

Developing a Vision for Transit in the Triangle
-A Fresh Look-
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Joint MPO Advisory Committee

The DCHC MPO and Capital Area MPO have proposed the establishment of a Joint MPO Advisory Committee comprised of community, business leaders, and/or representatives of organizations to assist them in the development of a vision for transit in the Triangle. Such a committee could help formulate a set of guiding principles in the Triangle and help carry out a public outreach process to engage the community in developing a vision for transit in the Triangle. The Joint MPO Advisory Committee could also provide recommendations on major transit investments to the two MPOs. The questions posed below are intended to determine if the TACs support the establishment of a Joint MPO Advisory Committee to assist in the development of a vision for transit in the Triangle and, if so, how the committee would be created, its charge, and how it would interact with the two MPOs.

1. Is the establishment of a Joint MPO Advisory Committee to assist the TACs in the development of a vision for transit in the Triangle a good idea?
2. If yes, what is the role of/charge to the Committee (particularly as it relates to the community engagement process and establishing transit investment priorities)?
3. What interests should be represented on the Committee?
4. Should individuals be appointed by the TACs to serve on the Committee or should the TACs identify agencies/organizations to be represented on the Committee and defer to the agencies/organizations to name individuals to serve on the Committee?
5. How should the Committee be established?
6. How many members should serve on the Committee?
7. How does the Committee receive guidance from and report on progress to the TACs?
8. How frequently should the Committee meet?
9. How is the Committee staffed?
10. What is the relationship of other stakeholders (Regional Transportation Alliance, TTA, TJCOG, etc.) with the Committee?
11. How does the Committee make decisions/recommendations and resolve differences?