

Meeting Notes

Wake Forest, NC Comprehensive Transportation Plan

March 19th, 2018 @ 9 AM, Technical Steering Committee Meeting #11



Attendees

Chip Russell, Wake Forest
Eric Keravuori, Wake Forest
Candace Davis, Wake Forest
Brendie Vega, Wake Forest
Bill Crabtree, Wake Forest
Suzette Morales, Wake Forest Project Manager
Chandler Hagen, Stantec
J. Scott Lane, Stantec Project Manager

Synopsis of Comments

Mr. Lane welcomed each person to the first Technical 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 Technical Steering Committee included the following:

- Consolidation of plans into an accessible document used for development services;
- Identifications/addition of new projects on the map so development doesn't dictate the placement of connector streets;
- Hierarchy of streets types that fit within the UDO and (partially) form-based code;
- Addressing open-ended decisions in the UDO and adjusting the language to prevent detrimental interpretation, increase focus and specifications on what can happen between the curb lines;
- Maps with cross-sections, general recommendations, and using nomenclature for local level roadways to match CAMPO classifications;
- Focus on neighbors and "edge connections;"
- Compare LRTP points for matches in SPOT and LAPP. Consolidate and update to eliminate any non-competitive projects;
- Learn more about the programs involved in transportation decisions, information about the process for project selection and prioritization, and successfully engage the public;
- Consolidation of plans, prioritize projects, identify funding sources.

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.

Additional thoughts generated by the Steering Committee during the presentation:

- How is the plan going to combine land use and transportation? Nodal land use, expand viewpoints, wide roads and highways can increase capacity but destroy towns. Goals of land use can be exemplified in catalyst sites that incorporate multiple guidelines.
- Attempt to measure the impact of potential collector streets and secondary tier roads to take advantage of redundant connectivity. Also encourage consideration of other factors besides congestion and level-of-service.

Mr. Lane also discussed the schedule of the planning process and the Technical Committee suggested hosting the first Public Symposium (workshop) in May on a Thursday from 4-7:30 pm at the Renaissance Center. Staff discussed the importance of including opportunities to connect with citizens who don't have access to a personal vehicle. The Symposium will include elements of the Existing Conditions Report and ask participants to identify issues of interest to them (3-4 stations, preferably with 1 consultant and 1 town staff member).

The Existing Condition 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 second Public Symposium will be scheduled after the recommendations have been produced. 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.

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

- Policy Committee Meeting 1: March 22nd at 3 pm
- Technical Committee Meeting 2: April 30th at 2 pm

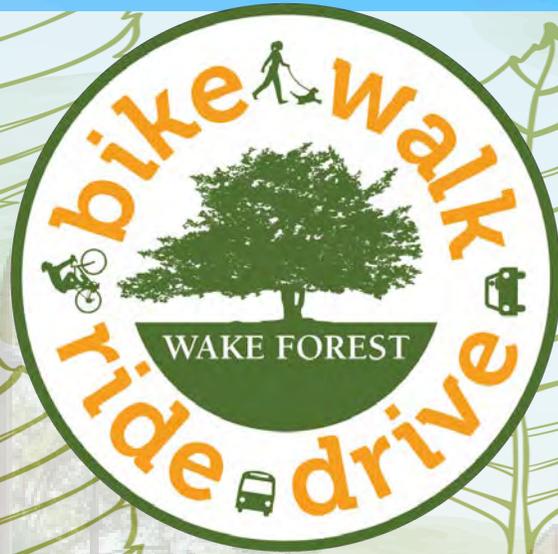
Mr. Lane thanked the Steering Committee, and asked them to contact people they know to let them know about the Plan and process, directing them to project website.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Action Items:

1. (Wake Forest) Homework: Take 5 photos of potential transportation projects or issues that you notice in Wake Forest before next Technical Steering Committee meeting
3. (Wake Forest) Finalize the date / time of the Project Symposium with the Renaissance Center.
4. (Wake Forest) Decide on the "draw" to bring people to the Symposium.
4. (Stantec) Finish the web map and send to Suzette by Thursday, April 22nd.

attachment: presentation slide

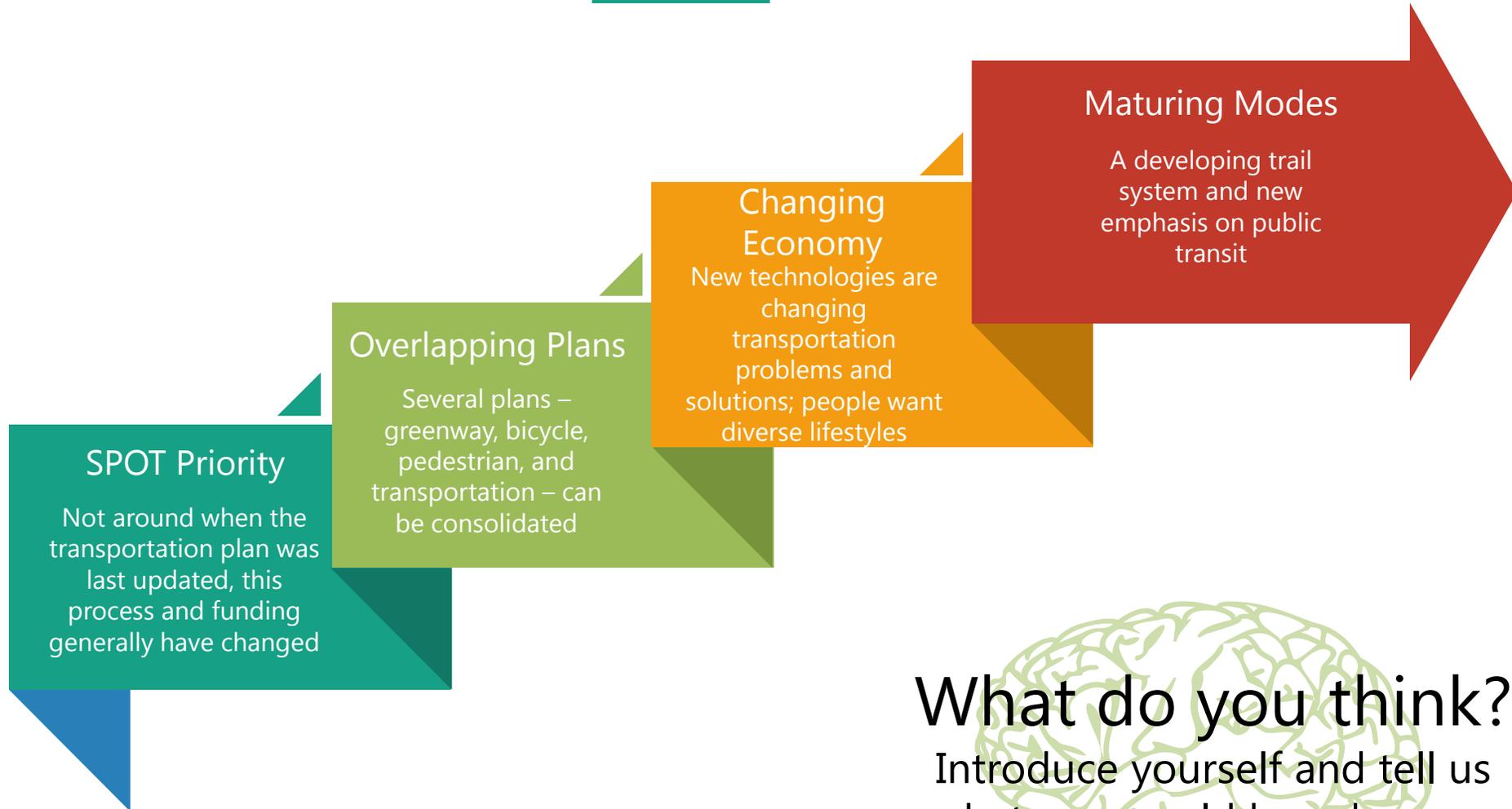


Comprehensive Transportation Plan

technical committee meeting no. 1

Why Now?

What's Important About Updating the Transportation Plan?



What do you think?

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

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Out-of-the-Gate Project Objectives



Accessible Design

We can make our plans more accessible to more people. This plan will be a landmark step towards that objective.



Updating Our Past

Reinventing the wheel isn't productive. The new transportation plan will update and integrate past work.



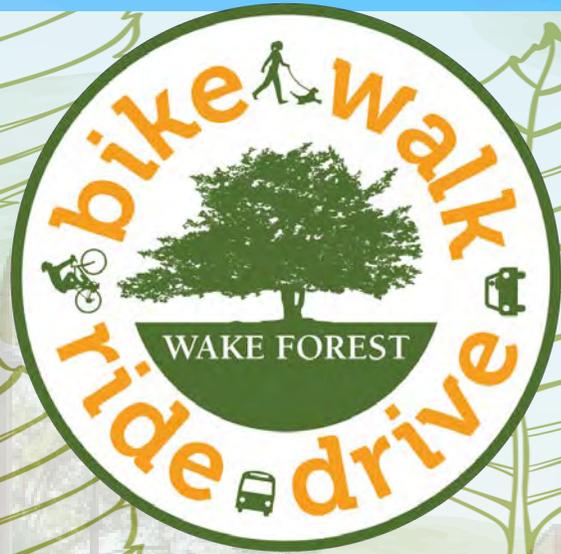
I.D. New Opportunities

What's changed, and what needs to change?



Tried and True

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.



Existing Conditions

where are we now

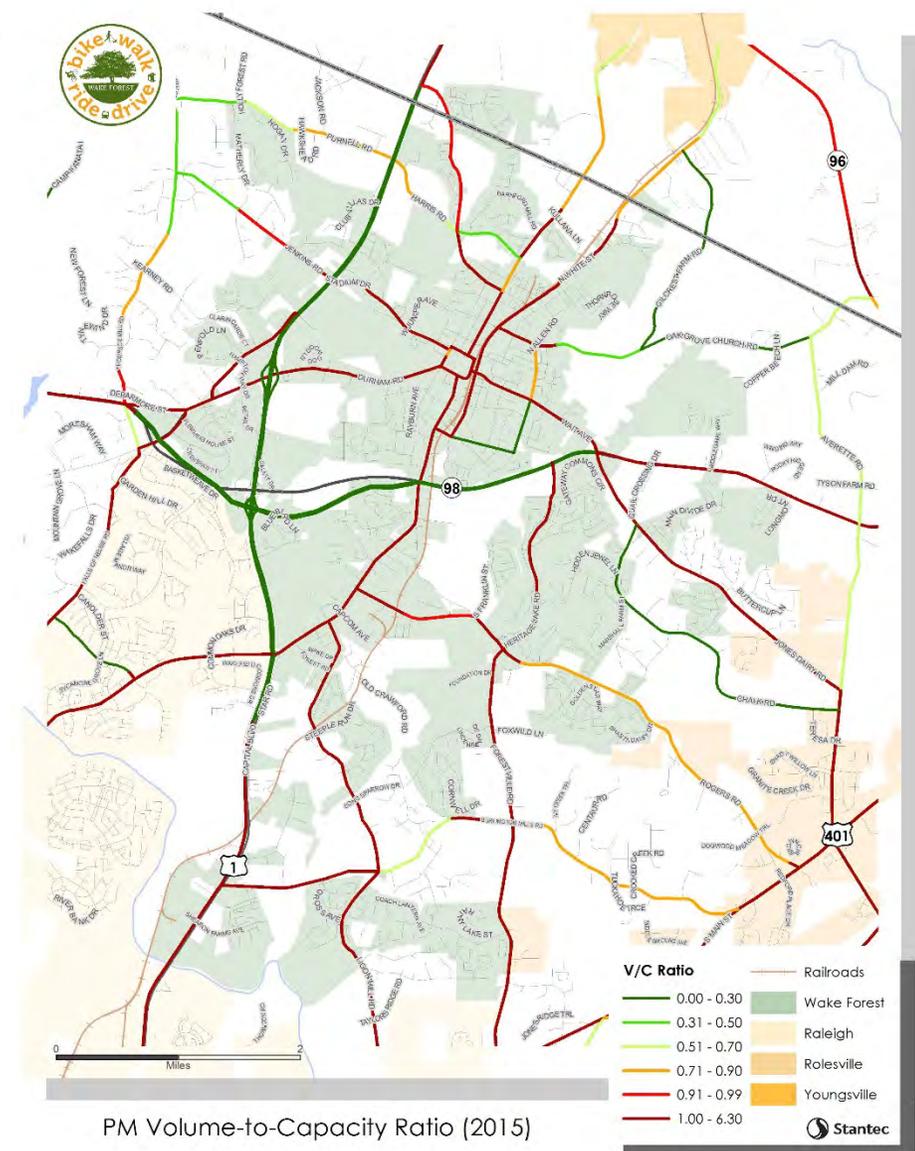
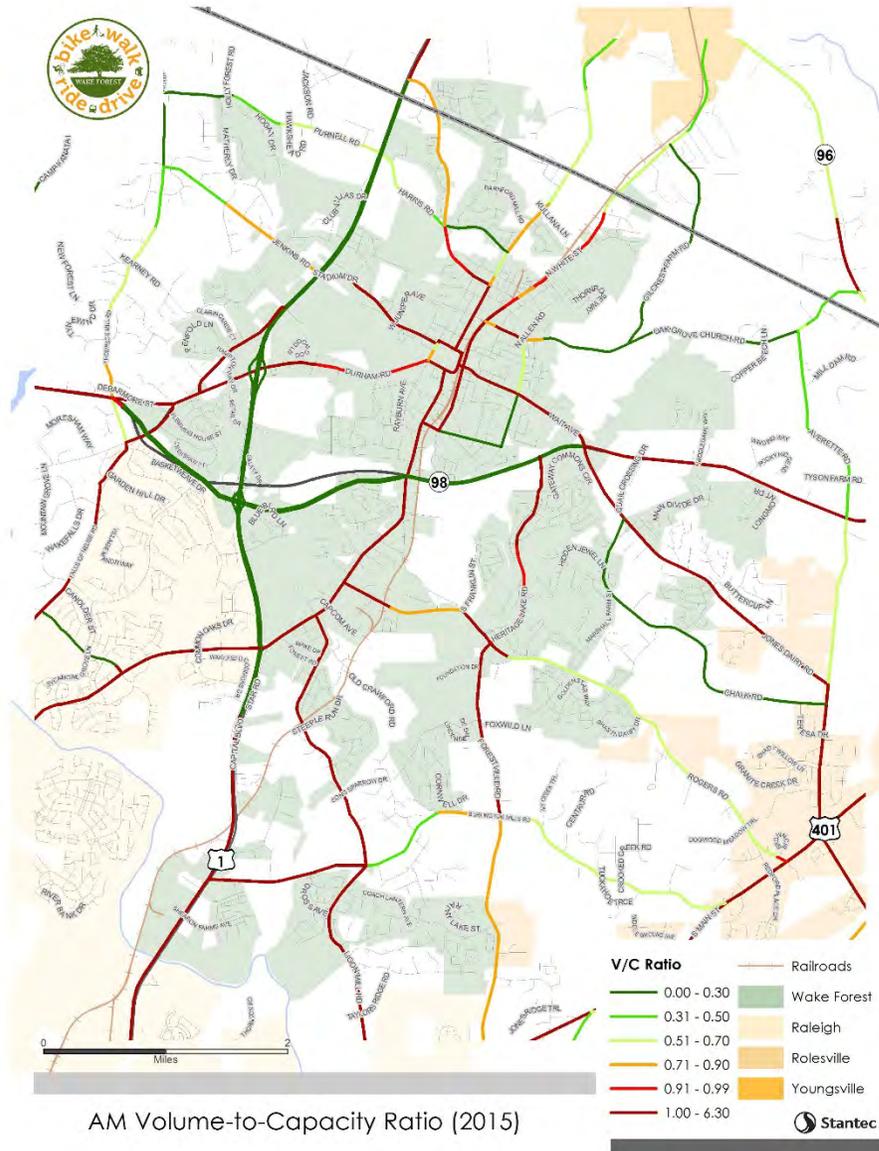


Congestion

Existing Conditions

01 Congestion

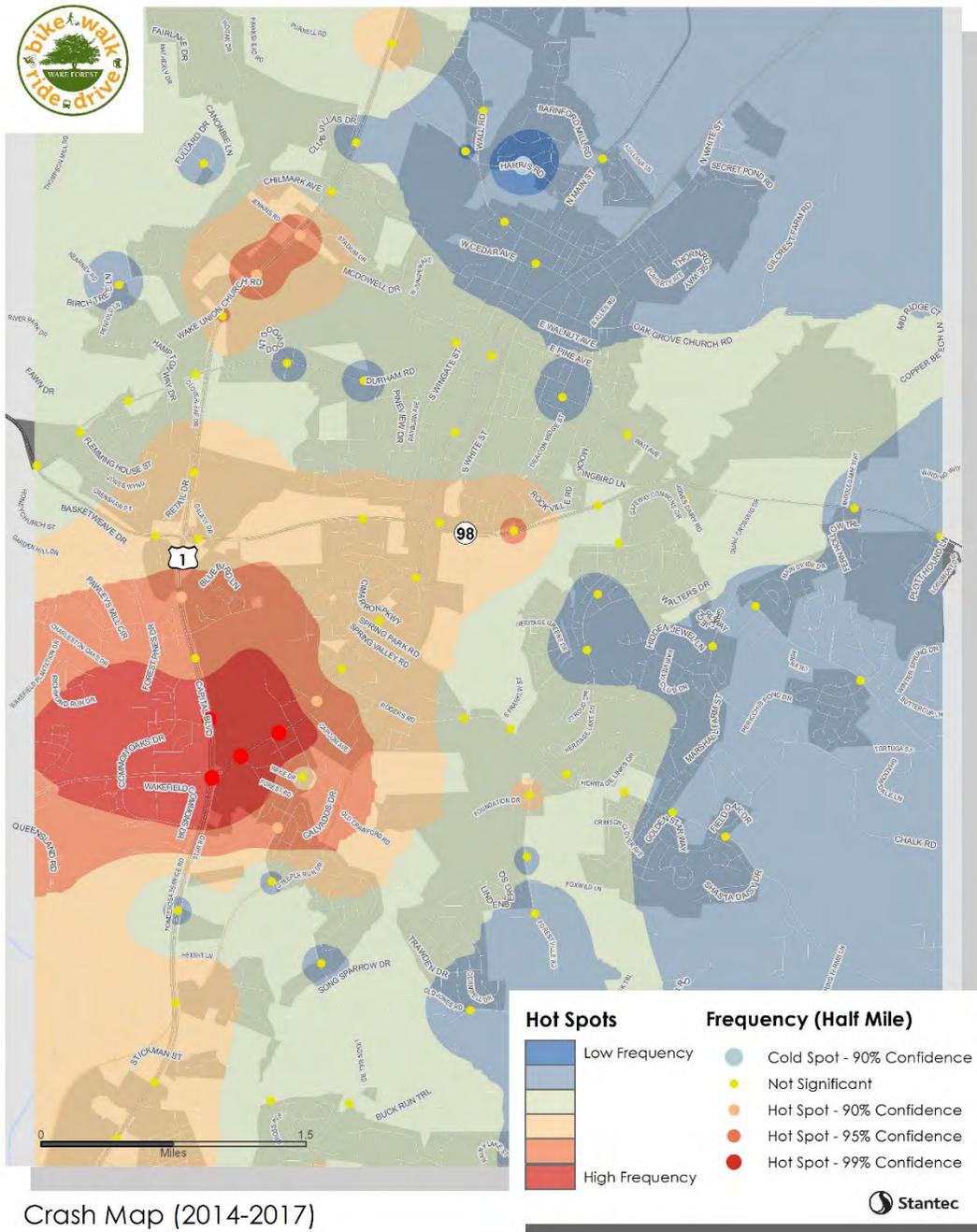
Volume-to-Capacity Ratio (V/C) is a time-honored way of using a travel demand model to consider congestion now and later, with and without improvements





Crash Course

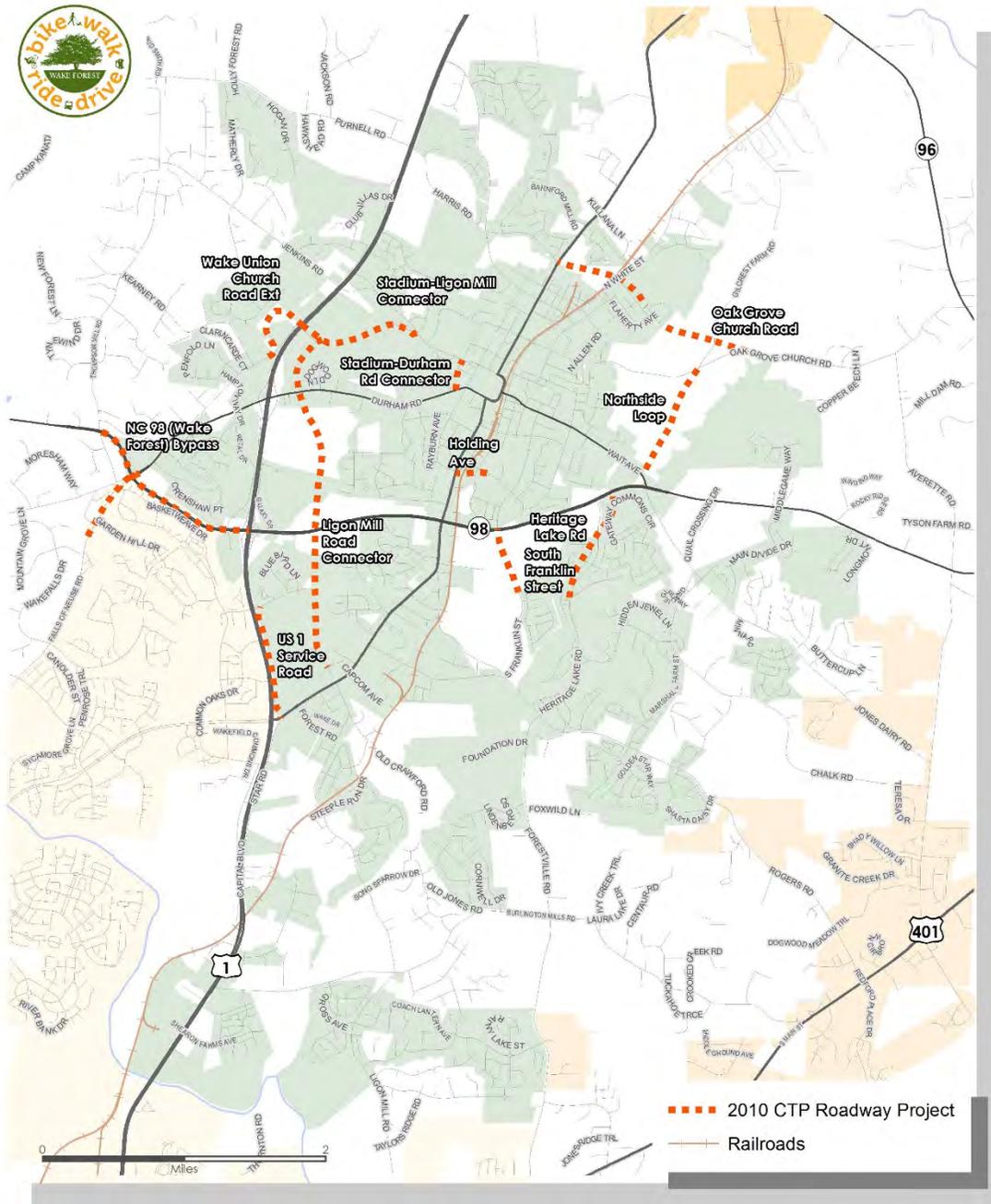
Existing Conditions



Crash Map (2014-2017)

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 Projects: Roadway

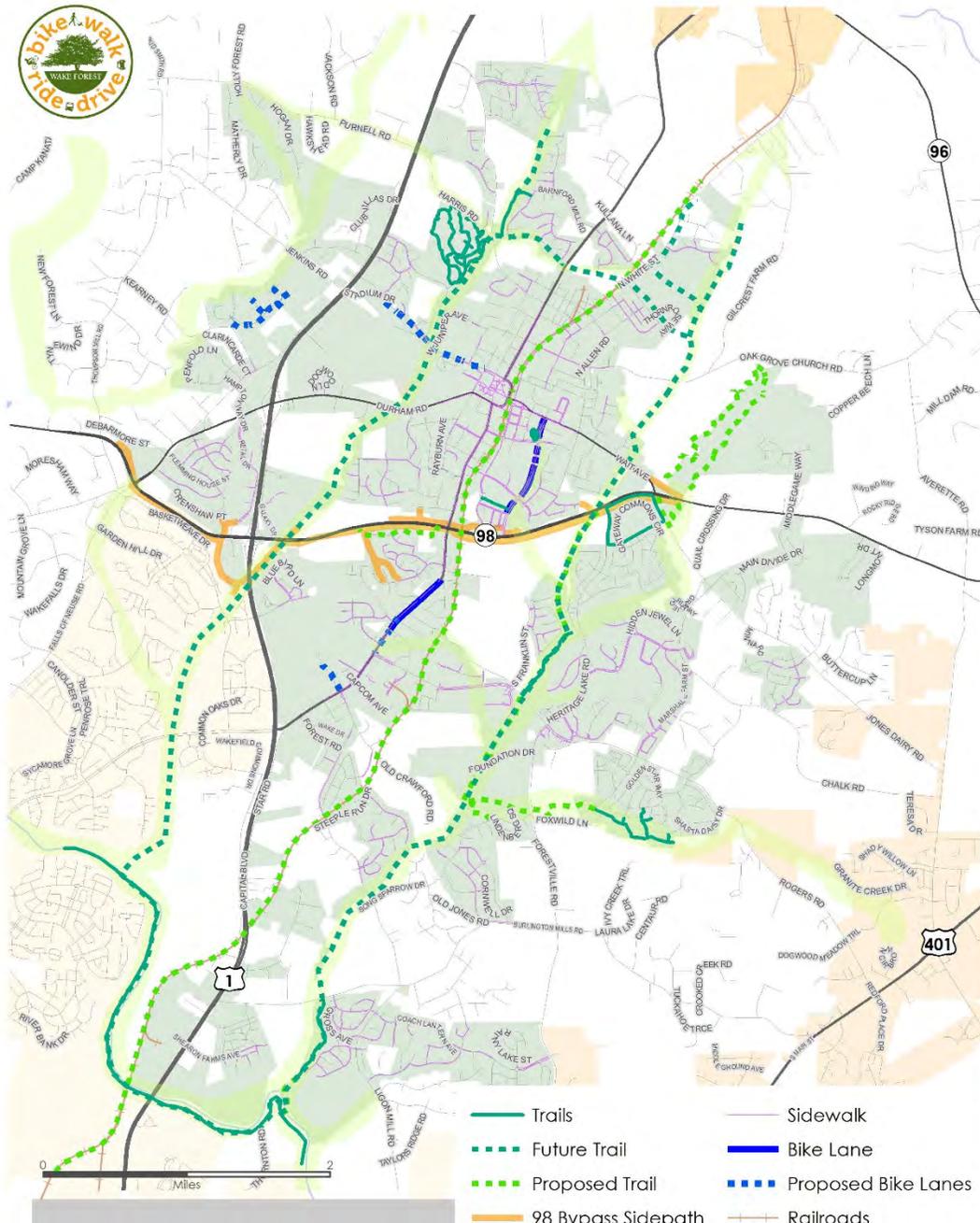
Planned Projects

Existing Conditions

03 Planned Roadways

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





Planned Projects: Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities

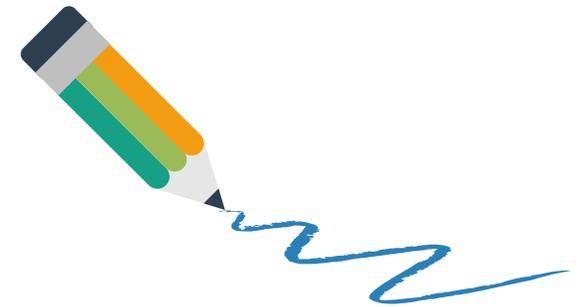


Planned Projects

Existing Conditions

03b Planned Bike/Ped

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





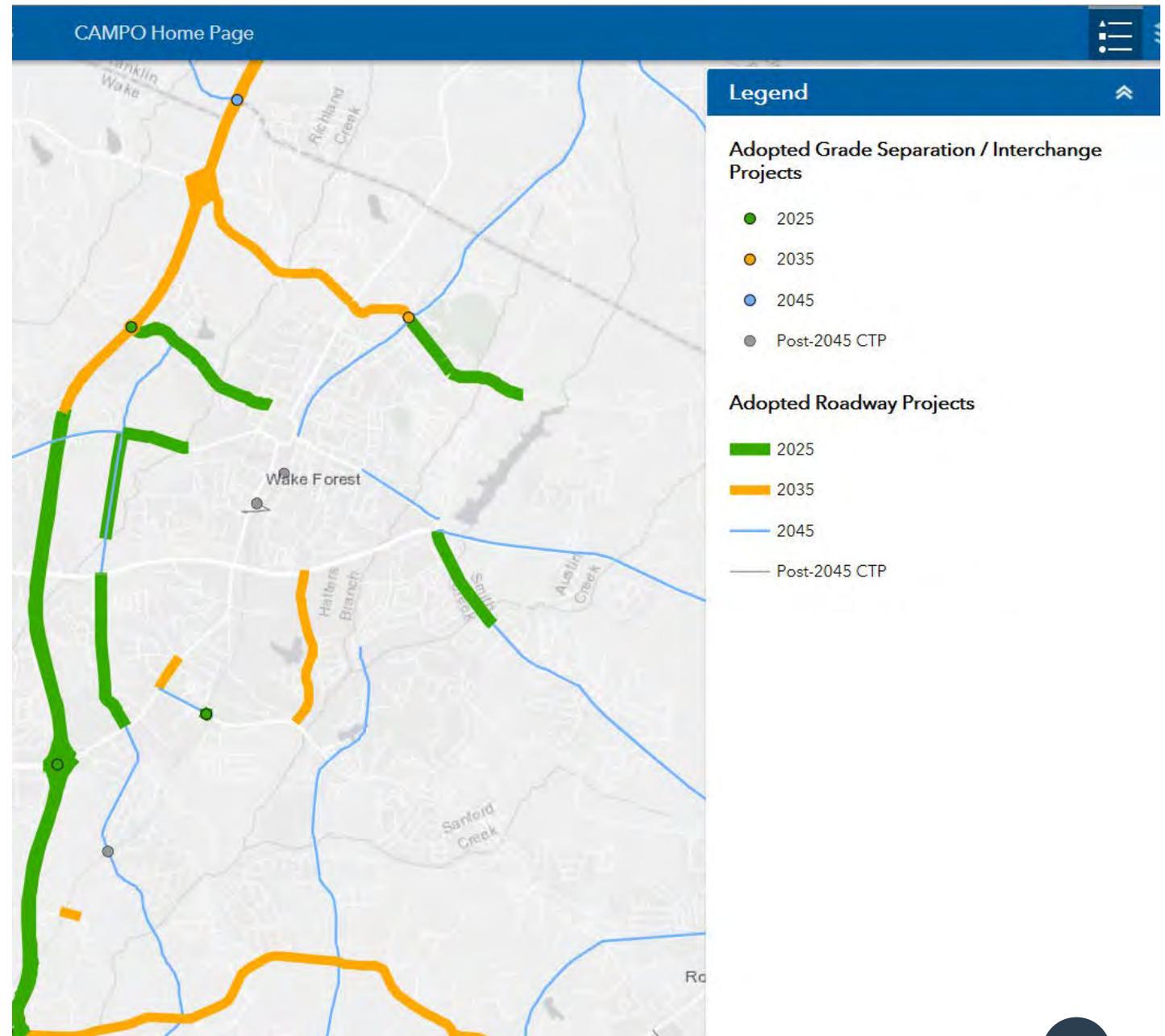
Programmed Projects

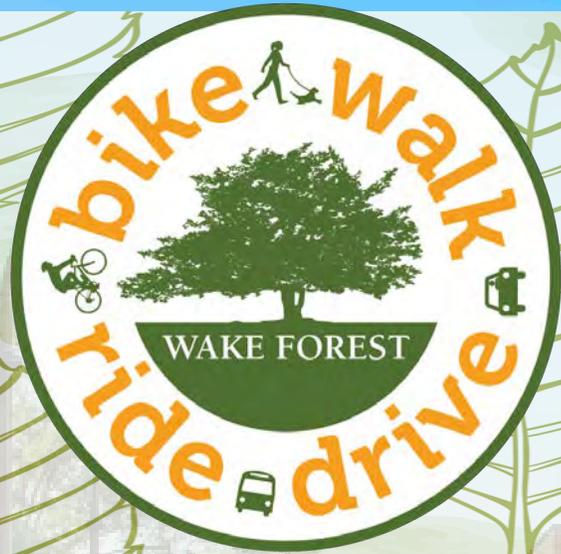
Existing Conditions

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*





Project Schedule

where we're going

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



LIVE OAK ST



To Historic
Beaufort

WELCOME



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?



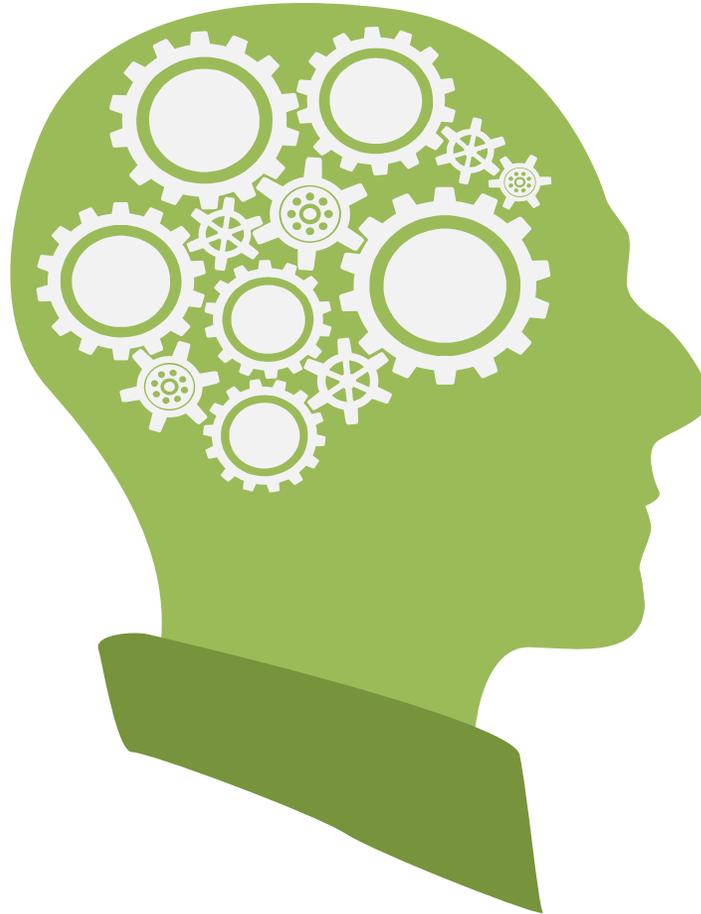
Project Symposium

Invite the officials and the public; where and when?



Steering Committees

*Technical: Advise and Inform
Policy: Steer and Oversee*



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?*



When is the First Public Symposium?



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