



Wake County Transit Plan  
 CAT/CAMPO Transit Development Plan  
 Service Planning Workshop Summary  
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The workshop participants discussed service design concepts; as well as “suggestions” for commuter service, transit emphasis corridors, and bus service types that would be applicable throughout Wake County. I placed the word suggestions in quotes because Robert Bush, lead consultant for this transit study project, did not believe that the concepts that he was presenting were complete enough to be recognized as a recommendation. His “suggestions” therefore, were subject to review and scrutiny by those staff persons who participated in the workshop. Some specific suggestions included:

- (1) Park-and-Ride lots should be served by 15 minute headways
- (2) Park-and-Ride lot sizes should be built to include 500 to 600 lot spaces
- (3) Commuter thresholds should be established at a 10 mile minimum for service to be feasible

The urban area that incorporates the transit attributes shown above is the Minneapolis (Minnesota) area. Mr. Bush’s only recommendation was not to add High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes since they would be a significantly heavy capital investment. The goal of the workshop was to review the “suggestions”, and within the next month, determine transit service recommendations, as well as routes and frequencies that would be analyzed within Triangle Transit’s financial model.

The participants agreed during the workshop that only service aspects (i.e. local routes, commuter routes, connectors, activity center specials, etc) would be discussed; and not capital items. Mr. Bush noted that “Special Event Service” needs to be rolled into the financial model as well. The participants also reviewed the “Service Design Guidelines” ([http://www.camponc.org/Mid-Range\\_Bus\\_Transit\\_Plan\CAMPO-CAT-Planning\\_Workshop-Service\\_Design\\_Guidelines-2011-01-18.pdf](http://www.camponc.org/Mid-Range_Bus_Transit_Plan\CAMPO-CAT-Planning_Workshop-Service_Design_Guidelines-2011-01-18.pdf)) that were provided by Mr. Bush; and commented on those guidelines during brief presentations given by Mr. Bush and other HDR staffs in attendance. The workshop ended with HDR receiving direction from Mr. David Eatman of CAT to provide maps to the participants for their review and comment over the next two weeks.

The next Wake County Transit Plan meeting will be Tuesday, January 25, 2011.