



**ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT**



**AGENDA
ORANGE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION BOARD
February 16, 2026, 6:30 pm
131 W Margaret Ln, Hillsborough, NC 27278**

OUTBoard meetings are held in person and open to the public. Any member of the general public who wishes to make a public comment can email transportationinput@orangecountync.gov. All comments will be read to the OUTBoard during the public comment portion of the meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of Additions or Changes to Agenda
3. Public Comments
4. Minutes – December 15, 2025
5. Regular OUTBoard Agenda
 - a. FY27 Annual Work Program
 - i. Action: Information
 - b. Pedestrian Safety Call for projects
 - i. Action: Information
6. Staff Report/Updates
 - a. Mebane Route Change
 - i. Action: Information
 - b. MPO, RRO, and NCDOT
7. Adjournment - The next meeting – March 11, 2026, Joint meeting with Parks and Rec Council.

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ORANGE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 15, 2025

131 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, NC 27278

1 The Orange Unified Transportation Board Meeting was held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:30 PM in
2 the West Campus Office Building. The following members and guests attended:

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4 Chloe Pankratz Youth Delegate
5 Erik Legg Cedar Grove Township
6 Art Menius Little River Township
7 Gregory Woloszczuk At Large
8 Heidi Perry Bingham Township
9 Sherry Appel At Large
10 Susan Gladin Hillsborough Township
11 Sarah Williamson Orange County Staff
12 Darlene Weaver Orange County Staff
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15 **AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

16 The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm, and the roll was taken.

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18 **AGENDA ITEM 2: CONSIDERATIONS OF ADDITIONS TO AGENDA.**

19 No additions to the agenda.
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21 **AGENDA ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

22 No public comments were made.
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24 **AGENDA ITEM 4. MINUTES- November 17, 2025.**

25 Motion: Greg Woloszczuk with corrections to lines 103 and 110.

26 Second: Heidi Perry

27 Approved: Unanimously

28 **AGENDA ITEM 5. STAFF REPORT/UPDATES/ EVENTS**

29 a. **What's Ahead in 2026**

30 Staff provided informational updates focused on communication, coordination, and planning priorities for
31 2026. The discussion included direct input from OUTBoard members through a "Looking Back / Looking
32 Forward" exercise.
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34 OUTBoard members reflected on topics and outcomes from recent meetings. Based on member input, the
35 following were identified:

- 36 • **Frequent Topics:** Safe Routes to School, Orange Grove Road Sidewalk, Board policies and
37 orientation materials, SPOT and Non-STIP projects.
- 38 • **Most Discussion:** Mobility on Demand (MOD), fare-free transit, Blue and Orange routes, Highway
39 70, and multimodal assessments.
- 40 • **Most Memorable Items:** Bus shelter design, Safe Routes to School planning, orientation materials,
41 fare-free transit, and route updates.
- 42 • **Greatest Impact:** Orientation materials, Non-STIP projects, multimodal assessments, transit
43 updates related to fare-free service, and Blue/Orange routes.
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45 OUTBoard members identified priorities and areas of focus for 2026, including:

- 46 • **Key Focus Areas:** Transportation planning, community engagement, transit operations, and
47 administration/strategic planning.
- 48 • **Members Development:** Identifying areas where the members feel most knowledgeable, areas
49 where additional understanding is needed, and where members' involvement would be most
50 valuable, earlier in the process.
- 51 • **Future Topics:** Members expressed interest in continued learning on department functions and
52 upcoming initiatives to support informed advisory input.

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54 **Meeting Calendar – January 2026**

55 Staff requested approval to change the January meeting date to accommodate a **joint meeting** with the
56 Parks and Recreation Council and consultants for the Bike & Pedestrian Plan and Trails Plan.

57 **Motion: Erik Legg to** change the January OUTBoard meeting date to **Thursday, January 15, 2026**

58 **Seconded by:** Sherry Appel

59 **Vote:** Unanimous approval.

60 **Result:** Motion carried.

61 Staff confirmed the February 2026 meeting date will remain unchanged, as County offices are not closed
62 for Presidents' Day. Members unable to attend future meetings may view recordings and submit written
63 feedback by email.

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65 **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

66 Art Menius adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for January, a joint meeting on
67 Thursday, January 15, 2026.



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Item 5. b.
Subject: Draft FY27 Annual Work Program

PURPOSE: Provide an overview for

BACKGROUND: The Annual Work Program (AWP) outlines planned transit-related activities and funding allocations for the upcoming fiscal year. Orange County, in its role as Staff Working Group (SWG) Administrator, coordinates with local jurisdictions, GoTriangle, and the Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (TWTPO) to develop the AWP in accordance with adopted governing agreements.

The FY27 Annual Work Program is currently under development through coordination with partner agencies and ongoing Staff Working Group meetings. This agenda item provides general context and a status update on the AWP development process.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Information only.

Annual Work Program Timeline Completions

- Distribution of Projects sheets – September 29, 2025
- Draft Project Sheets Due – December 01, 2025
- Final Project Sheet Due – December 17, 2025
- Special Meeting – Review Project Sheets – January 09, 2026
- Special Meeting – Sponsor questions – February 06, 2026



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Item 5. b.
Subject: Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects

PURPOSE: Provide an update on the status of projects submitted

BACKGROUND: Orange County Transportation and the Town of Hillsborough submitted pedestrian safety project concepts to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) through the Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects. This program allows local governments to propose projects that improve pedestrian safety, such as crosswalks, sidewalks, and other safety-related improvements.

NCDOT completed an initial review of the submitted project concepts based on project readiness, funding availability, and the ability to meet the June 2026 obligation timeline. The results of this review were shared in a summary spreadsheet indicating the status of each project.

Projects identified for advancement may move forward into preliminary engineering and design. This notification does not represent a funding commitment, and project status may change as additional evaluation occurs. Projects not advancing at this time may be reconsidered under other funding programs or submitted in future rounds of the Call for Projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Information only.



NCDOT's Pedestrian Safety Call For Projects

Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects



- NCDOT Program
- Local Submissions
- Pedestrian Safety

Scoring Criteria

- Who can apply?
- How is funding divided?
- How do you know which group you're in?
- What kinds of projects are they looking for?
- Who decides which communities get projects?
- How are projects scored?

Pedestrian Safety Projects

Agency Name	County	Municipality	Route or Corridor Name	From/To Limits	Project Description	Initial Project Determination
Orange County Transportation	Orange	Hillsborough	US 70	Reverse Rd realignment area	Crosswalk & ADA ramp at new intersection tie-in Pedestrian signage	Yes, pursue for TAP funding
Orange County Transportation	Orange	Hillsborough	Cedar Ridge High School	New Grady Brown School Road	Install no parking signs along New Grady Brown School Road to deter parents from parking on the side of the road during afternoon pick up.	Division is considering using maintenance funds to accomplish. Not advancing for TAP funding.
Orange County Transportation	Orange	Hillsborough	Efland Cheeks Global Elementary School	Install no parking signs along Orange High School Road to deter parents from parking on the side of the road during the afternoon pick up.	"Install no parking signs along Orange High School Road to deter parents from parking on the side of the road during afternoon pick up. "Drivers park on the side of the road to avoid the afternoon car queue, then make U-turns in the road to leave, creating safety concerns for students and other drivers. Students walk from the school to these cars, sometimes crossing the road."	Division is considering using maintenance funds to accomplish. Not advancing for TAP funding.
Orange County Transportation	Orange	Hillsborough	Orange Middle School	Add traffic calming measures, such as reducing the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph along US 70 from Miller Road to NC 86.	"Add traffic calming measures, such as reducing the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph along US 70 from Miller Road to NC 86."Add traffic calming measures, such as reducing the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph along US 70 from Miller Road to NC 86.	Division is considering using maintenance funds to accomplish. Not advancing for TAP funding.
Town of Hillsborough	Orange	Town of Hillsborough	Elizabeth Brady Road	From the Historic Oconeechee Speedway Trail to the Hillsborough Riverwalk Trail.	Construction of curb ramps and crosswalk markings between the Historic Oconeechee Speedway Trail and the Hillsborough Riverwalk Trail.	NCDOT is considering pursuing HSIP funds for this project. Not advancing for TAP funding.

TAP- Transportation Alternative Program

HSIP- Highway Safety Improvement Program

Next Steps

- Design
- Review
- Reconsideration (if required)
- Implementation
- Final Design
- Construction /Installation
- Closeout

Pedestrian Safety Call For Projects



Fixed Route Service in Mebane

Starting in 2026

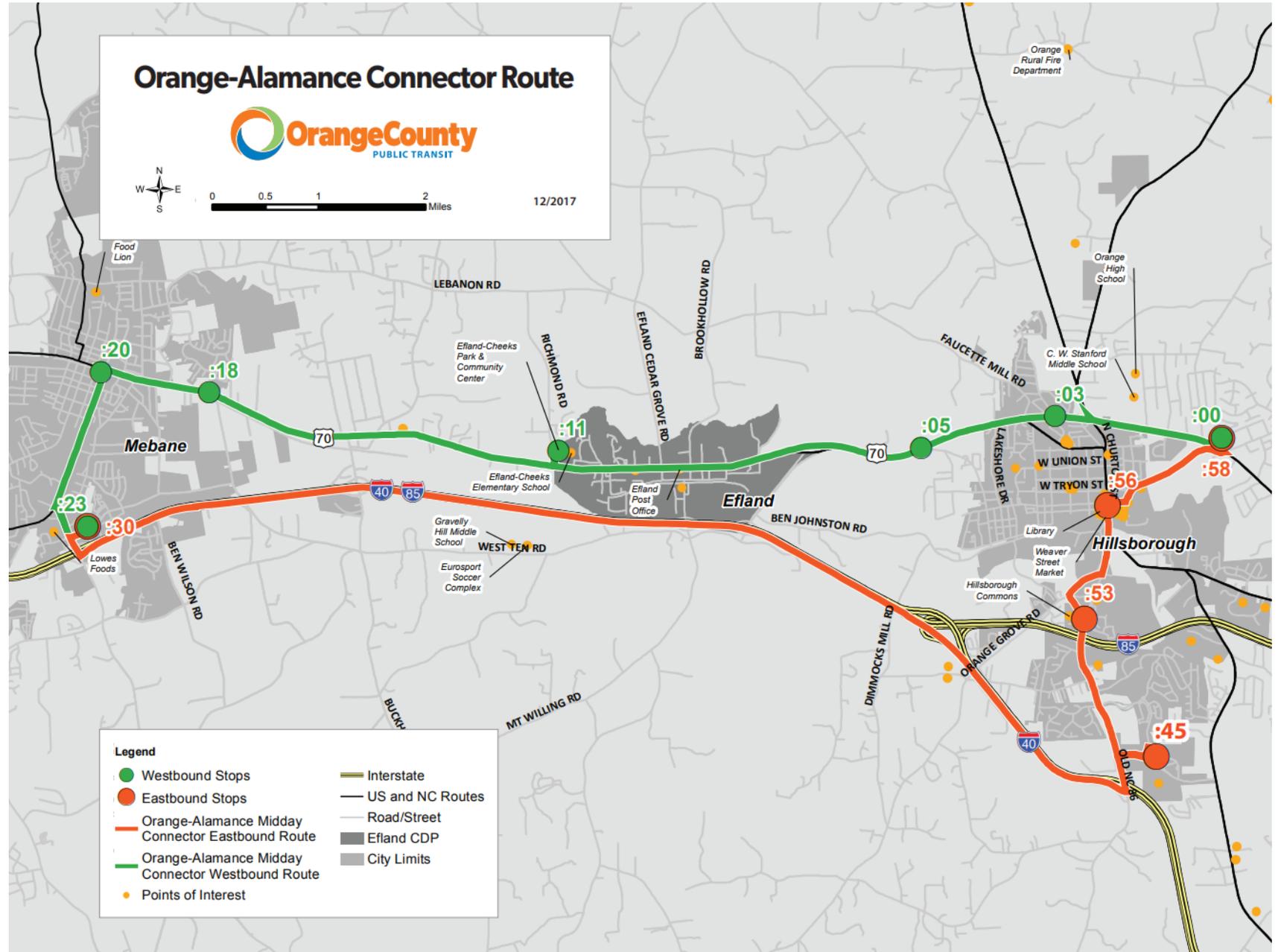


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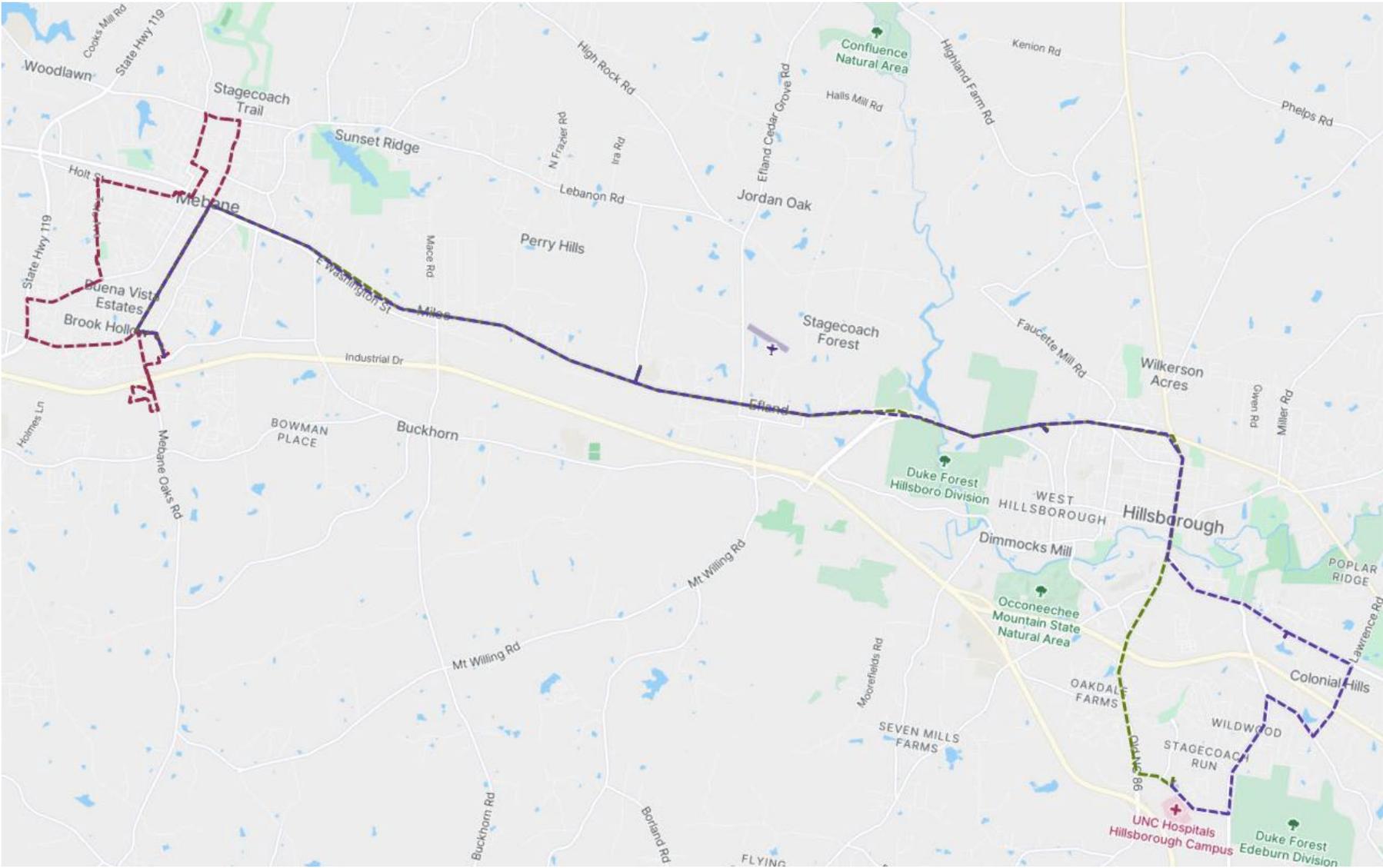
- Four Fixed Routes
- Large Volume of On-Demand
- 98% On Time
- Fare Free Fixed Routes



Current Service



Pilot Service



Schedule

Morning

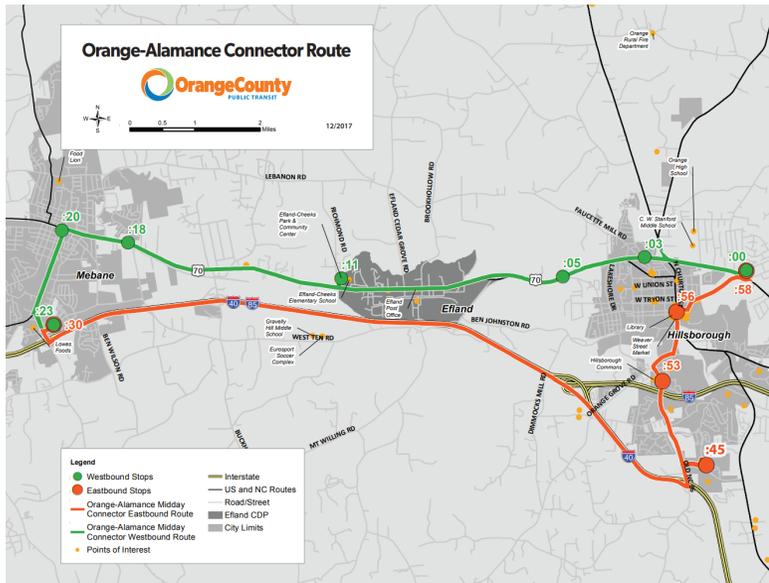
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Afternoon

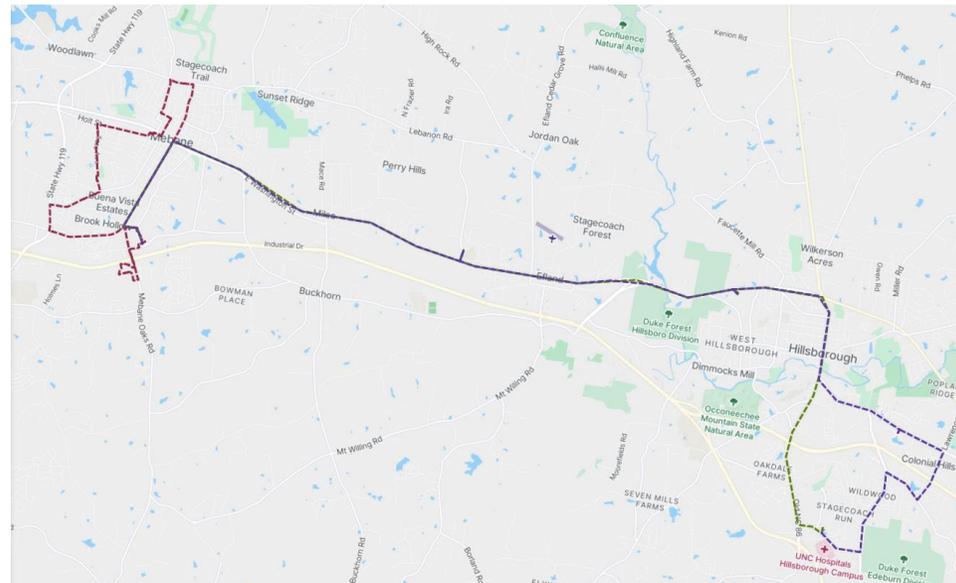
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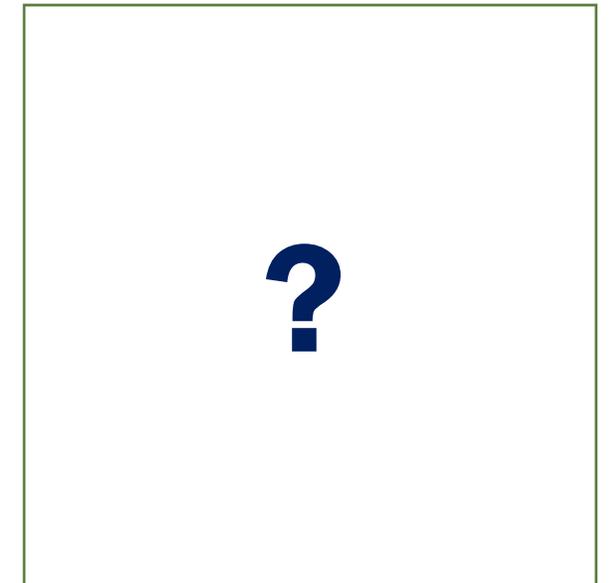
Phased Approach



Current Route
O-A Express



Short Term
O-A Mebane Combined



Long Term
Two Routes

Phased Approach

	Current <i>OA Express</i>	Short Term <i>OA-Mebane Combined</i>	Long Term <i>OA Express</i>	Long Term <i>Mebane Circulator</i>
Operating (Estimates)	1 Bus	1 Bus	1 Bus	1 Bus
	1.25 Drivers	1.25 Drivers	1.25 Drivers	1.25 Drivers
	.3 Dispatch & Support Staff	.3 Dispatch & Support Staff	.3 Dispatch & Support Staff	.3 Dispatch & Support Staff
Funding	Orange County	Orange County	Orange County	
	TWTPO	TWTPO	TWTPO	
	Transit Tax	Transit Tax	Transit Tax	

Next Steps



- Jan. 20: BGMPO
- Feb. 2: Mebane Town Council
- Feb. 16: OUTBoard (County)
- March 5: Board of County Commissioners
 - Public Hearing
- Spring: Service Change

Fixed Route Service in Mebane

Starting in 2026

