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Wake County Commissioners Approve Recommended Wake County Transit Plan

*Board authorizes placing a one-half percent local sales tax referendum on
November ballot*

Following two years of study, collaboration, development and public outreach, the Wake County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting today voted unanimously to approve the [Recommended Wake County Transit Plan](#), as well as the corresponding [Transit Governance Interlocal Agreement](#). The transit plan and ILA have already been approved by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and GoTriangle.

The implementation of the transit plan depends upon obtaining funding. In addition to adopting the plan, the board also voted to authorize placing a one-half percent (1/2%) local sales tax referendum on the November ballot. Upon GoTriangle placing the referendum on the ballot and approval by voters, this funding would be used to finance the implementation of the transit plan.

“This is an exciting day for Wake County, as we take the next step forward in the process to improve and enhance transit service in our community,” said Board Chairman James West. “More than one million people now live in Wake County, and this plan will prepare us for today’s population growth and tomorrow’s traffic congestion.”

Through collaboration with its transit partners and input from more than 4,300 citizens and stakeholders, Wake County created a transit plan that will provide faster, more efficient and convenient service through:

- Stronger regional connections, including commuter rail from Garner to Durham;
- New or improved linkages among all 12 municipalities in the county;
- Frequent, reliable bus service in urban areas with the introduction of bus rapid transit; and
- Options for better local bus service in all municipalities.

For more information on the plan, visit www.waketransit.com or follow [@waketransit](https://twitter.com/waketransit) on Twitter.

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