



Capital Area

Bus Transit Development Plan

What is the Capital Area Bus Transit Development Plan?

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), Capital Area Transit/City of Raleigh, the Town of Cary, Triangle Transit, Wake County, the North Carolina State Wolfline and municipalities are working together to prepare a Capital Area Bus Transit Development Plan. As part of this overall plan, a long-range 2035 Bus Transit Development Plan is being developed, as well as a short-range Capital Area Transit (CAT) Three-Year Bus Service Plan.



The long-range 2035 Bus Transit Development Plan (TDP) will:

- identify factors that will influence future transit demand;
- present a vision for a comprehensive and connected transit system in the Capital Area; and
- provide a long-range capital and service plan of improvements.

The TDP will address bus services and will detail planned improvements for new and/or expanded commuter bus, as well as local and in-fill bus services. Careful consideration will be made to providing connections to the transit system currently being evaluated as part of the Triangle Transit Alternatives Analysis, supplementing commuting needs in areas away from potential rail corridors.

CAT Three-Year Bus Service Plan

The short-range plan for CAT will consist of specific recommendations for the first three years of the 2035 Bus Transit Development Plan.

What is the purpose of the plan?

The purpose of this plan is to work with local government and agencies, businesses, community leaders, residents and interested parties to identify ways to increase mobility opportunities. Through a collaborative process, a community-based plan will be produced that addresses how future bus services can accommodate anticipated growth in a sustainable fashion that is sensitive to both the human and natural environment.

Why is this plan needed?

The Capital Area is experiencing substantial population growth. The 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan for CAMPO reported that the Capital Area is expected to grow from 880,000 residents and 440,000 jobs in 2005 to 1,950,000 residents and 910,000 jobs by 2035. With growth and expansion comes increased demand for mobility and enhanced transportation services.

By identifying areas of deficiencies and integrating new and innovative approaches, this plan will help shape the future of bus transit services in the region.

What are the benefits of improved bus systems in the Capital Area?

Public transportation systems play a crucial role in communities by improving quality of life, environmental standards and economic vitality. Key benefits to enhancing bus transit in the region include:

Improving mobility choices

- Improve accessibility in Wake County and the Capital area
- Introduce new routes and amenities to increase ridership
- Coordinate schedules to make transit more convenient to use
- Expand service for the elderly and disabled

Increasing connectivity between communities

- Promote regional mobility by connecting to the proposed regional transit system
- Improve coordination/connectivity of existing bus services
- Update existing routes and identify new routes and connections

Strengthening economic vitality and sustainability

- Increase potential for mixed-use development and live/work environment
- Create new jobs through capital investments and transit operations
- Reduce demand for employee parking
- Provide commuting options

Enhancing quality of life

- Reduce congestion, travel time and stress
- Support active lifestyles
- Reduce carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions

How will proposed improvements be paid for?

Funding has not yet been identified for any proposed improvement; however, there are a number of potentially available options, including federal, state and local sources.



How will public input be used to help identify solutions?

Throughout the development of the plan, the transit organizations will engage stakeholders and the public to best identify service needs. The project team will use key stakeholder interviews, surveys, public meetings and other outreach opportunities to fully understand the thoughts and ideas on current and future transit service in the Capital area.



How can you stay informed?

Your input is essential to creating a plan that reflects the needs of commuters in the Capital area. Share your comments and questions with the project team by contacting Carmalee Scarpitti.

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What is the schedule for the Capital Area Bus Transit Development Plan?

	2010				2011								
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
2035 Bus Transit Development Plan													
Document & Evaluate Existing Services	█												
Identify Transportation Needs			█										
Generate Long-Range Concepts					█								
Develop 2035 Bus Transit Development Plan					█								
CAT Three-Year Bus Service Plan													
Define Short-Range Vision								█					
Prioritize Short-Range Improvements										█			
Develop CAT Three-Year Bus Service Plan											█		
<i>Public Participation (ongoing)</i>													