

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PROJECT UPDATES

A. Hot Spot Program – Two Hot Spot studies will be 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. Contracts were awarded in January and kick off meetings for both were held, Garner on February 13th and Knightdale on March 23rd. For more information please contact Paul Black.

B. Wake Transit Planning Studies & Tasks –The TPAC has recommended the Recommended FY 2019 Wake Transit Work Plan for review and consideration for adoption by the Wake Transit Governing Boards and be available for their respective public hearings in May/June 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 policy (formerly known as a 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. Spring public engagement, which is focused on aspects of the Bus Plan and the BRT components of the Major Investment Study, will be happening between April 28th and May 20th. More details regarding the major tasks as highlighted in this paragraph are below and updates will continue to be provided as tasks and studies progress. (Staff Contacts: Shelby Powell, Adam Howell)

1. Public Engagement Policy

Work on the Public Engagement Policy resumed in January with meetings of the Core Technical Team. The initial tasks related to data collection are complete for all intents and purposes. Focus has shifted to developing the initial draft of the policy. At least two additional CTT meetings are anticipated before a draft is released to the TPAC or public for review; the next meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of May 1st. Development of the overall Policy is anticipated to be completed in the early summer.

2. Staffing Model and Expectations Plan

The DRAFT Final report was released for TPAC review at TPAC's April meeting. Final comments from TPAC are being compiled by the project manager. Final Report to be expected before end of FY 2018.

3. Community Funding Area (CFA) Program Management Plan

Community Funding Area organizations have now met twice for long work sessions to adequately develop comments and provide guidance to the consultant on expectations for the Program Management Plan. There will be at least one more work session with CFA organizations prior to the consultant receiving detailed notes. The consultant will review and revise the draft CFA Program Management Plan and resubmit to the CFA CTT later this spring.

4. Multi-Year Bus Service Implementation Plan

10-Year Bus Operations and Capital Plan - The Bus Plan core technical team has met twice since the March TPAC meeting. The consultant presented the results of applying the prioritization policy to the Wake Transit routes. The information was presented in a series of maps that show the growth of the bus service network by fiscal years 2021, 2024 and 2027. The CTT identified a few issues about projects to Morrisville and SW Raleigh with the identified solutions included in the maps presented at the April 11th TPAC meeting. The consultant has been developing the fleet plan and small bus capital projects as well and refinement of these projects will continue in more detail as part of the development of the short-range transit plan leading into the summer outreach.

Fare Policy Analysis - At the March 20th meeting, the core technical team agreed that the fare policy work could be addressed in the Fare Work Group meetings. A kick-off meeting was held on April 3rd for this sub-task during which the goals of the study was refined with members. The consultant is preparing an existing conditions evaluation and best practices summary. Individual meetings with the consultant will occur the week of April 16th to gauge interest and opportunities for fare integration. The next fare work group meeting is set for May 1st at 8am at CAMPO.

Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan - The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Work Group met on March 28th. The next meeting is April 26th at CAMPO.

Short range transit plan – The consultant will begin working with the CTT on the routes included in the first 5 years of the plan, which are the routes to be implemented by FY20-24.

GoCary Comprehensive Operational Analysis – A task order amendment is being processed for additional work to complete a comprehensive operational analysis for the GoCary system. The recommendations will be incorporated into the GoCary short range transit plan.

Public engagement in April/May – At the April 3rd meeting, CTT provided comments to the consultant on the survey and boards that will be presented to the public in April and May.

5. Transit Corridors Major Investment Study

The Wake Transit MIS Core Technical Team met on March 23rd and April 6th, with a

focus on advancing documents that support the evaluation of BRT corridors, and preparing materials for the April/May public outreach period. At the April 6th meeting, the MIS CTT unanimously approved the BRT Design Standards deliverable and the System Problem Identification deliverable. The team also made significant progress on the BRT Evaluation framework, holding an additional data workshop to confirm different data types that would be used in the analysis for BRT corridors. We anticipate that the Evaluation Framework will be approved by the CTT by the April 20th meeting. While these activities have been going on, the consultants have also done a good job defining districts to assess travel markets for Commuter Rail, and preparing both a series of boards and a “What Is BRT” video for the upcoming public meetings.

6. Transit Customer Surveys

GoTriangle is working directly with GoRaleigh and GoCary to collect the necessary historical survey data. This will provide our consultant with the relevant information to a draft scope and execute a coordinated annual customer survey starting this fall. The next step will be to review the draft scope.

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 Joint Executive Board Meeting on Thursday, May 31 at RTP Headquarters. (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. 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 contract with that vendor (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 Core Technical Team reviewed the preliminary designs for the corridor and the Study Oversight Team met March 27th to review the designs and recommendations prior to the April 12th public meeting. The study will continue until no later than June 30, 2018. (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 has been selected to perform this study. The study kicked off in October and will be completed by June 2018. 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. Consultant staff is working on a market analysis and existing conditions analysis. A Public Open House to review draft recommendations is scheduled for May 17 at the Rolesville Community Center. 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) will be held on Wednesday, May 2 in the Town of Fuquay-Varina. (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. (Staff Contact: Paul Black)