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Joint MPO Transportation Policy Priorities

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Triangle Regional Transportation Policy Priorities

- Invest for success
- Make investments reliable & predictable
- Enable critical corridor investments to be more cost effective
- Remove funding barriers for small towns and rural areas in division with large MPOs



Triangle Regional Transportation Policy Priorities

- Make NC a leader in active transportation investments
- Strengthen support for demand-management and technology
- Recognize statewide projects in all modes



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Strengthen Support for Demand Management and Technology

Demand Management

- Manage demand to more efficiently use existing roads
- Promote collaboration NCDOT, MPOs, TJCOG and local service providers
- Engage employers and provide guidance and tools
- Work with state leaders to reinstate ability to adopt local ordinances



Strengthen Support for Demand Management and Technology

Smart City Technologies

- Active Freeway Management to reduce delay and increase reliability
- Traffic Signal Systems into integrated, community-wide network
- Mobility in Regional Hubs such as city centers and universities, using technology, pricing, parking strategies



Make NC a Leader in Active Transportation Investments

Complete Streets

- Restore state funding for standalone
 bike and pedestrian projects
- Clarifies responsibilities for facility maintenance
- Lower the local match requirements to incentivize more investments
- Prioritize side paths for busy, highspeed roads



Make NC a Leader in Active Transportation Investments

* Safe Routes to Schools

- □ Impacts on learning and health
- Improves academic
 performance and classroom
 behavior
- NCDOT and MPOs can use flexible funding for SRTS investments and programs
- Site selection and design efficiencies / cost savings



NCDOT Complete Streets 2.0

***** For STIP Projects:

- Commits NCDOT to pay full cost if bike/ped facility in a plan
- Requires Complete Streets Project
 Sheet with SPOT submission
- Recognizes NACTO and other design guidance
- Releasing Implementation Guide and FAQs soon (including maintenance questions)



Next Steps for Our Priorities?

(not asking to decide today, but to give guidance to staff)

- Develop more detail on other existing policy priorities?
- Consider additional policy priorities for the region?
- Retire any existing priorities?



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Metropolitan Transportation Plans

Framework

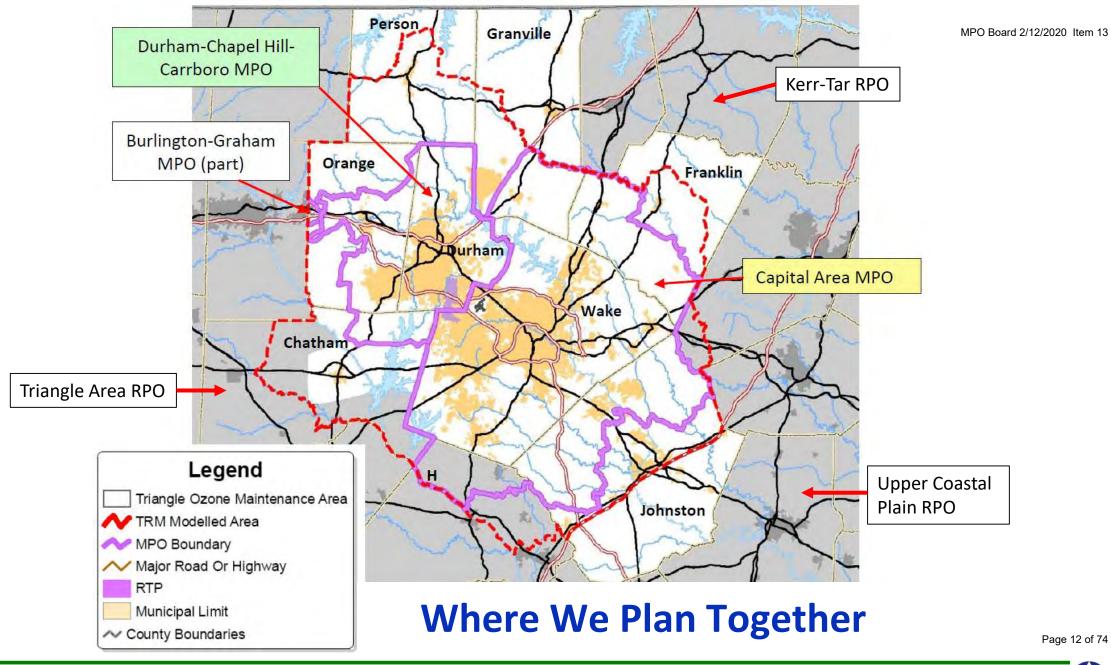
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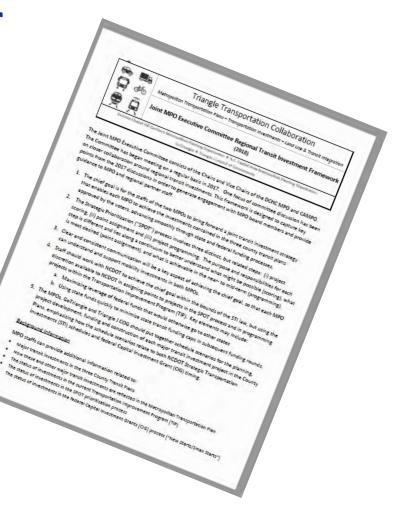
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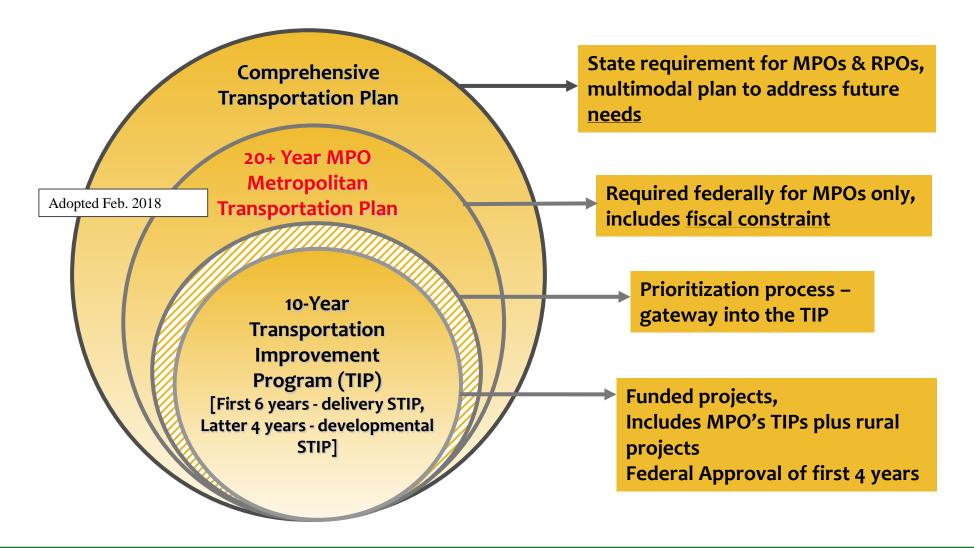


How We Plan Together

- Joint MPO Executive Committee (MPO chairs & vicechairs, technical committee chairs, lead staff)
- Commitment to closer collaboration and clearer communication at policy, technical and staff levels
- Joint meetings of MPO Policy Boards
- Joint documents:
 - Policy Priorities
 - Joint Executive Committee Transit Investment Framework
 - Chief Goal: "joint transit investment strategy that enables each MPO to achieve the investments contained in the three county transit plans approved by the voters, advancing smoothly through state and federal funding processes."



What We Plan Together



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Regional Collaboration

TRM (Triangle Regional Model)

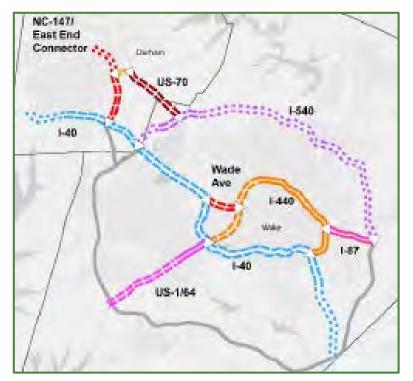
 Forecasting tool developed and managed by the two MPOs, GoTriangle, and NCDOT

Coordination for NCDOT Prioritization

- Limited State/Federal funding
- MPOs/RPOs/NCDOT Divisions

Coordinated Special Studies

- Corridor Studies
- Triangle Regional Freight Plan Feb 2018
- Triangle Strategic Tolling Study Oct 2019
- Managed Motorways I-6001 ongoing
- Triangle Region ITS Deployment Plan *ongoing*



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Major Transit Infrastructure

Status in County Plans & 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

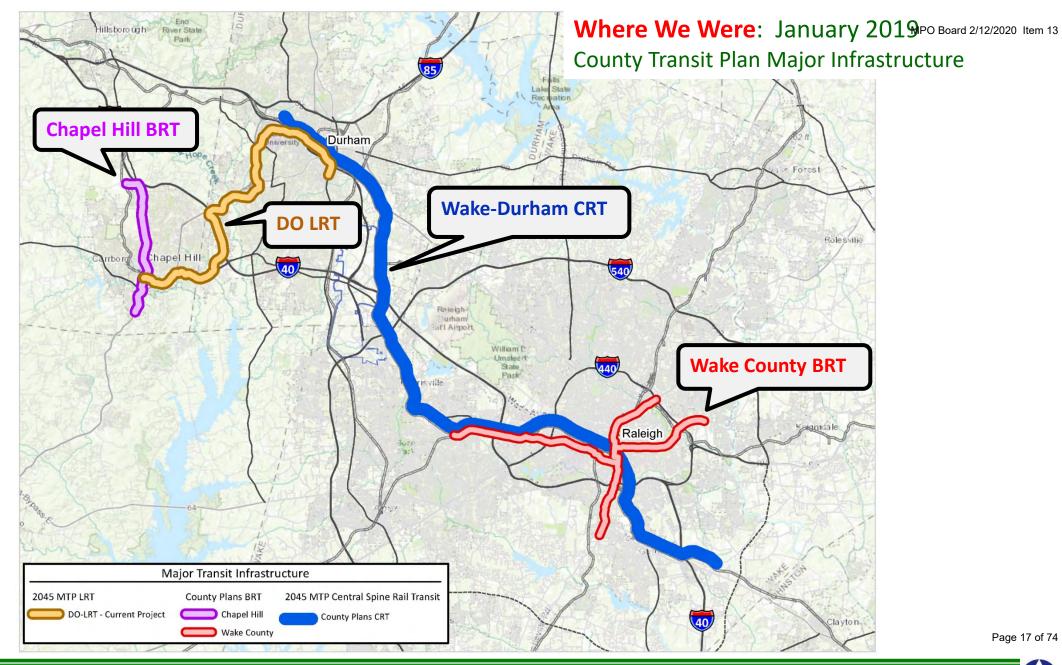
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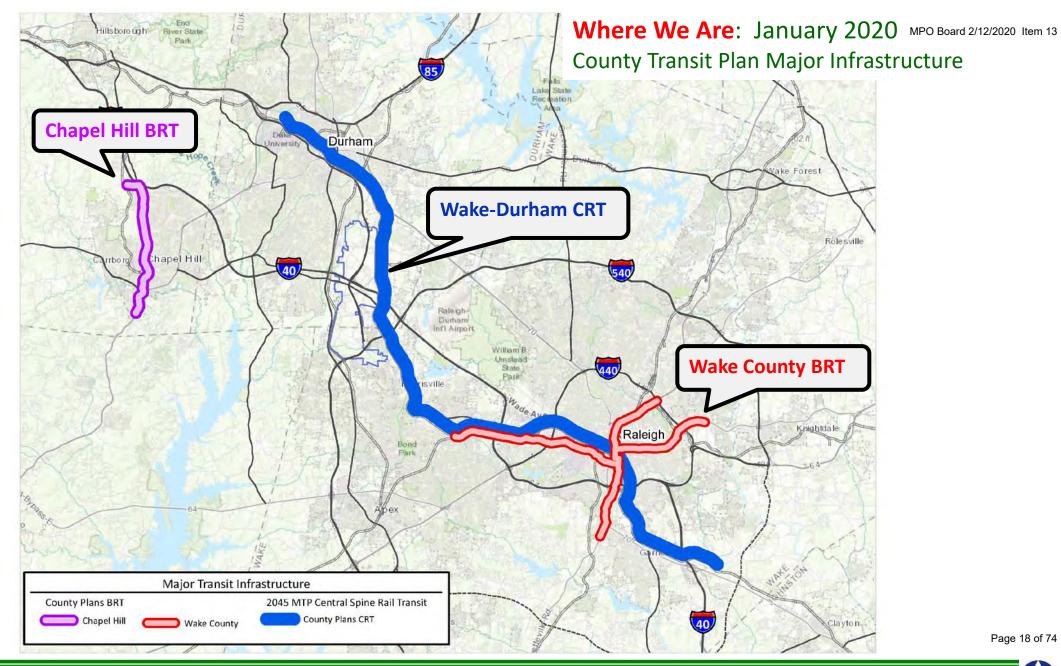


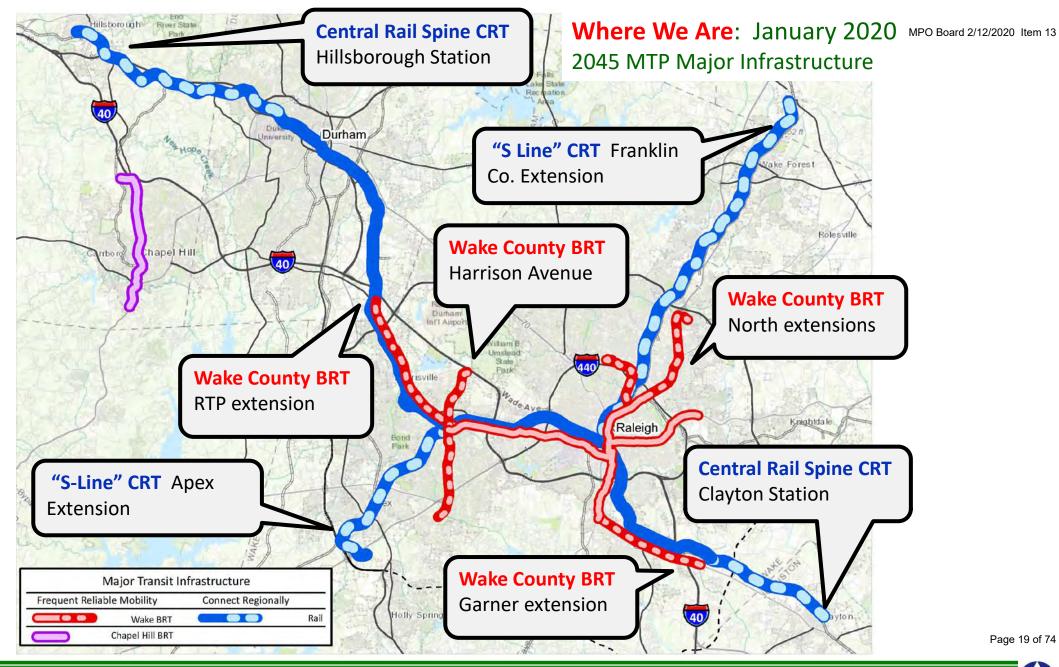


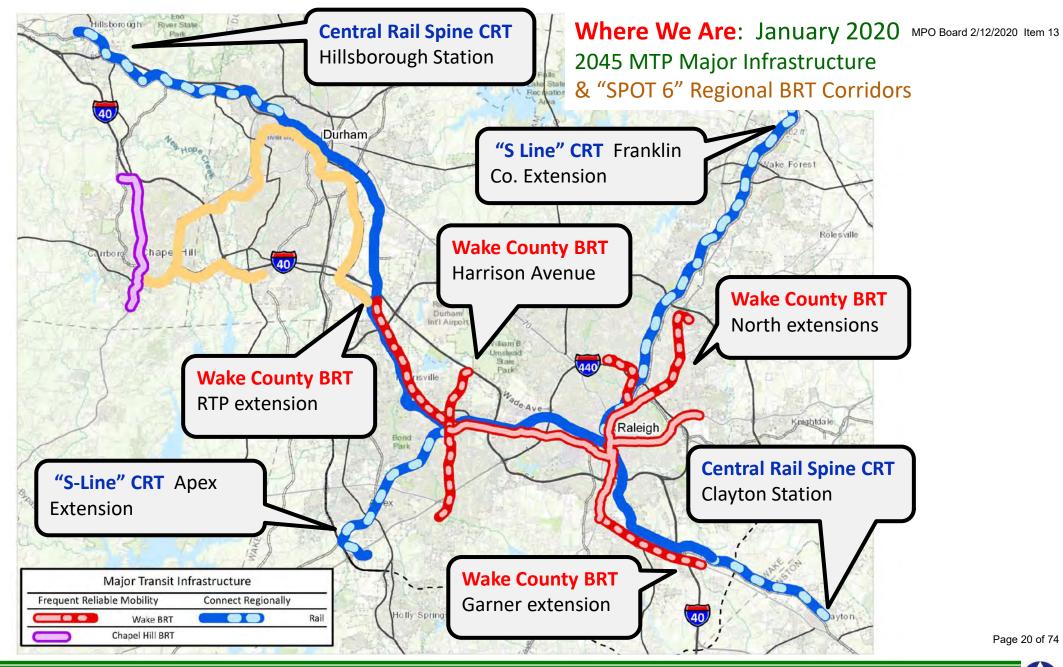
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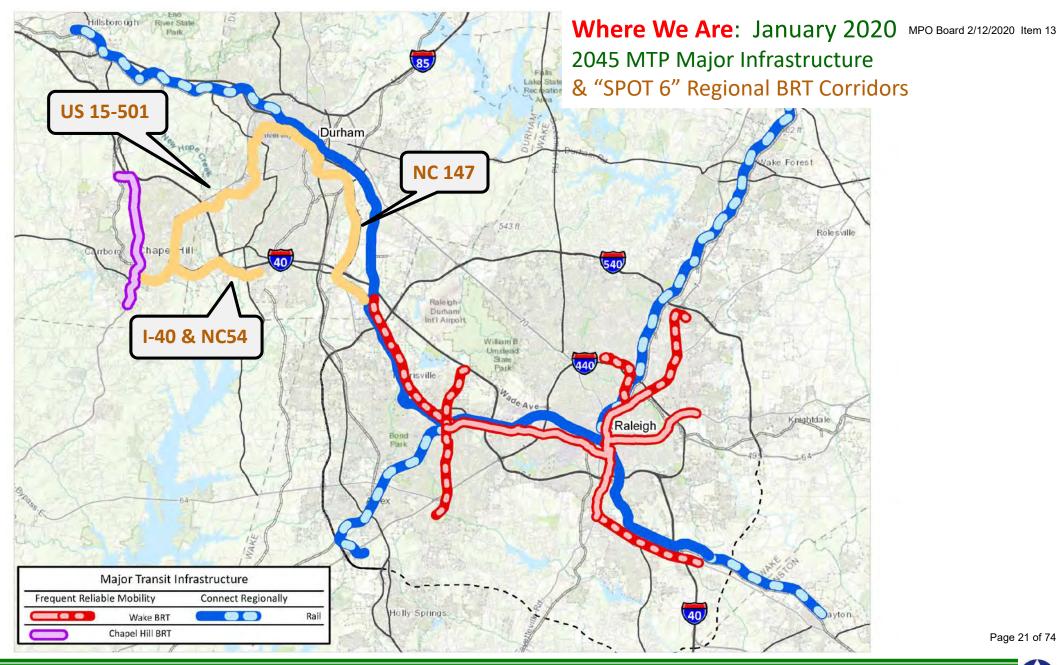












"Spine Corridor" Commuter Rail

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Existing Rail Corridor

Freight Rail – Heavy Rail

- Freight operation constitutes the movement of goods and cargo in freight rolling stock (e.g., boxcars, flatcars), which are typically hauled by diesel-powered locomotives.
- The North Carolina Railroad Company (NCRR) owns the 317-mile corridor and Class I freight rail provider Norfolk Southern operates and maintains the railroad through a long-term lease with NCRR

Intercity Rail – Heavy Rail, Shared Track

- Intercity transit mode services covering longer distances than commuter or regional trains
- The main provider of intercity passenger rail service in the U.S. is Amtrak
- Four intercity passenger service routes run on the North Carolina Railroad including the Carolinian and the Piedmont which are sponsored by NCDOT

The North Carolina Railroad is built for the service it currently offers

Added capacity, including commuter rail, would require additional infrastructure, including added tracks







A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN

Previous Study: CRT Major Investment Study

This study of the 37-mile corridor completed in May 2019 showed:

- Taking commuter rail in the corridor would be faster and more reliable than driving at rush hour or taking a bus.
- The operating scenario providing service every 30 minutes in peak periods and limited service midday and evenings was the most productive among the scenarios studied.
- 16 potential candidate station zones would be appropriate for further analysis
- Ridership results would be consistent with those from similar commuter rail systems.
- Additional analysis would be needed to refine ridership estimates and to identify infrastructure required to support any commuter rail operating plans.

Current Study: Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Study

What do we hope to take away from this study?

- Provide elected officials the data needed to decide whether to take the project to the next phase of development
- Examine scenarios adding Johnston County/Selma and Orange County/Mebane
- Refresh and update ridership estimates, infrastructure assumptions, and cost estimates that were included in prior high-level planning studies
- Identify additional activities necessary before initiating project design and implementation



Preliminary Findings of the In-Progress Study



- Further detailed railroad capacity modeling would be needed to confirm infrastructure requirements
 - Cost estimates require further definition
 - Cost estimates are planning-level
 - $\circ\,$ No engineering has been performed yet as part of this study
 - Cost estimates would be refined once preliminary engineering work and railroad capacity modeling is completed
- Ridership estimates would require further refinement

This is a Preliminary Feasibility Study. All information is subject to refinement as additional phases of study and design are completed.



All Commuter Rail Scenarios Studied Necessitate Another Track

Existing/Planned Traffic

• 27 freight and intercity passenger trains per day

Scenario 1: Three round trips in the peak periods

• +14 commuter trains per day (7 round trips)

Scenario 2: Five round trips in the peak periods

• +24 commuter trains per day (12 round trips)

<u>Scenario 3</u>: Eight round trips in the peak periods

• +40 commuter trains per day (20 round trips)



To be eligible for federal funding, project must score a Medium rating

End Points	Weekday Round Trips	Service Level	Expected Score	"Upside" Score	"Downside" Score
Mebane-Selma	20	8-2-8-2	Medium-Low	Medium	Medium-Low
Mebane-Selma	12	5-1-5-1	Medium-Low	Weak Medium	Medium-Low
Mebane-Selma	7	3-1-3	Medium-Low	Weak Medium	Medium-Low
Durham-Garner	20	8-2-8-2	Medium	Medium	Medium-Low
Durham-Garner	12	5-1-5-1	Weak Medium	Weak Medium	Medium-Low
Durham-Garner	7	3-1-3	Weak Medium	Weak Medium	Medium-Low
HillsbClayton	20	8-2-8-2	Weak Medium	Medium	Medium-Low
Durham-Clayton	20	8-2-8-2	Medium	Medium	Medium-Low

Note: Scenarios rated as "Weak Medium" are projected to score at the low end of the Medium range, meaning that if any single component score is reduced, the overall score would fall below the eligibility requirements



Critical Next Steps

Public meetings with County boards and MPOsLocal decision-making on next steps

Memorandum of Understanding for next phase of work (early project development activities):

NCRR, GoTriangle, Counties, MPOs, NCDOT

Focus on Risk Management

• Requirements Risk:

- o Difficulty of succinctly and fully developing project requirements
- Differences in project stakeholder goals

• Design Risk:

- Design-related assumptions change
- Situations where unknown factors cause designs to change
- Market Risk:

• Open market pricing and/or contract packaging strategies

• Construction Risk:

- Site activities
- Coordination of contractors



Next Phase of Study: Key Focus Areas

Local Engagement: Build a foundation for sustained regional cooperation

Further Refine Project Concept: Define infrastructure and frequency of trains

Metrics: Provide monetary costs, non-monetary costs, and benefits

Railroad Buy-in: Rail network modeling, determine necessary requirements

Capacity Building: Develop management plan and procure consultant support

FTA Funding Eligibility: Ridership modeling and economic development potential

Cost Share: Obtain commitment of 100% of non FTA funds



MPO Policy Board Member Discussion

- What are you hearing in your community about Commuter Rail?
- What questions do you have that you'd like more information about?
- What initial thoughts do you have about Commuter Rail investment?





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Wake Bus Rapid (BRT) Update

- Wake Transit Plan
- Wake BRT Program Update
- Wake BRT: New Bern Avenue
- Next Steps/Future Public Engagement

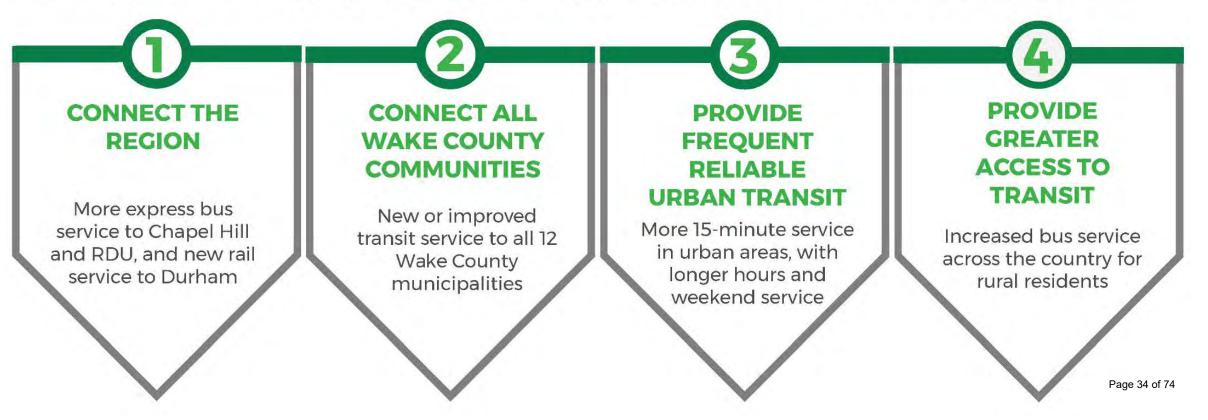
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Wake Transit Plan

Four Big Moves

The Wake County Transit Plan Includes Four "BIG MOVES"



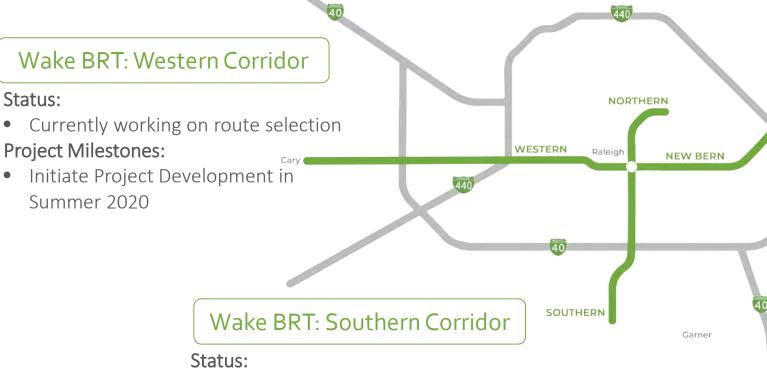


Wake BRT Program Update Project Status

Wake BRT: Northern Corridor

Project Milestones:

• Initiate route selection in Fall 2020



• Currently working on route selection

Project Milestones:

• Initiate Project Development in Summer 2020

Wake BRT: New Bern Avenue Status: • Currently in design phase (10%)

Project Milestones:

- 30 % design by Spring 2020
- Final design by Summer 2021
- Revenue service by end of 2023

Raleigh BRT: Equitable Development Around Transit

Status:

- Creating policy for land use along all BRT corridors
- Final report, proposed regulatory ^{Page 35 of 74} changes in Spring 2020



Wake BRT: New Bern Avenue

Current Design





Project Statistics



GoRaleigh Station to New Hope/New Bern (East Raleigh Transit Center, P&R)



Total 5.1 miles, 3.3 miles of dedicated lanes



Ten (10) station pairs, in addition to GoRaleigh Station



Mon-Fri from 4am to midnight and Sat-Sun from 5:30 am to midnight



- Target revenue service/opening year end of 2023
- \$71.4 Million (YOE)



\$2.5 Million – estimated operating cost in first full year of operations

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Current Observations / Public Focus

• Station access information: universal design,

safety and ADA (offset median stations)

- System "look and feel"
 - Branding
 - Vehicles
 - Station design
- Corridor context specific public engagement

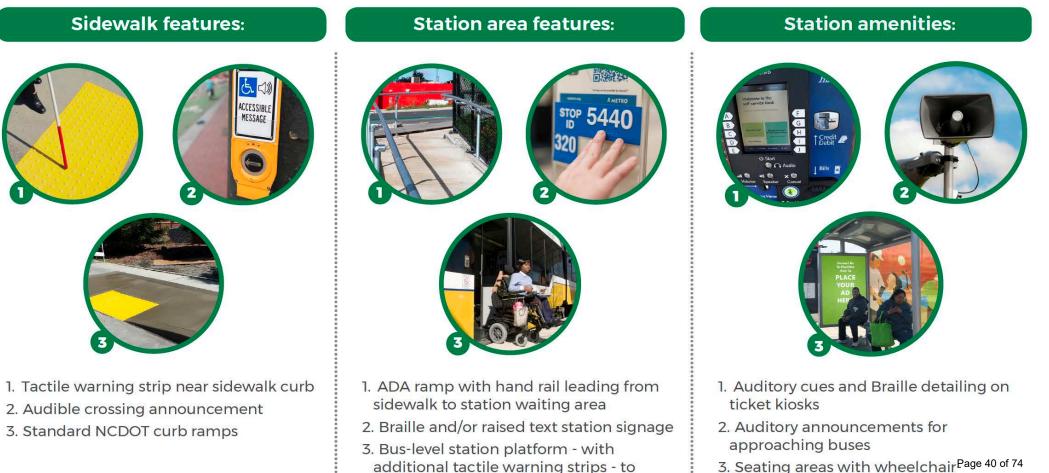


Station Access

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ADA Design / Universal Access



allow for seamless boarding

3. Seating areas with wheelchair^{Page 40 of 74} accessible spaces



Final Design Approach

Wake BRT System Design		Wake BRT: New Bern Avenue	
 Design Standards Station Typologies / Structures Site-Specific Design ADA / Assess Standards 	Art Integration Type / Area of Application	 Final Design (100%) Transit Runningway Design Roadway Design Signal Design 	 Safety & Security Cameras Lighting
 ADA / Access Standards Bike-Ped / Complete Streets Kit of Parts / Structures 	 Marketing / Communications Community Engagement Stakeholder Outreach Concensus Building 	 Signal Design Stormwater Design Crosswalks / Bike-Ped Design Structures / Vertical Elements 	 Agency Coordination NEPA Documentation FTA Coordination
 Branding Identity / Placemaking 	Public Relations	 Construction Plans Utilities / Fiber 	 NCDOT Coordination
	 Safety & Security 		 Cost Estimates
 User Experience Customer Experience 	 Infrastructure Specifications 	 Phasing / Implementation Corridor Phasing Strategy 	 Design Cost Estimate Construction Cost Estimate
 Employee Experience 	 Technology/Innovation 	Federal Process	
Station Wayfinding / Access	 Infrastructure Specifications 	Implementation Timeline	
Prototyping	the second se		Page 41 of 74



Next Steps

Future Public Engagement

February 2020

Wake BRT: Southern Corridor Kick Off & Design Open House #1

- February 20th Garner Senior Center 4-7pm
- February 24th Victory Church 4-7pm

Raleigh Equitable Development Around Transit Design Open House #3

• Two meetings (tentative dates February 27th and 29th)

April 2020

Wake BRT: Western Boulevard Corridor Study Open House #2

Wake BRT: New Bern Avenue Design Open House #3



Chapel Hill Transit

Get on Board! Matt Cecil Transit Development Manager Chapel Hill Transit (919) 969-4916 <u>mcecil@townofchapelhill.org</u> To Learn More: https://nsbrt.org/

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Context and Vision

Prepares the Town to meet mobility demand as the region continues to grow:

www.nsbrt.org

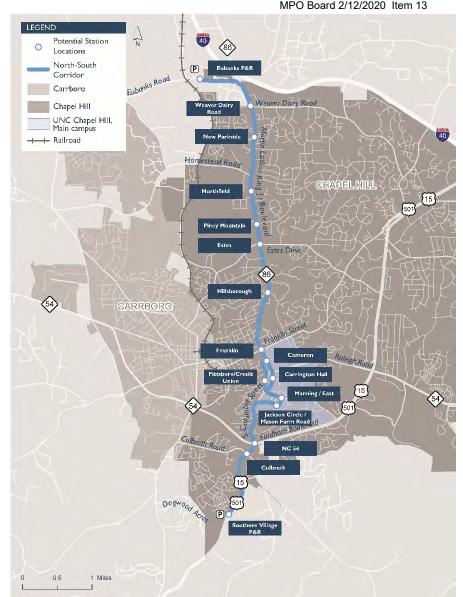
- Current system operates close to maximum capacity
- Proposed system provides a long-term, scalable solution available to residents and visitors of the community
- Connects to regional transit options
- Supports current & planned development in the corridor with a multi-modal system that serves cyclists, pedestrians and other users





NEPA and 30% Design Schedule

- Applied for rating with FTA on August 23, 2019
- Spring 2020 LPA finalized
- Late Spring 2020 Request Revised NEPA Class of Action
- Spring 2020 Draft 30% design plans handed over to NEPA Team
- Late Spring 2020 30% design plans are finalized based on FTA feedback
- Fall 2020 NEPA document published for review



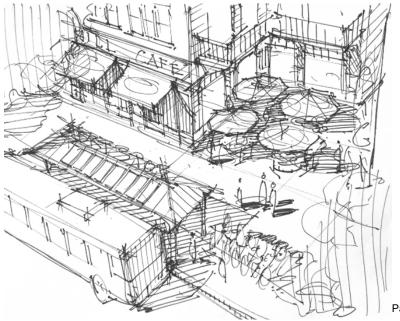
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NSBRT Corridor

- 8.2 miles
- Eubanks P&R to Southern Village P&R
- Connections with:
 - UNC Hospital
 - UNC Campus
 - Downtown Chapel Hill
- Regional connections
- 33 minute travel time
- Opening 2025
- 7,500 daily riders opening year
- \$5.9M annual O&M



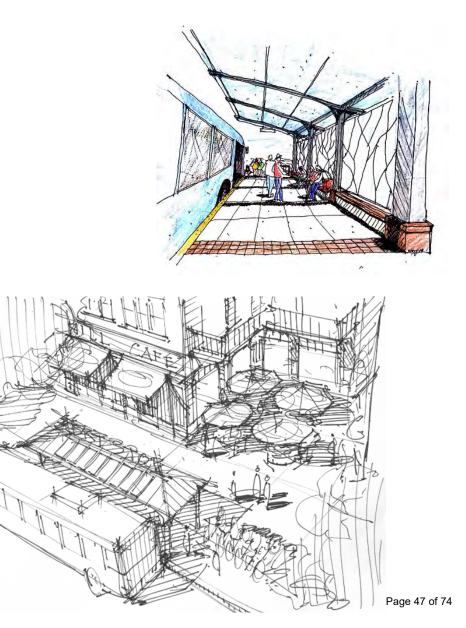


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Operating Plans

- 27 stations
- NSBRT will operate 7 days a week
- 7.5 minute peak frequency
- 10 minute off-peak frequency
- 20 minute night and weekend frequency
- 60% dedicated guideway
- 82% pedestrian and bicycle facilities





Funding

 Current financial plan assumes \$100M of project funding to come through Federal Sources, \$41M from non-federal sources

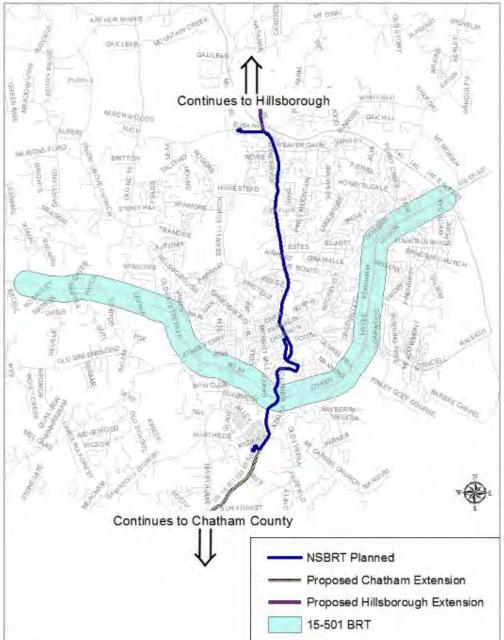
> Currently we have \$14.1M of non-federal funds committed through the Orange County Transit Plan Project and will be submitted for \$35M in State funding as part of the SPOT process.

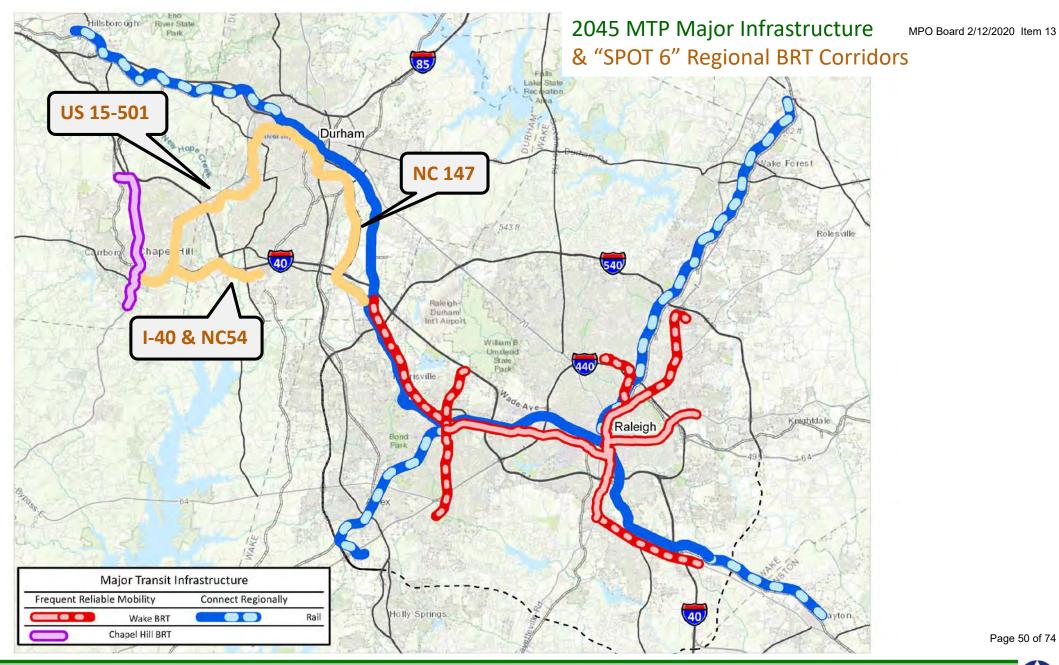
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Future Chapel Hill BRT

- NSBRT extension to Chatham County
- NSBRT extension to Hillsborough
- Cross town BRT connecting White Cross/NC 54 with Eastowne/15-501





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Triangle Trails Initiative

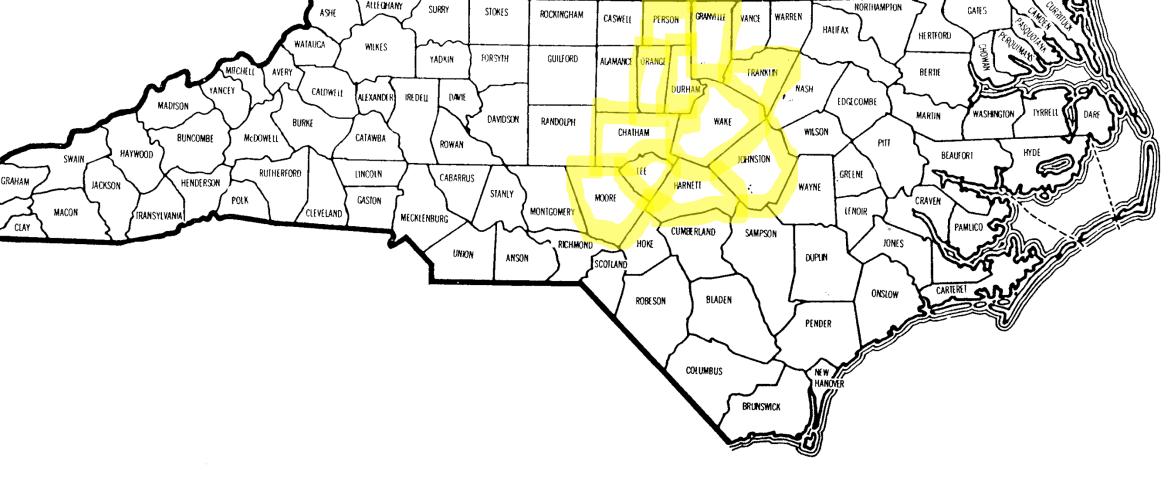
The Triangle Trails Initiative is a program of the East Coast Greenway Alliance. This work is funded by a grant from the AJ Fletcher Foundation.



Triangle Trails Initiative: Regional Footprint

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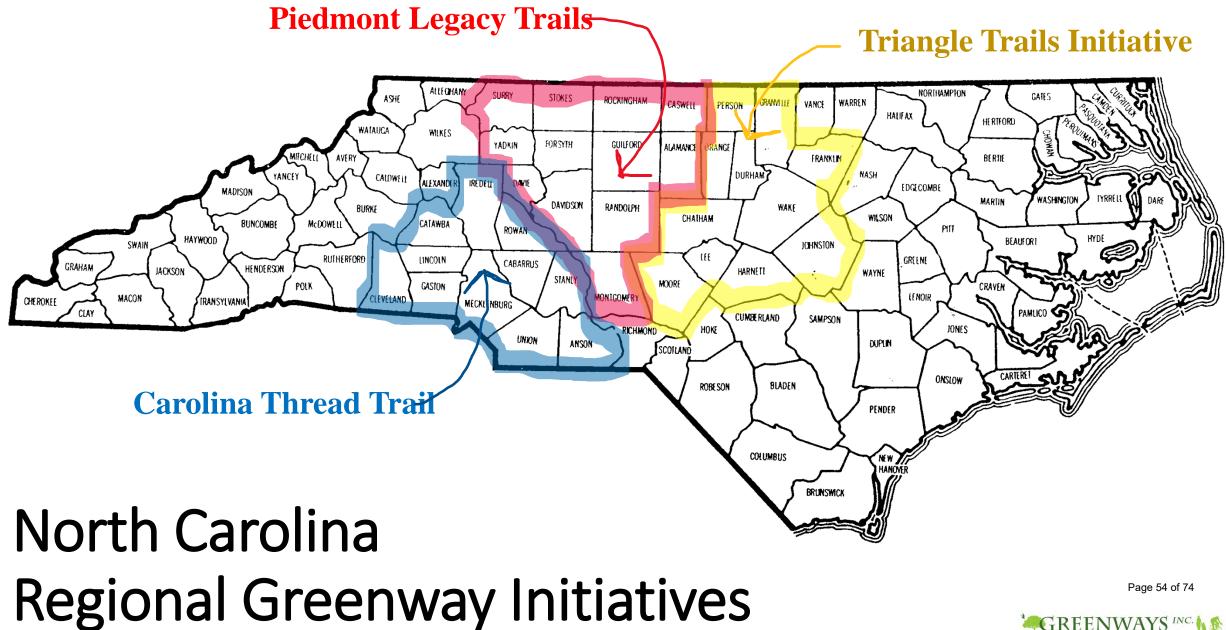
Triangle Trails Initiative – Expanded Footprint

- Chatham County (confirmed)
- Durham County (confirmed)
- Franklin County (2020 meet)
- Harnett County (confirmed)
- Granville County (Feb. 14)
- Johnston County (confirmed)
- Cumberland (considering)

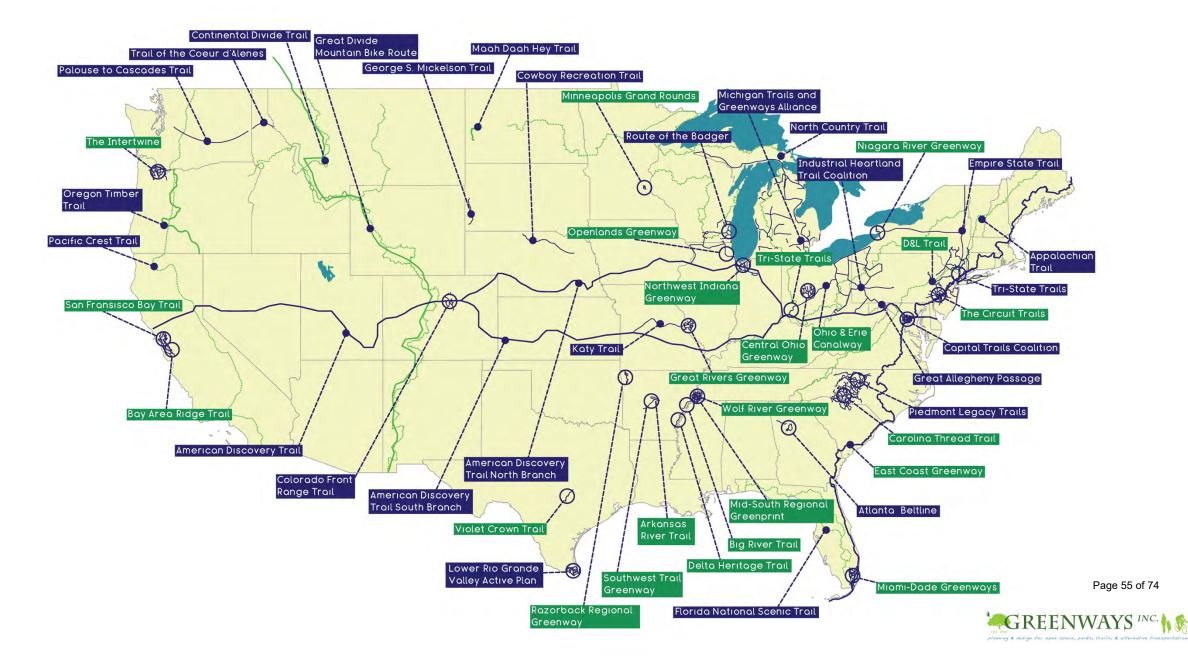
- Lee County (confirmed)
- Moore County (2020 meet)
- Orange County (confirmed)
- Person County (confirmed)
- Vance County (Feb. 14)
- Wake County (confirmed)
- Warren County (Feb. 19)

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Triangle Trails Initiative: Mission Statement

"Triangle Trails is a collaboration between government, business, institutions and civic leaders to make the Research Triangle Region a national leader is greenways and trails."

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Triangle Trails Initiative

Marketing Tag Line:

"Connecting people and communities with investments that keep us active and engaged with nature and our neighborhoods."

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- Triangle GREENU Council
- Chuck Flink met with the Triangle Greenways Council board of directors to discuss a possible merger.
- The proposal to TGC:
 - A new life for the organization, becoming the name of a regional greenway and trail initiative
 - Would merge the TGC 501c3 with Triangle Trails Initiative – Triangle Greenways
 - TGC portfolio of land and associated funds would be transferred to Triangle Land Conservancy
 - Transition would begin in 2020 if agreeable to TGC Board of Directors

TTI: <u>Advisory</u> <u>Board</u> <u>Membership</u> (as of December 31, 2019)

- Sig Hutchinson, Wake County Commissioner
- Scott Levitan, President, Research Triangle Park
- Mike Conlon, Affordable Communities
- **Dennis Edwards**, VisitRaleighNC
- Dennis Markatos-Soriano, East Coast Greenway Alliance
- Iona Thomas, McAdams

- Renee Price, Orange County Commissioners
- **David Proper**, The Conservation Fund
- Jule Smith, Fred Smith and Company
- Larry Zucchino, Jdavis Architects
- Coley Price, Harnett County
- Dan Lamontagne, Chatham County

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Work Accomplished in 2019

- Established an Advisory Board Membership regional partners being added by invitation.
- Authored Advisory Board Duties, Roles and Responsibilities will be circulated with the AB for review and feedback
- Completed Part 1 of Funding Strategy matching funds for Fletcher Grant
- DRAFT work program for Program Manager
- DRAFT position description for Program Manager
- DRAFT work program for TTI

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2020 Work Program

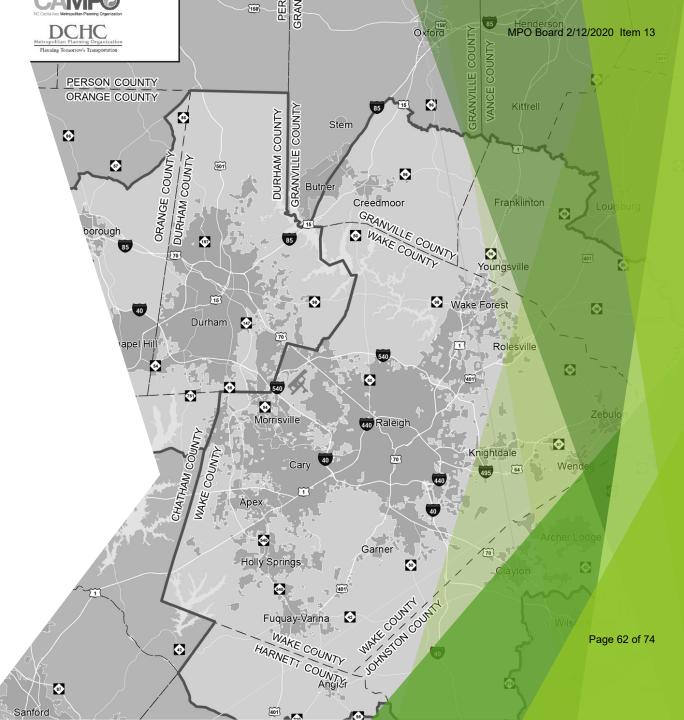
- Grow Regional Partnership (public and private sector)
- Meetings with Advisory Board (twice in 2020)
- Fund Raising (operating funds for TTI)
- Finalize Program Manager Work Tasks
- Advertise and Hire Program Manager (funding needed)
- Finalize Merger Proposal with TGC

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Triangle Strategic Tolling Study

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Toll Road vs. Express Toll Lanes



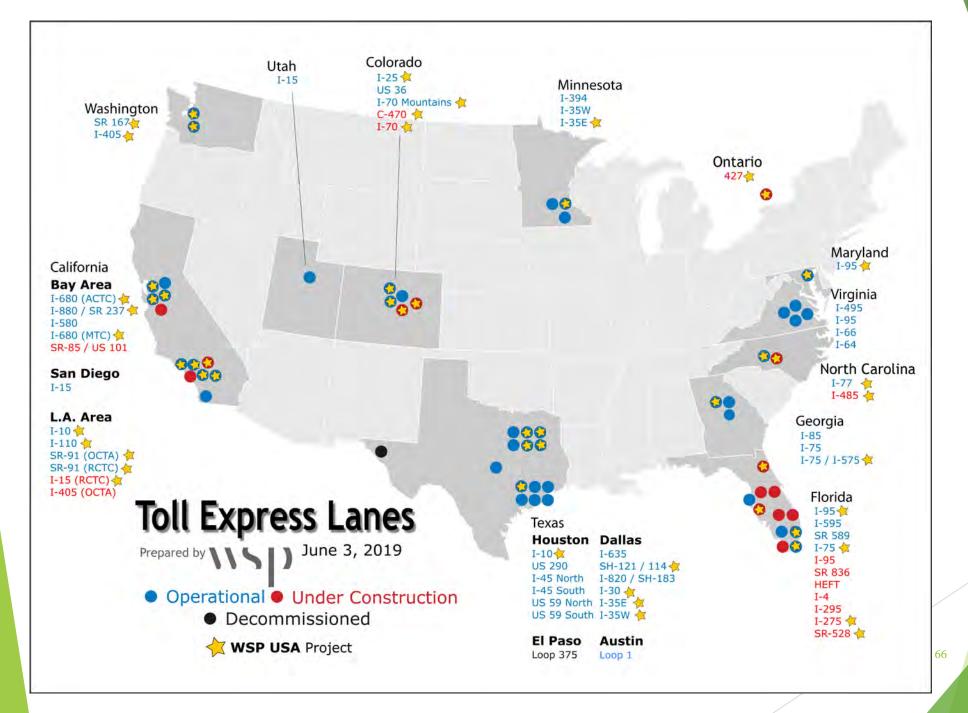
- Everyone pays a toll to use the facility
- Route-based Choice: option to use the Toll Road or use a different non-toll facility



- Only Express Toll Lane users pay a toll
- Lane-based Choice: option to use the Express Toll Lanes or use the tollfree general purpose lanes

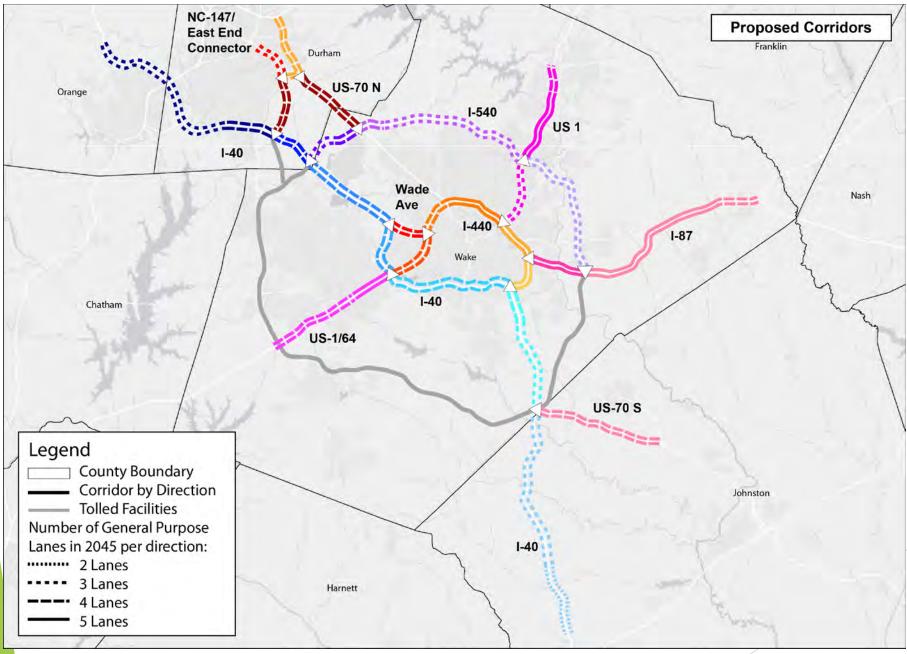
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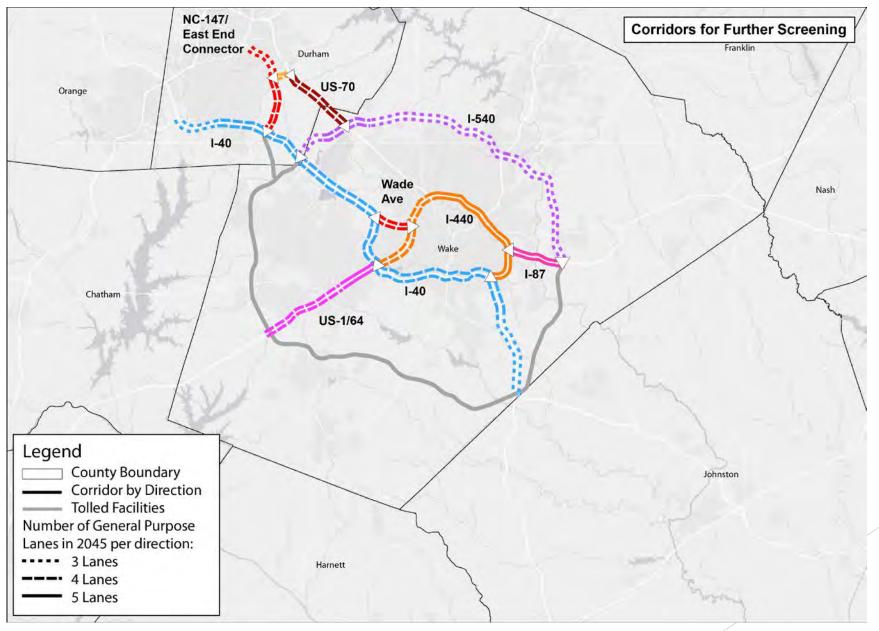
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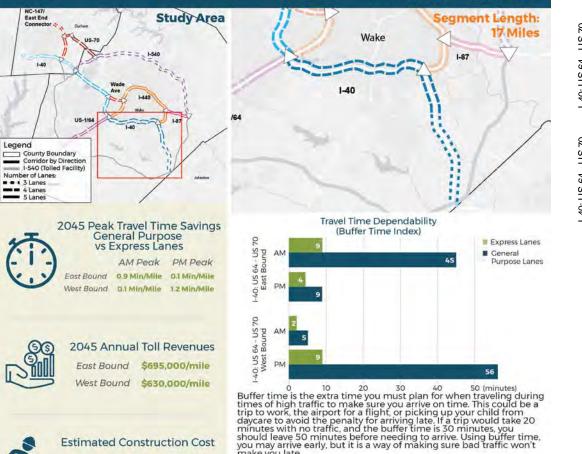


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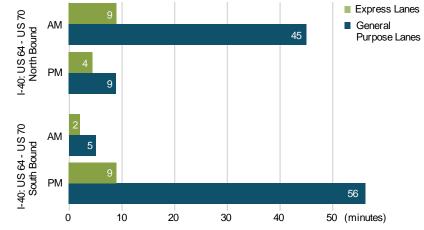
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Travel Time Dependability (Buffer Time Index)





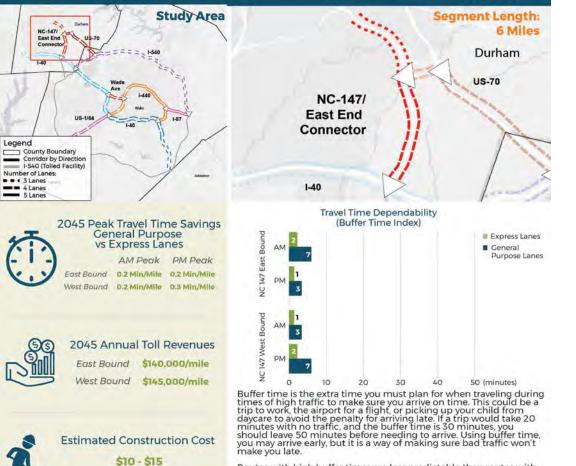
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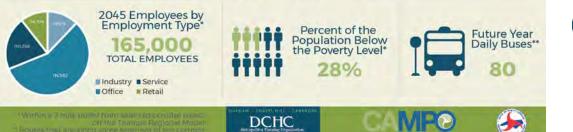
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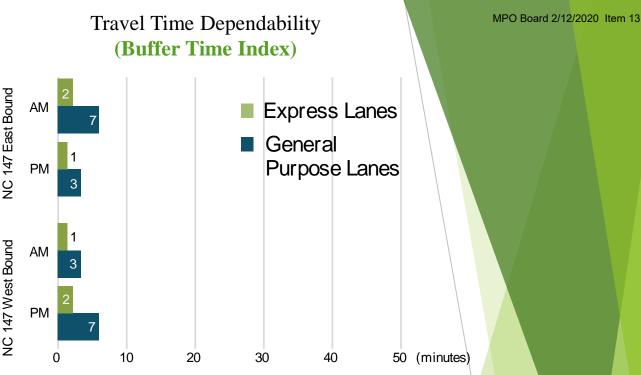
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2045 Annual Toll Revenues NB: **\$140,000/mile** SB: **\$145,000/mile**



Transit Supportive -Future Year Daily Buses:

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What is the Triangle Strategic Tolling Study?

The Triangle's governmental agencies are working together to enhance freeway reliability, reduce congestion, and improve regional mobility through self-sustaining and equitable funding mechanisms.

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Agency (CAMPO) and the Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) are working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to conduct a study to evaluate the regional transportation network. The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) is serving as a resource during the study. The study's purpose is to develop a toll lane and/or managed lane strategy to address current highway congestion and in anticipation of future capacity and funding deficiencies for the Triangle region.

This study will determine the feasibility and necessity of using tolling and traffic management concepts to achieve regional objectives associated with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (the region's transportation plan that defines projects to be implemented over the next 20 years).

Public and stakeholder outreach efforts conducted as part of this study will inform citizens about toll and/or managed lanes while gathering feedback from Triangle residents. Learn more about the study i

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What's Included

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Managed Motorways in the Triangle

- **Coordinated ramp meters**
- Sensors
- **Ramp** improvements
- Command and control software
- Human intervention at Traffic Management Center
- Incident detection and CCTV surveillance
- Traveler information
- Can include lane management

Technology Changes - Managed Roadways



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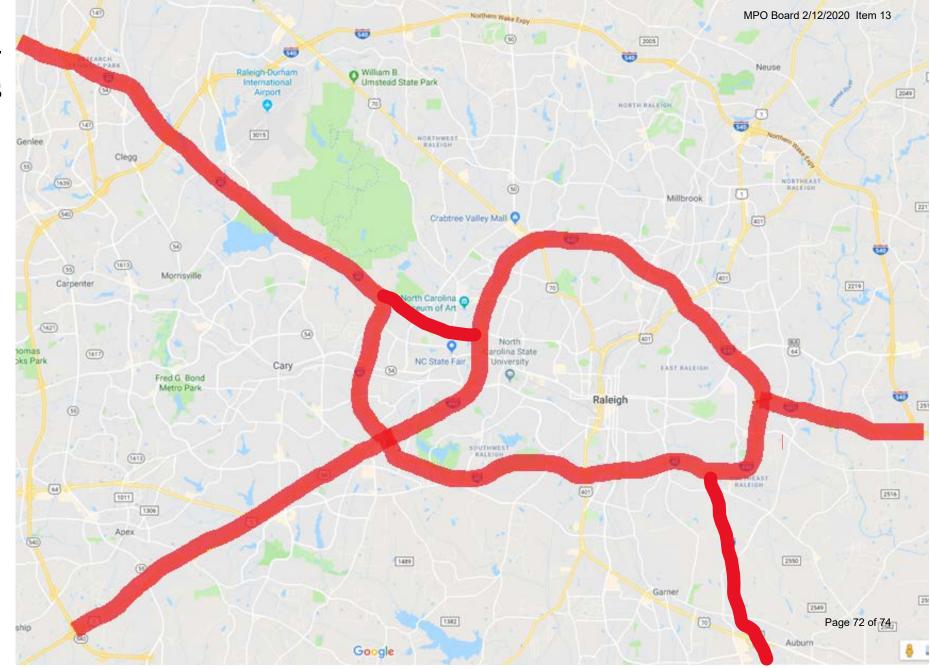
- Synchronizes flow of vehicles entering a freeway to available capacity on the freeway
- Provides real time demand management to manage traffic
- Interchanges coordinate with one another to prevent excessive wait times and queuing for all interchanges, metering rates differ for each ramp
- Future infrastructure to vehicle communications



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Triangle Region -Managed Roadways Phase 1

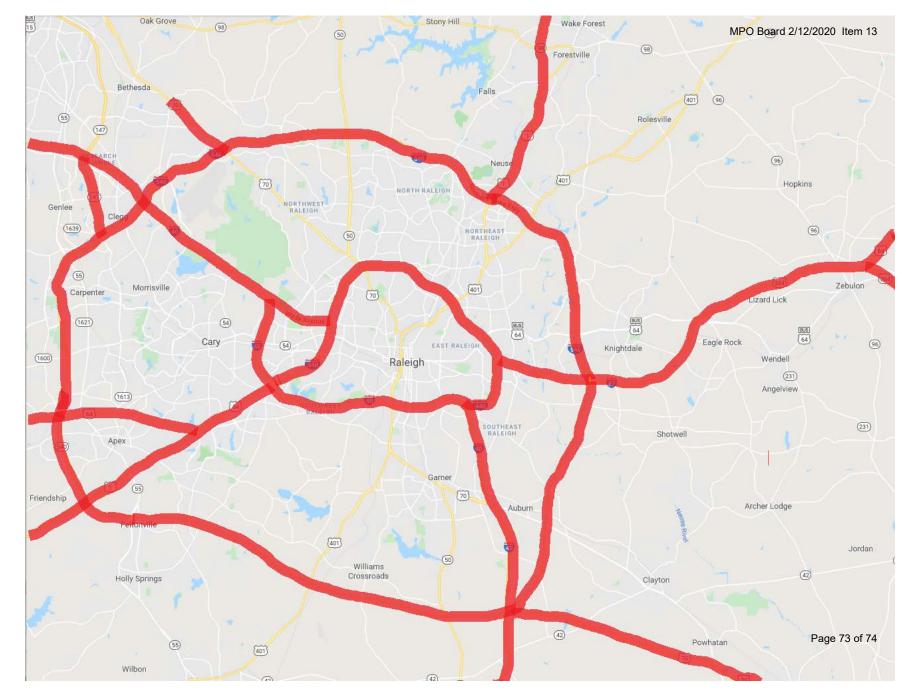
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- Full freeway network coverage
- Coordinate with community ITS projects
- CV/AV compatibility
- Interoperability with neighboring regions



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