

Developing a Vision for Transit in the Triangle
-A Fresh Look-
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Prioritizing Major Transit Investments

The Regional Transit Infrastructure Blueprint will provide information regarding land use, ridership, and costs associated with future transit infrastructure investments in selected transit corridors in the Triangle. This Blueprint is not intended to establish transit corridor investment priorities, but rather it is intended to provide clear consistent information for decision-makers to engage the public and set priorities through the established MPOs. While it is up to each MPO to establish their own transit investment priorities through their LRTPs, given the regional nature of many of the potential major transit investments in the Triangle, it is practical for the two MPOs to work jointly toward the development of a regional transit plan and regional transit investment priorities. The questions posed below are intended to get a sense from the TAC members of what criteria should be considered in establishing major transit investment priorities in the Triangle and how these regional transit investment priorities should be established.

1. Should guiding principles be used to help set investment priorities? If so, how should these guiding principles be developed and used?
2. What criteria should be used to set investment priorities (e.g., ridership, cost per rider, impact on congestion, ability to affect development patterns, etc.)?
3. What process should the MPOs use to establish priorities for regional transit investments (consider the process established by the CAMPO DCHC MPO Memorandum of Agreement)?