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### **WAKE COUNTY'S RECOMMENDED TRANSIT PLAN NOW IN DEVELOPMENT**

Development is now underway on Wake County's Recommended Transit Plan after county staff, partner organizations and consultants completed the most recent round of public feedback sessions.

The Transit Advisory Committee, which is made up of 72 diverse community members, met on Oct. 22 to share their thoughts on what they think should be included in the plan. The members made the following suggestions:

- Quadruple the amount of bus service currently provided;
- Have 60-70 percent of the bus service focused on ridership and 30-40 percent on ensuring widespread coverage;
- Construct Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) infrastructure in key corridors to speed service and improve the reliability and attractiveness of frequent bus service; and
- Implement investments in commuter rail service that has the capability to grow into a multi-county regional system over time. The initial corridor being considered is the NC Railroad corridor from Garner to west Durham with future extensions beyond.

Consultants Kimley Horn and Jarrett Walker and Associates are taking those recommendations, as well as the feedback received from local governing boards, the municipalities and the public, and using them to draft the Recommended Transit Plan, which will also include a thorough technical and financial analysis. It will officially be released on Dec. 8 during the Recommended Transit Plan Expo at the Raleigh Convention Center from 4-8 p.m.

Although the specific details of the plan are not yet available, it will likely include a focus on expanding existing bus service, Bus Rapid Transit and Commuter Rail Transit, reflecting the strong support shown for those options during the public comment period. All three would offer many benefits for our community, while bolstering economic

development and effectively serving our growing population with increased mobility options.

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 International Airport.

For more information on efforts to expand transit options in Wake County, visit [waketransit.com](http://waketransit.com) or follow [@waketransit](https://twitter.com/waketransit) on Twitter.

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