



August 20, 2018

Mr. David Eatman  
Transit Administrator  
City of Raleigh, North Carolina  
222 W. Hargett Street, Suite 400  
Raleigh, NC 27601

**Subject:** Capital Area MPO Project Sponsor Request for Bus Rapid Transit Corridors

Dear Mr. Eatman,

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Executive Board has been designated as the appropriate authority for effectuating project sponsor designations for the Wake Transit Plan's bus rapid transit (BRT) project corridors. At the August 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the CAMPO Executive Board, the Board unanimously took action to request that the City of Raleigh serve as a project sponsor for one or more bus BRT project corridors, or a combination thereof, that can be derived from the BRT study corridors assessed through the Wake Transit Fixed Guideway Corridors Major Investment Study (MIS). This decision was made in response to a memo produced by the contracted consultant for the MIS (Nelson/Nygaard) that recommends the City of Raleigh serve in this capacity based on several findings showing that the City is best positioned to lead the implementation of BRT projects envisioned in the Wake Transit Plan.

It is understood by CAMPO that a project sponsor designation to the City of Raleigh entails that the City will lead the project's execution to ultimately bring the project to fruition, including:

- 1) Project development and interfacing with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for any federal grants being pursued;
- 2) Final engineering;
- 3) Right-of-way acquisition;
- 4) Utilities relocation and BRT facility construction;
- 5) Procurement of equipment and vehicles; and
- 6) System integration and BRT service operation.

Should the City of Raleigh accept this request, it is also expected that the City will coordinate with regional partners and other impacted jurisdictions to make regionally informed project-level decisions throughout project implementation in accordance with all adopted Wake Transit Plan implementation policies. Further, it is also understood by CAMPO that one or more viable standalone BRT project corridors or preliminary locally preferred alternatives with logical termini, independent utility, and regional mobility benefits will need to be pieced together from the four MIS study corridors before a final project sponsor designation can be acted upon by the CAMPO Executive Board.

To continue to facilitate the ambitious schedule for these projects, the CAMPO Executive Board will need to finalize the designation at its September 19<sup>th</sup> or October 17<sup>th</sup> regular meetings.

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Please provide written correspondence to Bret Martin, CAMPO Wake Transit Program Manager, documenting the City's decision at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Bret Martin at 919-996-4410 or [bret.martin@campo-nc.us](mailto:bret.martin@campo-nc.us).

Sincerely,



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