

DRAFT FY 2024 WAKE TRANSIT WORK PLAN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT FROM FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 22, 2023

The Draft FY 2024 Wake Transit Work Plan is available for public review and comment jointly with the Recommended FY2025-2030 Wake Bus Plan from February 20th - March 22nd, 2023. View the plans, submit feedback, scroll the story map, review the handouts and other informational materials by visiting, *goforwardnc.org/getinvolvedwake* or by scanning the QR code.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

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The Draft Work Plan and updated Wake Bus Plan work together toward accomplishing the goal of the Wake Transit program, to improve and expand Wake County's transit network through continued investment in new and existing transit services and facilities that increase our ability to achieve the Four Big Moves:



CONNECT THE REGION



CONNECT ALL WAKE COUNTY COMMUNITIES



CREATE FREQUENT, RELIABLE URBAN MOBILITY



ENHANCE ACCESS TO TRANSIT

An annual Work Plan is developed for each upcoming fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). The Work Plan has two main parts.

- 1. The first part includes the projected FY2024 Wake Operating and Capital Budgets and details the specific projects proposed to receive funding throughout the year.
- 2. The second and larger part is the Appendix which outlines Wake Transit's multi-year investment strategy through FY2030.

The bus expansion projects included in both parts of the Work Plan were largely selected based upon the recommendations adopted in the FY18-27 Wake Bus Plan. This means that the recommendations available for review now for inclusion in the later adopted FY25-30 Wake Bus Plan will be incorporated into next year's FY25 Work Plan.

FY2024 Revenues and Expenditures

Wake Transit revenues come from a mixture of sources, the largest of which is a transit-dedicated, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent sales tax. Other sources include portions of vehicle rental and registration taxes, local, federal, and state funds, reserved operating and capital fund balances, and projected fare box recovery. A total of \$242.8 million is projected to be available for Wake Transit investment in FY2024. \$120 million of which would come from sales tax collections.

The Draft Work Plan allocates \$39 million to the Wake Operating Budget. \$31.9 million of that would be designated for the continuation of services that were funded in previous years. The remaining funds would be used to:

- Realign GoRaleigh Route 5 (Biltmore Hills) and add to the frequent network.
- Increase frequency and hours of service on GoTriangle Route 100 (Raleigh-Durham).
- Increase frequency and hours of service on GoTriangle Route 300 (Cary-Raleigh).
- Increase frequency and begin all-day service on GoTriangle Route 305 (Holly Springs-Apex-Raleigh)
- Increase Sunday service on select GoRaleigh and GoCary routes.
- Increase mid-day service on select GoCary routes.
- Support GoWake Access Rural, Elderly and Disabled services across the county.
- Continue Wake Transit Community Funding Area Program contributions to Apex Route 1, Morrisville's Smart Shuttle, and the Wake Forest Circulator.
- Allocate additional Community Funding Area Program funds to new projects selected through the FY2024 application process.

The Draft Work Plan allocates \$203.8 million to the Wake Capital Budget. \$85.9 million of the total comes from a federal funding allocated for the Wake BRT: Southern Corridor project and \$19 million was allocated from the Wake Capital Fund balance. Capital funds will be used to support a variety of projects and purchases including:

- · Construction phase of the new shared GoRaleigh Access and GoWake Access paratransit operations and maintenance facility
- Replacement of the current GoCary Operations Center.
- · Wake County share for GoTriangle's expansion of the bus operations and maintenance facility.
- Design and construction of new bus stops and the improvement of amenities and access to existing bus stops serving GoRaleigh routes, GoCary routes and GoTriangle's Wake County routes.
- Improvements to GoTriangle's park-and-ride facilities.
- Phase II (Land acquisition, design and construction) of the new Regional Transit Center.
- Maintenance at GoRaleigh's transit facilities including bus stops, park-and-rides, stations and centers.
- Repowering buses as well as purchasing paratransit vehicles and buses and that are needed to support transit system expansion or to replace vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life.
- Technology upgrades and updates to support system-wide activities.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN WAKE COUNTY.

