

# RECOMMENDED FY25 WAKE TRANSIT WORK PLAN COMMENT

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## **Recommended FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan available for community review**

The Recommended FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan is available for community review during a 14-day comment period from May 30 to June 12, 2024. The Recommended Work Plan is available online, along with links to provide feedback, at: [goforwardnc.org/getinvolvedwake](https://goforwardnc.org/getinvolvedwake)

The goal of the Wake Transit Plan is to improve and expand Wake County's transit network. There are Four Big Moves that guide all investment decisions: 1) Connect the region; 2) Connect all Wake County communities; 3) Create frequent and reliable urban mobility; and, 4) Enhance access to transit.

## **Operating Highlights**

In FY25, approximately \$49 million in expenditures has been proposed in the operating budget. New operations and improvements include two new GoCary bus routes. The current Apex-Cary Express (ACX) route will be converted to Route 12. Route 11 will provide a new East Cary connection to the regional transit network.

The GoRaleigh transit system will implement service improvements and expansion to Glascock Route 3, Avent Ferry Route 11, Method Route 12, and Carolina Pines Route 7L. In addition, it will launch a new on-demand microtransit service to better connect Rolesville and Wake Forest riders to the network. Another operational investment of note is the contribution of Wake Transit funds to GoRaleigh and GoCary in support of their efforts to increase safety and security for transit riders.

## **Capital Highlights**

The proposed FY25 capital expenditure total is \$203.1 million.

Since its creation, the Wake Transit Plan has reserved and provided funding in support of each of the Four Big Moves. One example is the continued development of the four core Wake Bus Rapid Transit (Wake BRT) corridors that will radiate outward in each direction from downtown Raleigh:

- Construction of the Wake BRT: New Bern Avenue corridor is expected to start in 2025.
- A \$15 million allocation to the Wake BRT: Western Corridor will advance that project toward final design and prepare the project for federal funding consideration.
- \$131 million allocated to the Wake BRT: Southern Corridor will move that project ahead into the final design phases.
- \$5 million will support moving the preferred route alternatives selected for the Wake BRT: Northern Corridors into preliminary design.

The Recommended Work Plan would also help ensure that progress continues on the new Regional Transit Center in Research Triangle Park, the Downtown Cary Multimodal Center, Raleigh Union Station, and construction of compliant operations, maintenance, and paratransit service facilities.

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