



Wake County Board of Commissioners Work Session – Transit Investment

July 21, 2014



Presentation Outline

- 2014 Wake County Transit Objective
- Desired Outcome
- Transit Timeline
- Transit Partners and Stakeholders
- Information Request and Next Steps Document
- Consultant Procurement

2014 Wake County Board of Commissioner's Objective on Transit

- Support community discussion and development of transit strategies that evaluate investment alternatives, feasibility and governance

Desired Outcome

- A portfolio of transportation solutions and investments for multiple corridors and all areas within Wake County.
- A plan for strategic investment over time
- A plan where investment and spending are linked to usage and demand
- A plan for appropriate governance

Transit Timeline

2006
Blue Ribbon
Committee on
the Future of
Wake County
recommends
strategic transit
plan

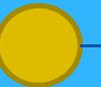
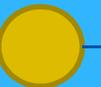
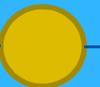
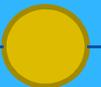
2008
Special Transit
Advisory
Committee
(STAC)
recommends
rail "backbone"
with strong bus
support

2009
Triangle
Transit's Board
of Trustees
approved
studies for
commuter rail
and light rail

2010
CAMPO and
the
City of Raleigh
fund the area's
first long range
bus investment
plan (2040
horizon year)

2011
Committees
develop the
Draft
Wake County
Transit Plan
with bus and
rail elements

2013
Wake County
convenes a
transit panel of
transit experts to
review the draft
plan



2006
Triangle Transit
withdraws
request for
federal funding
for regional rail

2008
Committees
create transit
funding
framework
including
consideration of
½ cent sales
tax

2009
State
Legislature
permits
countywide
sales tax and
vehicle
registration fee
for transit

2010
Wake County
staff begin
compiling
transit plan and
constructing
financial model

2012
Concerns
identified with
the
governance,
feasibility and
finance of the
draft plan

2013
State of North
Carolina
transportation
and transit
funding laws
change



Transit Partners and Stakeholders

- Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)
- Triangle Transit

- Transit Providers
 - City of Raleigh
 - Town of Cary
 - NC State
 - Triangle Transit

- Stakeholders
 - Wake County Municipalities
 - Raleigh Durham Airport
 - Research Triangle Park
 - Capital Area Friends of Transit (Citizens)
 - Regional Transportation Alliance (Business)
 - Other Citizens and Businesses

Moving Forward

- Review the recommended information request and next steps document and set a “consensus” direction
- Engage a consultant to complete work and studies needed to address information request and next steps.
- Regular reports/updates to the Board of Commissioners

Information Request and Next Steps Document

Goal:

- Strategies to provide competitive and convenient services at a financially feasible cost per rider
- Strategies to allocate available funds in an equitable manner to address the needs of all cities, towns and rural areas

Information Request and Next Steps Document

Methodology: Wake County will work with its transit partners to:

- Conduct necessary studies
- Identify, evaluate and develop potential solutions
- Pursue governance modal that ensures that the Wake County community's investment is adequately monitored and appropriately distributed

Information Request and Next Steps Document

Tasks - Feasibility:

- Develop strategies and a time frame for investment in the major transit corridors
- Develop transportation solutions that could be implemented in rural areas, small towns, suburban areas, and emerging employment areas
- Develop metrics to determine why and when improvements are needed

Information Request and Next Steps Document

Tasks - Finance:

- 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 a relationship with the level of urbanization and overall population

Information Request and Next Steps Document

Tasks – Governance:

- The vision, mission statement, goals and objectives of the Wake County transportation investment should be clearly defined
- A governance structure that will implement transit should be representative, accountable, capable of dealing with complex issues and responsive to local community needs and concerns

Information Request and Next Steps Document

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Consultant Procurement

- Wake County and transit partners agencies will procure the consultant to complete tasks
- Tasks will be directed per agreed upon scope of work.
- Wake County will be the project manager
- A team with representatives from transit partner agencies will oversee the project

Anticipated Milestone Steps and Reports

- Milestone Steps
 - Community Vision and Purpose of Transit Investment
 - Network Investment Strategy
 - Detailed Investment Strategy
 - Governance Strategy
- Consultant will provide regular reports/updates to the Board of Commissioners

Working Schedule

Information / Next Steps Document July 2014

Consultant Work August 2014 - March 2015

Questions

Raleigh Eight Priority Transit Corridors Study

Priority Transit Corridors

as identified in the 2040 Capital Area Bus Transit Development Plan

