Wake Bus Rapid Transit:

New Bern Avenue



What is Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)?

Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is coming to our region! Planning is underway for fast, reliable, frequent service along four key corridors.

BRT is a high-capacity transit system that delivers fast and efficient bus service. The Wake BRT lines may include dedicated lanes, busways, and traffic signal priority. They also may include off-board fare collection, elevated platforms and enhanced stations.

New Bern Avenue Design

The design phase for implementing BRT along the New Bern Avenue corridor is underway. Approximately 3.3 miles of the 5.1-mile corridor would use dedicated transit lanes.

Wake BRT stations will be designed to be easily identifiable and well lit, with safety features like emergency phones and cameras. They will also offer enhanced amenities and services, including accessible boarding, ticketing and scheduling improvements, as well as enhanced waiting areas. These amenities will ensure quick and reliable service for transit users.

Corridor Updates

The 30% design plans for Wake BRT: New Bern Avenue were completed in March 2020. In this phase the project team confirmed station locations and key destinations. This phase also developed design options for the BRT lanes in the roadway, known as runningways.

The project is currently working towards 60% design in early 2021, when station design and branding will also be complete. In this design phase, the project team will continue to advance the design looking at project elements like roadway design, traffic signals and utility coordination. The final design of the Wake BRT: New Bern Avenue corridor is expected to be complete by the end of 2021.

Quick Facts

BRT Route:

The Wake BRT: New Bern Avenue will connect downtown Raleigh with WakeMed and New Hope Road.

Current Project Phase:

Design

Timeline

2020

Review of 30% Design

Virtual Open House #1

2021

60% Design Complete

Begin Final Design

Public Meeting #2

Final Design complete

2022

Construction Begins

2023

BRT Service Begins

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