

Board of Commissioners Growth & Economic Strength Committee Agenda

Monday, April 21, 2025 – 11:00 AM Meeting Held Remotely

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Committee Chair Shinica Thomas

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Growth and Economic Strength Committee Meeting of November 25, 2024.
- 2. Capital Boulevard Toll Study Overview and Next Steps

Chris Lukasina, Executive Director, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization David Roy, Chief Financial Officer, North Carolina Turnpike Authority

The North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has long included funding for a planned conversion of Capital Boulevard between Interstate 540 in Raleigh and Purnell/Harris roads in Wake Forest (near the Franklin County line) to a controlled-access highway to reduce traffic congestion and travel times. The timing of the funding for the project has been delayed, and projected costs have increased significantly. As a result, the CAMPO Executive Board asked CAMPO staff to identify potential options to restore the schedule or accelerate the completion of the project, including tolls. In early 2024, the CAMPO Board directed staff to formally request a toll study be conducted by NCDOT and the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA). The study was recently completed, and staff from CAMPO and NCTA will share the results and next steps with the committee.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

3. Lenovo Center Development Update

Philip Isley, Chairman, The Centennial Authority Jeff Merritt, Executive Director, The Centennial Authority Brian Fork, CEO, Carolina Hurricanes

Representatives from The Centennial Authority and the Carolina Hurricanes will provide updates on enhancements to the Lenovo Center.

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4. Digital Skill Building Efforts

Dr. Gayle Greene, Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, Wake Technical Community College David Gann, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services, Wake Technical Community College Dr. Carenado Davis, Dean of Academic Support and Learning Resources Suvanida Duangudom, Campus Librarian Jennifer Mincey, Evening Librarian

Digital literacy strategies at Wake Technical Community College are offered throughout the college in support of its students as well as the citizens of Wake County. The Wake Tech team will discuss those efforts, with special emphasis on a digital inclusion and literacy strategies available to students and the public through the college's library services.

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5. One Water Update

Nancy Daly, Wake County Water Resources Program Manager Stephanie MacDurmon, Tetra Tech Project Manager

The Wake One Water Plan is a 50-year water supply plan to help ensure Wake County has a clean and abundant water supply that supports the demands of a growing population while continuing to support a high quality of life. Phase 2 of the One Water plan evaluated current water resource conditions and future water quality and quantity impacts associated with projected land use. This presentation will present findings from the current and projected future water resource analyses and how this information is being used to inform strategies. Updates will also be provided on ongoing community engagement efforts and the next steps in the plan development process.