

**Wake County Board of Commissioners**  
**Wake County Transit Information Request and Next Steps**

**Goal:**

Support the development of a transportation strategy in Wake County that aligns transportation and transit investments to provide competitive and convenient services at a financially feasible cost per rider, allocates available funds in an equitable manner to address the needs of all cities, towns and rural areas, and respects the character of neighborhoods and structure of each community.

**Methodology:**

Wake County will work with its transit partners, including Triangle Transit, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, North Carolina Department of Transportation and the municipalities within Wake County, to conduct necessary studies and identify, evaluate and develop potential solutions. Pursue changes in regional governance to ensure that the Wake County community's investment is adequately monitored and appropriately distributed.

**Tasks:**

**1. Feasibility**

- a. Clearly identify and develop solutions and strategies for and a time frame for investment in the major transit corridors within Wake County. It is noted that understanding of specific existing transit conditions (capacity/ridership); geographic limitations/opportunities; investment opportunity desired and available, safety considerations, key hubs in the region and any specific risks that could be associated with each corridor will be required to complete this task;
- b. Identify a specific spectrum/range of transportation solutions that could be implemented in rural areas, small towns, suburban areas, and emerging employment areas. This activity should focus on the service type and keys to success rather than expected service provider.
- c. Develop metrics to determine why and when improvements are needed. These metrics must have a relationship to existing and future rider demand and usage.

**2. Finance**

- a. Wake County and urbanizing municipal areas should document future investment strategies to support transit and transit corridors. The level of investment is expected to have relationship with the level of urbanization and overall population.

**3. Governance**

- a. The vision, mission statement, goals and objectives of the Wake County transportation investment and regional transit investment should be clearly defined.
- b. The governance structure that will implement transit should be representative, accountable, capable of dealing with complex issues and responsive to local community needs and concerns. The proposed governance of the transit investment will be evaluated and modified as necessary to ensure effective and appropriate management.

**Desired Outcome:**

This effort will yield a portfolio of transportation solutions and investments for multiple corridors and all areas within Wake County. The effort will also yield an implementation strategy that will be well managed, implemented strategically over time and links investment and spending to usage and demand.