

Meeting Notes

Wake Forest, NC Comprehensive Transportation Plan

March 22nd, 2018 @ 3PM, Policy Steering Committee Meeting #1



Attendees

Mayor Vivian Jones, Wake Forest
Colleen Sharpe, Wake Forest Planning Board
Deanna Welker, Greenway Advisory Board
Zee Khan, Technology Advisory Board (by telephone)
Ellen Turco, Historic District Commission
Ray Boylston, Resident, Heritage
Alan Gibson, Heritage HOA
Brad Walker Holding Village HOA
Mark Marley, Traditions Resident (by telephone)
Scott Poole, Wake Forest Downtown, Inc.
Subir Mukherjee, West Wake Forest Resident
Karen Mallo, St. Ives
Chip Russell, Wake Forest
Candace Davis, Wake Forest
Brendie Vega, Wake Forest
Bill Crabtree, Wake Forest
Suzette Morales, Wake Forest Project Manager
J. Scott Lane, Stantec Project Manager

Synopsis of Comments

Mr. Lane welcomed each person to the first Policy Steering Committee meeting of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Wake Forest. He discussed the reasons behind the update happening now (changing state/federal policies, need for multiple plan consolidation, improve accessibility of the plan, respect changes brought about by technology and maturing modes of transportation such as greenway and transit), and asked each person to introduce themselves and name a topic that they hope the plan addresses. The responses from the Policy Steering Committee included the following:

- win projects and increase funding opportunities;
- expand mobility options;
- improve all kinds of transportation (choices) while respecting historic elements of the town;
- bring and retain businesses to downtown and include economic vitality as a priority;
- ensure that projects rank higher in the NCDOT SPOT priority process and enhance the quality of life for residents;
- increase connectivity, especially across Capital Boulevard (US Highway 1);
- improve intersections and traffic performance/synchronization;

- make infrastructure improvements that are harmonious with the pace / impact of new development;
- promote transit in corridors with denser, more diverse growth and enhance walkability;
- resolve congestion issues; and
- increase the amount of mixed-use development (e.g., commercial with residential on same tract).

Mr. Lane continued the presentation (see attached slide deck), discussing the existing conditions for congestion, safety/crashes, and planned or programmed projects. He noted that the consulting team has to first identify current plans and consolidate their various recommendations; he also talked about crash-related vehicular delays as opposed to (recurring) congestion.

Mr. Lane also discussed the schedule of the planning process, with the first Project Symposium (workshop) coming in May and another after the recommendations have been produced. The Existing Conditions report will be ready for the Committee's review by summer and will contain synopses of public input, transportation data/analyses, and implied directions for the subsequent recommendations. The draft Project Lookbook (planning document) will be ready by the end of the calendar year with adoption by Council thereafter. He also showed examples of the graphic-friendly style of the Project Lookbook concept; the importance of renderings; and how an interactive plan might work.

Mr. Lane asked the Policy Steering Committee if there were other issues that they wanted to highlight. The committee members suggested that developer requirements (and timing) should be examined; level of authority of the town to require development actions; parking policy recommendations (e.g., new parking study); discuss technology for synchronizing signals; and emphasis small, impactful projects that the town can take on quickly.

The Policy Steering Committee also suggested the following for outreach ideas: using schools/PTAs; working with HOAs; and marketing the transit system better, including gathering input to the plan from bus drivers. The Committee also suggested considering working with fire response personnel (and law enforcement) to provide a discussion of their concerns to the process.

The group's attention was directed to the agenda, which contained the following future meeting information:

- Policy Committee Meeting 2: June 27th at 3 pm
- Technical Committee Meeting 2: April 30th at 2 pm

Mr. Lane thanked the Steering Committee, and asked them to contact people they know to let them know about the Plan and process, directing them to project website.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Action Items:

- I. (Stantec) Provide plan synopsis for use in distribution to HOAs, church groups, and others that the Committee members might know.

2. (Wake Forest) Update the project website to make it more accessible from the splash page of the town's website.
3. (Wake Forest) Finalize the date / time of the Project Symposium with the Renaissance Center.
4. (Stantec) Invite Suzette Morales to Monday morning coordination meetings (call-in)

attachment: presentation slides

Comprehensive Transportation Plan
policy committee meeting no. 1

03.22.18 Policy Committee

The slide features a circular logo on the left with the text "bike walk ride drive" around a central tree and "WAKE FOREST" below it. The background is a pattern of stylized green leaves.

Why Now?

What's Important About Updating the Transportation Plan?

- SPOT Priority**
Not around when the transportation plan was last updated, this process and funding generally have changed
- Overlapping Plans**
Several plans – greenway, bicycle, pedestrian, and transportation – can be consolidated
- Changing Economy**
New technologies are changing transportation problems and solutions; people want diverse lifestyles
- Maturing Modes**
A developing trail system and new emphasis on public transit

What do you think?
Introduce yourself and tell us what you would have happen if you were king for a day

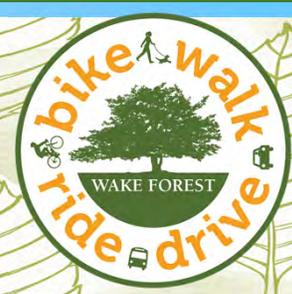
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Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Out of the Gate Project Objectives



Accessible Design	Updating Our Past	I.D. New Opportunities	Tried and True
<p>We can make our plans more accessible to more people. This plan will be a landmark step towards that objective.</p>	<p>Reinventing the wheel isn't productive. The new transportation plan will update and integrate past work.</p>	<p>What's changed, and what needs to change?</p>	<p>Wake Forest has a proud history of working with its people to create direction in these plans. We'll work with the public again to update this plan.</p>



Existing Conditions

where are we now



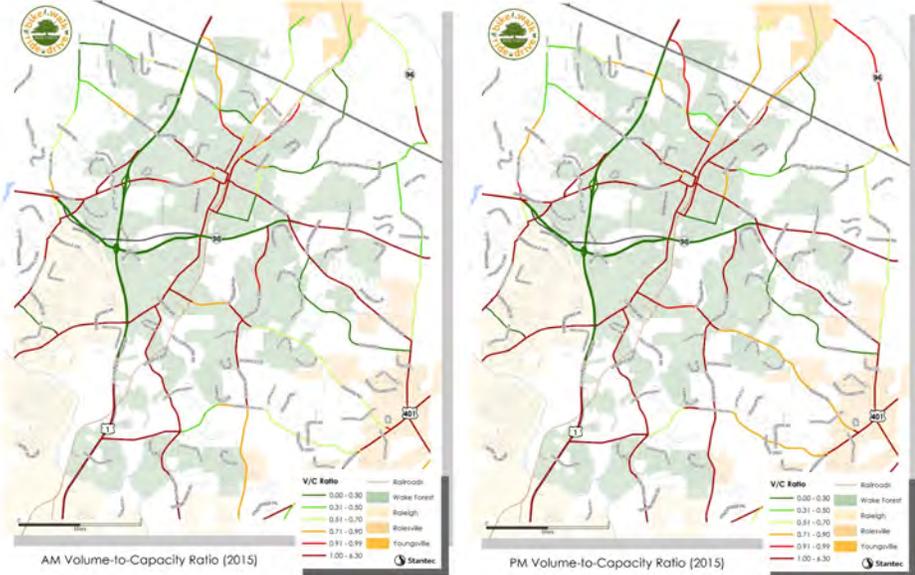


01 Congestion

Volume-to-Capacity Ratio (V/C) is a time-honored way of using a travel demand model to consider congestion now and later, with and without improvements

Congestion

Existing Conditions

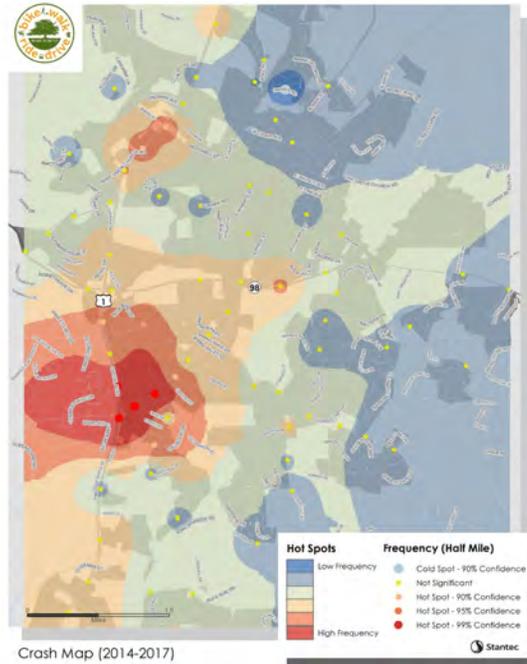


Crash Course

Existing Conditions

02 Crashes

Crash data represents an incomplete picture: an estimated 40% of crashes go unreported for various reasons; however, the patterns here indicate both crashes and where the people are - future work will consider causes and countermeasures



Planned Roadway Projects
Transportation Plan 2010

Planned Projects

Existing Conditions

03a Planned Roadways

Past, adopted plans indicate a number of new roadway connections or additional capacity improvements

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Planned Projects: Bicycle
& Pedestrian Facilities

Planned Projects

Existing Conditions

03b Planned Bike/Ped

Proposed off-road trail connections to link with existing sidewalks and trails

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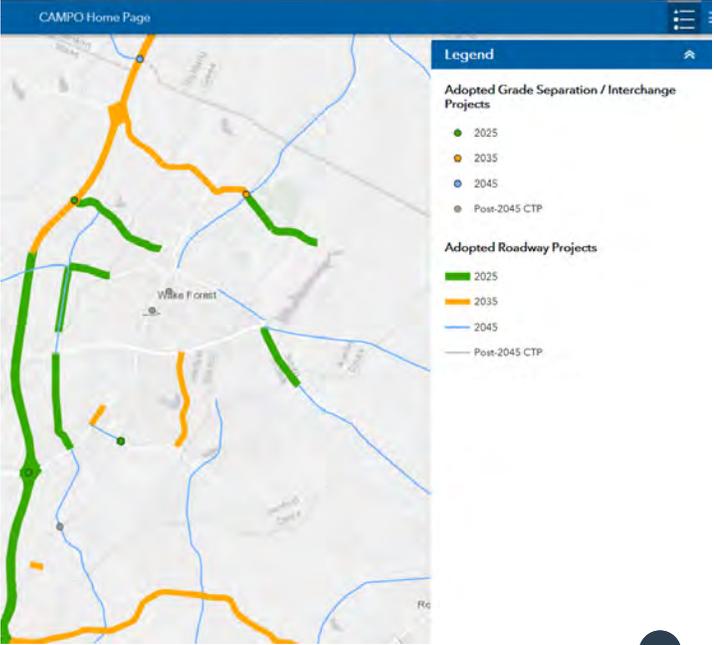
Programmed Projects

Existing Conditions

04 Programmed Projects

The State and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs provides a schedule of funded improvements in the near and long term

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) coordinates with local Jurisdictions for transportation planning and funding through state and federal sources



The map displays programmed projects in the Wake Forest area. The legend indicates two categories: Adopted Grade Separation / Interchange Projects and Adopted Roadway Projects. The Adopted Grade Separation / Interchange Projects are marked with colored dots: green for 2025, orange for 2035, blue for 2045, and grey for Post-2045 CTP. The Adopted Roadway Projects are marked with colored lines: green for 2025, orange for 2035, blue for 2045, and grey for Post-2045 CTP. The map also shows existing conditions in grey.

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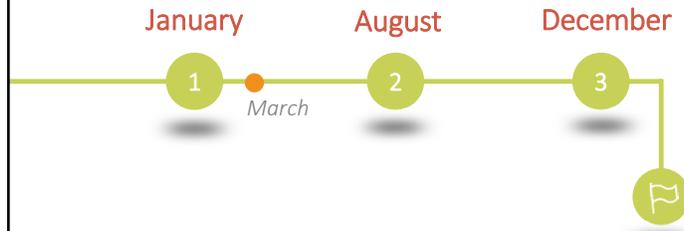


Project Schedule

where we're going

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Schedule Success



01 Research

- Survey 1
- Base Mapping
- Develop Website (Town)
- Research and Data Collection

02 Current Conditions

- Public Workshop 1
- Identify Key Issues
- Level-of-Service Analysis
- Directions for Recommendations

03 Reporting

- Survey 2
- Online Summary
- Concept Designs
- Project Lookbook
- Public Workshop 2



01 PROJECT LOOKBOOK

Wake Forest wants a beautiful plan that can be accessed by everyone, easily

02 INTERACTIVE PLAN

Print isn't enough - part of our work will finish on-line, with an interactive map that allows people to explore our new plan creatively

03 CONCEPTS

Concept designs are a big part of our work, allowing key thoughts to be expressed visually



Technical Committee Ideas

Their suggestions from their first meeting on Monday

01 Consolidation

The current transportation plan is really referencing back to several plans, making it hard to access consistently

02 Account for UDO

The Plan has to "shake hands" better with the Town's UDO to ensure consistency and to reinforce development goals of the Town

03 Partners

Link better to CAMPO and state programs and priority systems to maximize funding opportunities for projects

04 Neighbors

Update and address any planning issues with border communities (Rolesville, Wake County, Raleigh)

05 Think Big

Define success for our Town: economics, revenues, character, community, and safety

06 Public

Successfully engage the public, including those groups that are harder to reach (lower income, youth, minority) projects



Where Should We Focus?

What do you think our transportation plan should consider?

- Suggestion 1
- Suggestion 2
- Suggestion 3
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LOCATIONS
projects, large and small



PEOPLE
to engage with us



PROGRAMS
standards, education, partnerships

Engage the Public

Survey
Great for getting at connected people; how can we get more people to respond?



Project Symposium
Invite the officials and the public?



Steering Committees
Technical: Advise and Inform
Policy: Steer and Oversee



When is the First Public Symposium?

Suggestion: Thursday in May at Renaissance Center from 4 to 7:30pm



What are We Missing?

What groups do you connect with, and how can we best reach the largest number of people? How can you help?



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