



**Town of Apex**

**Multimodal Transportation Advisory Board**

Regular Meeting Agenda

4:00pm, Wednesday, January 14, 2025

Apex Town Hall

73 Hunter Street

<p><b>1. Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Linda Barrett, Chair</p>	<p><b>4:00</b></p>
<p><b>2. Meeting Minutes</b> Chris Watson, Town of Apex <i>Requested Action: Approve meeting minutes from the November 12, 2025 regular meeting.</i></p>	<p><b>4:00-4:05</b></p>
<p><b>3. Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan Map Overview</b> Jenna Shouse, Town of Apex</p>	<p><b>4:05-4:25</b></p>
<p><b>4. Sidewalk Needs Assessment</b> Jenna Shouse, Town of Apex</p>	<p><b>4:25-4:35</b></p>
<p><b>5. Safe Routes to School Overview</b> Jenna Shouse, Town of Apex</p>	<p><b>4:35-4:45</b></p>
<p><b>6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects Underway</b> Jenna Shouse, Town of Apex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional information and monthly updates are posted at: <a href="https://www.apexnc.org/1848/Sidewalk-Bike-and-Transit-Projects">https://www.apexnc.org/1848/Sidewalk-Bike-and-Transit-Projects</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>4:45-4:55</b></p>
<p><b>7. Crosswalk Lighting Initiative</b> Jenna Shouse, Town of Apex</p>	<p><b>4:55-5:05</b></p>
<p><b>8. Informational Updates</b> Chris Watson, Town of Apex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Route Updates</li> <li>• Regional Transportation News &amp; Updates</li> <li>• GoApex Monthly Performance</li> <li>• Bus Stop Improvements</li> <li>• GoApex Salem Streetscape Detour</li> <li>• FY27 CFA Funding Application Updates</li> <li>• Peak Plan 2055</li> <li>• March Meeting Work Session Preview</li> </ul>	<p><b>5:05-5:15</b></p>



<p><b>9. Other Business</b> Linda Barrett, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth Outreach Discussion, Samiksha Kadari</li></ul> <p>Other Business provides an opportunity for any board member to introduce and discuss an item that is not on the meeting agenda</p>	<p><b>5:15-5:30</b></p>
<p><b>10. Adjourn</b> Linda Barrett, Chair</p>	<p><b>5:30</b></p>

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**TOWN OF APEX  
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025  
4:00PM**

The Apex Multimodal Transportation Advisory Board met Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 4:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers at Apex Town Hall, located at 73 Hunter Street in Apex, North Carolina.

This meeting was open to the public. Members of the public were able to attend this meeting in-person or watch online via the livestream on the Town's YouTube Channel. The recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuJK93YB04>

**[ATTENDANCE]**

Multimodal Transportation Advisory Board Members

Linda Barrett, Chair

Noah Toppe, Vice-Chair

Patrick Kirley

Gaye Williams

Mark Spanioli

Elizabeth Brunner

Samiksha Kadari, Youth Representative (arrived late)

Absent: Board Members, Wendy Perry and Jennifer Ahler

Staff

Shannon Cox, Long Range Planning Manager

Katie Swing, Senior Planner-Long Range Transit

Chris Watson, Planner II

**[WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS]**

**Chair Barrett** opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance and asked each member to give a brief introduction.

- **Patrick Kirley** - Apex resident for 25 years, he has been on the Advisory Board for 1 year and works at an Engineering firm with experience in IT and Transportation Planning.
- **Gaye Williams** - Apex resident for 13 years, she has been on the Advisory Board for 1 year and recently retired from Cisco Systems.

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- **Noah Toppe (Vice Chair)** - New committee member, has been an Apex resident 7.5 years, he works for UNCC Health in real estate, facilities, and air operations and is excited to support transit-related discussions.
- **Linda Barrett (Chair)** - Apex resident for 20+ years and works at WakeMed in Business Development and community health, excited about ongoing multimodal transportation efforts.
- **Elizabeth Brunner** - Lifelong bus rider and an Apex resident for 22 years, this is her first committee meeting; She is a grant writer but a bus advocate at heart.
- **Mark Spanioli** - Apex resident for 5 years, he is an ETJ representative and the Director of Engineering for the Town of Mooresville, he works closely with topics relevant to the Advisory Board.

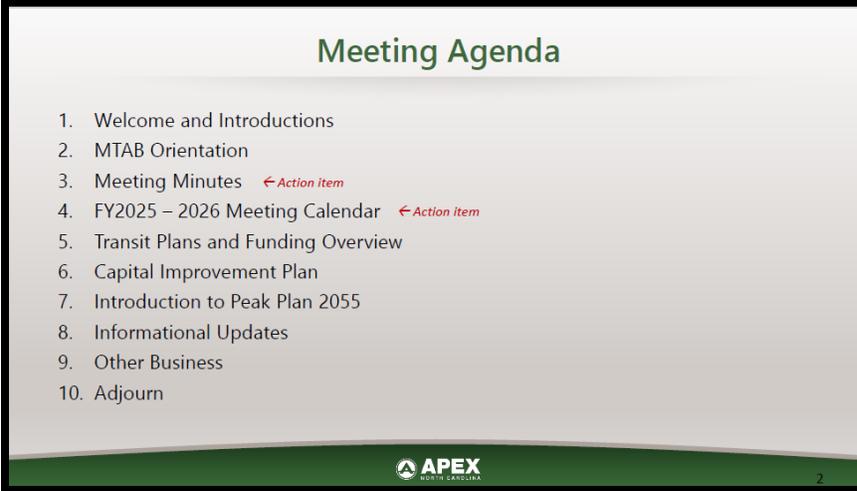
### [MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD ORIENTATION]

**Chris Watson**, Staff Liaison for the Town of Apex, Planner 2, introduced himself and gave an overview of the agenda for this meeting.

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### Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. MTAB Orientation
3. Meeting Minutes ← *Action Item*
4. FY2025 – 2026 Meeting Calendar ← *Action Item*
5. Transit Plans and Funding Overview
6. Capital Improvement Plan
7. Introduction to Peak Plan 2055
8. Informational Updates
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

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### Welcome New Board Members

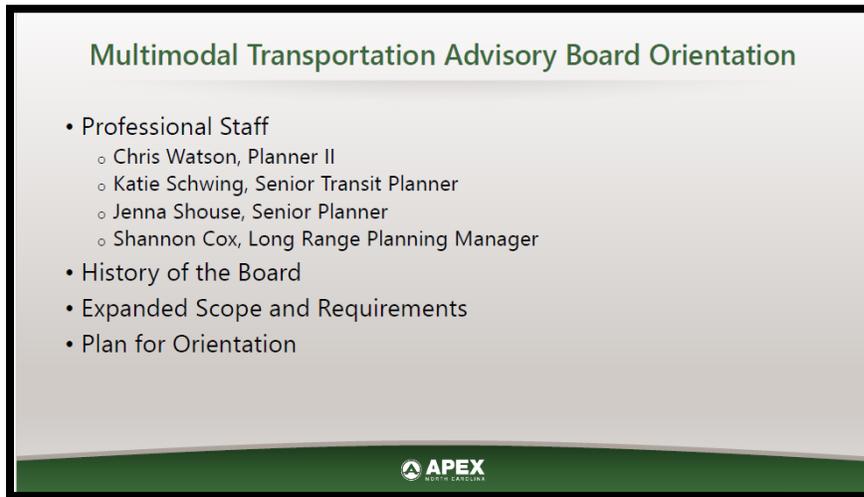
Noah Toppe  
Mark Spanioli  
Jennifer Ahler  
Elizabeth Brunner  
Samiksha Kadari



**Shannon Cox**, Long Range Planner Manager, introduced staff and gave the Board an overview related to Transit, and mentioned she will give more on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning work at the next meeting.

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**[MEETING MINUTES]**

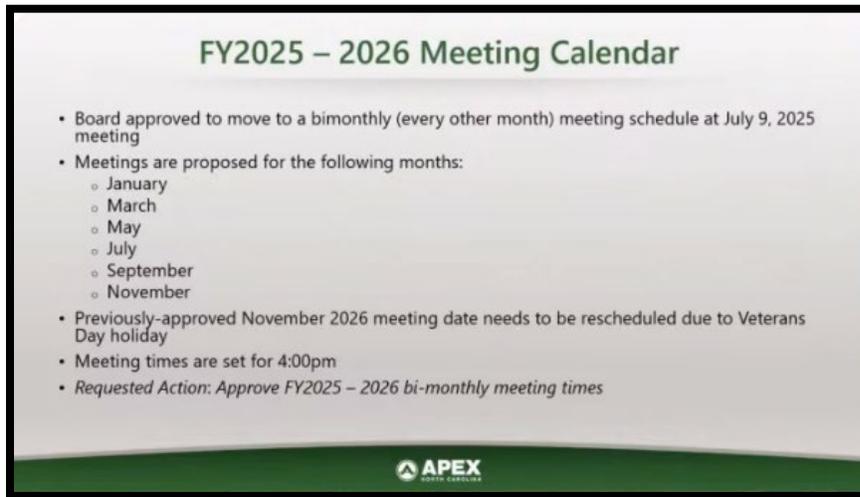
A **motion** was made by **Member Kirley**, seconded by **Member Spanioli**, to approve the April 9, 2025 Special Transit Advisory Committee and July 9, 2025 Multimodal Transportation Advisory Board meeting minutes.

**VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)** with Members Perry, Ahler, and Kadari absent for vote.

**[FY2025 - 2026 MEETING CALENDAR]**

**Town Clerk, Allen Coleman** presented the proposed 2026 meeting calendar to the Board. He noted that the Board would transition from quarterly meetings to bi-monthly meetings and that the November 2026 meeting was moved to the first Wednesday of the month due to Veteran's Day.

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A **motion** was made by **Member Williams**, seconded by **Member Spanioli**, to approve the FY2025 - 2026 bi-monthly meeting times.

**VOTE: Unanimous (6-0)** with Members Perry, Ahler, and Kadari absent for vote.

**Clerk Coleman** introduced Samiksha Kadari, the youth representative board member, and asked her to introduce herself.

**Member Kadari** said that she is an 11th grader and was excited to be on the advisory board to raise more awareness in Apex.

**Clerk Coleman** then swore in youth representative member Kadari.

**[TRANSIT PLANS AND FUNDING OVERVIEW]**

**Katie Schwing** gave a high-level overview of the transit plans and funding that influences Apex's transit. She gave the following presentation:

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### Transit Plans and Funding

- Regional Plans:
  - Wake Transit Plan (2016, 2021, and 2025)
  - Western Wake Comprehensive Operations Analysis (2018)
- Local Plans:
  - Advance Apex – 2045 Comprehensive Transportation Plan (2019)
  - Apex Circulator Study (2020)
  - Apex Transit Prioritization Study (2025)



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### Wake Transit Plan

- County-wide referendum passed in November 2016: new ½-cent sales tax in Wake County
- Accompanied by a Transit Vision Plan completed in 2016
  - First Update in 2021, next update planned for decision in November 2025
- Established the "Four Big Moves" for transit in Wake County:



- Connect The Region
- Connect All Wake County Communities
- Create Frequent, Reliable, Urban Mobility
- Enhance Access to Transit



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### Wake Transit Community Funding Area (CFA) Program

- Created to provide an opportunity for areas in Wake County that would otherwise have limited fixed-route transit services
- Provides matching funds for municipalities outside Raleigh and Cary
- Apex has had the most *number* of projects funded under the CFA program, but both Wake Forest and Morrisville have *spent more* CFA funding to-date



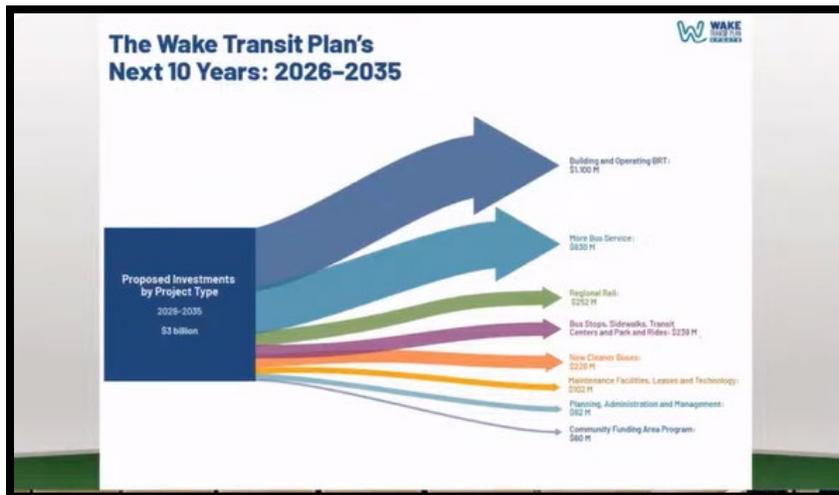
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### Wake Transit-Funded Regional Route Improvements in/near Apex:

- GoTriangle Rt 305:
  - Improvements to move from a Monday-Friday peak-period-only express route to an all-day, seven-day route between Holly Springs and Raleigh
- GoCary Route 9
  - Started service on November 1, 2025
  - All-day service between Downtown Apex and Downtown Cary
  - Replaced the GoCary ACX (Apex-Cary Express) which only operated limited trips Monday-Friday
- GoTriangle Rt 311:
  - Legacy express route between Apex and RTP, suspended service in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and low ridership
  - 2025-2030 Wake Bus Plan calls for re-introducing the 311 in FY27, using Wake Transit funding



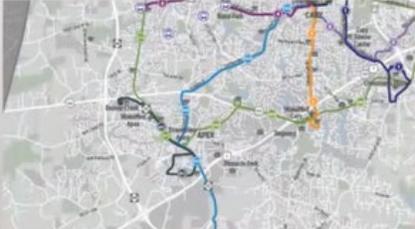
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### Regional Transit Planning

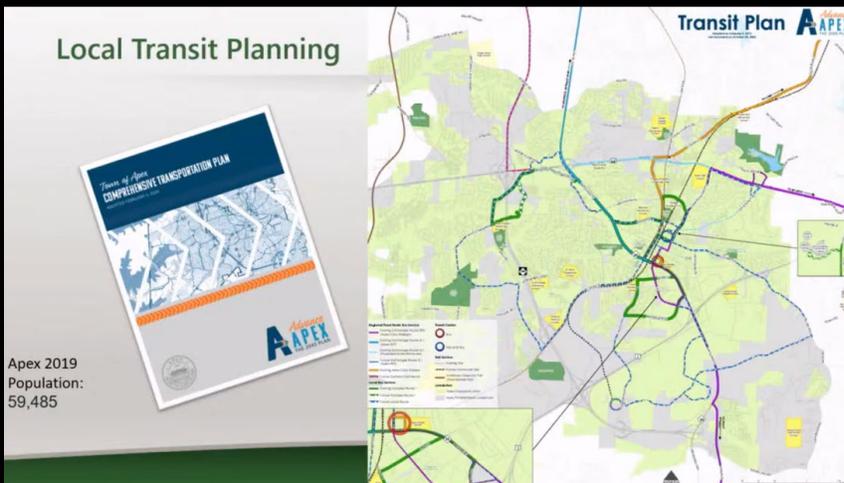
- GoCary's Western Wake Comprehensive Operations Analysis (2018)
  - Established the concept of a local Apex Circulator based on transit propensity



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### Local Transit Planning



Apex 2019  
Population:  
59,485

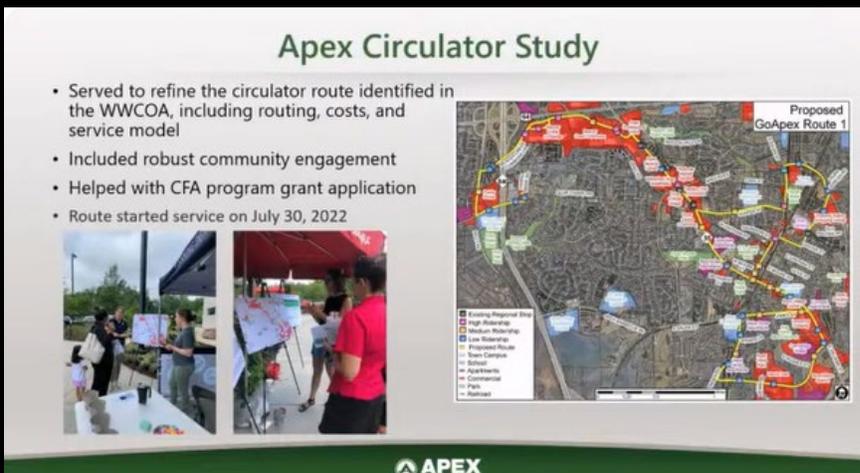
Transit Plan **APEX**

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### Apex Circulator Study

- Served to refine the circulator route identified in the WWCOA, including routing, costs, and service model
- Included robust community engagement
- Helped with CFA program grant application
- Route started service on July 30, 2022



Proposed GoApex Route 1

The slide includes two small photographs on the left showing community engagement activities. On the right is a detailed map of a neighborhood in Apex, North Carolina, showing the 'Proposed GoApex Route 1' in red. A legend identifies various transit features: Existing Regional Bus, High Density, Medium Density, Low Density, Proposed Route, Park Garage, Bicycle, Commercial, Park, and Transit.

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### Apex Transit Prioritization Study

- Identify and prioritize future transit improvements to serve the Apex community over the next ~5 years
- The Transit Advisory Committee was briefed several times in 2024 and 2025 and provided valuable feedback
- Town Council accepted the final draft of the study on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
- Materials are available at [www.publicinput.com/transitstudy](http://www.publicinput.com/transitstudy)



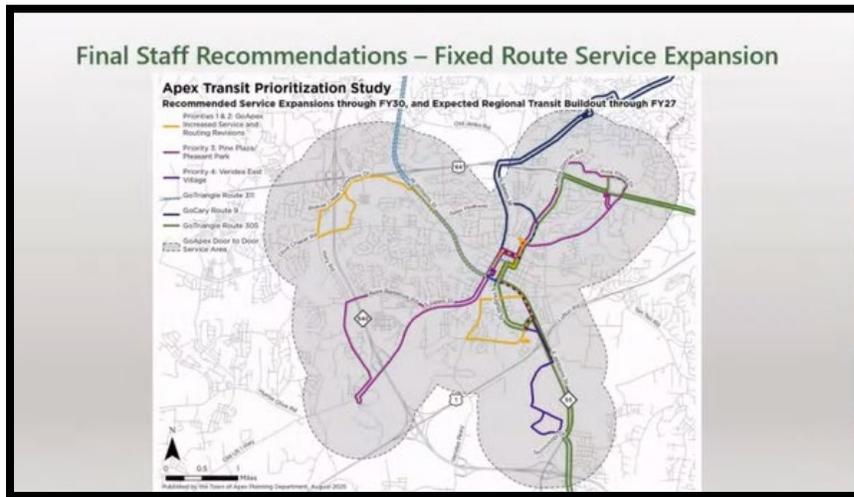
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**GO Apex**  
Transit Prioritization Study

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**Final Staff Recommendations – Fixed Route Service Expansion**

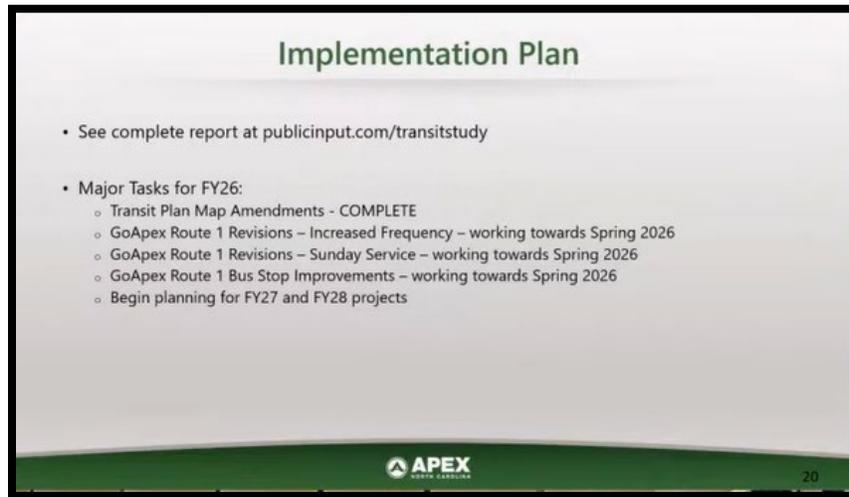
Order	Staff Recommendations – Fixed Route
1	Implement GoApex Route 1 expansion/improvements already recommended for funding in FY25 and FY26 (bulleted items may be timed independently): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased frequency Monday-Saturday</li> <li>• Sunday service</li> <li>• Continuing bus stop improvements</li> </ul>
2	Revise existing GoApex Route 1 to provide better access in the following areas (bulleted items may be timed independently): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Downtown/Town Hall in both route directions</li> <li>• Chapel Ridge Road</li> <li>• Hughes Street/Broadstone Way</li> </ul>
3	Implement a new fixed route (Pine Plaza/Pleasant Park), with the same frequency and span as GoApex Route 1
4	Implement a new fixed route to serve Veridea East Village area, timed with Western Wake Tech campus opening and mixed-use center development

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**Final Staff Recommendations – Other  
(Non-Fixed-Route Service, Capital Projects, and Planning)**

Order	Staff Recommendations – Other (Non-Fixed-Route Service, Capital Projects, and Planning)
1	Support Phase 1 of the proposed downtown Mobility Hub buildout – transit transfer area
2	Evaluate land use policies for transit-supportive development as part of <i>Peak Plan 2055</i> comprehensive plan update
3	Explore options to serve seniors and those with disabilities <i>outside</i> the federally-required GoApex Door to Door Service Area
4	Support improved pedestrian and bicycle connections to transit
5	Investigate transit signal prioritization in Town
6	Explore options to serve others <i>outside</i> the general fixed-route service area

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**Ms. Schwing** asked if anyone had any questions.

**Member Brunner** suggested that if the 30-minute frequency and Sunday service were deferred from October to Spring, that it be communicated with passengers.

**Ms. Schwing** said that there had not been an official announcement for October 2025 to be the launch date but they can work towards communicating this. She said there is hesitation in giving a definitive date because service is somewhat dependent on external transit providers.

**Member Brunner** said that the miniature transfer hub at the Municipal Building doesn't have certain amenities, for example restroom access. She asked if riders could access municipal buildings.

**Ms. Schwing** said yes, they can and there is a restroom in the Municipal Building on the first floor, but this is only when the building is open from 8:00am - 5:00pm and she said that they can communicate this.

**Member Brunner** asked if it was high priority for covered protection for when it is raining, currently there isn't any.

**Ms. Schwing** said that currently it is not one because there had been a plan for several years to be a GoTriangle project to implement bus stop improvements, which is still in the process of being worked through.

**Member Brunner** suggested removing the giant white rocks and replacing it with paver stones for enough room to get under the overhang at the Municipal Building to have some cover until the covered protection is built.

**Ms. Schwing** said that they could check that.

**Member Brunner** suggested signage at the miniature hub and a kiosk for a full bus schedule to be displayed.

**Ms. Schwing** said that GoCary and GoApex recently added schedule information at their stops but probably not GoTriangle, they don't typically print out a lot of copies of their ride guides and it's not within Apex's ability to provide that information, but she can request them to add more information.

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**Councilmember Gantt** said that Ms. Schwing and staff described many implementation issues that Council has tried to work with the County or GoTriangle and expressing these at venues other than this meeting and directly speaking to them at CAMPO or a higher-level public meeting would be valuable.

**Member Brunner** said she does every survey and if staff helps her and the rest of the Board know when there are opportunities to provide feedback, she will gladly go to meetings. She also noted a majority of the meetings are nearly impossible to get to by bus.

**Vice Chair Toppe** asked regarding major tasks for FY26, if there are additional staff or additional fleet needed, is that contracted through a third party entirely or is that provided by the town.

**Ms. Schwing** said currently we contract with GoCary through a service agreement as a turnkey agreement. She said that the door-to-door service is contracted with GoWake Access (County Transportation Service). She continued with an update about funding for service through a mix of Community Funding Area (CFA) grants and local funding.

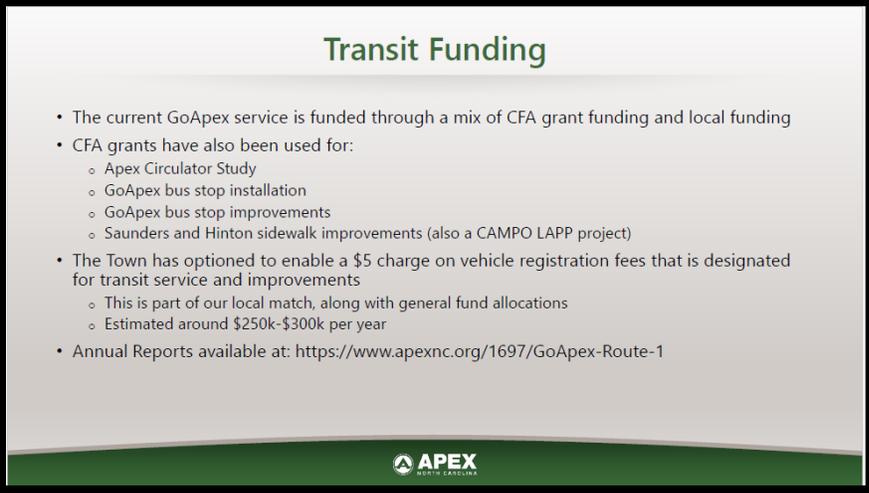
**Member Brunner** asked about the concept of completely fare-free service for everyone in Apex.

**Ms. Schwing** said that it is well supported so far and the circular study was planned to be a free service and there is less work when money isn't collected, but as of right now there is no plan to change from a free service for GoApex.

**Member Brunner** said that the GoTriangle pass and fare program is a good system, especially for low-income riders and it means that the rider is scanned which means that there is data for statistics.

**Councilmember Gantt** said that GoTriangle will probably be free in the future.

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**Transit Funding**

- The current GoApex service is funded through a mix of CFA grant funding and local funding
- CFA grants have also been used for:
  - Apex Circulator Study
  - GoApex bus stop installation
  - GoApex bus stop improvements
  - Saunders and Hinton sidewalk improvements (also a CAMPO LAPP project)
- The Town has optioned to enable a \$5 charge on vehicle registration fees that is designated for transit service and improvements
  - This is part of our local match, along with general fund allocations
  - Estimated around \$250k-\$300k per year
- Annual Reports available at: <https://www.apexnc.org/1697/GoApex-Route-1>

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**Ms. Schwing** said that there was a difference in how GoTriangle operates and Apex operates because they get a significant fraction of their fares from employer funded transit programs, which are a significant funding source.

**[TRANSIT PLANS OVERVIEW]**

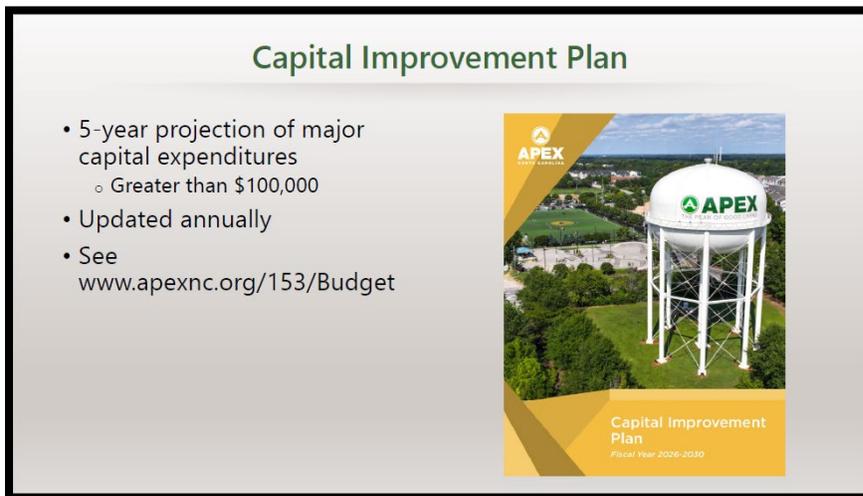
**[CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN]**

**Shannon Cox**, Long Range Planning Manager, gave foundational and background information for Transit and Bicycle and Pedestrian items that will come before the Board. She gave the following presentation.

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**[SLIDE 3]**

### Capital Improvement Plan

- Informed by adopted Transportation Plan, input on emerging needs and available funding from staff, public input, Town Council priorities
- See Transportation Element

**[SLIDE 4]**

### Transit Requests Included in Draft CIP

Project Name	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30	FY30-31	Future	CIP Total
Annual GoApex Transit Improvements	200,000	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	1,000,000
S-line Mobility Hub Phase 1	300,000	500,000	1,500,000	-	-	-	2,300,000
GoApex New Bus Stop Installations for Routes 1, 2, 3	700,000	-	-	-	-	-	700,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>1,700,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>

Next month...bicycle and pedestrian projects.

**Ms. Cox** asked if there were any questions.

**Member Brunner** asked what the status of the passenger rail is and the realistic projection of when a passenger rail may be in Apex.

**Ms. Cox** said that currently there wasn't a funded project to bring passenger rail to Apex. She said that currently it is being worked on for Raleigh to Wake Forest and Raleigh to Richmond, but nothing south of Raleigh and there is passenger rail that comes through Apex but there is not a stop. She said the next step to bring passenger rail to Apex and other areas south would be a corridor identification program and she gave an overview of the process and the feasibility study and there is not a timeline. She said that NCDOT is actively working on passenger rails across the State.

**Member Brunner** asked what the goal percentage was for future expanded routes to have covered benches.

**Ms. Cox** said that there wasn't a goal percentage for cover, it's the enhanced bus stops that would have a cover.

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**Ms. Schwing** said that there is a bus stop improvement policy and the goal is that every bus stop has a bench and there is also a category for enhanced bus stops which includes shelter, trashcan and bike racks and prioritization process depends on certain factors. She said that the policy is on their website and she can share it with the Board as well. She said that it is complex to add benches and shelters, but it is being worked toward.

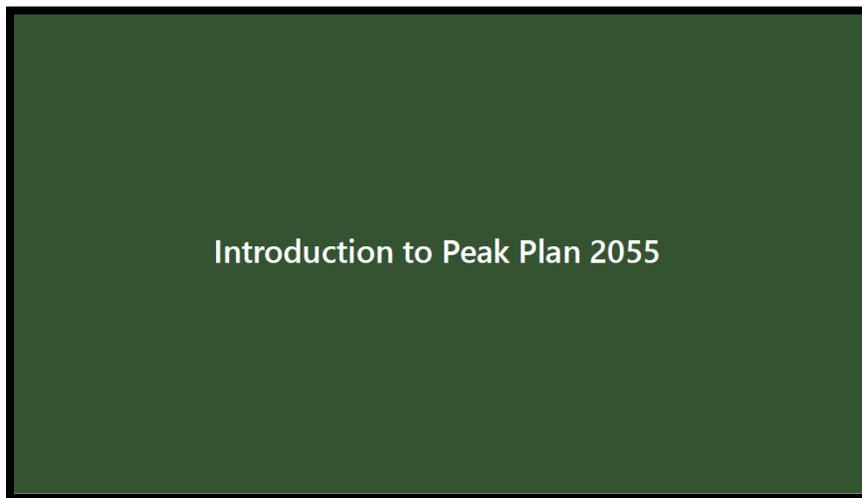
**Member Brunner** said that in other municipalities if they can't deliver covered bus stops that citizens and volunteers are creating them.

**Councilmember Gantt** said that he had advocated a better ration of the matching funds from Wake County Transit but it has not been successful so far and it should be easier than it is.

**[INTRODUCTION TO PEAK PLAN 2055]**

**Shannon Cox**, Long Range Planning Manager said this is an introduction to the Peak Plan 2055 and the Town's comprehensive plan and the biggest long-range plan, it's a 30-year vision. She said that the mission of this Board is to share information with the community related to transportation. She gave the following presentation:

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Introduction to Peak Plan 2055

- 30-year vision plan addressing land use, transportation, and more
- Products will include new maps:
  - Transit Plan Map
  - Thoroughfare & Collector Street Plan Map
  - Bicycle & Pedestrian System Plan Map
- Wendy Perry will represent MTAB on Peak Plan Task Force
- Website: [www.publicinput.com/peakplan2055](http://www.publicinput.com/peakplan2055)

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Introduction to Peak Plan 2055

- Survey open now through November 30<sup>th</sup> at [www.publicinput.com/peakplansurvey1](http://www.publicinput.com/peakplansurvey1)
- PLEASE respond AND share!

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**Member Brunner** asked what specifically can be done for bus riders as far as the survey, and if there could be a link and flyers on the bus while people are riding.

**Ms. Cox** said there will be a postcard with a QR code.

**Member Brunner** asked if it would be a card that would be taken on the bus.

**Mr. Watson** said that it would be on the interior bus channel panels.

**Member Brunner** said that wasn't ideal because of the ability to read the transit board depending on where you are seated, so a "take it with you" would be a better option and, some don't have a smart phone to read QR codes.

**Ms. Cox** said they are currently working to get it on the bus and will somehow provide copies in the brochure holders.

**Member Brunner** suggested a new multiple-tiered rack like the one on the GoTriangle bus.

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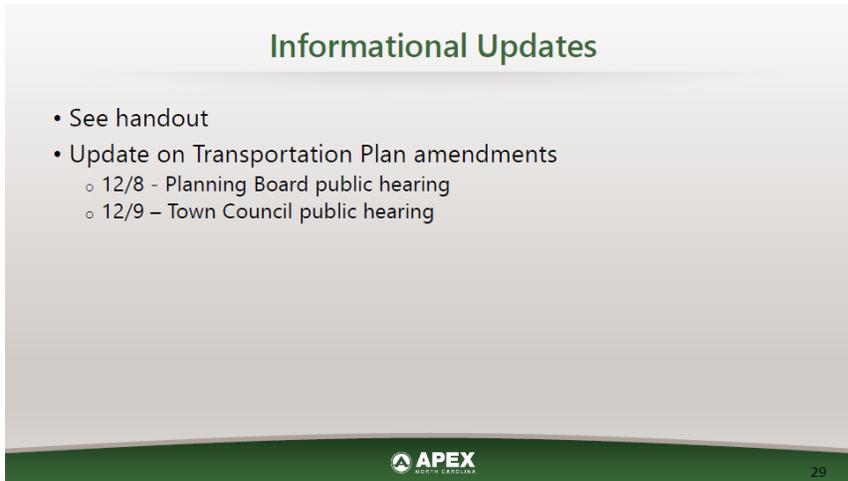
**Ms. Cox** said that Apex doesn't own the buses, but they will see what the options are. She said that there are yard signs that have been used to advertise the plan and they could see if they could be moved to some key bus stops.

**Member Kirley** asked when the Peak Plan would be finalized.

**Ms. Cox** said it is planned as an 18-month process and it is in phase one of three phases.

## [INFORMATIONAL UPDATES]

### [SLIDE 1]



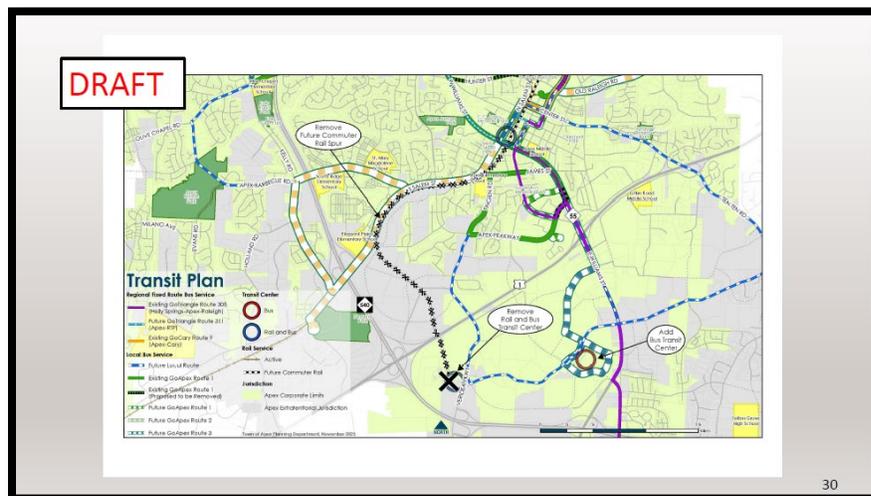
**Informational Updates**

- See handout
- Update on Transportation Plan amendments
  - 12/8 - Planning Board public hearing
  - 12/9 - Town Council public hearing

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**Transit Plan**

**Regional Rapid Route Bus Service**

- Existing Charlotte to Raleigh
- Future Charlotte to Raleigh
- Existing Charlotte to Apex
- Future Charlotte to Apex

**Local Bus Service**

- Apex Local 1 Route
- Existing Charlotte Route 1 (Proposed to be Renamed)
- Future Apex Route 1
- Future Apex Route 2
- Future Charlotte Route 2

**Transit Center**

- Yes
- No

**Rail Service**

- Active
- Future Commuter Rail

**Interchanges**

- Apex Corporate Limits
- Apex Employment Jurisdiction

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**Member Brunner** asked if there was data for affluent homeowners and what's the data on how easy it is to convert them into being passenger rail riders in the outskirts of metropolitan area.

**Ms. Cox** asked in terms of giving up a car vs. commuting on rail.

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**Member Brunner** said that are areas of the country where rail is popular in wealthy suburban areas. She asked how do you get Veridea people or how likely that they will be heavy users of passenger rail.

**Ms. Cox** said that it is probably more of a regional question than what could be taken on looking at rail to Apex. She said that Ms. Schwing had looked into Veridea and whether it could support rain in the future through a study that had been abandoned.

**Ms. Schwing** said the outlook wasn't looking good for just using rail and new lines haven't performed well as places like in New York and Boston, it presents a challenge if the line has to be built and the cost benefit prospect wouldn't make sense at this time.

**Member Brunner** gave information on the Transit Propensity Index Score; she said that it is a question of how hard it is to convince the increasingly affluent people in the area to consider transit.

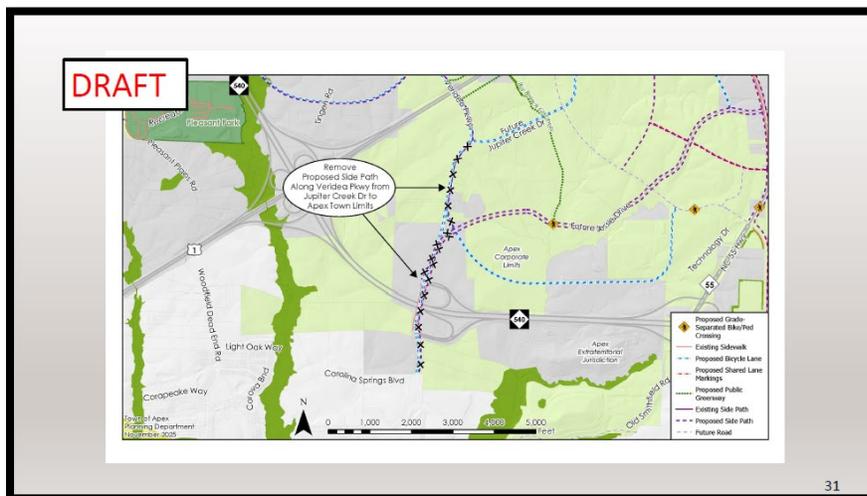
**Member Spanioli** said that it comes down to convenience, like if you have to walk a mile to the nearest transit it isn't going to be used and this is a suburban town and there isn't a bus stop at every corner.

**Councilmember Gantt** said that Apex scores are low in the scores that were described and the maps in Western Wake County are amongst the lowest of the scores. He said that everybody has a car or two in Apex and so this competes with the cars and convenience and this has been an uphill battle, but Apex is trying.

**Member Williams** asked for confirmation of the recommendation to remove the spur from the plan because it was not feasible without Federal funding and this would be done at the next Planning meeting.

**Ms. Cox** said that was right. She said there was also commitment within Veridea zoning commitments to reserve the right-of-way for future rail and they would be working with Veridea to provide that bus transit center to serve more bus frequency.

**[SLIDE 3]**



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**[OTHER BUSINESS]**

**Mr. Watson** turned the meeting back to the Board for Other Business or further discussion.

**Chair Barrett** asked if there was any further business or discussion.

**Member Brunner** said that there is an issue with the new bus with GoApex and GoCary. She said there is a slope as you board and a steep ramp to get up and unless the bus is close to the curb and lowers the bus, the passenger must jump from the curb onto the bus. She has taken pictures and sent to staff and Chair Barrett. She gave some solutions for the issue and said that there is a need for communication with riders that the bus makes accessibility easier and to have it as a standard procedure for them to help those who are vulnerable to getting on the bus.

**Mr. Watson** said this had been noticed on the new buses and they could work with GoCary in making sure that they communicate with their bus operators on a standard operating procedure for operators to use.

**Chair Barrett** asked if there was any other business and with none, she adjourned the meeting.

**[ADJOURN]**

**Chair Barrett** announced the meeting adjourned at **5:35pm**

Linda Barrett  
Chair

Submitted for consideration and approval by Apex Town Clerk Allen Coleman.

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.



Town of Apex  
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- **Regional Route Updates**

GoTriangle Route 305 made small updates to its routing and schedule for its August service change in order to serve the new Raleigh Union Station Bus Facility. This new facility is located next to the Raleigh Union Station rail station. The route will continue to serve downtown Raleigh.

Staff requested ridership information on Route 305 from GoTriangle and for an automated passenger counter (APC) sample from Spring 2025. The most popular stops are the pair near Apex Peakway and S Hughes St (near Cambridge Village Senior Living Community). Other stops with moderate usage are Laura Duncan at Apex Peakway (near Lidl), Hughes St at Williams St (near Compare Foods), Lake Pine Plaza Park and Ride (near Harris Teeter) and Mason St near Apex Town Hall.

On November 1st, GoCary converted the GoCary ACX to the GoCary Route 9. The route runs from downtown Apex to downtown Cary, with 30-minute service during the day on Monday-Saturday, and hourly service in the evenings and Sundays. More information on GoCary Route 9 can be found at <https://gocary.org/news/november-1-gocary-service-changes>. Preliminary data shows that in November there were about 1,359 boardings and about 1,252 for December.

- **Regional Transportation News & Updates**

- Holly Springs and Fuquay-Varina launched their respective micro-transit services on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - [Holly Springs Hopper - Microtransit Service | Holly Springs, NC - Official Website](#)
  - [Express Bus Service | Fuquay-Varina, NC](#)
- The FY2026 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter public review and comment period for Wake Transit Work Plan amendment requests ran from Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
  - [Annual Wake Transit Work Plans - NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization](#)
  - [FY26 Work Plan Amendment Requests - PublicInput](#)

- **GoApex Operations and Performance Data**

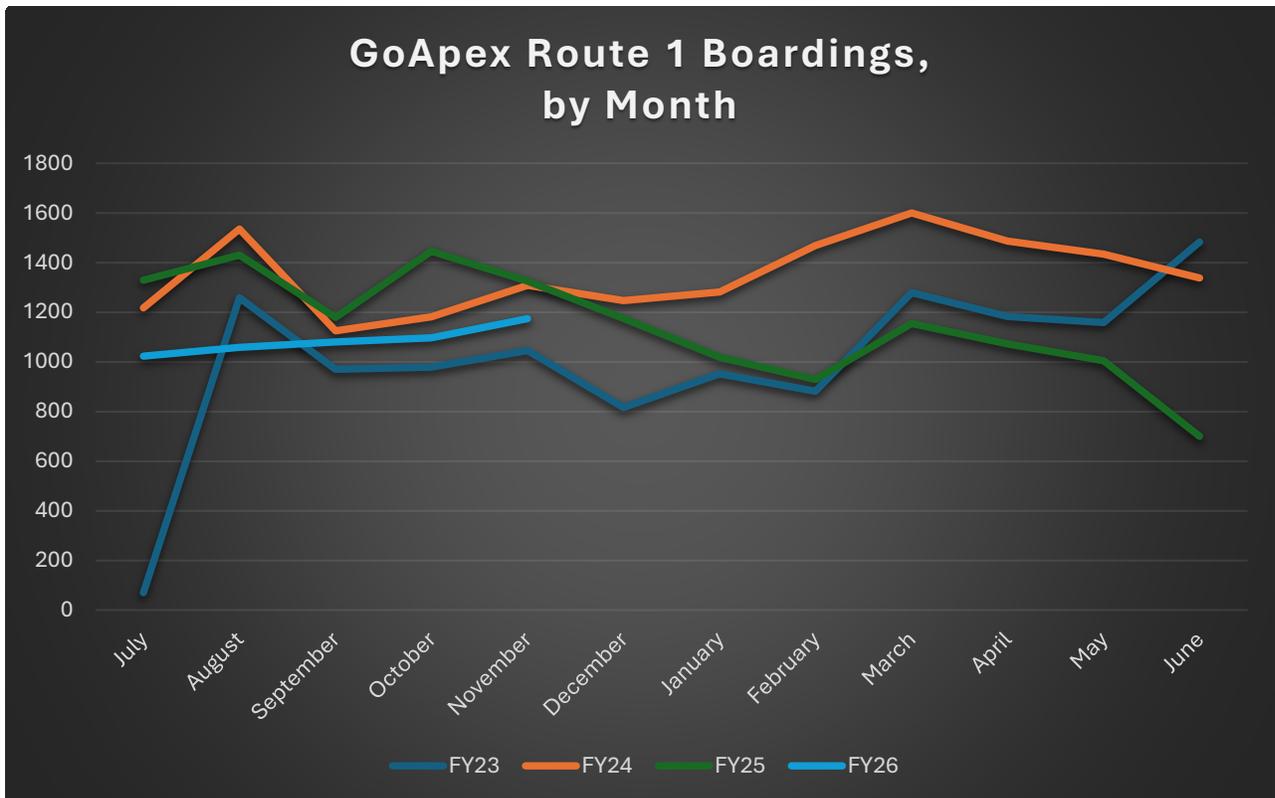
The new GoApex bus begun operating on Route 1 on October 24th. On November 1st, GoApex made minor schedule updates to better facilitate rider transfers between GoApex Route 1 and the new GoCary Route 9. Updated information on the adjusted GoApex Route 1 schedule can be found at <https://www.apexnc.org/1697/GoApex-Route-1>.



GoApex Route 1 Performance data:

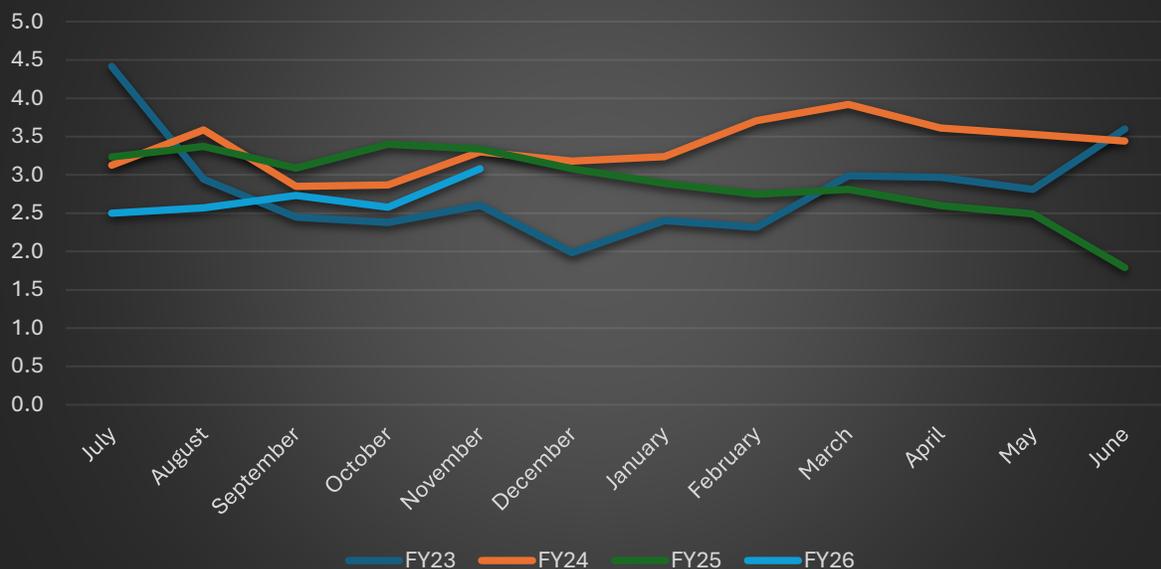
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Month	Days of Service	Boardings	Avg. Boardings per Trip	Avg. Cost per Boarding	On-time Percentage
July 2025	26	1,023	2.50	\$46.61	76.9%
August 2025	26	1,059	2.57	\$45.03	74.3%
September 2025	25	1,080	2.73	\$42.46	77.1%
October 2025	27	1,097	2.58	\$45.14	75.7%
November 2025	24	1,174	3.08	\$37.59	75.0%

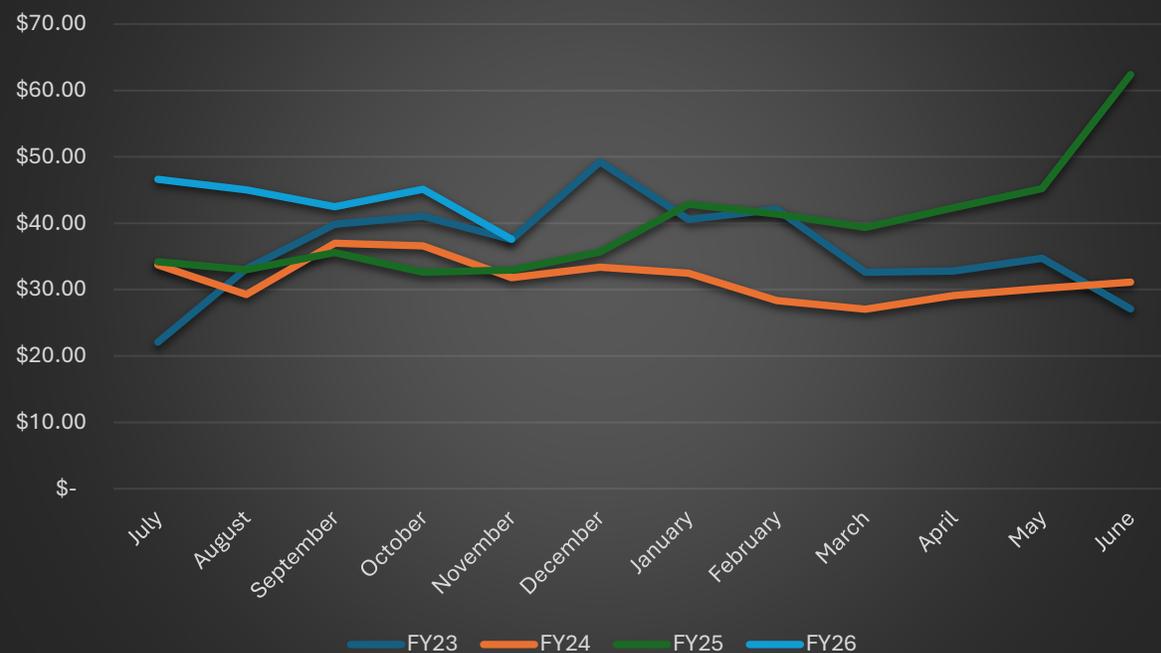


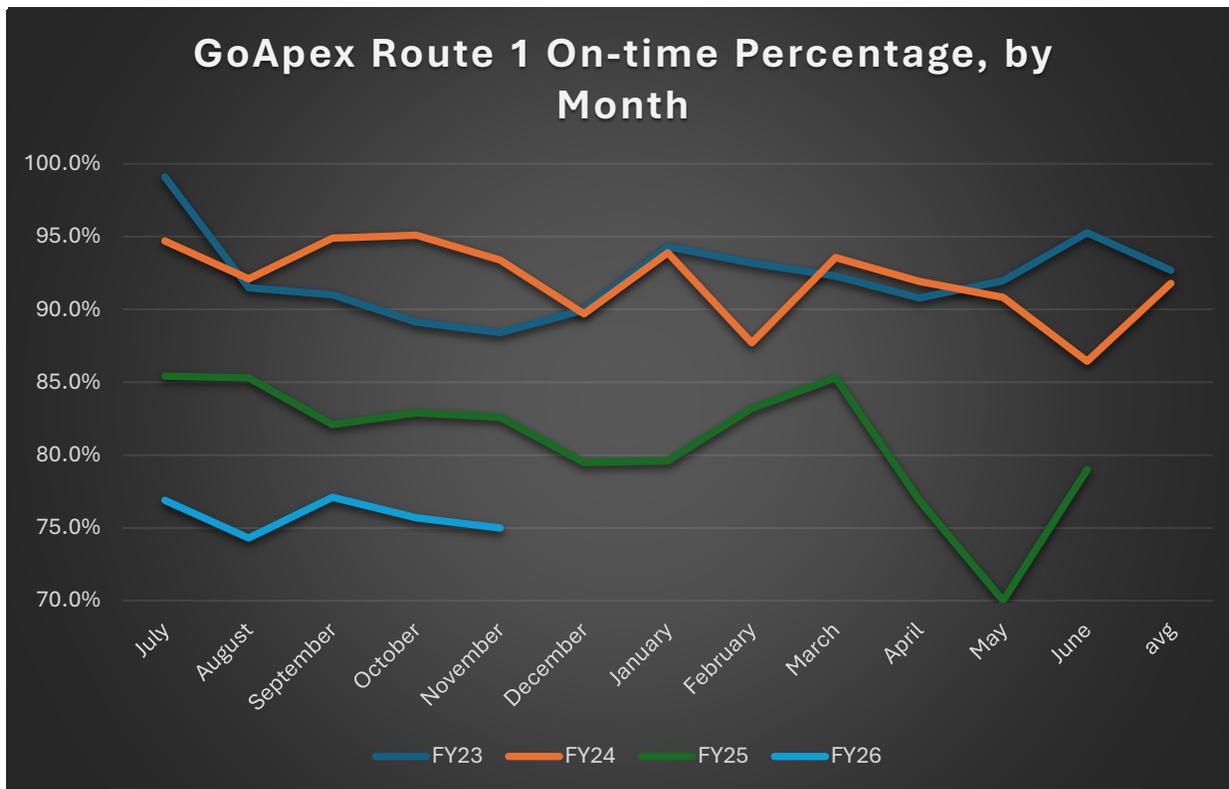


### GoApex Route 1 Passenger Boardings per Revenue Hour, by Month

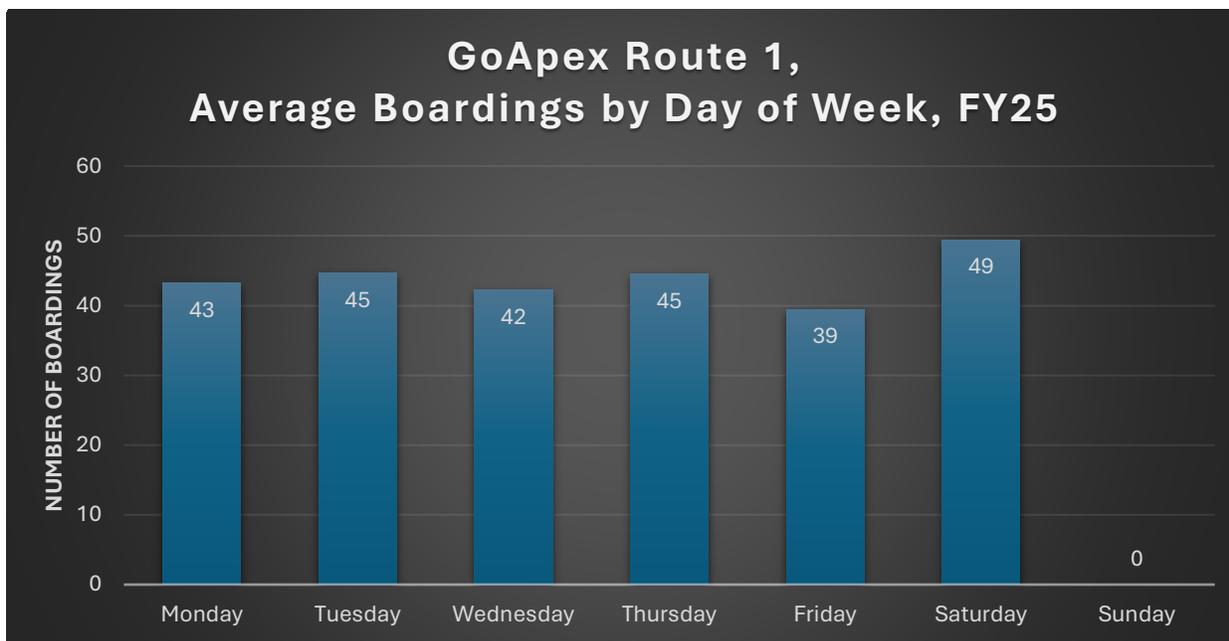


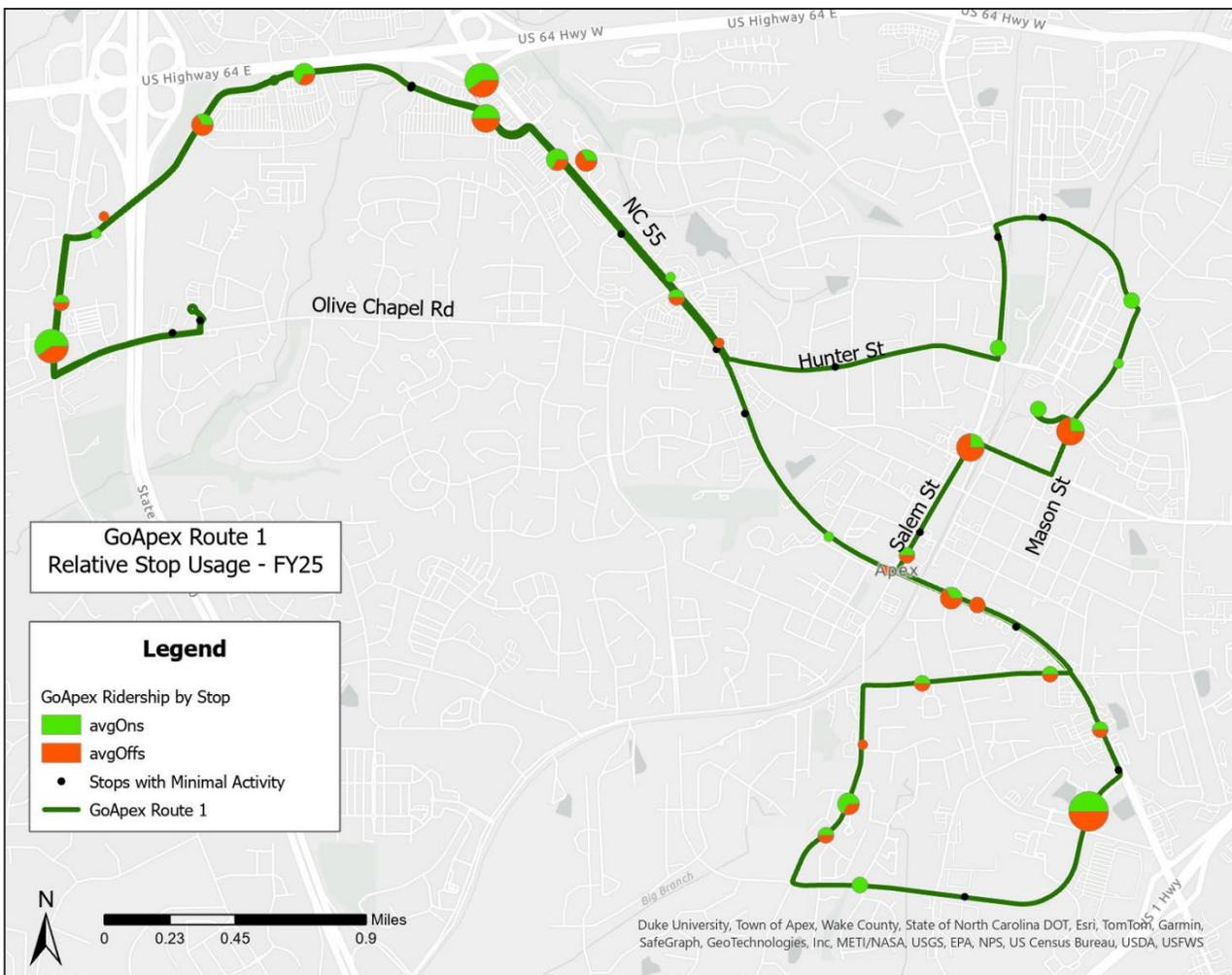
### GoApex Route 1 Operating Cost per Passenger Boarding, by Month





Supplemental Data:







GoApex Door to Door performance data:

\*All figures are considered estimates

Month	Days of Service	Trips Completed	Total Passengers (including guests and attendants)	On-time Percentage
July 2025	26	66	77	—
August 2025	26	88	100	96.59%
September 2025	25	102	115	97.06%
October 2025	27	118	132	—
November 2025	24	94	94	—
December 2025	21	103	112	—

- **Bus Stop Improvements**

- FY25 CFA Grant (\$200k total, \$100k CFA match)
  - At-stop information boxes and the information posters are now installed at all GoApex stops.
  - Staff are still working towards additional bus stop improvements. In summary, the preliminary scope includes:
    - 4 shelters with seating
    - 4 benches
    - 9 trash receptacles
    - 18 bike racks (2 per stop for 9 stops)
  - We anticipate installation in late Spring 2026
- FY26 CFA Grant (\$200k total, \$100k CFA match)
  - The Town also received another grant award for additional bus stop improvements. Staff are currently finalizing the scope, but the FY26 batch will likely focus on design, ROW, and concrete installation.
- FY27 CFA Grant REQUEST (~\$200k total, ~\$70k local match)
  - The Town is applying for an FY27 grant to complete additional bus stop improvements. Staff are currently finalizing the scope, but the FY27 batch will likely focus on the actual amenities purchase and installation (i.e. the actual shelters, etc.).



- The application deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup> and staff will know around April if the request is recommended to move forward.
  - Mason St Municipal Building – GoTriangle shelter installation imminent, GoTriangle working through permitting now
  - At-stop info panels were updated with November 1<sup>st</sup> service change schedule update
  
- **GoApex Salem Streetscape Detour**
  - Projected to begin in early February, GoApex Route 1 will operate on a detour route due to the planned construction for the Salem Streetscape Project in Downtown Apex. Route 1 will continue to provide access to the Downtown area for riders at alternate bus stop locations.
  - Additional detour information, to include which specific stops will be impacted, will be disseminated through email and on the Town’s Transit News Website as details are confirmed.
  - The detour is projected to extend from February 2026 – October 2026.
  - There are no expected impacts to GoCary Route 9 or GoTriangle Route 305.
  
- **FY27 CFA Funding Application Updates**
  - In addition to the bus stop improvement request above, Apex staff are currently working on three other grant applications to be considered for funding through the Wake Transit Community Funding Area Program for FY27. These may not all be funded through this program, as funding is limited and the program is competitive.
  - The draft projects include:
    - Bus stop improvements, as referenced above;
    - Design and installation of new bus stops for GoApex Route 1 as well as future Routes 2 and 3 per the Apex Transit Prioritization Study;
    - Final design of the proposed Apex Mobility Hub; and
    - A Mobility Solutions Study (planning project) to identify possible strategies for serving those with mobility needs, especially seniors and those with disabilities, outside the fixed route service area.
  
- **Peak Plan 2055**
  - Peak Plan 2055 is the Town’s 30-year vision and comprehensive planning document that will be used to address future development, conservation, transportation, land use and other key elements. Part of the plan will include an updated Transportation Plan and study of the NC-55 Corridor. Peak Plan 2055 will help Town leaders, Town staff, and others make decisions about the future of Apex in a coordinated, thoughtful manner. The project is currently progressing through elements of Phase I – Discovery and Phase II – Development, of the overall timeline.
  - Recent & Upcoming Public Engagement:
    - Task Force Meeting #3: December 17th, Apex Town Hall



- NC-55 Corridor Workshop: Meeting details TBD
  - Public Forum #2: Meeting details TBD
  - For more information, please explore the project website: [Peak Plan 2055 - PublicInput](#)
  
- **Staff Proposal for MTAB Work Session: March 11th, 2026**
  - MTAB support staff is recommending the next MTAB meeting function as a Work Session for the Board to discuss annual goals and priorities of focus for board members.
  - If accepted, staff will provide additional information on the scope and discussion focus for the meeting in separate correspondence.



# Multimodal Transportation Advisory Board

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

# Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Meeting Minutes ← *Action item*
3. Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan Map Overview
4. Sidewalk Needs Assessment
5. Safe Routes to School Overview
6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects Underway
7. Crosswalk Lighting Initiative
8. Informational Updates
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

# Meeting Minutes

- *Requested Action: Approve minutes from the November 12th, 2025, regular meeting.*

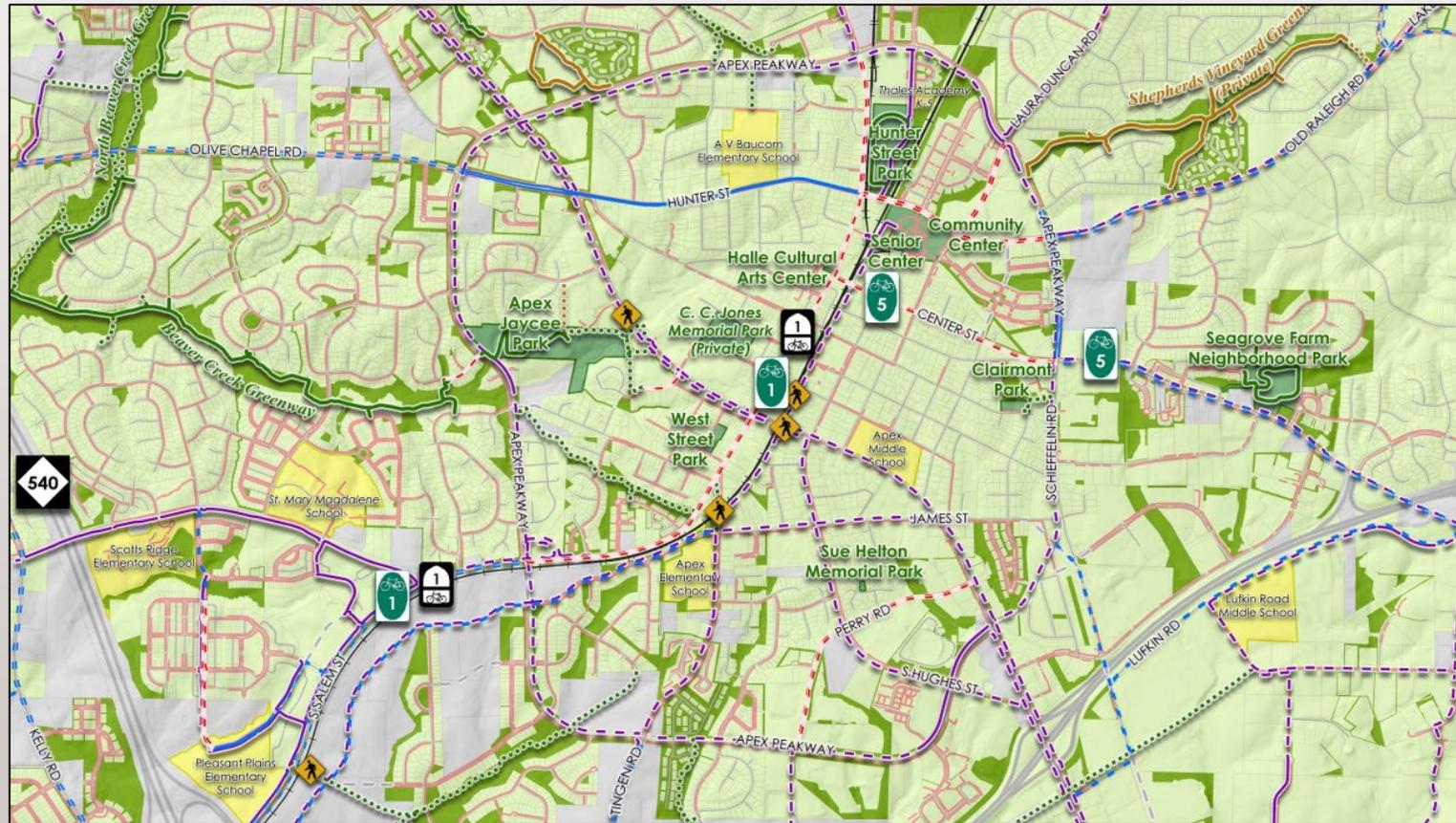
# Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan Map Overview

# Plan Contents

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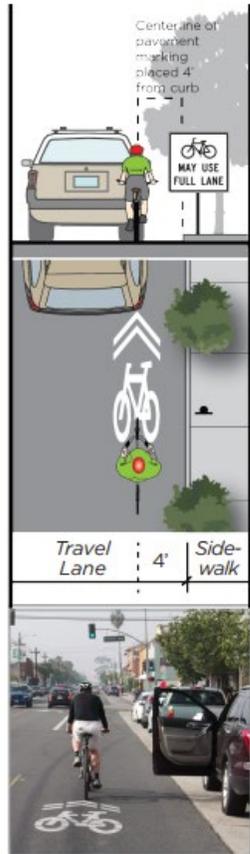
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	Proposed Public Greenway
	Existing Street-Side Greenway
	Proposed Street-Side Greenway
	Existing Side Path
	Proposed Side Path
	Existing Bicycle Lane
	Proposed Bicycle Lane
	Proposed Paved Shoulder
	Proposed Shared Lane Markings

View the Plan online [here](#)

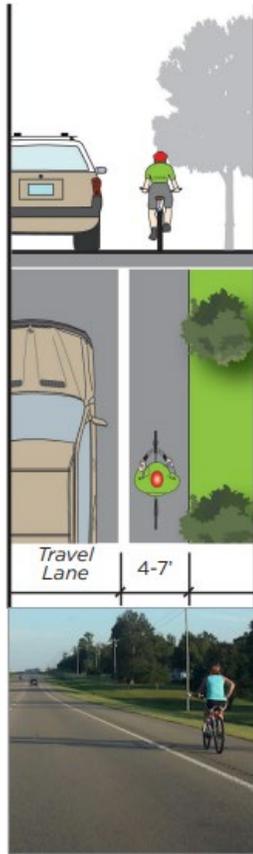


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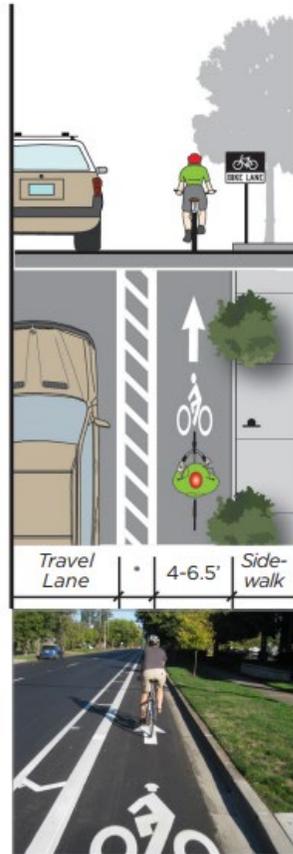
Shared Lane



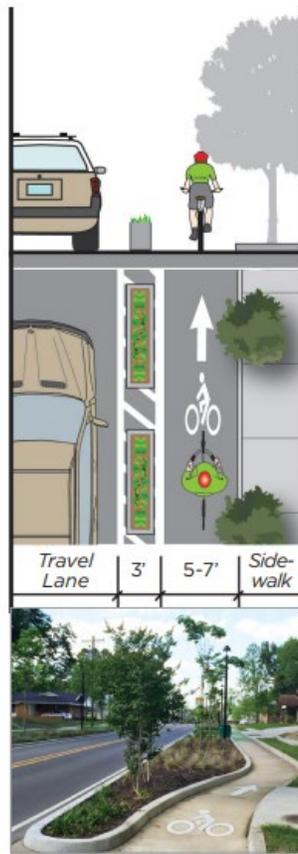
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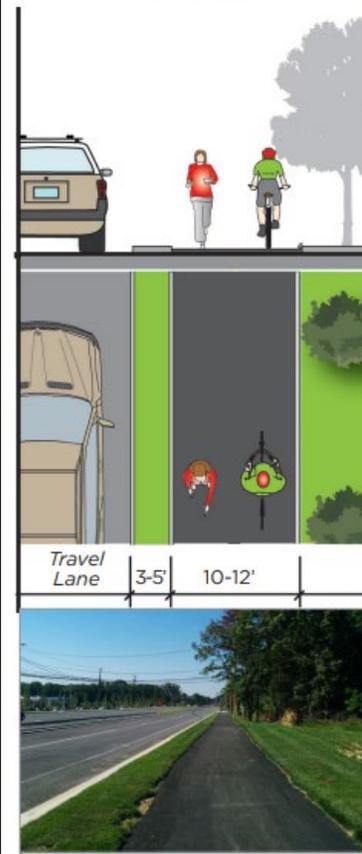
Bicycle Lane



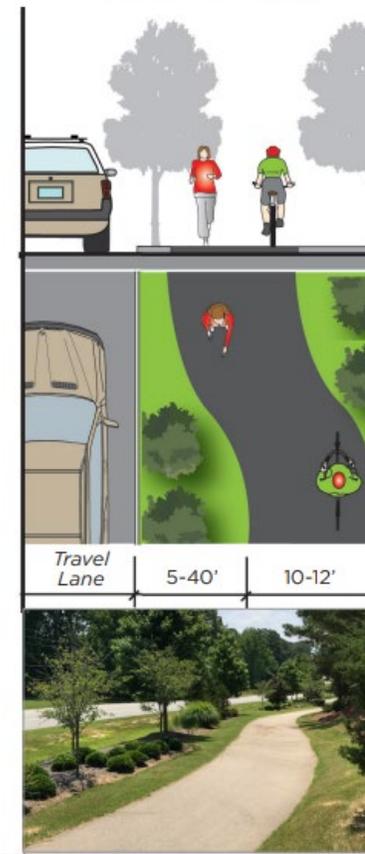
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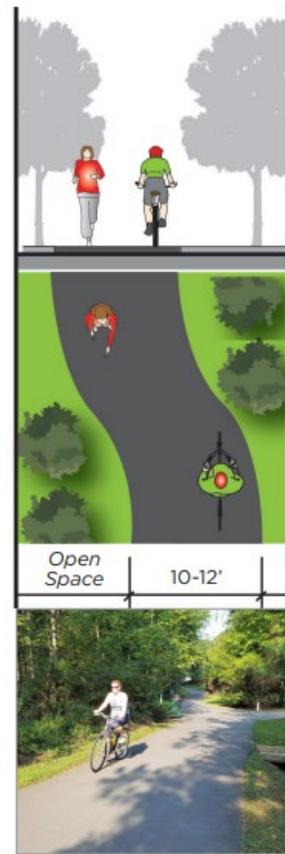
Side Path



Street-Side Greenway



Greenway



# Bike Apex – Key Recommendations

- Top 5 priority projects (Plan document includes 10)
  1. Beaver Creek Greenway from downtown Apex to American Tobacco Trail
  2. S Salem St/Old US 1 Shared Lane Markings & Bike Lanes
  3. Olive Chapel Rd Bike Lanes
  4. Hunter Street Shared Lane Markings
  5. Apex Peakway (North) Side Path (Center St to Beaver Creek Greenway)
- Program recommendations
  - Bicycle facility & greenway maintenance
  - Safety campaigns
  - Map or mobile app with bike routes and greenways
  - Signage & wayfinding

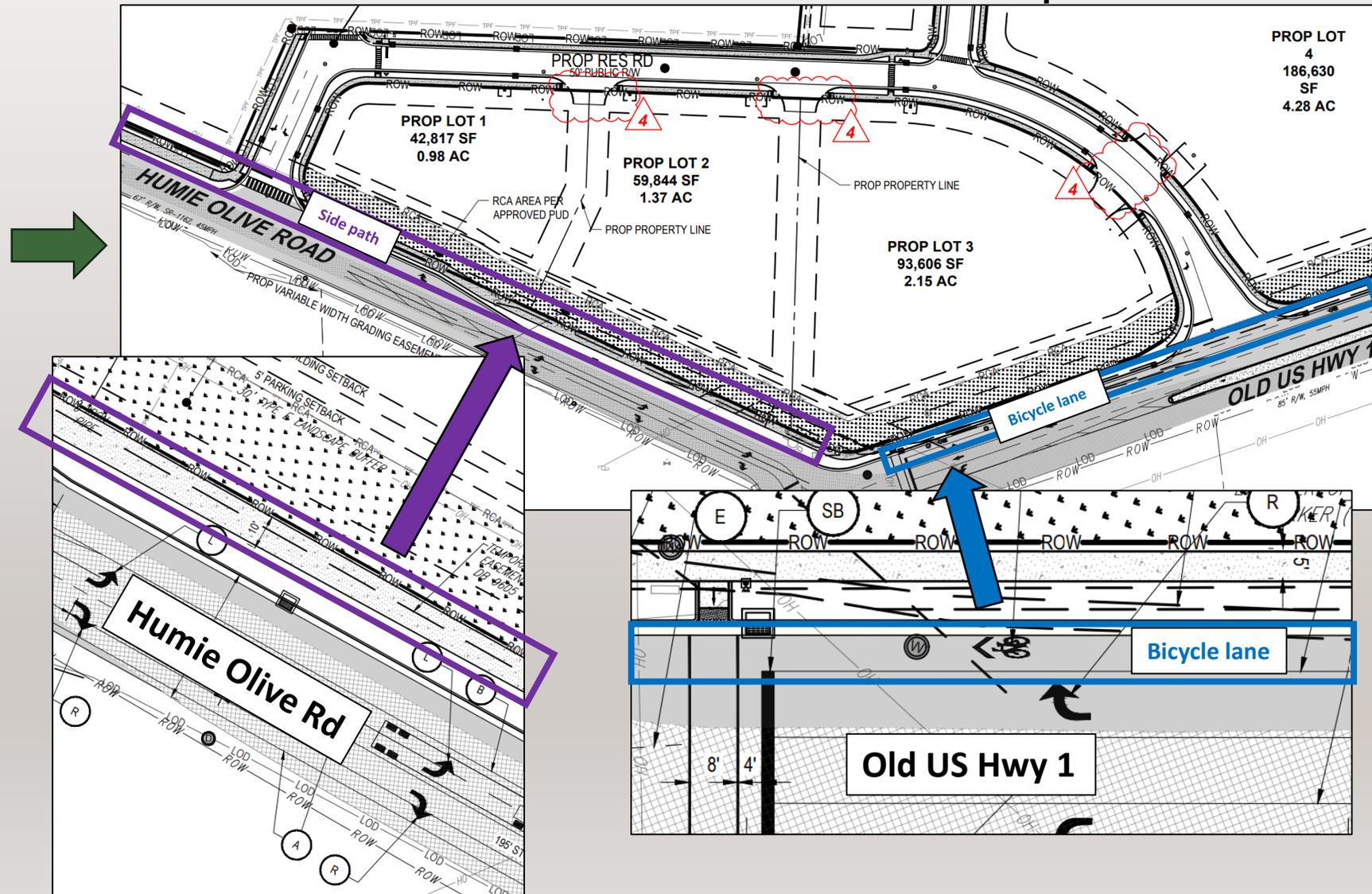


# Implementation Processes

- Construction of bike/ped facilities is typically required through private development
- Publicly-funded projects
  - Town-funded capital projects
  - Grant funds with local match (Locally Administered Projects Program, Community Development Block Grant, Wake Transit, etc.)
  - NCDOT-led projects
    - 10-year State Transportation Improvement Program and resurfacing

# Implementation: Private Development Example

## The Summit Commercial Development

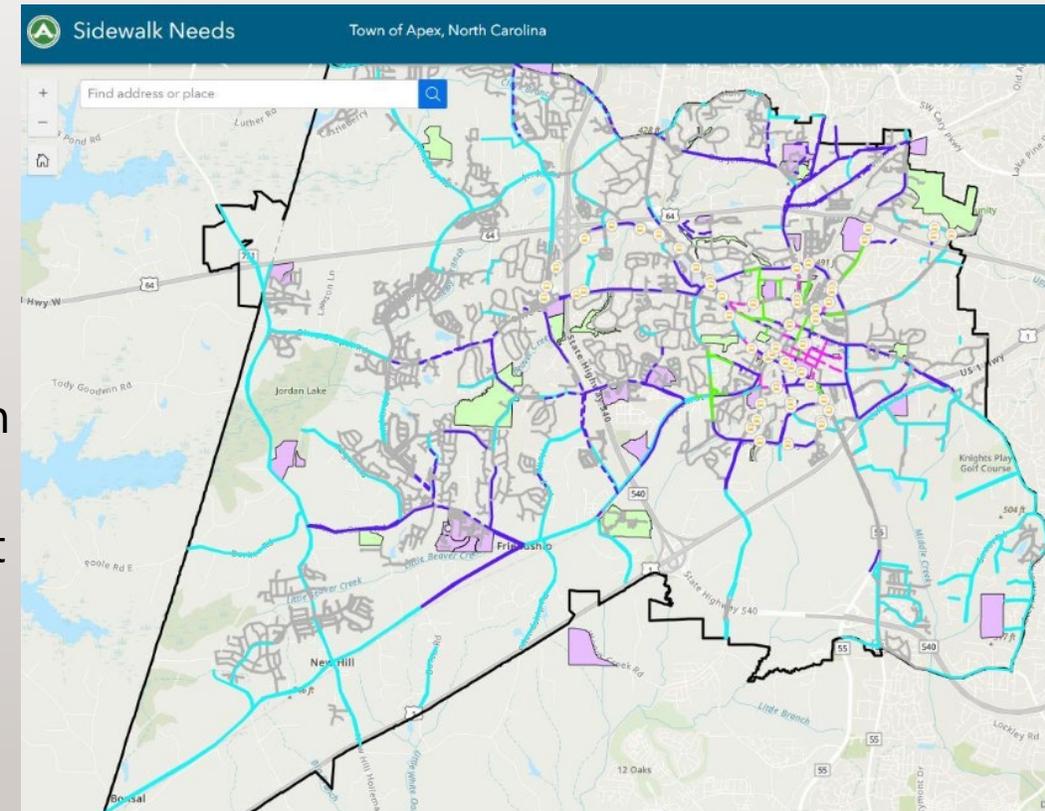




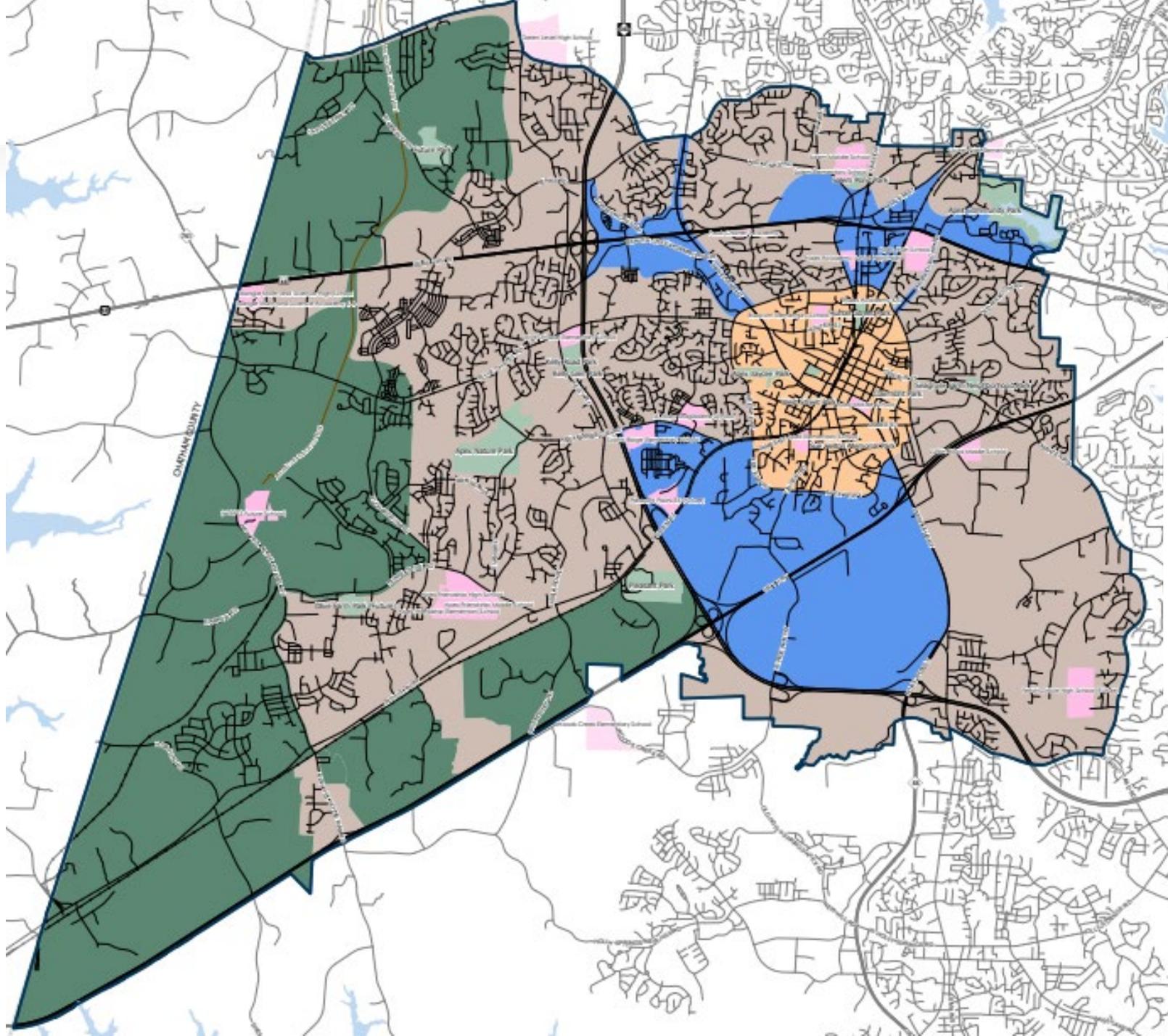
# Sidewalk Needs Assessment

## Sidewalk prioritization criteria:

- Whether it provides a safe route to school
- Citizen requests
- Observed bicycle/pedestrian routes
- Crash information, including presence on the High Crash Network or High Injury Network
- Roadway facility type (thoroughfares are higher priorities than collectors, collectors are higher than residential streets)
- Context area (Town Center and Transit-Oriented Development areas are prioritized)
- Whether a reasonable alternate pedestrian route is available
- Destinations within ¼ mile
- Existing and proposed bus stops within ¼ mile & bus stop ridership
- Relative need



# Context Areas

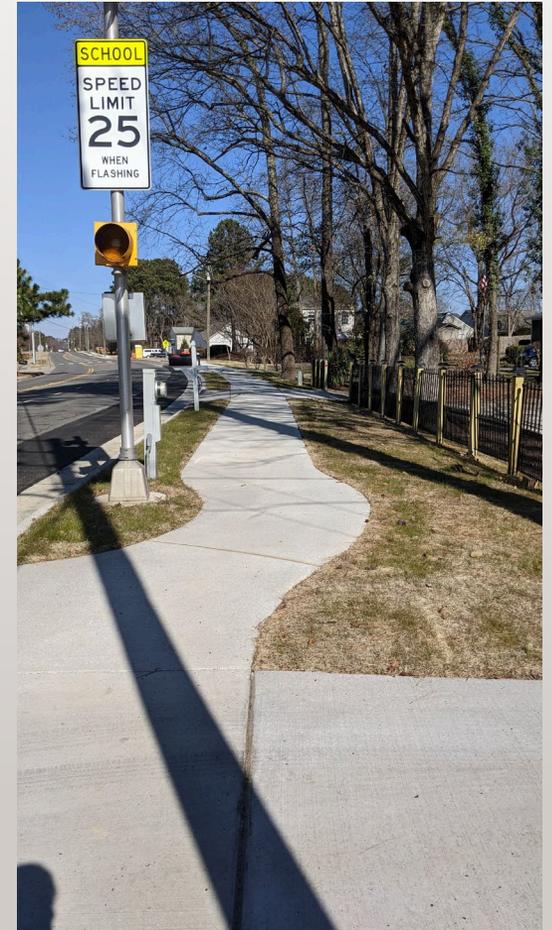


## Context Areas

- Rural
- Suburban
- Town Center
- Transit-Oriented Development

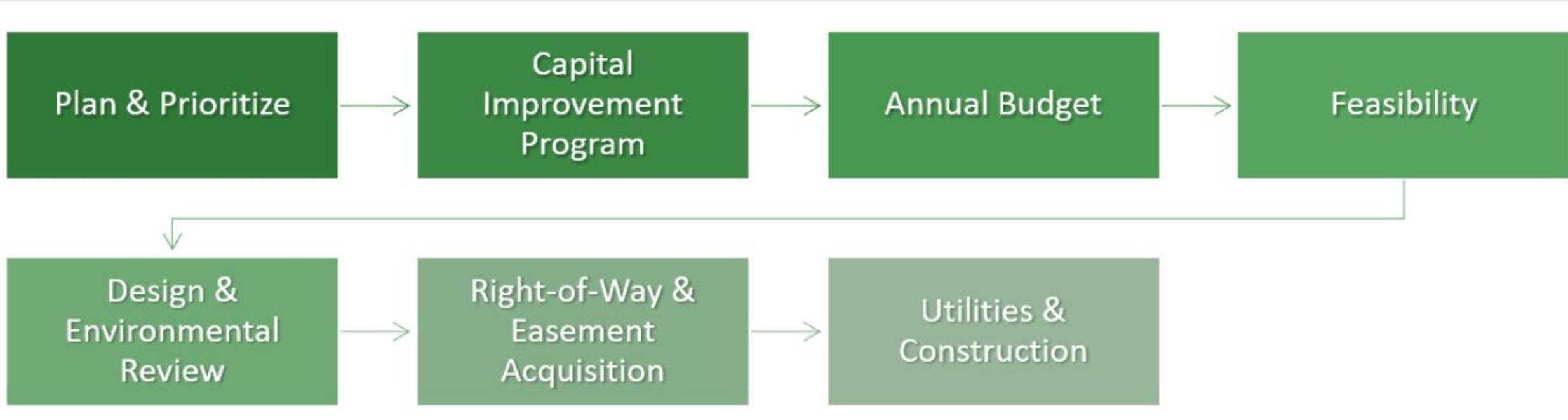
# Safe Routes to School Overview

- Identification of needs
  - Principal meetings ~ 2 years
  - Apex Police Department insights
  - Resident requests
  - Prioritization database
- Funding
  - ~ \$1M/year in local funds
  - LAPP applications
  - Streets & Sidewalk Bond
- Projects underway serving:
  - Apex Elementary, Apex Middle, Baucom, Laurel Park, Olive Chapel, Scotts Ridge, Thales PreK-5
- Projects completed serving:
  - Apex Elementary, Apex Friendship, Apex High, Green Level, Thales JH/HS, Laurel Park, Scotts Ridge



# **Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects Underway**

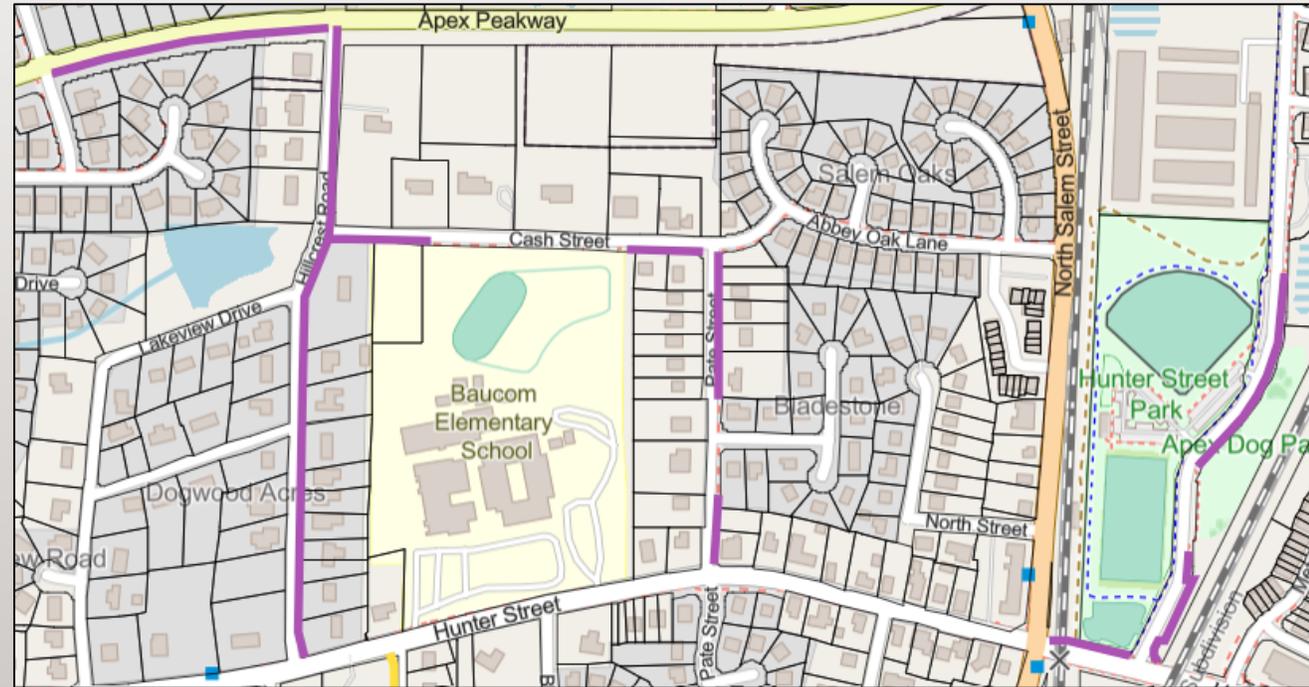
# Transportation Project Process



Additional information on transportation projects is available at:  
[www.apexnc.org/371](http://www.apexnc.org/371)

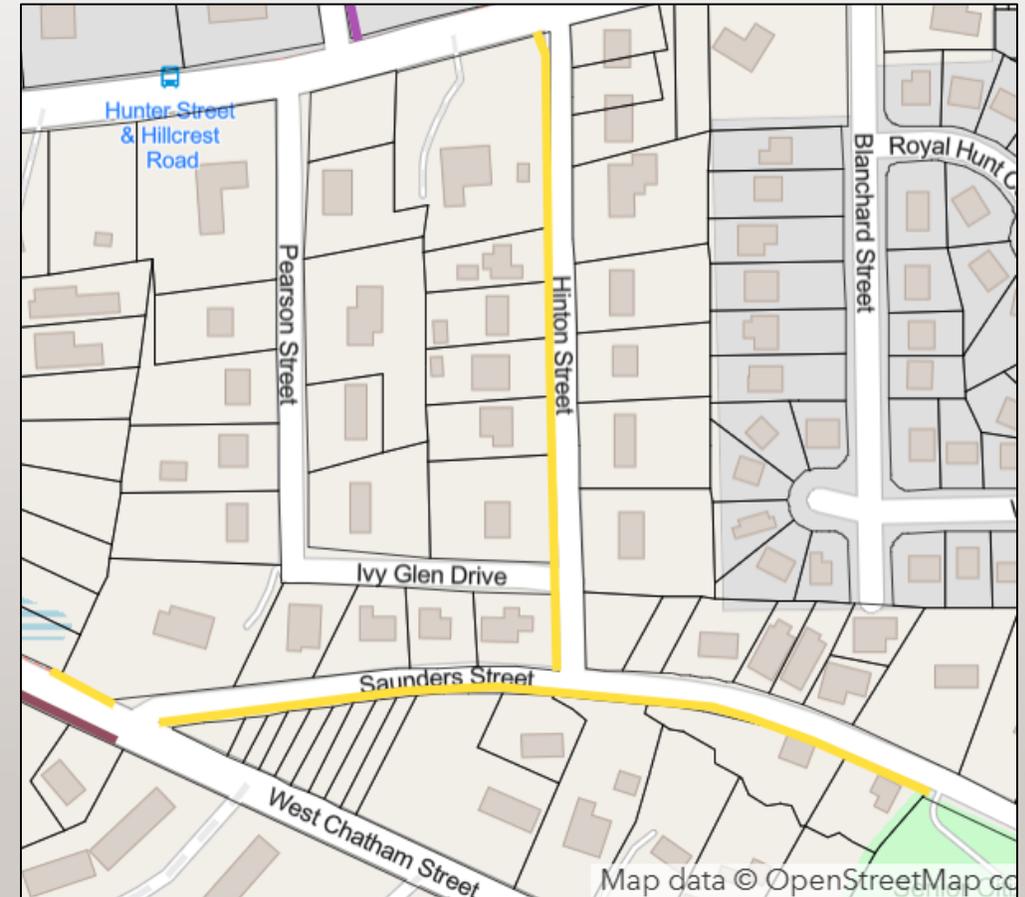
# Downtown Safe Routes to School and Transit Connections

- TIP ID: BL-0047
- Project scope:
  - Sidewalk along Hillcrest Rd, Cash St, Pate St, Hunter St, and Ambergate Sta
  - Side path along Apex Peakway
- Funding source: LAPP & local match
- Status: Final Design – Bid advertisement anticipated Spring 2026



# Saunders St & Hinton St Sidewalk

- TIP ID: BL-0095
- Sidewalk extent:
  - W Chatham St, Saunders St, and Hinton St
- Funding source: LAPP & Wake Transit
- Status: Final Design – Bid advertisement anticipated Spring 2026



# W Chatham St Sidewalk

- TIP ID: EB-6046
- Project scope:
  - Sidewalk along W Chatham St
  - Signalized pedestrian crosswalk across Hunter St at NC 55
- Funding source: LAPP & local match
- Status: Final Design – Bid advertisement anticipated Spring 2026



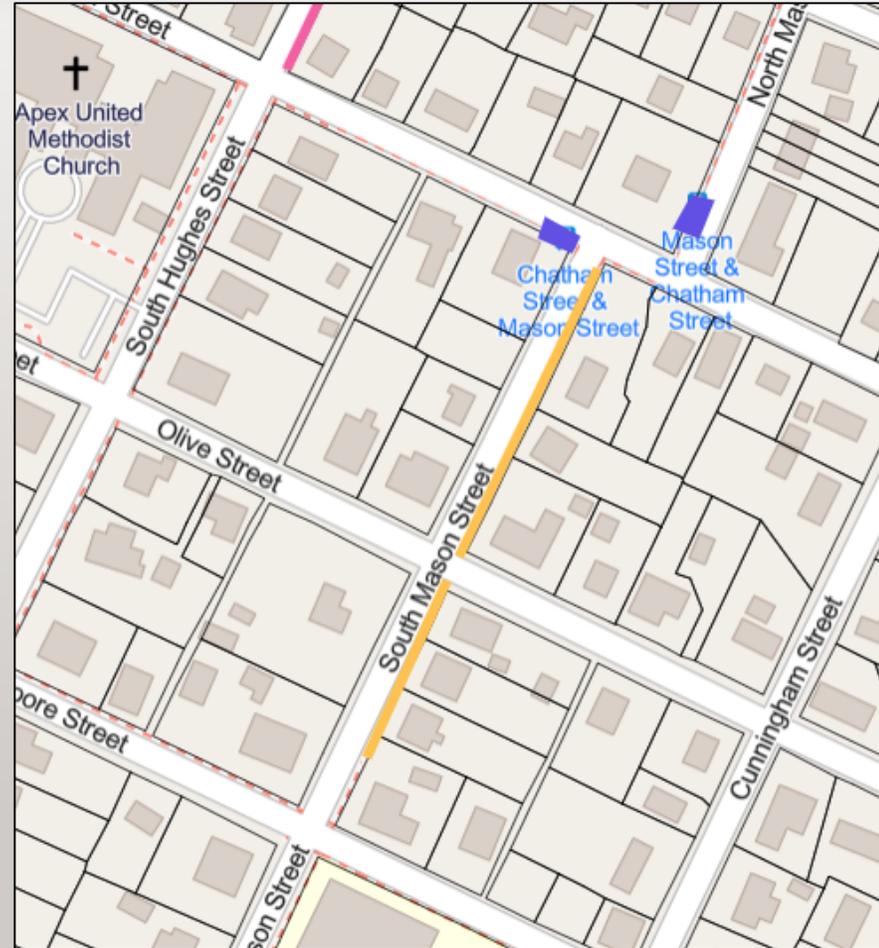
# N Hughes St Sidewalk

- Sidewalk extent:
  - E Chatham St to Apex Community Center
- Funding source: Local funds
- Status: Final Design – Bid advertisement anticipated Spring 2026



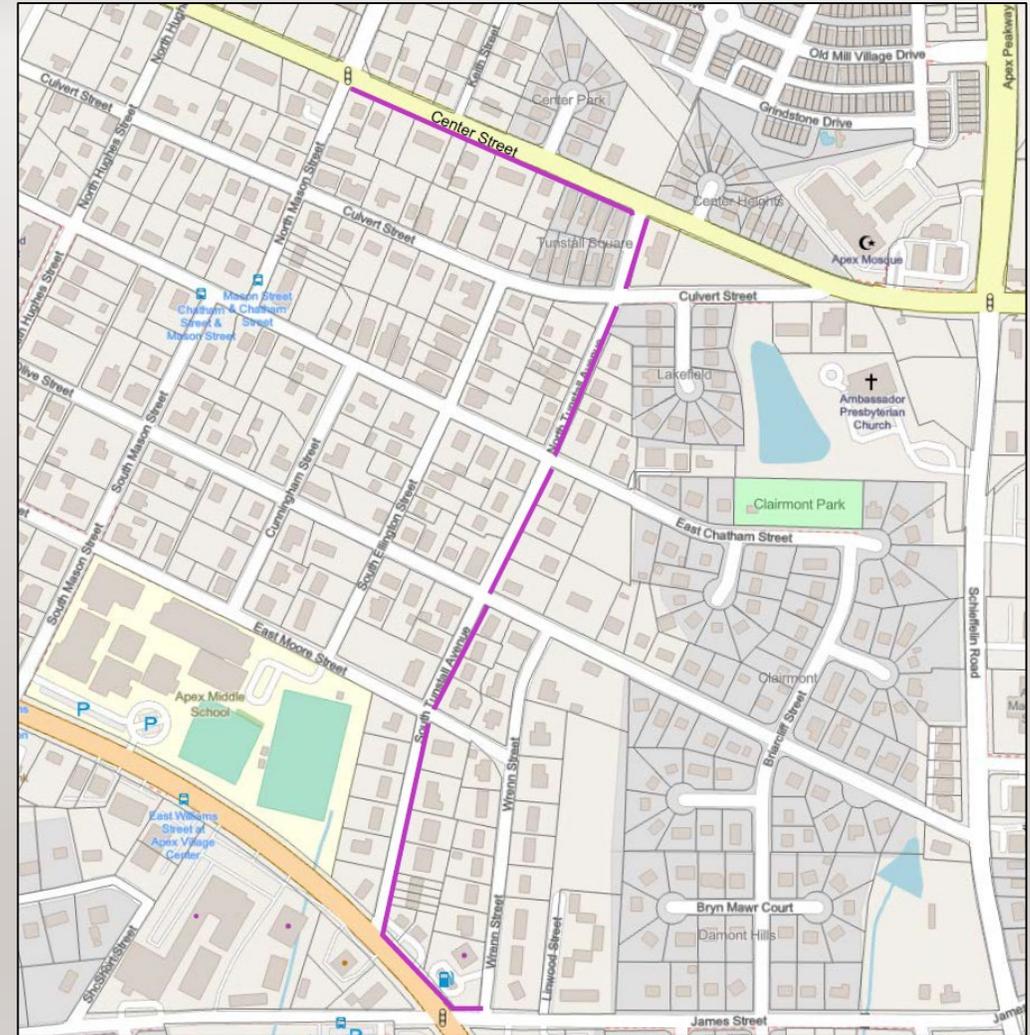
# S Mason St Sidewalk

- Sidewalk extent:
  - E Moore St to E Chatham St
- Funding source: Local funds
- Status: Final Design – Bid advertisement anticipated Spring 2026



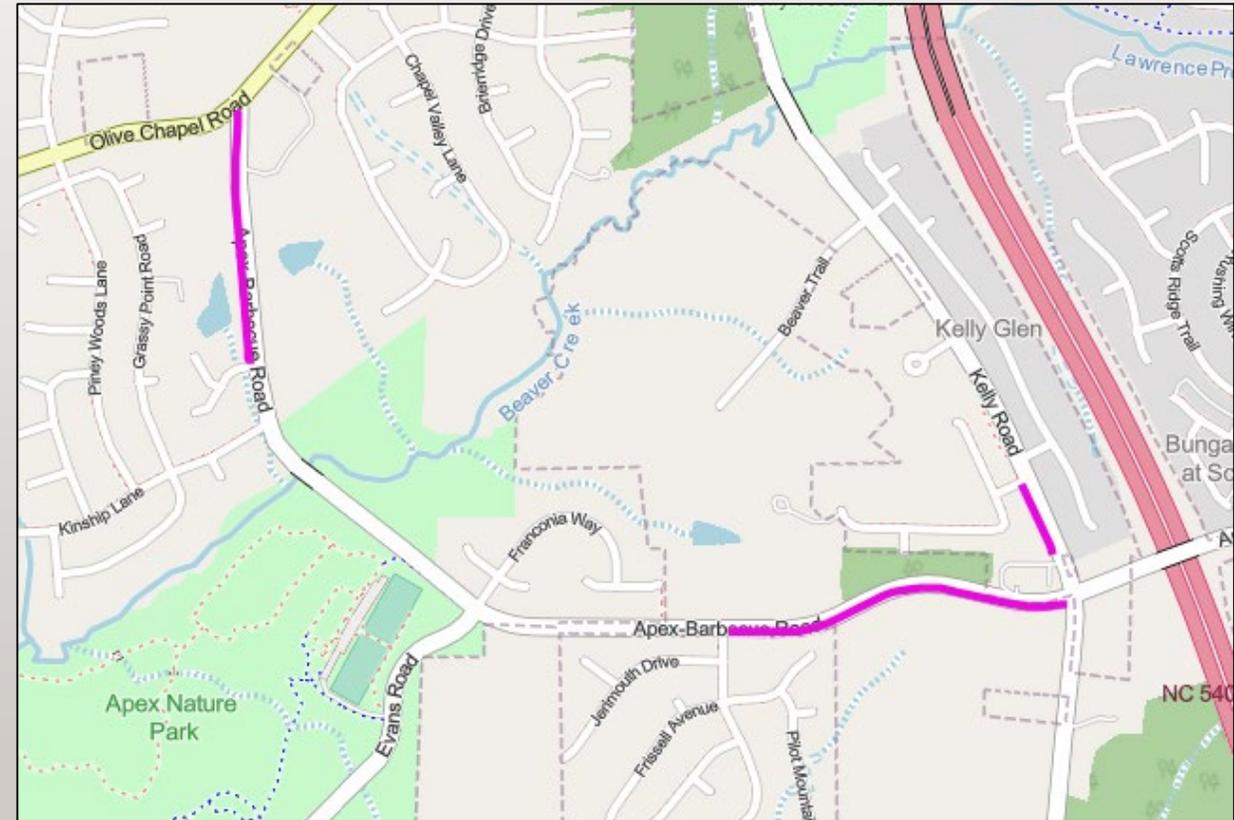
# Tunstall Ave & Center St Sidewalk

- TIP ID: BL-0173
- Project scope:
  - Sidewalk along Center St, Tunstall Ave, E Williams St, James St
  - Signalized crosswalks at E Williams St/James St and Center St/N Mason St
- Right-of-way funding source: LAPP & local match
- Status: Preliminary Design – Design plans in review



# Apex Barbecue Rd Side Path & Kelly Rd Sidewalk

- Project scope:
  - Side path along Apex Barbecue Rd
  - Sidewalk along Kelly Rd
  - Signalized crosswalks at Apex Barbecue Rd/Kelly Rd and Apex Barbecue Rd/Olive Chapel Rd
- Funding source: Local funds
- Status: Preliminary Design



# Tingen Rd Bicycle & Pedestrian Crossing

- TIP ID: BO-2416
- Project scope:
  - Bike/ped tunnel under railroad tracks west of Tingen Rd
- Funding source: State earmark
- Status: Feasibility Study underway. Project is not funded.





# Crosswalk Lighting Initiative

# Crosswalk Lighting Prioritization

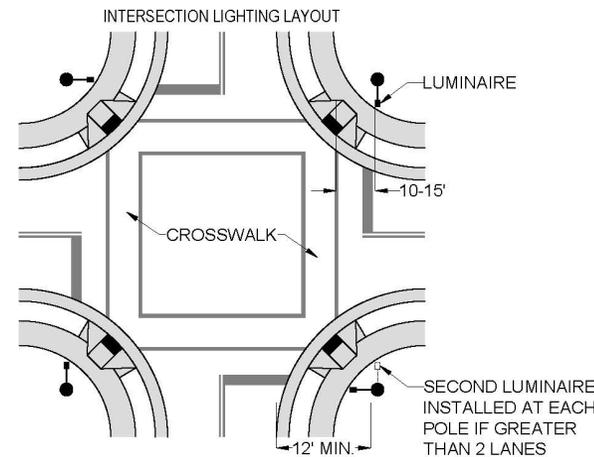
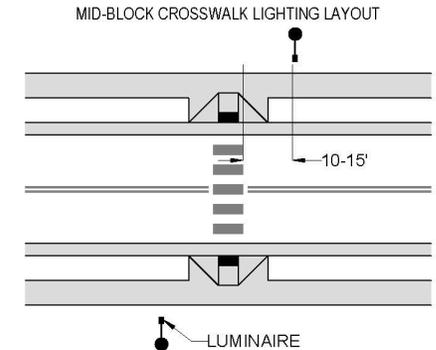
- Crosswalk Lighting Inventory
- Lighting prioritization criteria
  - Crosswalk type (midblock vs intersection)
  - Roadway classification
  - Context area (Town Center, Transit-Oriented Development, greenways, and schools are priorities)
  - Resident requests
  - Bike/ped crash during dark, dawn, or dusk
  - Light reading measurements
- Status: Lighting installed at 30 crosswalks



# Crosswalk Lighting Guidance

- Lighting installed on the driver's approach to the crosswalk to improve visibility
- Lighting levels based on:
  - Roadway classification
  - Crosswalk type (intersection and roundabout)
  - Crosswalk marking (two-bar and high-visibility)

CROSSWALK TYPE	NUMBER OF LANES	NUMBER OF FIXTURES
MIDBLOCK	≥ 2	2
INTERSECTION	2	4
INTERSECTION	> 2	8



**NOTES:**

1. LUMINAIRES TO BE PLACED A MINIMUM OF 12' FROM THE FACE OF CURB OR EDGE OF TRAVEL LANE. ALL LUMINAIRES WITHIN THE ROADWAY CLEAR ZONE SHALL BE PLACED ON A BREAKAWAY BASE.
2. LUMINAIRES FOR CROSSWALKS ARE TO BE LOCATED BETWEEN 10-15 FEET FROM THE CROSSWALK WHERE POSSIBLE.
3. LUMINAIRES SHOULD BE PLACED PRIOR TO THE CROSSWALK FROM THE DRIVERS' PERSPECTIVE.
4. LUMINAIRE TYPE BY ROADWAY DESIGNATION AND CROSSWALK TYPE:
  - A. ACROSS THOROUGHFARES AND AT SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS: COBRA-HEAD LED, ROADWAY DISTRIBUTION III, 3000K, WITH ~18,000 LUMEN OUTPUT/~150 WATT INPUT.
  - B. ACROSS MAJOR COLLECTOR STREETS AND YIELD-CONTROLLED OR HIGH-VISIBILITY CROSSWALKS ACROSS MINOR COLLECTOR STREETS AND RESIDENTIAL STREETS: COBRA-HEAD LED, ROADWAY DISTRIBUTION III, 3000K, WITH ~7,000 LUMEN OUTPUT/~50 WATT INPUT.
  - C. TWO-BAR CROSSWALKS ACROSS RESIDENTIAL AND MINOR COLLECTOR STREETS: LUMINAIRES TO BE LANTERN STYLE, LED, ROADWAY DISTRIBUTION III, 3000K, WITH ~5,000 LUMEN OUTPUT/~50 WATT INPUT. MULTIPLE LUMINAIRES MAY BE NEEDED DEPENDING ON THE ROADWAY CONFIGURATION.

TOWN OF APEX  
STANDARDS  
EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 12, 2025

CROSSWALK LIGHTING GUIDANCE

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# Informational Updates

- See handout

# Other Business

- Youth Outreach Discussion, Member Kadari

# Adjourn

- Next regular meeting:
  - Wednesday, March 11, 2026