

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PROJECT UPDATES

A. Hot Spot Program – Two Hot Spot studies were 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. Both projects are complete and final reports are being distributed to stakeholders for final review. For more information please contact Shelby Powell.

B. Wake Transit Planning Studies & Tasks –The FY 2019 Wake Transit Work Plan was adopted by the CAMPO Executive Board and GoTriangle Board of Trustees at their June regular meetings, and projects included in the work plan are in the process of moving forward for implementation.

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 the public engagement strategy), the Wake Bus Plan, a fixed guideway corridors major investment study, and a community funding areas program management plan. Many of these studies/plans are still underway but are nearing completion, and many interim and final deliverables associated with each will be forwarded to the TCC and Executive Board for action or as information as they are prepared and finalized. More details regarding the major tasks are below, and updates will continue to be provided as tasks and studies progress. (Staff Contacts: Bret Martin, Shelby Powell, Adam Howell, Bonnie Parker)

1. Public Engagement Policy

Work on the Public Engagement Policy resumed in January and the initial tasks related to data collection are complete. The current focus is on finalizing the draft policy recommendation, soliciting feedback from key community stakeholders, and preparing final materials for review and approval. Development of the policy recommendation is anticipated to be completed this summer, with presentations and action items forwarded to the TPAC for its consideration in September or October, followed by public hearings at meetings of the two governing boards and consideration of adoption in October or November.

2. Staffing Model and Expectation Plan

Final review and endorsement by the TPAC on the report occurred at the TPAC's August regular meeting. The TPAC-endorsed Staffing Model and Expectation Plan is accessible here: [http://files.www.campo-nc.us/about-us/committees/wake-county-transit-planning-advisory-committee-tpac/TPAC Meeting 8-8-18/Attachment E - Wake Transit Staffing Plan - FINAL-V2.pdf](http://files.www.campo-nc.us/about-us/committees/wake-county-transit-planning-advisory-committee-tpac/TPAC%20Meeting%208-8-18/Attachment%20E%20-%20Wake%20Transit%20Staffing%20Plan%20-%20FINAL-V2.pdf)

3. Community Funding Area (CFA) Program Management Plan

The Community Funding Area Program Management Plan CTT continues to review and provide feedback on final draft program management plan documents. A meeting involving all Community Funding Area-eligible municipalities/organizations will be held on September 27th to share the CTT-recommended program management plan and next steps, as well as respond to questions and incorporate any additional concepts into the program management plan before it is considered for approval by the TPAC and the Wake Transit governing boards. The draft of the program management plan to date would set up community funding area-eligible organizations with the ability to begin submitting projects for consideration in the FY 2020 Wake Transit Work Plan. It is also anticipated that there will be a call for projects for planning/technical assistance that will be supported by funding made available to CAMPO for FY 2019. CAMPO and the CTT plan to make a final policy document available for TPAC and governing board consideration in early fall to allow the newly developed program to be used for the development of the FY 2020 Wake Transit Work Plan.

4. Wake Bus Plan

10-Year Bus Operations/Capital Plan and Short-Range Transit Plans - The Bus Plan core technical team continues to meet on a biweekly basis to develop the phasing of operating and capital projects through the horizon year of the Wake Transit Plan (2027). Short-range transit plans for each of Wake County's transit providers are also under development and will provide more implementation detail for services that are proposed to be implemented within the next five years of plan implementation. The CTT most recently shared the short-range transit plans with the public throughout an outreach period running from August 20th through September 10th to receive feedback on individual operating projects proposed to be deployed through FY 2024.

GoCary Comprehensive Operational Analysis – A preferred alternative service scenario was developed for the existing GoCary system that is being shared with the public during the late summer GoForward public outreach period to solicit feedback and preferences that will inform the direction of any operational changes.

5. Transit Corridors Major Investment Study

The MIS CTT continues to develop and refine interim deliverables associated with the bus rapid transit track (BRT) of the MIS. The CTT has reviewed potential project sponsor plans for transitioning from the MIS stage of planning to further alternatives refinement and project development. The CTT has also been provided a draft of the proposed concurrence policy and process that will drive coordination of decision making throughout project development and other phases for large capital projects. The CTT is also in the process of receiving data for each of the corridors and various alignment alternatives within each corridor that coincide with the adopted evaluation framework being used to assess alternatives' efficacy. It is anticipated that a handoff to a project sponsor for one or more BRT project corridors will occur

this fall.

6. Transit Customer Surveys

After gathering information from Wake Transit partners and working with a survey expert, GoTriangle staff and partners have met and agreed upon the customer satisfaction survey of riders. It is expected to be in the field during the month of October. For the broader community-wide survey, in order to ensure this draft scope captures all agency partners' needs in our dynamic environment, Wake Transit partners are reconvening again in the coming weeks to review and finalize the proposed scope and schedule for deployment of that survey.

C. Regional Freight Plan Study – On August 15, 2018; the CAMPO Executive Board voted to approve the Triangle Regional Freight Plan; with the inclusion of the Ranch Road alignment and Jessie Drive designated as Strategic Freight Corridors and the removal of the Southeast Connector in Clayton. The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO will review and adopt the Regional Freight Plan later this fall. (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. The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018 in CAMPO Conference Room B. Please go to <http://www.iwalktoschool.org/> for additional details. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

E. 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 project is complete and final report is in today's agenda. (Staff Contact: Shelby Powell)

F. Rolesville Main Street Study – CAMPO and Rolesville partnered to fund a study of the Rolesville Main Street area. A team led by Stantec performed this study. 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. Recommendations from the study include several intersection improvements, streetscape, pedestrian facilities and access improvements along the corridor. A Public Open House to review draft recommendations was held May 17 at the Rolesville Community Center, and more than 50 members of the public attended. The draft report is available on the project website, and a final presentation was made to the Rolesville Town Board in August, where the Town Board unanimously endorsed the study. Recommendations were presented to the CAMPO TCC, and that body forwarded a recommendation of approval to the Executive Board in September. More information, including the final report, is on the project website: <https://www.mainstreetrolesville.com/>. (Staff Contact: Shelby Powell)

G. 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) was held on Wednesday, May 2 in the Town of Fuquay-Varina. Subsequent CTT meetings have been held in June and July and Apex and Holly Springs respectively. CAMPO staff and staff from the consulting firm of Ramey-Kemp and Associates have participated in several public forums beyond the CTT and SOT meetings to receive input from people within the community as well Angier Municipal Board Room, 28 N. Raleigh Street. The next SOT meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 3:00pm, in the Fuquay-Varina Public Service Center, 1415 Holland Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526. The website for the Southwest Area Study is located at <https://www.swastudy.com/>. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

H. 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, and the stakeholder kick-off meeting was held on May 18th and the first stakeholder workshop was held on July 10. Select interviews are being set up for the next

few weeks to follow up specific issues from the first workshop. (Staff Contact: Alex Rickard)

I. Triangle Strategic Tolling Study – Update

The Capital Area MPO, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, and NCDOT/NCTA have embarked 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. EcoNorthwest, a company working along with the consultant team on the Tolling Study provided corridor results from their Toll Optimization Model during the August 23 Core Technical Team (CTT) meeting. Outcomes from the August 23 CTT meeting will be presented to the Stakeholder Oversight Team (SOT) during their September 20 meeting. Finally, a Study update to MPO Boards will be scheduled for a proposed Joint MPO Executive Board meeting in October. Additional information concerning the Triangle Strategic Tolling Study is located at <http://www.campos-nc.us/programs-studies/triangle-strategic-tolling-study>. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

J. R.E.D. Priority Bus Lane Study

The Capital Area MPO is seeking guidance on developing a methodology for determining suitability of transit priority bus lanes or other corridor treatments in the CAMPO area, and a priority list of recommended application of these treatments. This study will provide a comprehensive review of best practices for transit priority lanes in peer areas with recommendations evaluating the applicability of transit priority lanes through qualitative analysis and developing and deploying a methodology for evaluating and prioritizing transit priority lane treatments in the CAMPO area. For this study, R.E.D. refers to red painted, right - hand turns, and emergency vehicles and driveway access lanes. CAMPO invited qualified consulting firms or individuals, who are experienced in transit bus lanes assessment and analysis, to submit proposals. Proposals were received Monday, August 27, 2018 and the procurement process is ongoing. This study is anticipated to be completed within an approximate timeframe of twenty (20) months during fiscal years 2019 and 2020 with a Notice to Proceed to be issued by mid October 2018. (Staff Contact: Crystal Odum)