



# Board of Commissioners Growth, Sustainability & Economic Strength Committee Agenda

Monday, March 23, 2026 – 1:00 PM  
Meeting Held Remotely

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Committee Chair Shinica Thomas

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the Growth, Sustainability, and Economic Strength Committee Meeting of November 3, 2025**

**2. Business Development Grant Policy Recommendations**

*Michael James, Assistant County Manager*

*Michael Haley, Wake County Economic Development*

Staff presented an overview of the County's Business Development Grant Policy on to the committee in August 2025, including an overview of the policy goals, legal context, and mechanics of the current policy. Staff also previewed potential policy changes based on project trends. At this meeting, staff will present recommended policy changes including modifications to wage thresholds, a new transformative project category, job-based payouts for headquarters projects, and other modifications.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Proposed Policy
3. Current Policy Adopted December 4, 2023

**3. Data Center Update**

*Terry Nolan, Planner III, Wake County Planning and Development Services*

Staff will share updates as a follow up to the presentation shared with the committee in November 2025 about coordinating conversations about data centers with municipalities and stakeholders. Staff will summarize research conducted into regulations and placement of large or hyperscale data centers and provide recommendations for local community consideration.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Data Center Report



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**4. Triangle Bikeway Update**

*Cara Russell, Senior Transportation Planner, CAMPO*

The Triangle Bikeway is a proposed 23-mile shared use path linking Raleigh, Cary, Morrisville, Research Triangle Park (RTP), Durham, and Chapel Hill parallel to the I-40 corridor. The CAMPO Executive Board endorsed the final report of the Triangle Bikeway Study in April 2022. The eastern portion of the corridor, between RTP and the City of Raleigh, is currently advancing to preliminary design to position the project for future construction funding opportunities.

Wake County and the Research Triangle Foundation have partnered to fund the design of the eastern portion of the recommended transportation facility and CAMPO was requested to manage the design phase of the project. CAMPO staff will present a project update and an overview of the upcoming milestones.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

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