comment Oct. 3 to Nov. 19 Public Hearing Nov. 20					
2055 MTP - Goals, Objectives, Perf. Measures and Guide Totals	-	Public Comment Oct. 31 to Nov 19					
FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #2	30	Public Comment Oct. 21 to Nov. 19					

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

#### Regional Multimodal Safety Action Plan

https://www.campo-nc.us/programs-studies/blueprint-for-safety-plan

The Safety Action Plan has reached the halfway mark, and the first round of public and stakeholder engagement has been a big one! Following meetings with key stakeholders in the spring, first round of public engagement occurred over the summer and concluded on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The project team is working to summarize the input for consideration and use during the upcoming technical work and discussions around draft recommendations with Stakeholders and the Technical Advisory Teams in December and January. **The next round of public engagement is anticipated for March of 2025.** 

### North Harnett County Transit Feasibility Study

https://www.northharnetttransitstudy.com

The summary for the first round of public engagement for this study was shared with Core Technical Team (CTT) and Focus Group members in early September. A summary report has also been posted to the project website with a "close the loop" (follow-up) email also sent to participants in mid-September. The Study has moved into Phase 2, which will include the development of recommendations based on the engagement in Phase 1. Following additional review of the proposed service types by the CTT and public officials, public feedback on the draft recommendations is anticipated to be solicited in early 2025.

#### Wake Transit Plan Update

https://publicinput.com/Project/AccessCode?id=ELqswSzTELKlarxATxSy1Q%3d%3d

The Wake Transit Plan Update will include substantial public outreach and will be informed by a Core Technical Team (CTT) made up of members of the TPAC and a Stakeholder Committee made up of

representatives of TPAC member agencies and jurisdictions, as well as other groups representing interested parties. The first phase of Public Engagement ran from May-July 2024.. The second phase of engagement is currently being planned and is anticipated to occur from Dec. 2 to Jan. 31, 2025 largely focusing on prioritization. Additional details will continue to be shared with Wake Transit partners and the TPAC's Community Engagement Subcommittee.

#### 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. Presentations occurred at the Joint MPO Boards meeting in January, and at subsequent TCC and Exec. Board meetings. Based on community input and additional analysis, the Goal, Objectives, Performance Measures, are anticipated to be presented to the Executive Board for approval - for use in continued MTP planning - in November. They will be available for public comment from October 31 to November 19, 2024. For most of 2024, MTP development has been focused on data/technical modeling and scenarios for review and discussion with Executive Board Members. Once a few Alternative Scenarios have been developed, by early 2025, the next round of public engagement is anticipated to occur in March/April 2025 to gain feedback on them, as well as on overall priorities for future transportation improvements.

#### Triangle Bikeway Design

#### https://www.centralpinesnc.gov/mobility-transportation/triangle-bikeway

A consulting team has been secured for the next phases of design work on the eastern half of the Triangle Bikeway – from Research Triangle Park to the Museum of Art Bridge over I-440 in Raleigh. While design work will largely be technical, following the last feasibility study which had substantial public engagement, there are a few targeted locations where engagement is anticipated to be needed. A public engagement plan for the project is being developed now. Once accepted, an email to prior study participants will be sent and the website will be reactivated with updated information on this phase.

#### Regional Rail Infrastructure Investment Study

#### CAMPO Transit Webpage (updated with study info in near future)

The goal of this study is to develop a passenger rail vision for the Triangle region. This study will culminate in a series of policy and project recommendations intended to facilitate deployment of passenger rail service in the area. It will recommend a critical path for investments in identified projects, a framework for transit plan participation decision making and a regional strategy for funding future rail projects. CAMPO and DCHC MPO are expecting to convene a Rail Visioning Committee from their respective Rail Subcommittees in December of 2024. This will generally be a technical study with engagement focusing on key stakeholders (MPOs, transit and transportation agency partners, etc.), but public information will be updated and shared during the span of the study.

## Regional Partner Projects – Public Engagement Updates

# Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study (GoTriangle = Lead Sponsor) <a href="https://www.readyforrailnc.com/">https://www.readyforrailnc.com/</a>

The public comment period for the Feasibility Study report concluded in February 2023 and a summary was presented at the Joint CAMPO and DCHC MPO Boards meeting in March 2023. Each MPO has a Rail Subcommittee working to identify next steps for the project that decision making organizations can take action on. Public engagement on commuter rail (passenger rail) is also being wrapped into the Wake Transit Plan Update, including the November 2024 public engagement activities.

#### Bus Rapid Transit (Raleigh = Lead Sponsor)

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

From November 2023 to early January 2024, 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. Communication about construction for the New Bern line will likely be the next set of updates for the BRT project during the summer/fall.

## 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 7.0 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:

- Wake BRT Transit Projects and Studies ongoing
- US 1 North Tolling Feasibility Study
- o Regional Rail Infrastructure Investment Study
- Non-Motorized Volume Data Program
- Mobility Management Committees & Program Implementation
- Safe Routes to Schools & Road Safety Audits
- CAMPO's NW Area Study

#### General Communications:

CAMPO continues to be active on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>. In addition, the MPO maintains a general email distribution list, as well as segmented lists based on areas, and specific projects.

# 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.

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.		