



INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PROJECT UPDATES

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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 recommendations for the rail corridor in an evaluation summary and completed a matrix for best funding opportunities for the projects.

(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 North Falls Lake Area Study was completed on June 30, 2026. Current activities associated with the study include presentations at local planning and elected board meetings in the North Falls Lake Area that have resulted in endorsements of the study. The local meetings will occur on various dates between July 16 to September. The final report and associated appendices for the North Falls Lake Area Study are located on the CAMPO website at <https://www.campo-nc.us/programs-studies/area-studies>.

(Staff contact: Kenneth Withrow)

Cape Fear River Basin Wildlife Crossing Study

CAMPO staff are currently reviewing and revising the draft Wildlife Crossing Study based on feedback provided by stakeholders. The study is scheduled to be presented to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on September 21, 2026, and CAMPO's TCC on October 1, 2026, for a recommendation for endorsement, and CAMPO's Executive Board on October 21, 2026 for endorsement.

(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.

An in-person CTT workshop was held on July 8 to share project information, including photos from a site walkthrough with the CTT members, as well as to collect feedback on potential performance metrics and project priorities. Following this meeting, the project team is working on materials for the project's upcoming public meeting, scheduled for the evening of September 3, 2026. The location of the planned public meeting is to be determined.

(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 commenced the Eastern Wake Traffic Signal System Integration Study. The Kick-off meeting took place on Friday June 5, 2026, and monthly technical steering committee meeting have been well attended each month thereafter. Work has moved forward on the initial deliverables including Peer Review of National Best Practices; the Detailed Integration Guidebook; and data collection and analysis for the Infrastructure Evaluation and Mapping.

This study serves 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 2028 Wake Transit Work Plan Development Update

Following the adoption of the FY 2027 Wake Transit Work Plan in June by the Wake Transit governing boards, staff is working on kicking off FY 2028 Work Plan development, which will occur at the August 27, 2026, TPAC meeting. The FY28 Work Plan development is being coordinated with the Wake Bus Plan efforts, as the first year of programmed bus service and capital projects in the Bus Plan will be programmed for FY28. The Work Plan development cycle concludes with Wake Transit governing board adoption in June 2027.

(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 Project Management Team (PMT) has met bi-weekly since project kick-off, as well as bi-weekly meetings for the GoCary, GoRaleigh, and GoTriangle Short Range Transit Plans, including an intensive in-person workshop in June, refining route concepts to go out to the public for Phase 1 of Engagement. Additional stakeholder meetings occurred to coordinate with municipalities who would potentially be impacted by service changes. A third Core Technical Team (CTT) meeting was held July 15, 2026, to go over Phase 1 Engagement. Phase 1 Engagement launched July 27, 2026, and goes through September 15, 2026, coordinating with Try Transit Week efforts for the last week of engagement. The CTT will meet again at the end of August to be updated on engagement progress. The Prioritization Policy is currently being developed, which, with stakeholder and public feedback, will help to guide what operations and capital improvements are programmed through the 2035 funding horizon, which will come before the Wake Transit governing boards for adoption in Fall 2026. Phase 2 of Engagement, planned for Winter 2027, will be coordinated with the FY 2028 Wake Transit Work Plan. Final adoption is planned for June 2027.

(Staff contact: Steven Mott)

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. The Study has recommended that Raleigh be the project sponsor for both BRT Extensions, with the Western Extension (Cary to RTP) utilizing the planned 60-foot long BRT buses and the Eastern Extension (Garner to Clayton) utilizing 40-foot buses, requiring a transfer between the Southern BRT buses and the Extension buses. The Study was completed in June, and a presentation will be provided to TCC and Executive Board in September in conjunction with a request for approval of Locally Preferred Alternatives for each corridor.

(Staff contact: Ben Howell)

Programs

FY 2028 Community Funding Area Program Update

For FY27, a total of seven (7) pre-applications were received- four (4) from the Town of Apex, two (2) from the Town of Knightdale, and one (1) from the Town of Wendell. The committee decided to recommend 6 out of the 7 applications, with Knightdale's Second Avenue Sidewalk project, not recommended for funding last year. The Town of Apex's Mobility hub Final Design was included in the FY27 Draft Work Plan and was 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 were included in the recommended Work Plan.

The FY28 CFA Program Kick-Off is scheduled for the September TPAC meeting. 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 Tuesday, December 8, 2026. The half-day event will be hosted by the Capital Area MPO at the McKimmon Center, North Carolina State University. 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, met on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, and Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

(Staff contact: Kenneth Withrow)

Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Following the publication of the CMP's 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, & Q4. 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 is nearing completion on an update to the CMP to align the document with the policies, findings, and recommendations of the MTP and other recently adopted and relevant CAMPO plans and policies. Lastly, with the close of FY 2026, staff has begun collecting data for the development of the next publication of the Annual Status of the System Report.

(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 met on May 11, 2026, to review the refinements and provide its final recommendations for the FY 2027 budget.

Lastly, representatives from CPRC, NCDOT IMD, CAMPO, and TWTPo, decided upon a preferred consultant through NCDOT's procurement process, and have completed the process of scope negotiation. Work is expected to begin once an inter-local agreement is signed between CAMPO and NCDOT and TWTPo and NCDOT respectively.

(Staff contact: Evan Koff)

Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027 – Amendment #1

In September, staff will present an Amendment for the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program. The amendment will include some budget and schedule adjustments for ongoing projects in order to more

accurately reflect current conditions on those projects. The Amendment will be released for public review and comment on August 17, 2026.

(Staff contact: Shelby Powell)

Projects

Triangle Bikeway East Design Project Update

Work on the project has been advancing since the endorsement of the Alignment in June. A stakeholder meeting for the Triangle Bikeway East Design Project will be held August 13, 2026, for technical staff to provide an in progress review of the endorsed alignment before the first segment is prepared for NCDOT Review.

With the future milestone of completing Preliminary Design on the horizon next Spring, we are inviting local officials to convene together as a region to form a Policy Forum. This Forum will discuss topics related to decisions on the strategies to implement and construct the project together as a region. A letter will be sent to each jurisdiction to confirm attendance and provide more information.

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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