

The NEAS Update is an update to the original 2014 Northeast Area Study that looked at land use and multimodal transportation needs of the study area shown below. The study covered parts of unincorporated areas of Wake and Franklin Counties as well as all or parts of the municipalities of Bunn, Franklinton, Knightdale, Raleigh, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, Youngsville, and Zebulon. This update will produce recommendations across all modes as well as refresh policies and priorities that may have evolved since the original study. CAMPO conducts area studies such as this one in order to achieve more robust public engagement and take a deeper dive into specific network issues within a smaller area. Recommendations from the NEAS Update will inform the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which is a region-wide long-range transportation plan updated every 4 years.

Stantec was selected as the lead consultant by a selection committee team of members from around the northeast area, with subs including Alta Planning & Design, City Explained, Inc., Nealon Planning, J S Lane Company, and LK Consulting Solutions. As a part of this study (similar to 2014) we have created a Stakeholder Oversight Team (SOT), including decision-makers and community leaders, to provide oversight direction and valuable feedback on the study findings and recommendations. Also, we have partnered with all communities within the NEAS Update study area creating another committee (a Core Technical Team) made of local planning/engineering municipal staff. They will meet more frequently and focus on key deliverables for the study. Main deliverables from the study will include: a project workbook, including recommendations for roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects to be considered in the 2050 MTP; a best practices/policy guidebook; a public outreach & collaboration document; and a hot spots & concept designs document to take a more detailed look at specific intersections or corridors.

You can visit the project website at www.neasupdate.com. On the website there is a short video intro, where you will find good information on the study background and objectives, as well as key deliverables and public engagement events. The website also includes a **Survey** and **Interactive Map**, where you will be able to identify issues, concerns, and points of interest in the study area that will be evaluated in more detail as the study progresses. Also, save the date for two virtual public symposiums scheduled in June: **Tuesday, June 9th 2020 at 5:30 PM** and **Saturday, June 13th 2020 at 10:00 AM**.

Feel free to reach out if there is anything I can do to help spread the word through your organization. Thank you and we look forward to working with you on the Northeast Area Study Update.

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