

STAFF REPORT

Transportation Plan Map Revisions - Informational

October 28, 2025 Town Council Meeting



The Apex Transportation Plan was developed to provide guidance on what is likely to be suitable to support long term growth, connectivity, recreation, and multimodal travel. It includes a Transit Plan Map that represents current and future public transit and passenger rail facilities in the Town. Inclusion in the Transportation Plan and associated maps does not require a schedule for implementation, nor does it set aside funding for improvements. The Transit Plan Map was last amended on August 26, 2025 and is also subject to a public hearing regarding proposed local service amendments on October 28, 2025.

The purpose of this presentation is to share planned revisions to the Transit Plan Map reflecting updates to regional bus routes operated by GoCary and GoTriangle. Proposed changes are summarized by route below.

GoTriangle Route 305:

- Designate lines as “Existing GoTriangle Route 305”:
 - Northbound routing to travel east on US-64 from Laura Duncan Rd to a left on Shepherds Vineyard Drive, to right on Pine Plaza Drive, to right on Lake Pine Drive, to left on US-64
 - Southbound routing to travel west on US-64 from the existing routing, to right on Shepherds Vineyard Drive, to right on Pine Plaza Drive, to right on Lake Pine Drive, to right on US-64
- Designate lines as “Future GoTriangle Route 305”:
 - Northbound routing to travel north on Laura Duncan Rd, to right onto Pine Plaza Drive, to right on Lake Pine Drive, to left onto US 64
 - Southbound routing to travel from US-64 to right on Lake Pine Drive, to left on Pine Plaza Drive, to left on Laura Duncan Rd
- Remove segment of “Existing GoTriangle Route 305”:
 - Routing shown along S Hughes St south of Apex Peakway to E William St where the route no longer operates

GoTriangle Route 305 travels between Holly Springs, Apex, Cary, and Raleigh. It historically has traveled the routing proposed to be designated as “Existing GoTriangle Route 305” above, and is following this routing currently. The current map does not reflect this because Route 305 began serving the Pine Plaza Drive routing instead of US-64 in August of 2024 in order to provide more local access to bus stops, and the Transit Plan Map was previously updated to reflect this change. However, after a few months of operation, GoTriangle decided to revert back to the historic routing due to operational challenges, namely with the left turn from Pine Plaza Drive to Laura Duncan Road. This proposed amendment would bring the “Existing GoTriangle Route 305” up to date with the current routing, and adds the “Future GoTriangle Route 305” designation to convey that GoTriangle may switch back to the Pine Plaza Drive routing if the operational challenges with this option are resolved. This route is currently funded through GoTriangle and the Wake Transit program with no direct funding match required by the Town of Apex.

GoTriangle Route 311:

- Remove the lines and designation for “Existing Route 311 (Proposed to be Removed)”
- Combine “Existing GoTriangle Route 311” and “Future GoTriangle Route 311” into one designation of “Future GoTriangle Route 311” and designate all remaining lines as “Future GoTriangle Route 311”

GoTriangle Route 311 historically operated between Apex and Research Triangle Park and served Downtown Apex and the Park and Ride stop at Shepherds Vineyard Drive. GoTriangle began planning for changes to the route in 2019 that would see it terminate in Downtown Apex rather than at Shepherds Vineyard Drive, but then

suspended service on the route in March of 2020 due to the COVID pandemic, and it has remained out of service since then. GoTriangle is working towards restarting service in FY27 with the revised routing that omits the Shepherds Vineyard Drive area. This route was included as part of the Wake Bus Plan update in 2023 and the associated GoTriangle Short-Range Transit Plan, and is planned to be funded through the Wake Transit program with no direct funding match required by the Town of Apex.

GoCary Route ACX:

- Remove “Existing Apex-Cary Express” designation and all lines from map

The GoCary Apex-Cary Express (ACX) currently travels between downtown Apex and Downtown Cary during Monday-Friday peak periods only. It is scheduled to be replaced by the GoCary Route 9 on November 1, 2025 (see below).

GoCary Route 9:

- Add new designation: “Existing GoCary Route 9 (Apex-Cary)”:
 - Routing to travel from Downtown Cary down Salem St, to left on Center St, to left on N Mason St, to Laura Duncan Rd, to left on Apex Peakway, to right on N Salem St back towards Downtown Cary

The GoCary Route 9 will be an all-day, seven-day service route between Downtown Apex and Downtown Cary, beginning service on November 1, 2025. It will replace the GoCary ACX. The routing in Downtown Apex will differ from the ACX. Instead of traveling down Salem St to E Williams St and Hughes St, it will travel down Salem St to Center Street, then turn on Mason Street back towards Cary, and will facilitate transfers between GoApex Route 1 and GoTriangle Route 305 at the bus stop near the Mason Street Municipal Building. This route was included as part of the Wake Bus Plan update in 2023 and the associated GoCary Short-Range Transit Plan, and is planned to be funded through the Wake Transit program with no direct funding match required by the Town of Apex.

Figure 1 below illustrates the proposed changes.

