TransitStream Master Workflow (Persistent Guide)

Orange Project Vision

Build **TransitStream**, a real-time transportation platform (bus/train fleet telemetry + customer-facing ETAs) using **Kafka**, **Spark Streaming**, **Postgres**, **Schema Registry**, **FastAPI**, and **Observability** (**Prometheus/Grafana**).

It should mimic industry best practices: **event sourcing, CQRS, exactly-once semantics, schema evolution, CI/CD, monitoring, multi-service orchestration**.

System Architecture (static blueprint)

- **Data ingestion**: Simulated GPS → Kafka (vehicle.position.v1 Avro).
- **Processing**: Spark Structured Streaming jobs (ETA compute, anomaly detection).
- Storage: Kafka (raw), Postgres (read models).
- Serving: FastAPI APIs + WebSocket feed.
- Coordination: Kafka topics link microservices.
- Observability: Prometheus, Grafana dashboards.
- CI/CD: GitHub Actions, Docker images, integration tests.

Milestone Roadmap

Milestone 0 - Infra up

- Docker Compose with Kafka (KRaft), Schema Registry, Postgres, Prometheus, Grafana.
- Verify: topics, schema registry health, Grafana accessible.

Milestone 1 - Ingestion & Event Sourcing

- FastAPI GPS ingestor → Kafka with Avro (Schema Registry).
- Use transactional/idempotent producers.
- DLQ for bad events.

Milestone 2 - Stream Processing

- Spark jobs: enrich positions, compute ETAs, detect anomalies.
- Exactly-once Kafka→Kafka sink.

Milestone 3 - CQRS Read Models

- Consumers project data into Postgres.
- Upserts ensure idempotency.
- Read models: vehicle_state, stop_eta.

Milestone 4 - Serving Layer

- FastAPI API: /eta, /vehicles/:id.
- WebSocket: /ws/live for real-time feed.

Milestone 5 - CI/CD

GitHub Actions pipeline: lint, test, build Docker images, run integration tests with Compose.

Milestone 6 - Observability

- Prometheus scrapes Kafka, Spark, FastAPI.
- Grafana dashboards (consumer lag, API latency, job health).

Milestone 7 - Advanced Patterns

- Event sourcing & CQRS fully applied.
- Schema evolution (backward compatible).

- Exactly-once semantics revisited.
- Stream joins (positions ⋈ routes).

Rules of Engagement (how I'll guide you)

- Explain, then code: I'll always tell you what this block does, why we need it, and where it fits in the bigger puzzle.
- **Debugging support**: If something breaks, I'll walk you through what to check, where it might fail, and how to verify.
- Checkpoint reminders: I'll remind you where we are in the roadmap (Milestone N, Step X).

Checkpoints & Progress Markers

Keep track of your progress like this (just edit your copy as you go):

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Progress Log:
- Milestone 0: Infra up 
- Milestone 1: Ingestor started 
- Milestone 2: Spark jobs pending
- Milestone 3: ...
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Whenever you come back after a break, just paste:

- The Master Workflow (this doc).
- Your **Progress Log**.

That instantly puts me back into your context.