

Wake Transit Update

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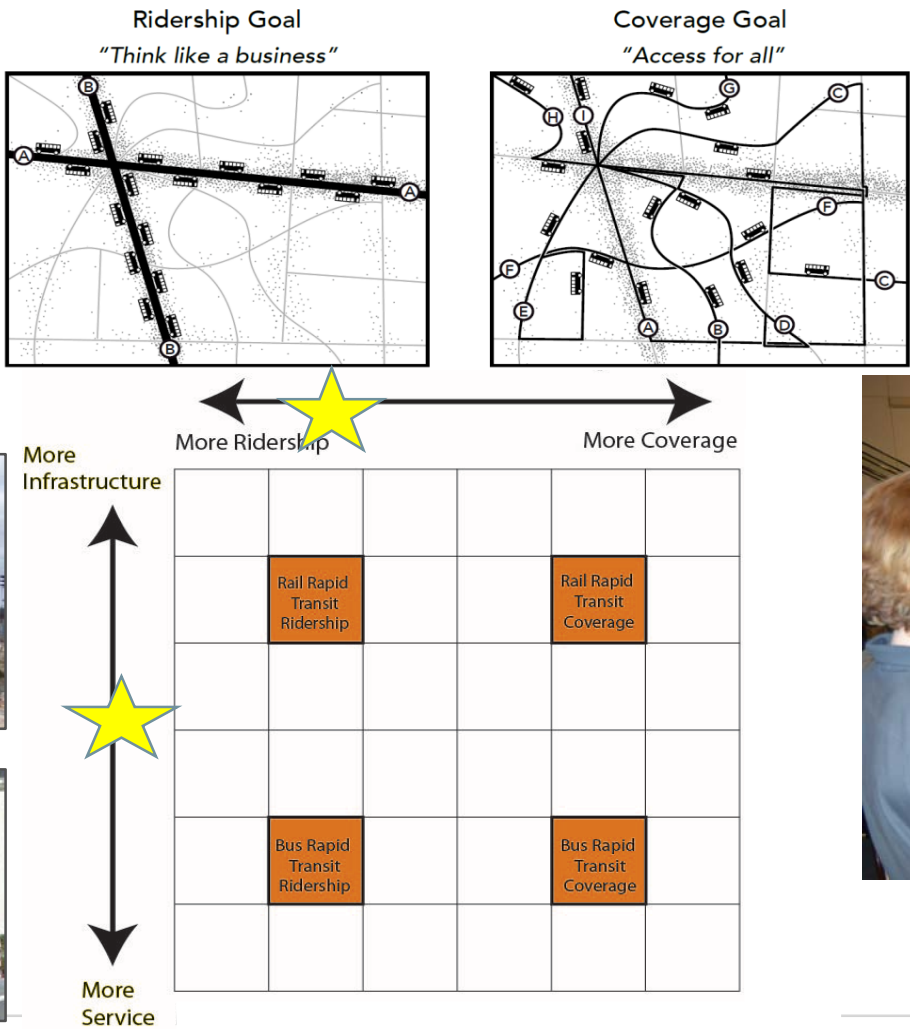
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Purpose for Today's Presentation

- Review History of Wake Transit Plan
- Receive Update on Wake Transit
 - The BOC will be provided a quick update on BRT, CRT, and the FY 2021 Wake Transit Work Plan
- Provide Feedback to CAMPO and GoTriangle on County Priorities
 - August 3 – 31: CAMPO and GoTriangle are collecting comments to influence an update to the Wake Transit Plan
- Opportunity to Ask Partners Questions
 - The BOC will be able to ask CAMPO, GoTriangle, and other transit partners questions to facilitate future updates to the BOC

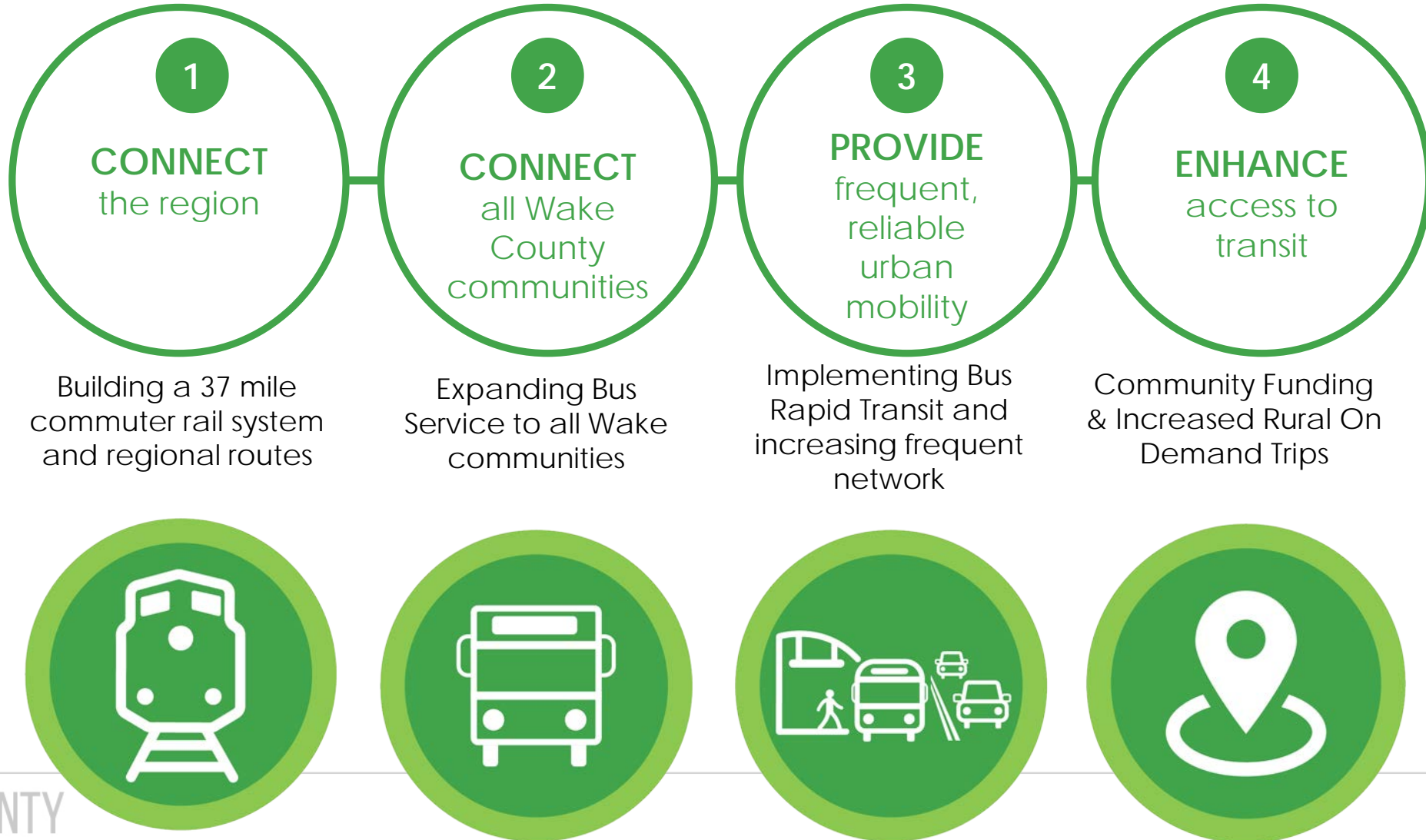
Extensive Engagement: Transit Choices and Trade-Offs

Ridership vs Coverage
Infrastructure vs Service



Wake Transit Plan: Four Big Moves

In November 2016, Wake County voters approved a transit-dedicated half-cent sales tax investment.



FY 2021 Wake Transit Work Plan

- Current climate is very different than what was envisioned earlier this year.
- Due to COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, sales tax collections are projected to be significantly less than previously anticipated.
- Most new transit investments for FY 2021 are placed in a reserve.
- The exception are projects that are time sensitive, reflect transit rider pressing needs, and/or leverage grant funding.
- Once sales tax collections are known, can revise and perhaps fund additional projects held in reserve.
 - Targeting early winter 2021

BRT Update

Wake BRT Program

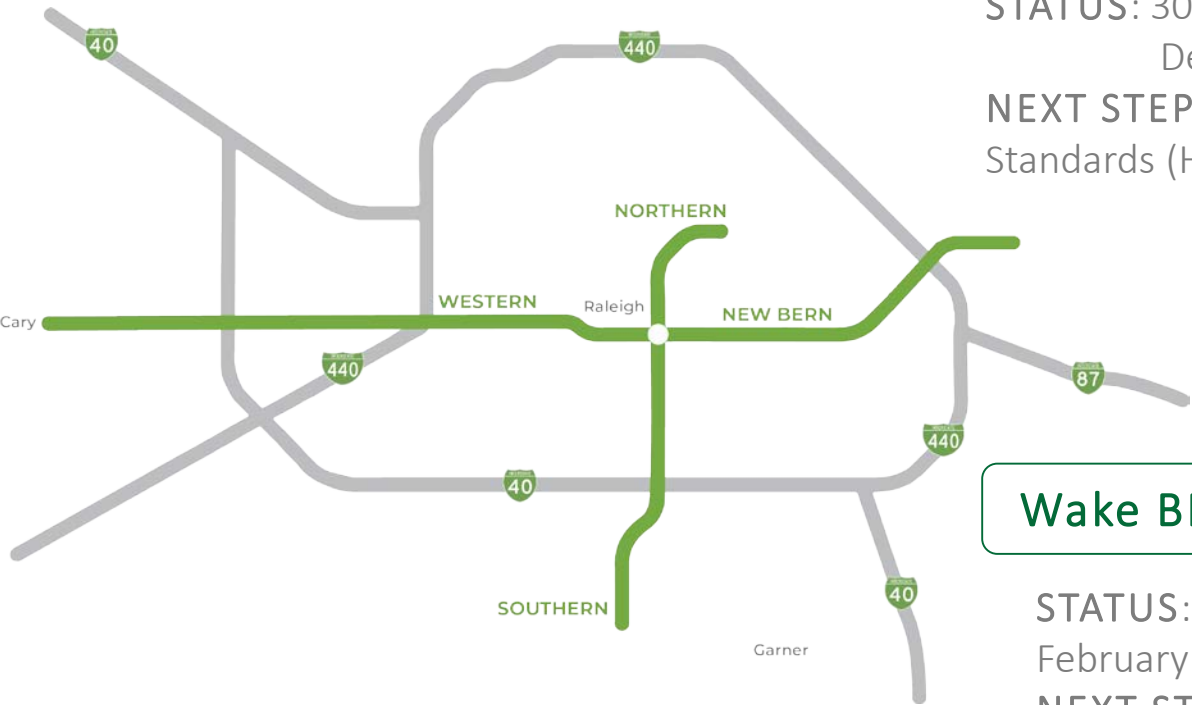
30% Design and NEPA

Wake BRT: Northern Corridor

STATUS: Pre-Planning Complete
NEXT STEP: Route Selection in Fall 2020 (WSP)

Wake BRT: Western Corridor

STATUS: Route Selection Kicked off in November 2019 (WSP)
NEXT STEP: Select Preferred Alignment
30% Design and NEPA



Wake BRT: New Bern Avenue

STATUS: 30% Design Complete (WSP)
Developed informational video
NEXT STEP: 30-100% Design and System Standards (HNTB)

Wake BRT: Southern Corridor

STATUS: Route Selection kicked off in February 2020 (WSP)
NEXT STEP: Select LPA
30% Design and NEPA

Commuter Rail Update

- Early Project Development Activities have begun
 - Kick-off meetings with Cary and Durham to discuss engineering studies needed in their downtown areas
 - Meeting scheduled with municipal stakeholders along corridor in August
 - Negotiations with NCRR and Norfolk Southern, with a scope of work for Rail Traffic Control (RTC) modeling underway
 - Kick-off for work with HR&A and TJCOG about analysis of project benefits and economic development opportunities in July
 - BOC will need to stay active to monitor status of project, findings on refining CRT cost estimate, and discussion on cost-share with counties.

CAMPO: Wake Transit Vision Plan Update



Wake Transit 2030 Scenarios

Scenario 1: Very Conservative	Scenario 2: Conservative	Scenario 3B: Moderate-Low	Scenario 4: Moderate- High	Scenario 5: Optimistic
<div>Less Revenue Collections ↔ Higher Revenue Collections</div> <div>Higher Project Costs ↔ Lower Project Costs</div> <div>Less Federal Participation ↔ Higher Federal Participation</div>				

CAMPO: Asking Public and Stakeholders to Confirm Wake Transit Priorities

Call 919-601-9270 for accessibility needs

? Progress 

Wake Transit Priorities Survey

WELCOME

Wake Transit Priorities Survey

Your feedback on this survey today will help confirm Wake County's transit investment priorities for the next 10 years.

 Begin

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PRIORITIES

3

TRADEOFFS

4

EFFECTIVE OUTREACH

5

ALMOST FINISHED!

GO FORWARD
A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT

Rescheduling of the projects is expected to be adopted by the CAMPO Executive Board and GoTriangle Board of Trustees in early 2021.



CAMPO and
GoTriangle to
adopt plan
update in
Winter/Spring
2021

<http://goforwardnc.org/wakeinput>

WAKE COUNTY

Questions for BOC

The Wake Transit Plan targets approximately 2/3 for projects that are most likely to have the highest ridership with the remaining 1/3 for service that is spread out so that as many people as possible have some service nearby.

Should investments continue to be mostly allocated to:

- Increase service hours and days where more people are (serves more people in busier areas)

OR

Should the plan be updated to:

- Provide more service to more places (serves more communities but fewer people)

Questions for BOC

Approximately half of the Wake Transit Plan is for direct transit service with the remaining half reserved for infrastructure to make service more attractive and efficient.

Should investments continue to be split evenly between:

- Adding new services and routes AND Infrastructure such as bus shelters, sidewalks, bus lanes and other projects like BRT and CRT that make transit faster and easier to use;

OR

- Should there be a bigger emphasis on service or a bigger emphasis on infrastructure?

Questions for BOC

Is there a consensus on what service and infrastructure improvements matter most to the BOC?


2 Project Priorities

What to doNext Task

PRIORITIES

Service

Infrastructure



Which **SERVICE** improvements matter most to you?
Rank the 5 choices in order. (1 star = least important improvement, 5 stars = most important improvement)

Frequency

Transit comes to stops and stations more often

★★★★★

Comment

Coverage

More communities and neighborhoods get some transit service

★★★★★

Comment

Span

Transit runs on more days of the week and/or for more hours each day

★★★★★

Comment

Local Service

Expand/enhance transit services operating within a city or a town

★★★★★

Comment

Regional Service

Expand/enhance transit that connects cities and towns to each other

★★★★★

Comment

Suggest another

Next Category


2 Project Priorities

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Which **INFRASTRUCTURE** improvements matter most to you?
Rank the 5 choices in order. (1 star = least important improvement, 5 stars = most important improvement)

Facilities

Facility improvements (new/upgraded bus stops, stations, or park & rides)

★★★★★

Comment

Technology

Real-time travel information, ticketing, passenger communications systems, Wi-Fi access

★★★★★

Comment

Connecting Infrastructure

Connections to transit through new/improved sidewalks, crosswalks, bike paths

★★★★★

Comment

Vehicle

New buses, bus upgrades, and improvements to bus comfort

★★★★★

Comment

Speed & Reliability

Dedicated bus lanes, rail transit, traffic signals that allow bus priority at intersections, faster ticketing

★★★★★

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Suggest another

Next Task

Discussion with Transit Partners

- What questions does the BOC have of GoTriangle or CAMPO about the Wake Transit Vision Update?
- What other information does the BOC need at this time?
- What topics would you like to discuss further at BOC Work Sessions this fall?

Thank You!