



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. The Transportation Plan does not require a schedule for implementation, nor does it set aside funding for improvements. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider proposed amendments to the Transit Plan map in order to make a recommendation to Town Council. The Transit Plan map was last amended on February 28, 2023.

The proposed amendment is to add additional routing within the Town Hall campus to the front entrance of the Apex Senior Center. Figure 1 shows the proposed change on the Transit plan map, and Figure 2 shows a close-in diagram of the proposed amendment along with some additional context.

The proposed amendment shows additional Future GoApex Route 1 routing entering the Apex Town Hall campus from N Mason Street, traveling to the Apex Senior Center entrance, turning around through the porte-cochère, and returning to North Mason Street to connect to the Existing GoApex Route 1 line. The below inset diagram (Figure 2) also shows a temporary routing through the Town Campus area to Hunter Street. This temporary routing is provided for context to show how the current GoApex Route 1 service operates in this area. This temporary routing will not be served once the permanent bus stop on Mason Street (#1452, N Mason St at Old Mill Village Dr (Town Hall) (NB)) reopens and the permanent off-street layover location at the new Mason Street Municipal Building is complete. This is currently estimated to be complete in Spring, 2024. Of note, the Transit Plan map does not show individual bus stops.

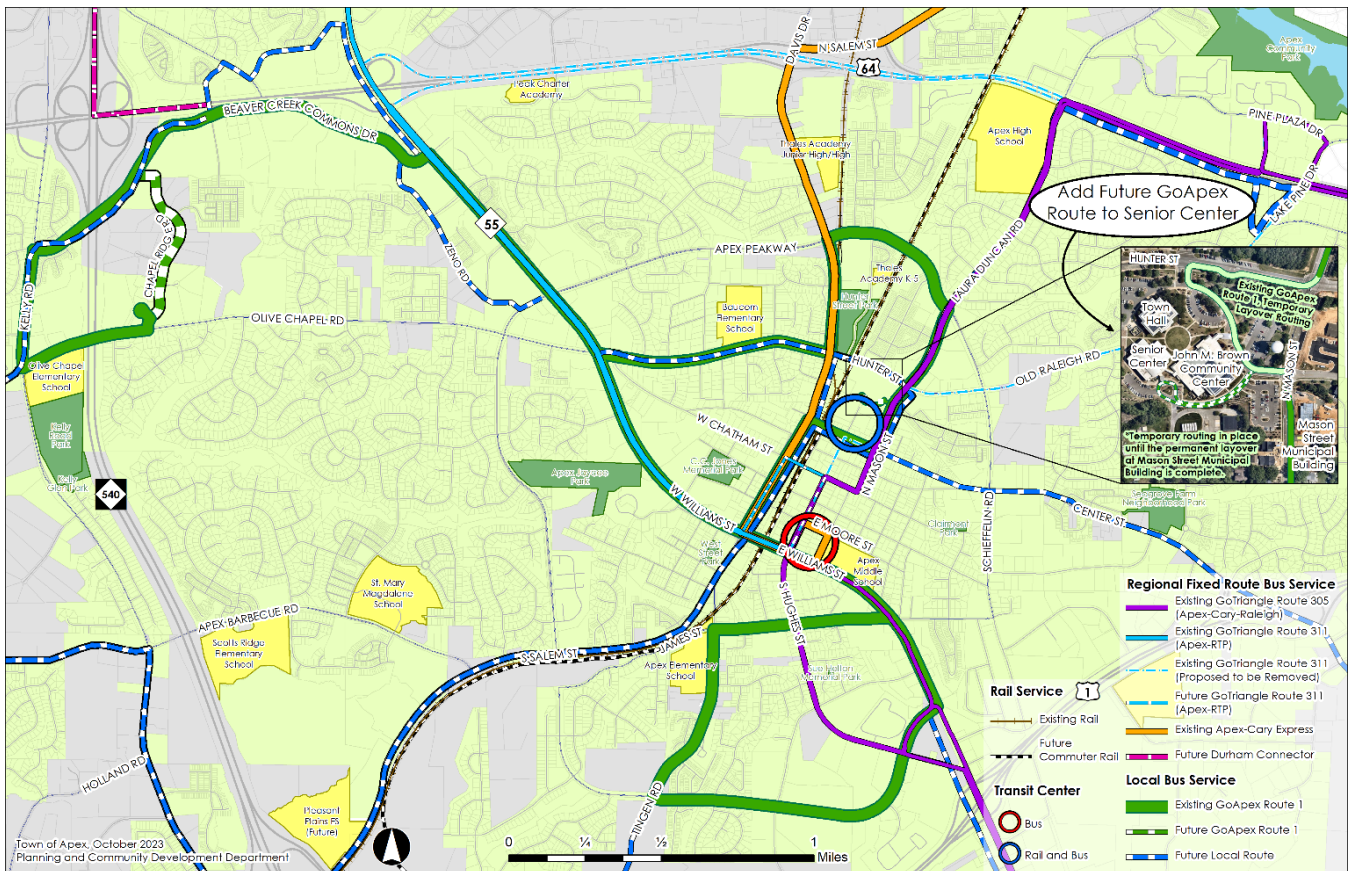




Figure 2. Close-in diagram of proposed amendment

Programmed Projects:

If approved, the proposed routing change is intended to be implemented with the GoApex Route 1 service at the earliest available service update, coordinated with the Town’s contracted service operator, GoCary. This change is not anticipated to have an impact on the cost to Operate GoApex Route 1, as the fixed-route service is charged at an hourly rate, and it is expected that the change will be accommodated within the existing route run-time. It is also not anticipated to increase costs for the GoApex Door to Door complementary ADA paratransit service, as it will not increase its existing service area.

If approved, Staff plan to install a bus stop sign and bench for public use near the entrance to the Apex Senior Center, in coordination with relevant Town departments, and paid for through local funding already included in the adopted Capital Improvement Plan, as well as operating and/or bus stop improvement funding awarded through the Wake Transit Community Funding Area program.

Planning Board Recommendation:

The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendment during their October 9, 2023 meeting.

Transit Advisory Committee Recommendation:

The Transit Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendment during their October 11, 2023 meeting.

Staff Recommendation:

Planning staff recommend supporting the proposed amendment. Transportation, Infrastructure and Development staff and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources staff are supportive as well.