

## **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. The final hot spot reports were distributed to affected local government staff in September, and will be posted on the MPO's webpage. 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, 2018 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 are wrapping up 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 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 interim and final deliverables associated with these tasks will be forwarded to the TCC and Executive Board for action or as information as they are prepared and finalized from November through January. More details regarding the major tasks are below. (Staff Contacts: Bret Martin and Bonnie Parker)

### **1. Public Engagement Policy**

The final draft of the Public Engagement Policy is being presented to the TCC as an informational item on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Feedback on the final draft is currently being sought from key community stakeholders and will be reported back to the TCC before an action to recommend the item to the Executive Board. The first presentation to the TPAC occurred in October, and it is anticipated to be an action item on their November 14<sup>th</sup> agenda. The CAMPO Executive Board is slated to receive a presentation and hold a public hearing on the draft policy at their November 14 meeting. Following that, the public comment period for the policy will run from November 14 – January 7. Ultimately, adoption by the governing boards could occur in January 2019.

### **2. 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 finalize 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 nearing completion. These short-range transit plans provide more implementation detail for services that are proposed to be implemented through FY 2024. The CTT

most recently shared the short-range transit plans with the public throughout an outreach period running from August 20<sup>th</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup> to receive feedback on individual operating projects, and the transit providers are currently in the process of doing final reviews with their respective governing boards. It is anticipated that the 10-year operating and capital plan will be considered for recommendation of approval by the TPAC in November and will be forwarded to the TCC and Executive Board for its consideration in January, 2019.

3. Transit Corridors Major Investment Study

The MIS CTT has completed its review of interim deliverables associated with the bus rapid transit track (BRT) of the MIS, and the TPAC has taken action on them. The MIS CTT has shifted its focus to the commuter rail track of the study and is currently reviewing interim deliverables for existing conditions and design and performance guidelines. These deliverables will move forward to the TPAC, TCC and Executive Board as they are recommended by the CTT.

**C. (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 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 October 5, 2018; and received information for NCDOT concerning the status of the Complete Streets Policy work, as well as reviewed the SRTS Project conducted for the Southwest Area Study. The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018 in CAMPO Conference Room A. Please go to <http://www.iwalktoschool.org/> for additional details. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

**D. 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 Study has included a review of Existing Conditions in the Southwest Area; as well as developing new Guiding Principles and examining possible transit opportunities. CAMPO staff and the consultant have determined the locations for eight

Hot Spot studies. The next CTT meeting will be held on November 27, 2018 at the Bass Lake Conference Center in Holly Springs. The project website is located at <https://www.swastudy.com/>. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

**E. 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 first stakeholder workshop was held in July. The consultant team is collecting information of existing ITS deployments throughout the Triangle region, continuing development of a regional needs assessment, and scheduling additional small group stakeholder interviews. Stakeholder interviews were originally scheduled for September but will be rescheduled for late October due to Hurricane Florence. (Staff Contact: Alex Rickard)

**F. 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 were presented to the Stakeholder Oversight Team (SOT) during their September 20 meeting; along with recommended highway facilities that would be incorporated into the “Tier-Two” analysis. Finally, a Study update to MPO Boards has been scheduled for the Joint MPO Executive Board meeting on Wednesday, October 31. Additional information concerning the Triangle Strategic Tolling Study are located at <http://www.camponc.us/programs-studies/triangle-strategic-tolling-study>. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

**G. R.E.D. Priority Bus Lane Study (Update) -**

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. The procurement process is ongoing with a selected consulting firm. 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 expected to be issued by mid November 2018. (Staff Contact: Crystal Odum)

**H. Commuter Corridors Study** - The Capital Area MPO is seeking a qualified consulting firm or individual to conduct a corridors study to address select, congested commuter corridors to improve mobility in the CAMPO planning area. Multi-modal commuter corridors in the region are increasingly congested even with major financial investments into the areas transportation network. This technical study will develop and recommend various land use and transportation scenarios and investments that offer multi-modal, highly impactful solutions to relieve or mitigate anticipated congestion, policy recommendations that would be necessary to support the various scenarios, planning level costs for transportation elements in each of the recommended scenarios and a communications outreach engagement strategy that can be deployed by the MPO to discuss the scenarios with stakeholders and the public. This study will be conducted through fiscal year 2019 concluding by June 30, 2019. Proposals were received on Monday, October 15, 2018 with the procurement process on-going. A Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be issued by the end of November 2018. (Staff Contact: Crystal Odum)