



Town of Apex Transit Advisory Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2020

Virtual Teams Meeting

Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this meeting was to: (1) present and request a recommendation of approval for Transit Plan Map amendments to GoTriangle Route 305, GoTriangle Route 311, Future GoCary Holly Springs Express, and Future GoApex Route 1; (2) set a meeting schedule and adopt the proposed Rules of Procedure; (3) provide funding updates on GoApex Route 1; and (4) discuss next steps in the Transit Plan Map amendments and GoApex Route 1.

Meeting Outcomes

Town staff will: (1) present the recommended Transit Plan Map amendments to Planning Board and Town Council; (2) update the Rules of Procedure with the recommended quarterly meeting schedule; and (3) move forward with the LAPP process to complete bus stop construction.

It was anticipated during the meeting that the next meeting would be held on July 8, 2020 at 4:00 pm, but the schedule has been updated and the meeting will now be held on July 22, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Attendees

Committee members:

- Linda Barrett
- Laura Brain
- Nick Bryant
- Amanda Bunce
- Joanna Helms
- Kurt Pfeifer
- Angela Reincke
- Stuart Wagner
- Andrew Werking

Staff support:

- Shannon Cox (Town of Apex Planning)
- Jenna Shouse (Town of Apex Planning)
- Russell Dalton (Town of Apex Public Works & Transportation)
- Christopher Welch (Town of Apex Legal Services)

Transit partner support:

- Jennifer Green (GoTriangle)
- Kevin Wyrauch (Town of Cary)

1. Transit Plan Amendments

(Action Item: Jenna Shouse, Town of Apex)

- Staff presented proposed Transit Plan Map amendments to GoTriangle Route 305, GoTriangle Route 311, Future GoCary Holly Springs Express (Proposed Apex-Cary Express), and GoApex Route 1.
- The purpose of these proposed amendments is to provide a direct transit connection from Holly Springs to Raleigh, while maintaining transit connections from Apex to Cary, Holly Springs, Raleigh, and the Research Triangle Park. Additionally, these four routes have been designed to meet in downtown Apex to facilitate transfers between routes, serve existing park and ride locations, and serve areas with high propensity to use transit.
- GoTriangle Route 305 (Holly Springs to Raleigh) Proposed Amendment:
 - Extend route to Holly Springs and serve Laura Duncan Road rather than Old Apex Road as it has a higher propensity for transit.



- Correct a map labeling issue with Existing Route 311 and Existing Route 305.
- Staff presented two route alternatives for Route 305, a proposed alignment and an alternative alignment. The proposed alignment would eventually provide all-day service to the Cambridge Village / Walmart / proposed affordable housing development and the alternative alignment would eventually provide all-day service along a section of S Salem Street.
- Staff presented pros and cons to the proposed and alternative alignments.
- GoTriangle Route 311 (Apex to Research Triangle Park) Proposed Amendment:
 - Remove service to Lake Pine Plaza. GoTriangle Route 305 will continue to provide this service.
 - Reroute through downtown Apex to facilitate transfers at the S Hughes Street Park and Ride and S Salem Street.
- GoCary Holly Springs Express (Proposed Apex-Cary Express) Proposed Amendment:
 - Remove the portion of the previously proposed Holly Springs Express from Apex to Holly Springs as this will be served by GoTriangle Route 305.
 - The Apex-Cary Express will provide service from downtown Cary to downtown Apex.
- GoApex Route 1 Proposed Amendments:
 - Reroute through Beaver Creek Crossings to provide a westbound stop in this area.
 - Reroute along N Salem Street and Hunter Street to provide additional service to downtown Apex. The Town's Long Range Plan shows a local route using Hunter Street. The proposed rerouting would only lose one stop on Apex Peakway that would not have a nearby stop.
 - Reroute through downtown Apex to provide a stop at the Depot and avoid on-street parking impacts on S Salem Street at the intersection with E Chatham Street. This change would remove a stop on E Chatham Street at S Hughes Street.
- Staff presented a temporary GoApex Route 1 layover Location on Hunter Street, adjacent to Town Campus. This is not part of the proposed Transit Plan Map amendments.
- *Committee Discussion:*
 - Question of whether the on-street spaces would be marked as GoApex Bus Only or if they would be available for the public at certain times.
 - Staff response: GoApex Route 1 is proposed to operate Monday-Saturday 6:00am-10:00pm. The on-street parking spaces will need to be available to serve as a layover location for approximately 10 minutes every hour during this period. These spaces would be marked as GoApex Bus Only to ensure their availability.
 - Unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendments to revise the Town of Apex Transit Plan Map as proposed.
 - GoTriangle Route 305 (Proposed Alignment)
 - GoTriangle Route 311
 - Apex-Cary Express (Formerly Route Holly Springs Express)
 - GoApex Route 1



2. Rules of Procedure

(Action Item: Jenna Shouse, Town of Apex)

- Staff summarized the proposed Rules of Procedure and presented a proposed meeting schedule.
- *Committee Discussion:*
 - Unanimously adopted the proposed Rules of Procedure with the following meeting schedule.
 - 4:00pm on the second Wednesday of every quarter
 - Meetings in January, April, July, and October

3. Transit Funding Updates

(Information Item: Shannon Cox, Town of Apex)

- Staff shared that the Town has been awarded LAPP funding for GoApex Route 1 bus stop construction.
- The Wake Transit Planning Advisory Committee recommended approval of the GoApex Route 1 Capital and Operating funding application.
- GoApex Route 1 Transportation Demand Management grant application is pending. Staff anticipate an award notification on May 15th.
- GoApex Route 1 and Route Apex-Cary Express are anticipated to move forward as proposed. GoApex Route 1 is anticipated to start service in Spring 2021. Route Apex-Cary Express is anticipated to start service later this year.
- The extension of GoTriangle Route 305 to Holly Springs is anticipated to begin later this year. The expansion of GoTriangle Route 305 to an all-day and weekend service is anticipated to be delayed until approximately January 2021 (subject to change) due to a reduction in sales tax revenue associated with COVID-19.

4. Next Steps

(Information Item: Jenna Shouse, Town of Apex)

- Planning Board Public Hearing – May 11
- Town Council Public Hearing – May 19
- Begin Apex-Cary Express service – July 2020
- Extend Route 305 to Holly Springs – August 2020
- Begin bus stop construction – Fall 2020
- Next meeting on July 22, 2020
- Review of local routes on the Transit Plan Map