

Public Engagement Update

Looking Forward – Fall 2020

Public Notices & Comment Periods (CAMPO)

Item	Exec. Board Action	Req'd # of days	Public Comment Period & Hearing
<i>Executive Board Action in October</i>			
FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2	Oct. 21	30	Aug. 14 to Sep. 25
2050 MTP Development – Socio-Economic Guide Totals	Oct. 21	30	Sep. 18 to Oct. 18

Executive Board Action in November

Locally Preferred Alternative for Wake BRT: Western Corridor	Nov. 18	30	Hearing: Oct. 21 Comment Per.: Oct. 16 to Nov. 15
FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3	Nov. 18	30	Hearing: Oct. 21 Comment Per: Oct. 1 to Nov. 2
FY 21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Amendment #1	Nov. 18	30	Oct. 16 to Nov. 15
2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment – Air Quality Conformity Determination	Nov. 18	30	Hearing: Oct. 21 Comment Per: Oct. 1 to Nov. 15

As the pandemic continues to constrain public engagement activities that are in-person, added attention has been given to digital engagement, increasing focus on social media platforms, and a reliance on non-traditional means to connect with both the general public and traditionally underengaged populations. In order to continue to move projects and studies forward, the MPO will need to place additional emphasis on the active support of TCC and Executive Board members, as well as project stakeholder and technical teams in spreading the word about these engagement opportunities. **Please encourage your communications experts to help amplify these messages – and thank you!**

Online Surveys

Several online surveys were in the field this past summer, and one continues as we head into the fall. Efforts are being made to identify shared messaging and outreach opportunities for these surveys.

- Triangle Bikeway Study (July-October) <http://trianglebikeway.com/>

Public Meetings (CAMPO)

The MPO anticipates holding additional public meetings (online) during the fall of 2020 for active studies/projects. More information will follow as those dates are identified.

- Triangle Bikeway Study: www.trianglebikeway.com
 - *Public Workshops*: On October 29th, CAMPO will host two public workshops online. Goals are to share a project update, include interactive polling on key questions, and a discussion with the planning team.
 - *Focus Group Meetings*: The Triangle Bikeway project team is seeking input from historically under-represented groups by hosting small group discussions to provide information and gather input. Sessions will be held during the week of November 9-13.

Public Information Campaigns (CAMPO)

Between August - October, to supplement CAMPO's annual call for projects, CAMPO staff will execute a social media information campaign highlighting the LAPP program – interesting facts and unique projects covering both CAMPO's geographic area along with large and small projects.

Public Engagement Planning (CAMPO)

CAMPO staff are actively engaged with public and stakeholder engagement planning for the following projects/studies. This is in addition to typical technical analysis, reviews, and engagement as key stakeholders for member organization projects (i.e. SPOT process, STIP/TIP project development, local Comprehensive Transportation Plans and transportation studies). More information on each project can be found in the Project Updates report.

- Northeast Area Study (NEAS) Update
- Triangle Bikeway Study
- Commuter Rail Studies
- Wake Transit Plan Update & FY 2021 Work Plan Reevaluation
- Wake Bus Rapid Transit (this includes “branding”)
- Wake Transit Online Performance Tracker
- Non-Motorized Volume Data Program
- Bus on Shoulder Study
- US 401 Corridor Study

Partners' Public Engagement

Harnett County Bicycle, Pedestrian Greenway Plan

Harnett County is developing a County-wide Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Greenway Master Plan to shape the development of future amenities for walking, cycling and trails. August – October will consist of online survey and two public workshops on October 6 and 7, 2020.

- Online Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/harnettgreenwayplan>
- Learn more about the plan: <https://www.harnettgreenwayplan.com/>

Wake Transit Bus Rapid Transit (City of Raleigh Managing Process)

Raleigh BRT Webpage: <https://raleighnc.gov/bus-rapid-transit>

Both public engagement and general communication activities continued into October for:

1. [Western Boulevard Corridor Study](#) (Aug 2020 – Oct 2020)

- Virtual engagement on project updates and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) scenarios – online survey closes 10/19
- 2. Wake BRT Branding (Sep 2020 – December 2020)
 - First phase of public engagement is complete. Raleigh City Council will receive an update at their meeting on October 20, 2020 (recording will be posted online). The next round is anticipated for later this fall.
- 3. New Bern Station Area Planning (October 2020 – November 2020)
 - Online public survey: <https://publicinput.com/B2015>
- 4. Equitable Development Around Transit (Fall 2020)
 - The draft Guidebook (recommendations) has been published. [Project webpage](#) and [public survey](#) to review guidebook, view a video, and share feedback is available now.

Greater Triangle Commuter Rail

GoTriangle CRT Webpage: <https://goforwardnc.org/commuterrail>

- A [public survey is online](#) and open until November 6, 2020. The main goal of the current phase is to give decision-makers enough information and public input to determine whether to proceed with the project. Specifically, project partners hope to reach agreement on an initial project concept that includes station locations, a possible extension to Clayton, new train tracks, bridges, changes to the roadway network, how often the trains would run and train storage and maintenance needs.

Other Public Engagement *Likely* to Occur in Fall 2020

Project teams report that they anticipate resuming public engagement, or in some cases simply informational activities, as early as the end of September and into the fall for the following list of projects. More details will follow in future updates.

- Transit Service Changes in Wake County (starting as early as October for GoCary's Apex-Cary Express; GoTriangle's Route 305 – Holly Springs to Raleigh, GoRaleigh's Route 21 – Caraleigh, others)
- Cary's New Downtown Multimodal Transit Facility
- Transit Customer Surveys (Joint effort among the region's providers)
- Wake Park & Ride Study
- Youth GoPass Program
- Capital Area Greenway Master Plan