



10-Year Investment Strategy

Apex Town Council



Agenda

- 1 Development Process
- 2 Draft 10-Year Investment Strategy
- 3 Next Steps

Development Process



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WTP Update – Engagement Approach

Phase 1 (Spring 2024)

Choices, Trade-Offs and Priorities

- Online survey that let people “Design Your Own Transit System”
- Budget that could spent on different transit projects and programs

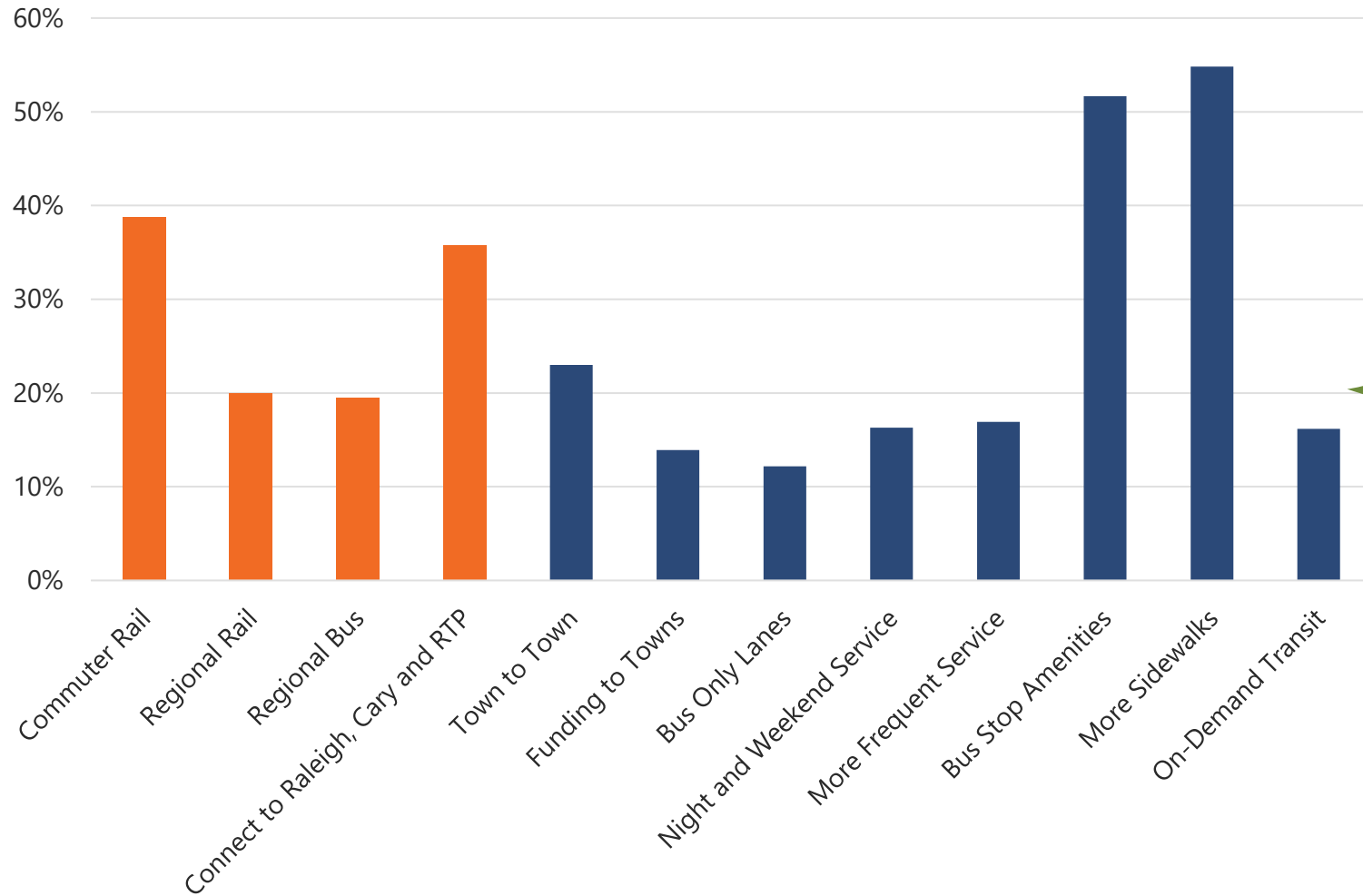
Phase 2 (Winter 2024/2025)

Focus on Three Questions

1. Confirm that we are postponing Commuter Rail to invest in Regional Rail, at least for the time being.
2. Develop BRT between Raleigh and Durham to meet regional needs
3. Serve more people or serve more places

*Both phases provide insights into **preferences and priorities***

Phase 1 Survey Says.....

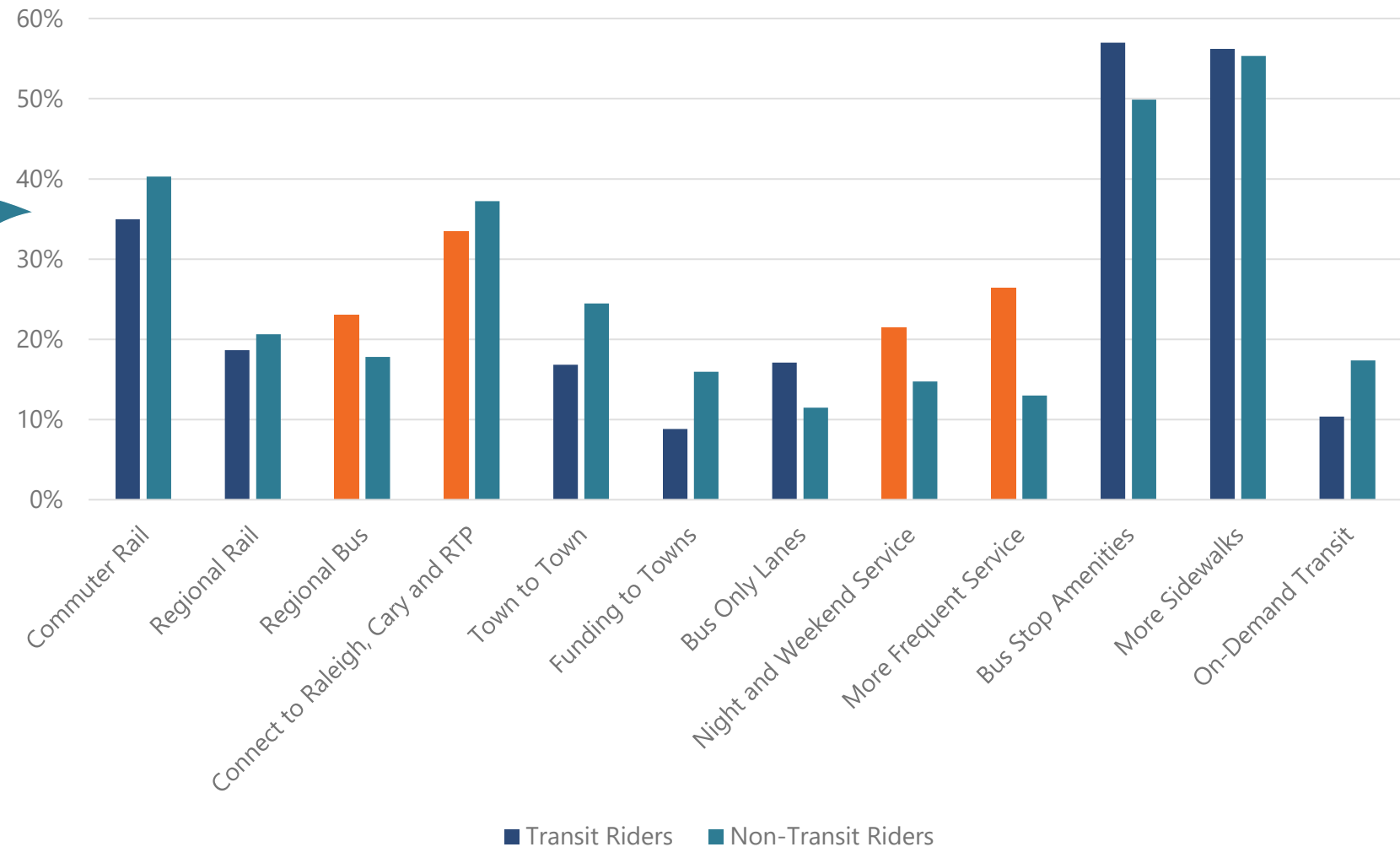


1. Regional connections are important.... regardless of mode.

2. Rail projects, especially Commuter Rail, continue to be prioritized.

In Phase 1 Transit Riders Say.....

1. They want better bus service (more frequency and longer hours).
2. Are less interested in Commuter Rail
3. Also care about regional service.



Phase 2 Approach and Activities

- **Online Survey**
 - 3 questions plus demographics
- **24 Pop-up Outreach Events**
 - 5 Local Partner Presentations
- **Advertisements:**
 - Social Media
 - Qué Pasa Media
 - Rider App Push
- **4 Focus Groups Meetings:**
 - Mobility/Human Service Providers
 - ADA
 - Educational Institutions
 - Transit Riders
- **Stakeholder Outreach and Leveraged Engagement**



WAKE TRANSIT PLAN UPDATE

¡NECESITAMOS TU OPINIÓN!

Actualización sobre el Progreso del Plan de Tránsito 2035 de Wake

El Plan de Tránsito 2035 de Wake detalla una estrategia de 10 años para invertir cerca de mil millones de dólares en mejorar y expandir el transporte público en el condado de Wake. Visita esta página para obtener más información y compartir tus comentarios.

La primavera y el verano pasados (2024), recibimos opiniones de más de 2,000 personas. Tus ideas ahora se reflejan en la Fase 2.

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Actualización sobre el Progreso del Plan de Tránsito 2035 de Wake

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Recibimos comentarios la primavera y el verano pasados (2024) y escuchamos a más de 2,000 personas. Tus ideas se reflejan en la información que estamos compartiendo ahora en la Fase 2.

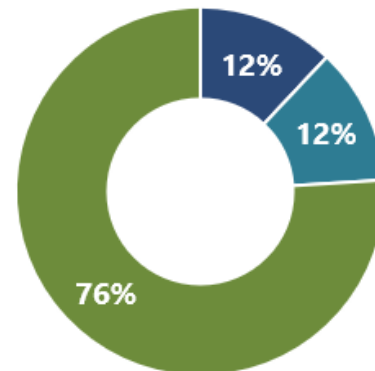
Ayude a diseñar nuestro futuro en transporte público.
Responda nuestra encuesta escaneando este código QR:

Invest in Regional Rail

- Typically understood the funding constraints of building new rail
- Excited to learn about S-Line
- Supportive of enhancing existing service but concerned about access and reliability

Question 1: Expanding Our Existing Rail Service is a Good Way of Investing in Rail in Wake County?

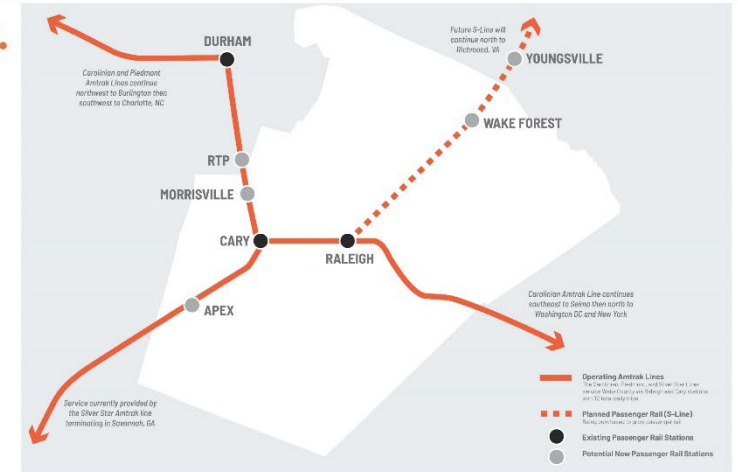
■ Disagree ■ Unsure ■ Agree



You told us you would like rail service in Wake County.

Here's what's happening.

- Amtrak is and will continue to operate passenger rail service in Wake County. These trains provide regional connections with stops in Durham, Cary, and Raleigh.
- There are a lot of rail projects planned in Wake County, including plans to purchase and/or upgrade tracks between:
 - Raleigh and Wake Forest.
 - Raleigh, Cary and RTP.
- The Wake Transit Plan could help improve the existing services or help new projects happen sooner by:
 - Providing funding for additional trains in Wake County.
 - Improving train infrastructure (tracks, stations, etc.).



What do you think? Is this a good way of building rail service in Wake County?

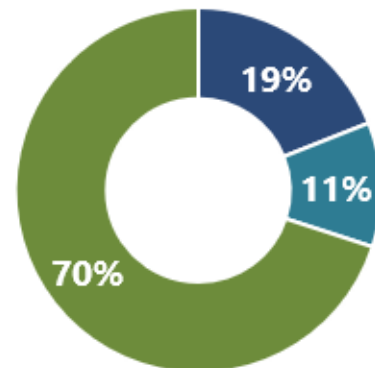


Connect Raleigh and Durham with BRT

- 70% agreed that BRT between Raleigh and Durham is a good idea.
- More education/information about BRT is needed.
- Some concerns that BRT won't solve Raleigh – Durham problem.

Question 2: BRT Will be a Good Way to Connect Raleigh and Durham

■ Disagree ■ Unsure ■ Agree

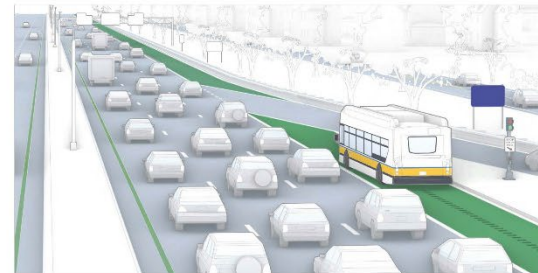


You told us you want fast, reliable connections between Raleigh and Durham.



Here's what we can do.

- The region could build Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along I-40 to provide fast, frequent, reliable connections between Raleigh and Durham. This service could include:
 - Buses every 15 minutes all day, every day.
 - Widening and improving highway shoulders so buses can travel faster for the full way between Raleigh and Durham.
 - Making it easier and faster for buses to get on and off I-40.
 - Building new transfer points, including an Airport transit hub close to the on/off ramp.



	Time to Get Started	Estimated Travel Time (One-way peak period Raleigh to Durham)	Weekday Service	Weekend Service
Express Bus Service	Expansion starts in 2026 and 2027	60-70 minutes	15 minutes peak 30 minutes evenings	Every 15 minutes
BRT on I-40	5-10 years	50-60 minutes	30 minutes daytime 60 minutes evening	Every 20 minutes

How often do you travel between Raleigh and Durham?

Every day Once a week or so Every month or so Rarely or Never

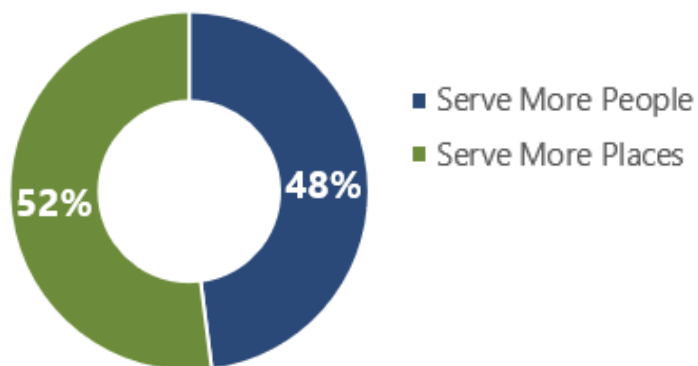
Do you think BRT will be a good way to connect Raleigh and Durham?



Serve More People or More Places

- Not everyone liked the trade-off, and preference is to do both
- Desire to expand regional access without transfer in Raleigh
- Existing bus riders were more interested in serving people first.

Question 3: Which Approach Do You Think We Should Do First, Serve More People or More Places?



Here's what we can do.



Different Ways of Building a Transit Network

What should we do first?

OPTION 1

Expand bus service in Cary and Raleigh, so buses come more often and are available for longer hours and more days.

This option would serve more **people**.

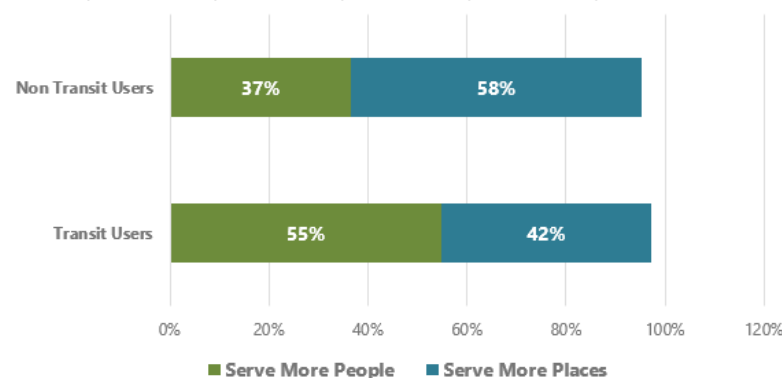
OPTION 2

Create new bus routes and build new projects like mobility hubs to connect Wake County towns with Cary, Raleigh and other regional destinations.

This option would serve more **places**.



Which Approach Should We Invest in First?

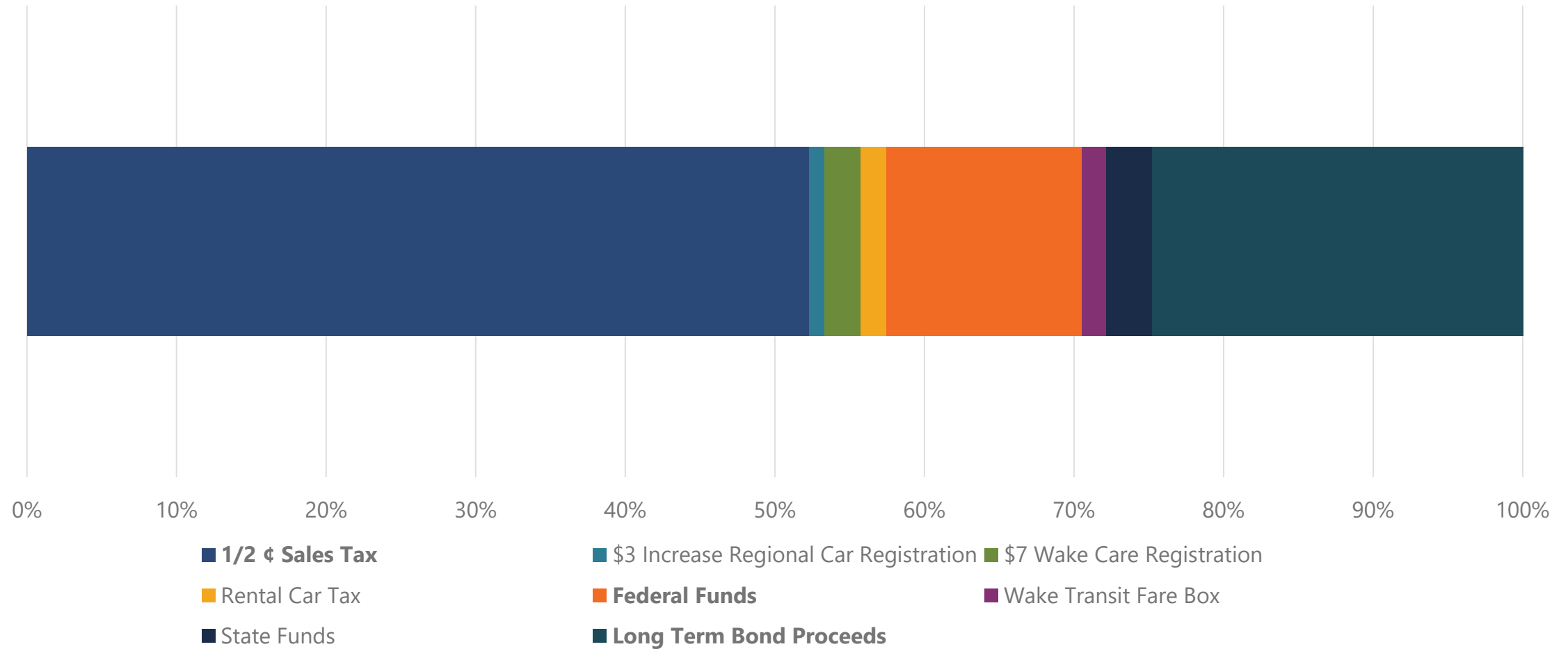


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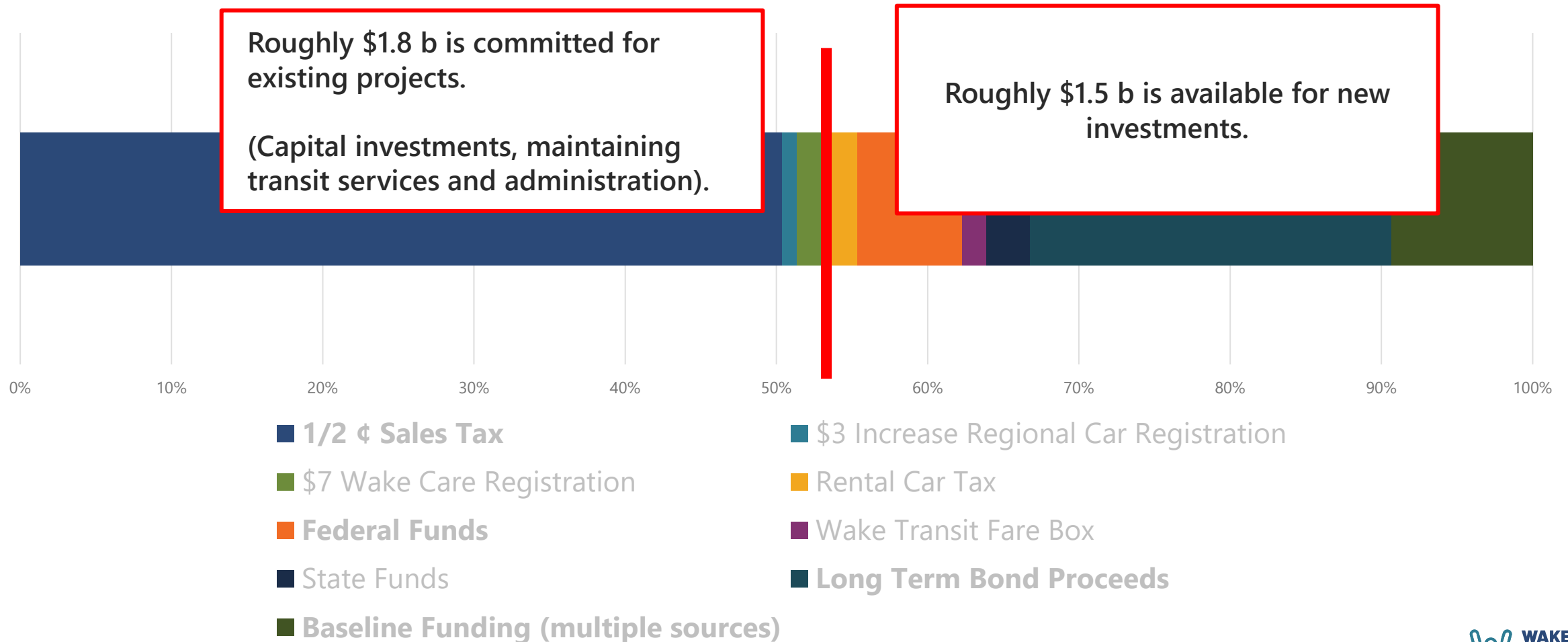
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10-Year Revenue – Overview

- **FY26–FY35 Revenue estimated at \$3.3b**
- **90% of funds are from three sources:**
 1. Sales Tax - 52%
 2. Long Term Bond Proceeds - 25%
 3. Federal funds (multiple sources) - 13%
- **Remaining 10% of funding equals \$330m (still a lot of funding)**
- **Potential challenges with funding assumptions ~ \$112m**
 - Vehicle Rental Tax revenue = \$58m
 - Wake Transit Fare Box revenue = \$54m

Roughly half of estimated revenue has been programmed.



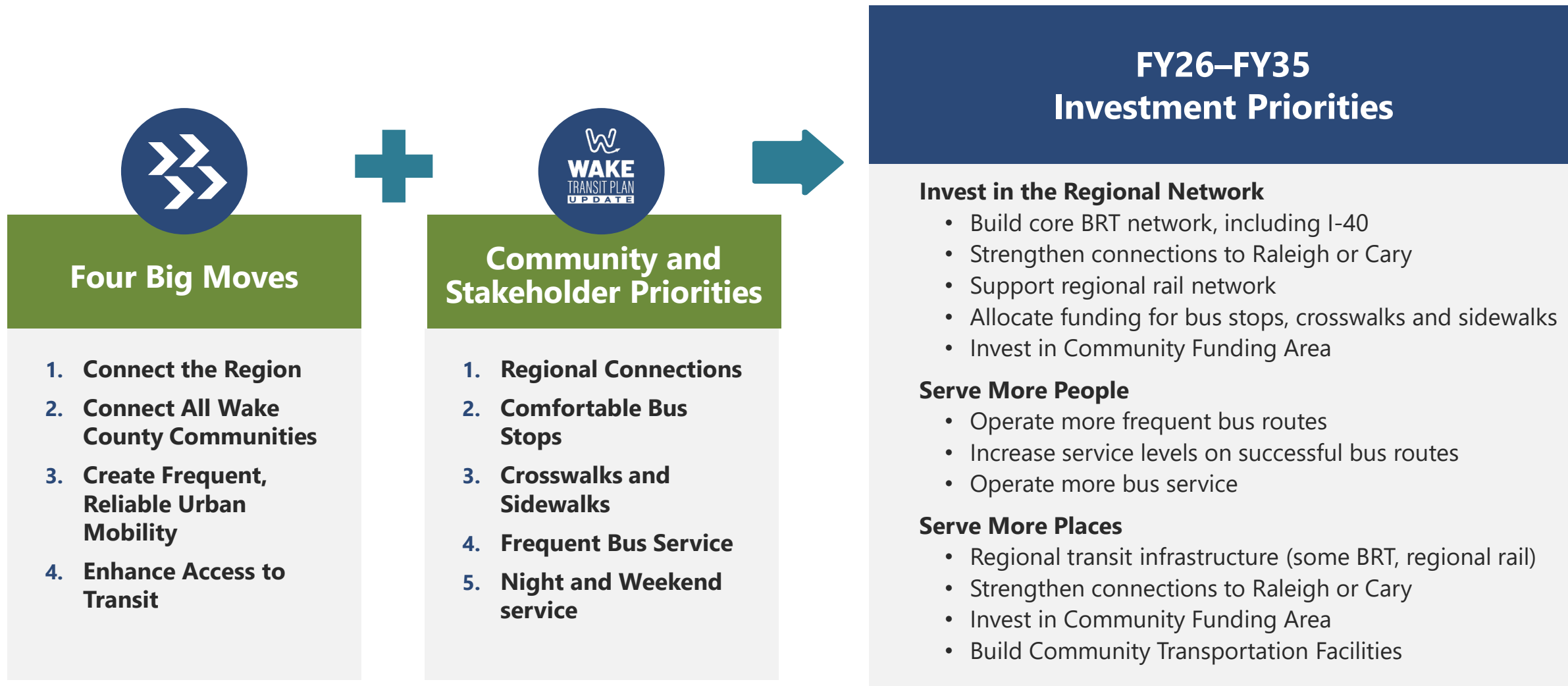
Developing the Investment Strategy

1. **Identify Transit Priorities** (community, stakeholders, Wake Transit Plan team)
2. **Use Priorities to Select Projects, Programs and Services**
3. **Estimate Costs and Confirm Revenues**
 - Align revenues and spending and adhere to agreed financial management guidelines
4. **Draft 2035 Investment Strategy**
 - Share projects, programs and services (lists and maps)
 - Investment strategy type of investment (spending breakdown)
5. **Outcomes and Expected Results**

Wake Transit Plan Investment Strategy

- **Proposed Investment strategy = \$3.3 billion (includes debt funding)**
- **Estimated revenues = \$3.3 billion (with VRT and Fares)**

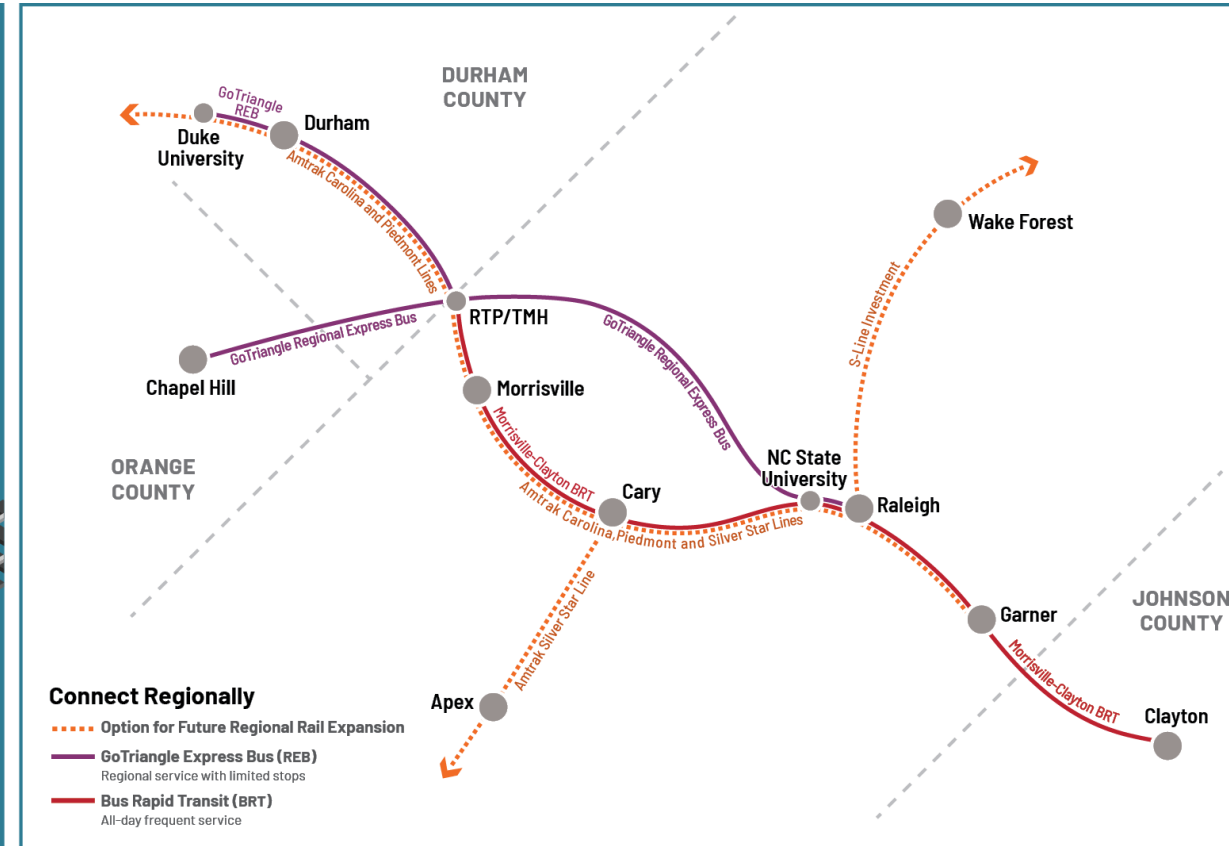
Wake Transit Plan Priorities



Connect the Region

Wake Transit will continue to invest in projects and services that make it easy to travel regionally.

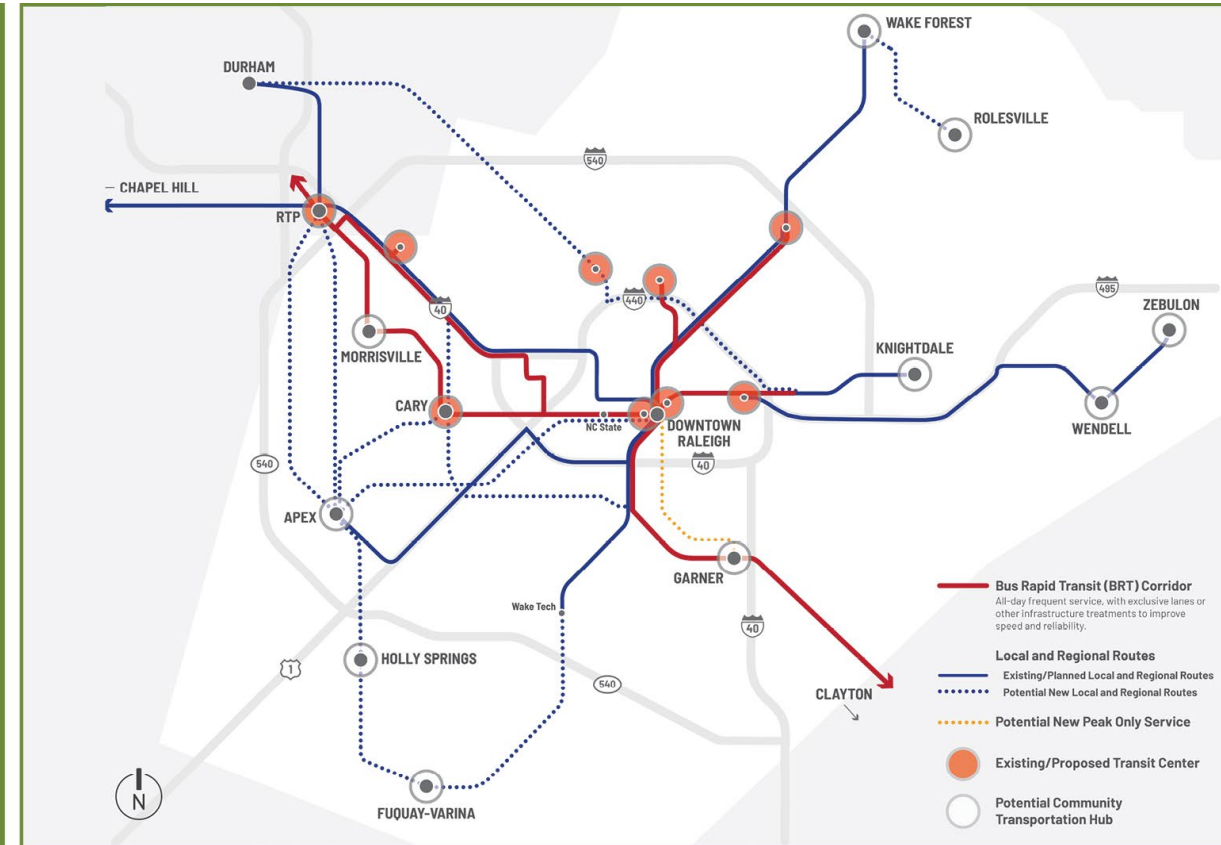
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Connect All Communities

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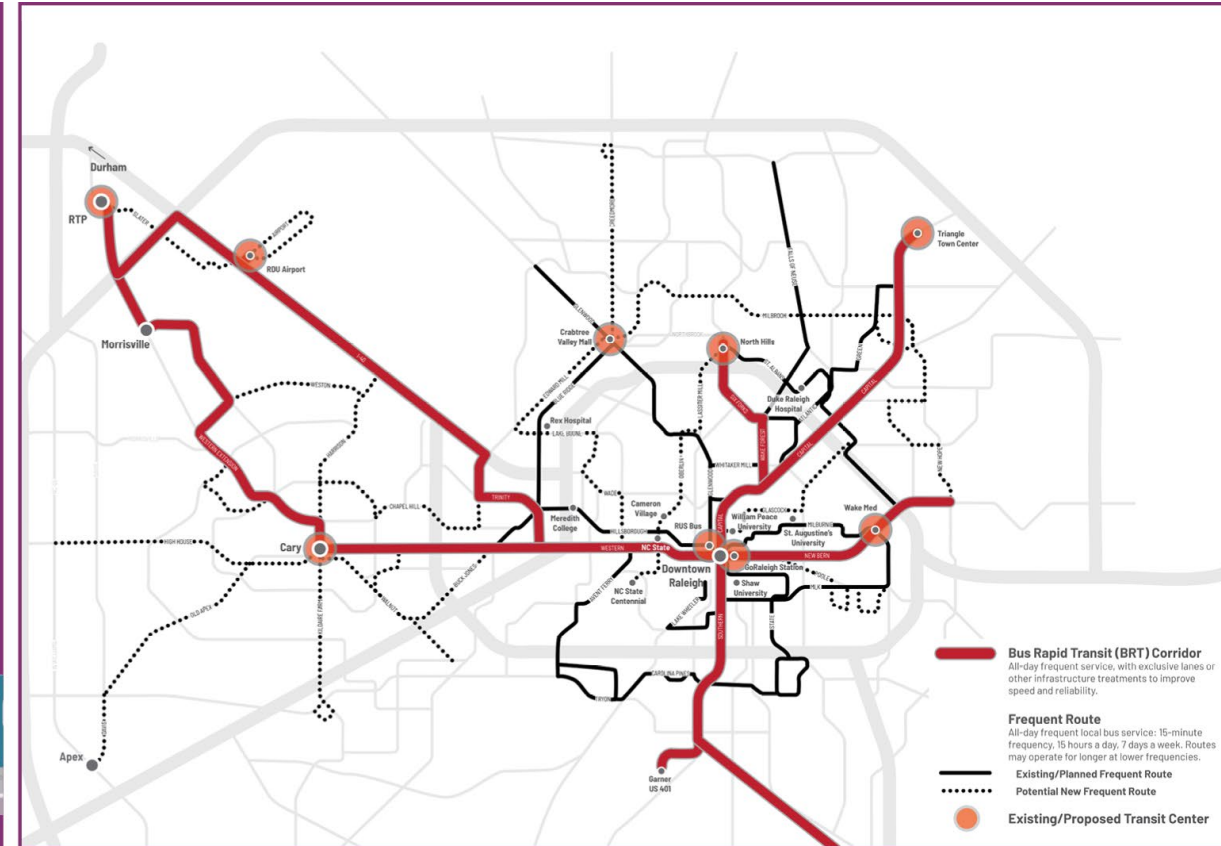
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- Connecting every town with Cary, Raleigh and/or RTP.
- Expanding local bus routes so towns are connected to each other.
- Building at least five new community transportation hubs.



Frequent and Reliable Urban Mobility

Wake Transit will continue to build and expand the amount of frequent service in Wake County.

- Expanding the frequent bus network by offering more frequent service in the evening and on weekends.
- Adding new frequent bus routes.



Enhance Access to Transit



Wake Transit will continue to make it safer, easier and more comfortable to use transit.

- Increasing funding for bus stop improvements, sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Doubling funding for the Community Funding Area program to make it easier for Wake County towns to invest in local projects and services.

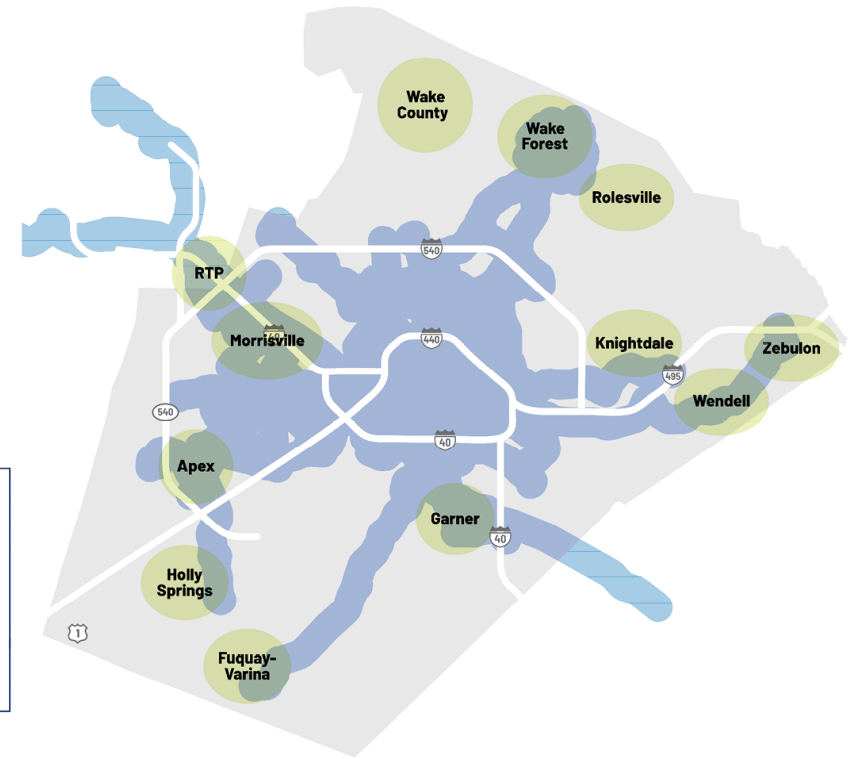


Areas Accessible to Fixed-Route Transit
Shaded areas are within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of fixed-route bus service, including regional express routes and town-to-town routes by 2035.

Community Funding Area Eligible Areas

Community Funding Area Program

Program is designed to support communities in Wake County and develop transit projects that meet local needs. The CFA program is funded with \$40m over the 10-year period and can be used for transit services, capital projects, or planning.



Invest in the Regional Network



Rail Ready Projects

- **Available in annual increments (funding rolls over)**
- **Regional Rail Implementation Plan will be completed in June 2025**
- **Potential investments may include**
 - Stations
 - Track Improvements
 - Increased Rail Service
 - *Additional study may be needed*



Implement and Expand BRT Network

- **Core Network** (New Bern, Western, Southern and Northern with 2 endpoints)
- **BRT Extensions** (Cary to RTP and Garner to Clayton)
- **BRT Development** (I-40 Raleigh to TMH)
- **BRT Next Gen** (study 5 to 6 corridors)

Serve More People



Expand Frequent Bus Service

- **Increase hours and days of operation for existing bus services**
 - Frequent and Local Routes
- **Add at least one New Frequent Route each year**



Support Bus Service Investments

- **5% Contingency for Unanticipated projects**
- **15% for ADA**
- **+40 Expansion Vehicles and Ongoing Replacement Vehicles**
- **\$3m/year Bus Stops, Sidewalks and Crosswalks**
- **10 Connection Points where frequent routes intersect (\$750k per)**
- **Maintenance Facility Study**

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More Community Connections

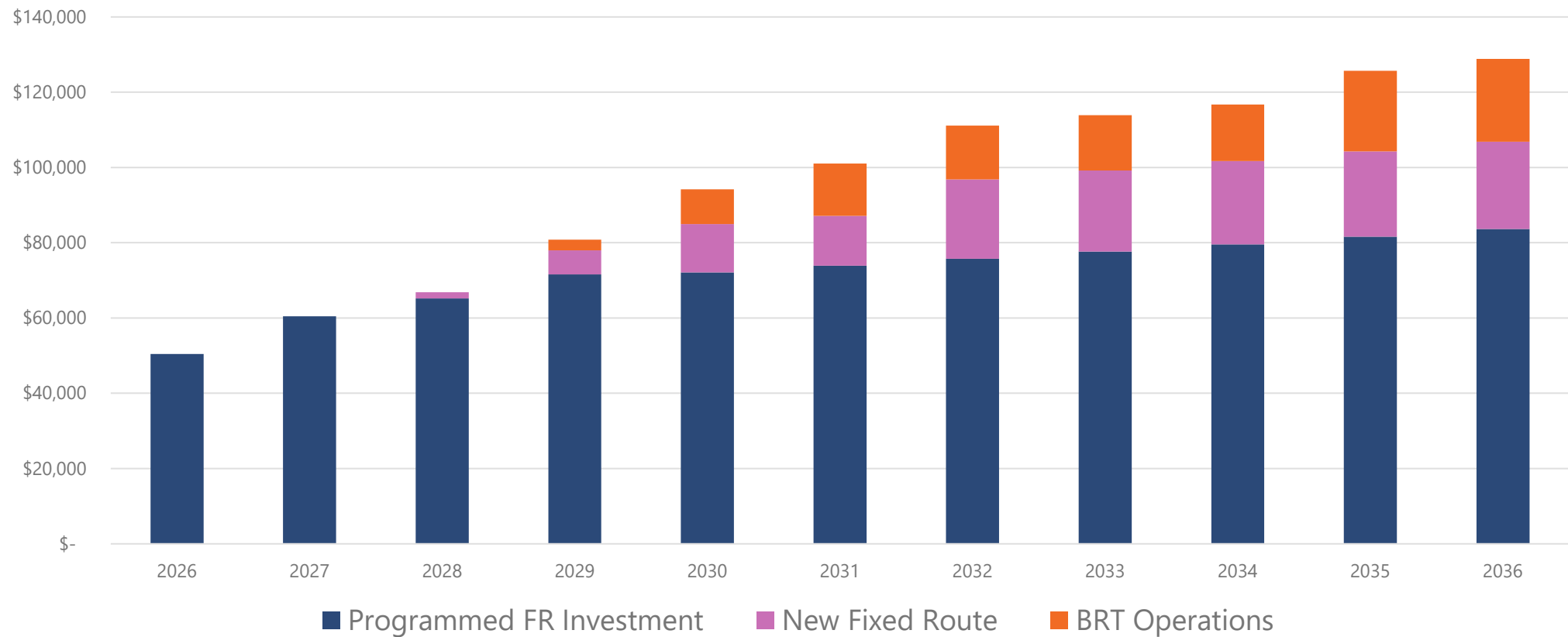
- **Increase hours/days of existing regional bus routes**
- **Add New Regional Routes (including some of the following)**
 1. Apex to RTP/TMH via Davis Drive
 2. Apex to Raleigh Express
 3. Triangle Town Center to Durham via Briar Creek and TMH
 4. Fuquay-Varina, Holly Springs, Apex to RTP/TMH
 5. Southern Connector: Tryon Road
 6. Knightdale to Crabtree
- **New Town-to-Town Route**
 - Rolesville to Wake Forest
- **New Commuter Route to Amazon Facility in Garner**



More Community Facilities

- **Invest in Community Transportation Facilities/Hubs (5 hubs at \$6m each)**
- **Increased Investment in Community Funding Area Program (\$40m over 10-years)**
- **Airport Interchange Facility off I-40 (\$50m)**

Increased Investment in Bus Service *Proposed*

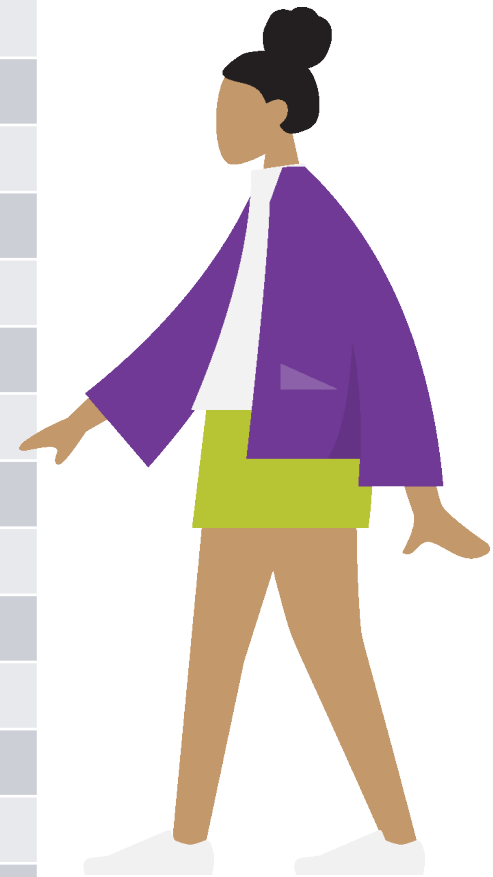


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Parter	Event Type	Date	Details
Wake Forest	Pop-Up	May 3	12- 2 PM Meeting in the Streets in Downtown Wake Forest
Apex	Pop-Up	May 3	9 – 11 AM PeakFest Downtown Apex
Wake Forest	Presentation	May 6	6 PM Wake Forest Commissioners Work Session
Raleigh	Presentation	May 8	3:30 PM Raleigh Transit Authority Meeting
Zebulon	Pop-Up	May 9	5:30 – 6:30 PM Movie Night at Five County Stadium
Cary	Pop-Up	May 10	3 PM to 5 PM Ritmo Latino Festival in Downtown Cary
Apex	Presentation	May 13	6 PM Apex Town Council Meeting
NC State	Pop-Up	May 15	7:30 to 9 AM NCSU Bike to Work Day Pit Stop
Raleigh	Pop-Up	May 15	7 to 9 AM GoRaleigh Station
Morrisville	Pop-Up	May 17	10 AM to 2 PM SpringFest in Downtown Morrisville
Rolesville	Presentation	May 20	7 PM Rolesville Town Board of Commissioners
Knightdale	Presentation	May 21	7 PM Knightdale Town Council Meeting
Durham	Pop-Up	May 22	7 to 9 AM Regional Transit Center
Holly Springs	Pop-Up	May 22	8 to 10 AM Holly Springs Farmers Market
Garner	Presentation	May 27	6 PM Garner Town Council Meeting
Wendell	Presentation	May 27	7 PM Wendell Town Board of Commissioners
Garner	Pop-Up	May 31	11 AM to 1 PM Southeast Regional Library



2035 Investment Strategy

Feedback from partners, stakeholders and community members is guiding how nearly \$3 billion will be invested in transit projects and services between FY 2028 and FY 2035.

The materials below show how we are planning to make progress towards each of the Four Big Moves.



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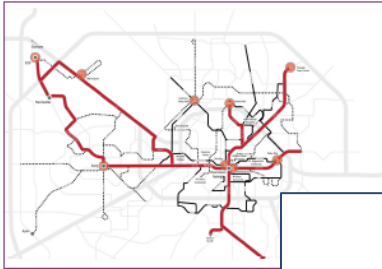


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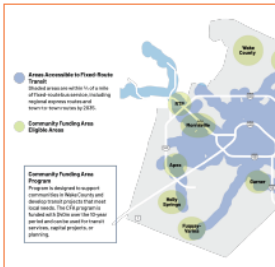


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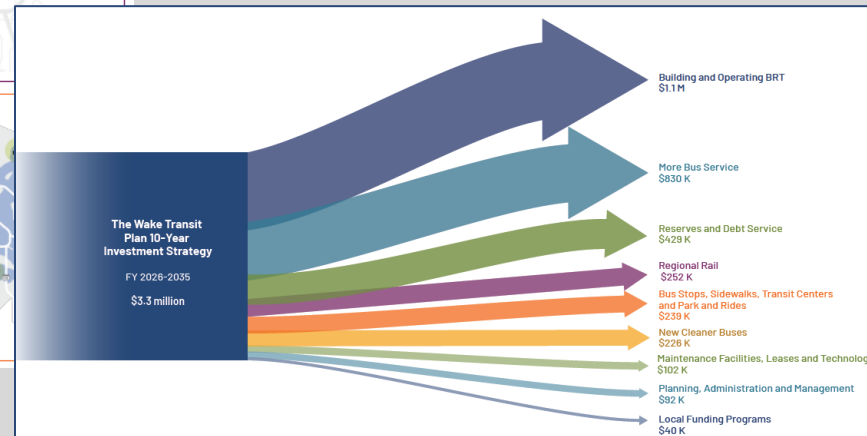
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Encourage your network to review the Investment Strategy and Supplemental Documents and provide comments on the website!

www.publicinput.com/waketransit2035



Finalizing the 10-Year Investment Strategy





Thank you!