

FAST 2.0 GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

The FAST 2.0 study has the benefit of having many engaged funding partners and stakeholders who are motivated to support the study's vision of developing an actionable plan to activate the region's freeways and arterial roadways to improve transit for riders. This document describes the structure and responsibilities of the partner agencies during the FAST 2.0 Study. With a scheduled study completion in May 2025, it is paramount to define an efficient decision-making process to allow the study to complete on time.

This is a complete list of FAST 2.0 partner agencies:

a) **Transit Operators**

- i) GoTriangle
- ii) GoDurham
- iii) GoRaleigh
- iv) GoCary
- v) Chapel Hill Transit

b) **Metropolitan Planning Organizations**

- i) DCHC
- ii) CAMPO
- iii) Central Pines Regional Council (*provides technical assistance to MPOs*)

c) **Counties**

- i) Durham County
- ii) Wake County
- iii) Orange County
- iv) Johnston County
- v) Chatham County

d) **Regional Partners**

- i) Research Triangle Foundation
- ii) Regional Transportation Alliance

FAST 2.0 STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is comprised of representatives from all partner agencies. The purpose of this committee is to fully engage all members in decision-making and hear the voices of all stakeholders. The Steering Committee will help shape the FAST 2.0 Vision and Goals, help identify the corridor/project selection for study and provide feedback on the FAST 2.0 concepts. The committee will meet four times over the course of the study:

Meeting #1 - Visioning	May 2024 - completed
Meeting #2 – Select Priority Projects	Fall 2024
Meeting #3 – Input to FAST 2.0 concepts	Early 2025
Meeting #4 – Final Report	May 2025

FAST 2.0 TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS

A Technical Committee was originally proposed to engage staff from partner agencies who would provide input on the feasibility of engineering recommendations and provide guidance for design standards for multi-modal freeways and design concepts are developed. To expedite receiving targeted partner input and decision-making for FAST 2.0, the Technical Committee is now recommended to be a series of smaller technical working groups, based on geographies. This removes the situation where a partner agency participates in decision-making outside their area of governance.

As the FAST 2.0 study area is large and encompasses five counties (Durham, Orange, Wake, Johnson and Chatham Counties), the FAST 2.0 Technical Working Groups (TWGs) will be defined as follows:

Wake County TWG	GoRaleigh GoCary CAMPO Wake County
Durham County TWG	GoDurham Durham County DCHC
Orange County TWG	Chapel Hill Transit Orange County DCHC

**Note: Representatives from Johnson and Chatham County will be engaged in TWG meetings when a proposed project or corridor improvement may extend to either County.*

The Research Triangle Foundation will be engaged in TWG meetings for both Wake County and Durham County when a proposed project is relevant to Research Triangle Park.

Representatives from RDU Airport will similarly be engaged in TWG meetings when a proposed project is relevant to transit connections to the Airport.

The Regional Transportation Alliance will attend all Steering Committee meetings but attendance at TWG meetings is not requested due to the technical nature of the discussions.

NCDOT Transit Working Group

As FAST 2.0 concludes in May 2025 with an actionable plan and series of next steps to implementation of projects, an on-going Transit Working Group is recommended to monitor and evaluate the implementation of FAST 2.0 projects, beginning upon conclusion of the FAST 2.0 study. NCDOT will lead the establishment of this group and will be responsible for coordinating Transit Working Group meetings. This group will have the overall responsibility to ensure FAST 2.0 projects move through the necessary steps to identify project sponsors, project funding opportunities, and ensure FAST 2.0 projects are appropriately presented to and scored within NCDOT's project prioritization process. This working group will operate as the Region's single focal point for implementation of FAST 2.0 recommendations.