

CONNECT 2050

The Research Triangle Region's
Metropolitan Transportation Plan



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Online Interactive Project Maps: CAMPO ([all modes](#)) DCHC MPO ([roadway](#)) ([transit](#))

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A Note to Readers:

The heart of any transportation plan is the investments that will be made to serve the mobility needs of our rapidly growing region's citizens, businesses and visitors. These investments take the form of road, transit, railroad, airport, cycling and walking facilities and services, together with related technologies and strategies. Maps are created to help visualize the nature of both the facilities in which we plan to invest and the existing and future population and jobs that the facilities are designed to serve. But the maps in this document are for illustrative purposes only and are subject to change and interpretation. The details of the investments are in the project lists that are included with this report.

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