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TRANSPORTATION BRUNCH 2025

In Concert with the I-40 Regional Partnership

August 8, 2025 | 9 - 11:30 a.m.
Westin Raleigh-Durham Airport

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City of Raleigh

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WAKE BUS RAPID TRANSIT

RTA | FAST | SMART | Regional Meeting

July 30, 2025

AGENDA

- Wake BRT Program Overview
- New Bern Avenue
- Expediting Project Delivery



BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) | FEATURES



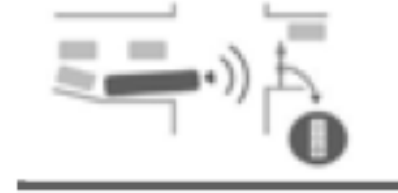
**DEDICATED
LANES**



**ENHANCED
STATIONS**



**SPECIALIZED
VEHICLES**



**SIGNAL
PRIORITY**



**SPAN OF
SERVICE**



**FREQUENT
SERVICE**



**OFF-BOARD FARE
COLLECTION**



**UNIQUE
BRANDING**

WAKE BRT PROGRAM | OVERVIEW

CONSTRUCTION

- New Bern Avenue

FINAL DESIGN

- Southern Corridor
- Western Corridor

PLANNING STUDY

- Northern Corridor
 - Midtown Corridor
 - Triangle Town Center Corridor
- Garner to Clayton Extension
- Cary to Research Triangle Park (RTP) Extension



NEW BERN AVENUE



DEDICATED RUNNINGWAY
 3.3 miles of 5.4 miles in dedicated lanes
 (BAT & transitway)



ENHANCED STATIONS
 Ten (10) new stations connecting downtown
 Raleigh to New Hope Road



SPECIALIZED VEHICLES
 Seven (7) new 60' articulated buses,
 compressed natural gas



SIGNAL PRIORITY
 At signalized intersections along the
 corridor

STATION	DIRECTION	NAME
1	Outbound	GoRaleigh Station
2	Outbound Inbound	Morgan at Blount Edenton at Blount
3	Outbound Inbound	New Bern at Swain Edenton at Swain
4	Outbound Inbound	New Bern at Tarboro Edenton at Tarboro
5	Outbound Inbound	Raleigh Blvd
6	Outbound Inbound	King Charles
7	Outbound Inbound	Medical District
8	Outbound Inbound	Trawick Rd
9	Outbound Inbound	Corporation Pkwy
10	Outbound Inbound	New Hope Rd East Raleigh

NEW BERN AVENUE | BID HISTORY

- **Construction Bid History**

- Advertised as full project – March 2024
- No bids received – May 2024
- Feedback received – schedule concerns, additional public utilities work, risks with private utilities relocations, and timeline for completion

- **Separated Horizontal Roadway work components from Vertical Stations work**

- Re-advertised horizontal roadway work with 3 and half year construction schedule – August 2024
- Single bid received – October 2024
- Council rejected single bid – January 2025

NEW BERN AVENUE | NEXT STEPS

- Further divided construction activities into three (3) packages after one-on-one with interested contractors

PHASE	ANTICIPATED ADVERTISEMENT	ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE
Construction of all horizontal elements for Package 1	April 23, 2025 (completed)	30 months
Construction of all horizontal elements for Package 2	July 25, 2025 (active)	42 months
Construction of all vertical elements + horizontal elements for Package 3	Fall 2025	38-40 months

- HORIZONTAL ELEMENTS = ROADWAY WORK, UTILITIES, DRAINAGE, PATHS AND SIDEWALKS
- VERTICAL ELEMENTS = STATION WORK

- On July 1, 2025 – Raleigh City Council awarded Package 1 for construction
- Bid opening for Package 2 is September 19, 2025

PROJECT DELIVERY | LESSONS LEARNED

- **Investigate Alternative Project Delivery**

- Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) or Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) inclusion during the final design for feedback on constructability and feasibility and schedule
- Allow for more seamless flow between the different steps of project delivery and implementation process

- **Partnerships within Project Delivery**

- Federal – the federal funding provides opportunities that allow for local dollars to do more in the region, but it does come at the cost of the federal process and timeline for project rating, and funding appropriations
- Local - continue to develop and foster partnerships and relationships between municipalities, NCDOT, critical third parties with authority to ensure efficient design review and approval process



THANK YOU!

For more information: <http://raleighnc.gov/brt>

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