

Cary, NC

Town of Cary Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update



As a critical element of the Town of Cary's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Nelson\Nygaard analyzed existing and planned transit services, and identified where additional transit could best meet town growth. Recommendations for additional services were prioritized and mapped by anticipated need, and included conceptual-level plans of recommended routes, frequency, and hours of operation. Key origins and destinations that were not served or underserved but had significant potential to draw transit riders were highlighted. Recommendations included extending and splitting existing bus routes to serve recently developed neighborhoods, increasing service frequencies and span of service hours on the higher demand routes, partnering with neighboring municipalities to maximize service efficiencies, locating park-and-ride facilities to provide alternatives to driving into downtown at peak hours, and creating new special event shuttles for area events and game days.

In addition to the fixed-route services, Nelson\Nygaard evaluated the existing paratransit and social service (van shuttle) feeder services. The assessment of paratransit services focused on how specialized services could complement the fixed-routes and provide service to land uses outside of the fixed-route service area. Key connections for the paratransit services were assessed. Recommended service models included conceptual capital and operating costs and potential service performance measures.

On December 1, 2008, the town officially unveiled its updated C-Tran system, and the Town Board adopted Nelson\Nygaard's recommendations. The town renamed routes to make the system easier to understand, purchased three new vehicles, added bus stop signs, and revised schedules to allow easier transfers. In addition, the Town Board adopted Nelson\Nygaard's paratransit recommendations, including revising fare structures to reduce costs.



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Total Budget: \$250,000

Nelson\Nygaard Budget: \$60,000

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