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Studies

Advanced Air Mobility Study

CAMPO was awarded an Advanced Air Mobility Grant from the NCDOT Division of Aviation for FY 2026 to examine the current condition of Air Mobility and explore what this mode of transportation could mean for the region. This study will be managed by NCDOT Division of Aviation alongside CAMPO to develop a high-level regional framework for AAM implementation and coordination between member jurisdictions. CAMPO has held a kick-off meeting with the consultant team from Stantec and has begun to contact stakeholders to create the Technical Steering Committee.

(Staff contact: Daniel Spruill)

Apex Rail Study

CAMPO has partnered with the Town of Apex to look at the Rail Yard in Downtown Apex and the rail spur to Durham. This study has pivoted several times and has led to Apex entering an agreement with CSX Rail Operator/Owner to review the outputs of this study for CSX support. AMT has developed draft recommendations for the rail corridor and are working to incorporate comments from CAMPO, Apex, and CSX.

(Staff contact: Daniel Spruill)

North Falls Lake Area Study (NFLAS)

This is the first area study conducted in the northwest portion of CAMPOs jurisdiction. The study area includes roughly the southern half of Granville County and extends into portions of Franklin County and Wake County, as well as the municipalities of Creedmoor, Butner, Stem and Oxford. The goal of the study is ultimately to lay out a long-term vision for development patterns within the framework of water resource and land management considerations, and for a multi-modal transportation network in the study area, with a detailed implementation strategy that includes short-term and mid-term recommendations to aid with the implementation of the long-term vision. The study will evaluate water supply watershed (WSWS) capacity and other environmental regulatory considerations, as related to residential development; the safety and mobility in the transportation network, including planned and existing roads, transit service and bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

The most recent Core Technical Team (CTT) meeting occurred on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at Butner Town Hall. The most recent meetings of the Elected Officials, as well as Stakeholders, occurred simultaneously on Friday, May 1, 2026, at the Granville County Convention and Expo Center. The meeting addressed the overall process check-in, the transportation universe of projects, the prioritization approach, the May 19, 2026, public meeting, and next steps. To access the website, please go to <https://publicinput.com/nfallslake>.

(Staff contact: Kenneth Withrow)

Cape Fear River Basin Wildlife Crossing Study

The draft Wildlife Crossing Study has been provided to stakeholders for review and comment as of early May. In addition to requesting feedback, CAMPO is currently organizing a stakeholder meeting in mid to late May to discuss the report, any feedback the stakeholders wish to discuss, and to begin coordinating local Board/Council presentations for endorsement. Local Board/Council presentations are anticipated for June and July, with final Executive Board endorsement anticipated in August.

(Staff contact: Caleb Allred)

Apex Pleasant Park Access Study

Pleasant Park provides multi-purpose athletic fields and courts, playground equipment, shelters, and meeting rooms for the Town of Apex. The increasing number of visitors to the park has placed a strain on its single entry and exit point and limits access in the case of emergencies. To better serve the community, the Pleasant Park Access Study will evaluate up to five potential new multimodal access points to the park, culminating in a recommended alternative and next steps for getting the access constructed.

The project officially kicked off with a Project Management Team meeting on April 9, 2026. The study is now focused on collecting data and finalizing the project management and engagement plans. The first community touchpoint is envisioned for June.

(Staff contact: Caleb Allred)

Eastern Wake Traffic Signal System Integration Study

CAMPO, in partnership with the City of Raleigh, NCDOT, and eastern Wake County jurisdictions (the towns of Garner, Knightdale, Wake Forest, and Rolesville), has moved into the contract routing phase of the procurement process with a preferred consult for the Eastern Wake Traffic Signal System Integration Study. The project kickoff is expected to occur in May.

This study will serve as a follow up to the 2020 Triangle Region ITS Strategic Deployment Plan Update, the 2022 Western Wake Signal System Integration Study, and the 2025 ITS Deployment Roadmap. The purpose of this study is to evaluate feasibility, provide technical guidance, and outline implementation steps for integrating traffic signal systems across jurisdictional boundaries while aligning with Raleigh's Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) standards. This study will be managed by CAMPO staff alongside a technical steering committee from the relevant jurisdictions.

(Staff contact: Evan Koff)

Committees

Wake Transit/Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan Development Update

Following the review of funding requests for the FY27 Work Plan, Wake Transit CAMPO Staff, with budgeting and financial model information provided by the GoTriangle Tax District Administration, assembled the draft FY27 Work Plan and released the document to the TPAC in late January for their review. The TPAC voted to release the document for a 30-day public comment period from February 26 – March 27, 2026, at their February meeting.

The Program Development Subcommittee reviewed updated, modified, and new funding requests at their March 31, 2026, meeting to consider those projects for inclusion in the Work Plan. The TPAC, at their April 30, 2026, meeting, reviewed the updated FY27 Work plan along with the public comments received on the draft FY27 Work Plan, recommending it for approval to the Wake Transit governing boards.

The Recommended FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan is being released for a 14-day public comment period from May 6 through May 20, 2026. A public hearing is scheduled at the CAMPO Executive Board meeting on May 20, 2026. The governing boards will consider the FY27 Work Plan for adoption at their respective June 2026 meetings.

(Staff contact: Steven Mott)

Wake Bus Plan 2035

The Wake Bus Plan 2035 is underway. Kickoff meetings with the project management team, core technical team, and individual transit agencies for work on the Short-Range Transit Plans took place in March 2026. Work is currently being done to analyze existing conditions of the transit and related infrastructure networks in Wake County and on identifying necessary updates to the Bus Service Prioritization Policy, ADA Funding Policy, and Service Standards in preparation for prioritization of proposed projects coming from the Wake Transit Plan update. The core technical team will meet again twice over the coming months, with the next meeting scheduled for May 28, 2026, to review progress on these efforts leading up to phase 1 of public engagement, planned for July 2026, where the project team will invite transit riders and the public to share input on the future of the bus networks, location of community transportation hubs, and access to transit throughout Wake County. The project timeline runs through June 2027.

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Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Extensions Concept of Operations Study

The BRT Extensions Concept of Operations (ConOps) Study is a follow-up study to the BRT Extensions Major Investment Study completed in 2023, funded by Wake Transit and 6 local agency partners – Research Triangle Foundation, Regional Transportation Alliance, Town of Morrisville, Town of Cary, Town of Clayton and City of Raleigh. At its February 2026 meeting, the CTT agreed to move forward with the Study recommending that the City of Raleigh be the project sponsor for the Western BRT Extension. The CTT recommended that the City of Raleigh be the project sponsor for the Southern BRT Extension at their meeting in March 2026. The consultants are finalizing the draft report, which will be presented to the CTT in mid-May. The Study will be completed by the end of June.

(Staff contact: Ben Howell)

Wake Transit Staffing Analysis Study

The Wake Transit Staffing Analysis Study will analyze existing staffing and staffing needs for the Wake Transit Program for all Wake Transit-funded staffing positions at CAMPO, GoTriangle, Raleigh, Cary and future staffing needs for any Wake Transit agencies. The Study was completed in April, and will be used to inform future staffing decisions and Wake Transit Work Plans.

(Staff contact: Ben Howell)

Programs

FY 2027 Community Funding Area Program Update

CAMPO staff worked with our consultants to complete the update to the CFA Program Management Plan as part of the larger Wake Transit Plan Update. The PMP was presented to the GoTriangle Audit and Finance Committee and CAMPO TCC in November and was adopted by the Governing Boards on November 19, 2025.

For FY27, a total of seven (7) pre-applications were received this year- four (4) from the Town of Apex, two (2) from the Town of Knightdale, and one (1) from the Town of Wendell. The call-for-projects opened on January 5, 2026, and closed on January 31, 2026. The selection committee met on February 19, 2026, to discuss and recommend projects for selection in the upcoming Work Plan. The committee decided to recommend 6 out of the 7 applications, with Knightdale's Second Avenue Sidewalk project, not recommended for funding this year. The Town of Apex's Mobility hub Final Design was included in the FY27 Draft Work Plan and will also not be funded through the CFA Program and fully funded through the Work Plan development process. These recommendations were presented to the TPAC in March and will

be included in the recommended Work Plan. There are no further updates at this time. More information about the program can be found on [CAMPO's CFAP website](#).

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Blueprint for Safety Program

Staff members associated with the Safety Programs for both the Capital Area MPO and Triangle West TPO are jointly preparing for a regional transportation safety summit that will be held on Friday, November 13, 2026. The half-day event will be hosted by the Capital Area MPO at a venue to be determined. Details concerning the regional summit will be forthcoming throughout the remainder of this year leading to the event. Also, the Blueprint for Safety's Policy and Culture Task Force as well as Project's Task Force will meet on Tuesday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 26 respectively.

(Staff contact: Kenneth Withrow)

Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Following publication of the FY 2025 *Status of the System* Report, which evaluates the performance of CAMPO's transportation network using the framework established in the latest CMP Update, staff have compiled bottleneck reports for FY 2026 Q1, Q2, & Q3. These reports are accessible on the CAMPO CMP [website](#). In parallel, with the February 2026 adoption of *Destination 2055*, CAMPO's updated Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), staff have also begun the next CMP Update to align the process with the policies, findings, and recommendations of the MTP and other recently adopted and relevant CAMPO plans and policies.

(Staff contact: Evan Koff)

Triangle Transportation Choices – Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program

The Triangle Transportation Choices Program provides funding for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives across the Triangle region. Grant recipients use a variety of strategies—including marketing campaigns, digital outreach, in-person engagement, and promotional events—to encourage residents and workers to choose carpooling, vanpooling, transit, biking, walking, teleworking, flexible work schedules, and compressed workweeks instead of driving alone.

Since its launch in 2007, the program—jointly funded by Triangle West TPO (TWTPO), Capital Area MPO (CAMPO), and the NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD), and managed by Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC)—has played a vital role in reducing congestion and making better use of existing transportation infrastructure.

The FY 2027 RFP application window closed out earlier this winter. The program received a request totaling \$2.34 million from both our traditional and community partners. After meeting on March 13, 2026, for the first round of deliberation, recommendations from that meeting were distributed to the funding partners for further clarification and refinement. Said refinements were completed as requested and the program's Oversight Committee expects to have its second round of deliberation based on these refined funding requests on May 11, 2026.

Lastly, representatives from CPRC, NCDOT IMD, CAMPO, and TWTPO, met to interview the final two (2) consultants during the week of April 27, 2026, as part of the TDM Plan Update procurement process.

(Staff contact: Evan Koff)

Projects

Triangle Bikeway East Design Project Update

As a part of the alternatives alignment analysis, stakeholders and the public were asked about their preferred connections to each area and their priorities. This period of public information consisted of 13+ informational presentations, 3 main pop up events, and community events that were conducted over the course of January 21 - February 25, 2026. Over 630 complete responses to the online survey were collected. The full Engagement Report is posted to the project website www.publicinput.com/tribikeeast as well as an attachment to the report.

Technical recommendation for alignment endorsement of the Triangle Bikeway East Design Project will be forthcoming in June 2026.

The Technical and Leadership Committees are continuing to meet on a biweekly schedule to agree upon decision frameworks and options for the project in the months ahead after preliminary design is anticipated to be complete (Early 2027).

To stay up to date on the progress of the project, and sign up for the newsletter, please visit www.publicinput.com/TriBikeEast.

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