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TRANSIT STRATEGY FEEDBACK WRAPPING UP, RECOMMENDED PLAN TO BE RELEASED THIS WINTER

More than 4,200 people have shared their thoughts on Wake County's Transit Strategy. Those who have not yet provided input are encouraged to do so before review of the input begins on Monday, September 14, 2015.

The Wake Transit Strategy partners have shared four examples of future transit plan options at more than 140 events this summer, for the purpose of gaining public input.

"We've had tremendous participation from the community this summer," said Wake County Planning Development and Inspections Director Tim Maloney. "We want to make sure that everyone who has heard about the plan takes a few moments to share their thoughts before the feedback survey closes on Sunday, September 13. And, if people haven't heard from us, that they take the time to review the materials on WakeTransit.com so they can provide feedback."

There are several opportunities to hear about the transit plan options. Events will be held throughout the fall, and input will continue to be gathered as partners begin reviewing data and thoughts shared so far. Upcoming events include:

Thursday, September 10, 2015

RTP Event, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Frontier, 800 Park Offices Dr., RTP

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Atlantic CAC, 7 p.m.

Green Road Community Center, 4201 Green Rd., Raleigh

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Fiesta del Pueblo, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fayetteville St., Raleigh

Public feedback on the four future transit plan options will be used in combination with technical and financial work to develop a recommended transit plan for Wake County. The recommended draft plan is expected to be released this winter.

"There are eight partners in this project. Each and every agency values input from the public," said City of Raleigh Transportation Planning Manager Eric Lamb. "We are excited to review all of

the feedback and to work with our consultant team to develop a recommended plan for everyone in Wake County to review.”

Four example maps were unveiled during a series of regional “Choose Our Transit” events in May. The first was held at the Raleigh Convention Center on Monday, May 11, 2015.

The options present two ways to utilize either rapid buses or rail technology; one scenario is a ridership option and one is a coverage option. The ridership options focus on attracting more customers with more frequency in a centralized area. The coverage options emphasize providing opportunities for people to access transit at many points in the community. Any new plan will increase the number of days and hours of operation for existing bus routes.

The Wake County Transit Strategy is a partnership that includes Wake County, Go Triangle, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), City of Raleigh, Town of Cary, Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina, N.C. State University and Raleigh Durham Airport.

Media Note: The Expanded Choices Report, maps and other supporting documents are available for download at WakeTransit.com.

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