



Town of Apex Transit Advisory Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2021

3rd Floor of Town Hall, 73 Hunter Street, Apex

Meeting Purpose

The main purposes of this meeting were to: (1) Discuss incorporating art in transit; (2) Receive updates on GoApex Route 1; and (3) Receive brief updates on several items of interest to the committee.

Meeting Outcomes

Town staff will: (1) continue work on GoApex Route 1 bus stop design, construction, and agreements; (2) pursue the integration of art in Apex bus stops; (3) continue coordination with partners on Route 305, the S-Line TOD Study, and the Wake Transit Bus Plan Update.

Attendees

Committee members:

- Linda Barrett
- Amanda Bunce
- Nick Bryant
- Kurt Pfeifer
- Angela Reincke
- Stuart Wagner
- Andrew Werking
- David Yokum

Staff support:

- Noor Sandhu
- Shannon Cox

Guests:

- Erin Convery (GoTriangle)
- Tom Colwell (Public Art Committee)
- Taylor Wray (Public Art Committee)
- Bethany Bryant (Public Art Committee)
- Bret Gantt (Town Council)

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Chair Wagner introduced those in attendance.

2. Completion of Oaths

- Tesa Silver, Deputy Town Clerk, administered the oath to voting members of the Transit Advisory Committee.

3. Meeting Minutes

(Action Item: Shannon Cox, Town of Apex)

Requested Action: Approve meeting minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting

- Andrew Werking made a motion to approve the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes.
- Nick Bryant seconded the motion to approve the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes.
- The motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.



4. Art in Transit

(Discussion Item: Shannon Cox, Town of Apex)

- **Background**
 - Funding
 - Town applied for a \$25,000 Bloomberg Asphalt Art Grant. Decision pending.
 - Wake Transit Art Integration Policy adopted and provides guidance for what projects are eligible to use Wake Transit funding for art integration. No Apex transit projects are eligible.
 - The Planning Department budget includes some funds to enhance GoTriangle bus stops. Based on anticipated design, these funds may not be needed, and a request to use these for art integration in transit could be considered.
 - Examples of Art Integration
 - Regarding the palette for art integration - planned GoApex bus stops are simple – some include just a concrete pad, others include a bench, trash can, and bike rack. A subsequent project will install shelters at some stops.
 - Examples of art integration vary from temporary to permanent. Examples include asphalt art, vinyl shelter wraps, themed sculptures, and functional art.
- **Discussion**
 - The committee participated in two interactive polls and discussed the results. Images of the polls capturing committee member ideas and preferences are shown on the next page.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Gather example “calls for artists” from the Public Art Committee.
 - Develop draft goals for integrating art in transit in Apex.
 - Prepare a proposal and route for approval.

What goals should guide our integration of art in transit?

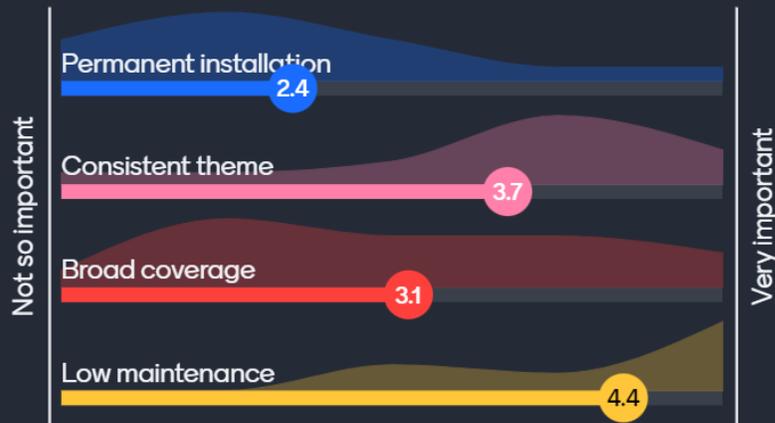
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What are your preferences?

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5. Project Updates

(Information Item: Shannon Cox, Town of Apex)

- GoApex Route 1
 - Project is progressing through the design process. Agreements are still pending. Start of service is anticipated in spring 2022.
- GoTriangle Route 305
 - Expansion to all-day and weekend service is delayed due to bus operator shortages. There is currently no timeline for when this may be resolved.
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program bus stop improvements
 - Town was successful in securing grant funding to add shelters to multiple bus stops and improve pedestrian connections to the bus stop along James Street at NC 55.
 - Agreement is in final stages.

6. Planning Updates

(Information Item: Shannon Cox, Town of Apex)

- Staff Updates:
 - Wake Transit
 - Wake Transit Performance Tracker now shows the status of all projects that have received Wake Transit funding.
 - GoTriangle is kicking off an update to the Wake Transit Bus Plan.
 - Mobility Management Plan is kicking off. The process is anticipated to take two years.
 - NCDOT S-Line Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study
 - Regional study intended to help prepare for future passenger rail along the “S-Line”.
 - Project team kickoff is complete and stakeholder conversations are planned.

Remaining items included setting the next meeting date and closing the meeting.