



**WORKSHOPS ON EXPANDED BUS AND RAIL OPTIONS SET FOR MARCH**  
*Sessions Will Feature Updates on the Triangle's Transportation Future*

Research Triangle Park, N.C. (February 23, 2011) –The third round of public workshops highlighting nearly a year of work researching and evaluating transit options will begin on March 22. Triangle citizens are invited to participate in these important workshops on future bus and rail projects planned for the region.

These community meetings on the Triangle Regional Transit Program (TRTP) follow sessions held in the summer and fall of 2010 and will offer citizens the best opportunity to respond to a completed technical analysis of transit corridors under study in Wake, Durham and Orange counties. Citizens are encouraged to provide their feedback prior to county leaders discussing financial options and moving forward to finalize plans.

The workshops are scheduled from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with the exception of the workshop scheduled for Monday, March 28, in Raleigh, which will be from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Information presented will include each county's projects.

“Triangle Transit and our regional transit partners are wrapping up our initial work on bus and rail options. Getting the public's input improves our ability to produce plans that meet the region's future needs,” said Triangle Transit General Manager David King. “We hope that a healthy cross section of people who live and work in the area will lend their voices to the process.”

The TRTP workshop meeting dates and locations are:

Tuesday, March 22	4 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Raleigh - Triangle Town Center, First Floor Next to Dillard's, Triangle Town Center Blvd.
Wednesday, March 23	4 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Durham- Durham Station Transportation Ctr, 515 W. Pettigrew St.
Thursday, March 24	4 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Chapel Hill - Friday Center, Redbud Room, 100 Friday Center Dr.
Monday, March 28	6 p.m.- 9 p.m.	Raleigh - Mt. Peace Baptist Church, 1601 MLK Jr. Blvd. (NOTE LATER TIME)
Tuesday, March 29	4 p.m.-7 p.m.	Cary – Bond Park Senior Center, 120 Maury O'Dell Place (off High House Rd.)
Wednesday, March 30	4 p.m.-7 p.m.	Raleigh – NC State University – McKimmon Conference Center, 1101 Gorman St.
Thursday, March 31	4 p.m. - 7 p.m.	RTP - Research Triangle Park Foundation, 12 Davis Dr.

Representatives will be available to answer questions and share the latest information and receive community feedback on transit alignments and potential station areas in the three counties.

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The Triangle Regional Transit Program website, **[www.ourtransitfuture.com](http://www.ourtransitfuture.com)**, has more information on the corridors under study, technologies under review, videos on the transit program and online comment forms. Citizens are also invited to sign up for Facebook at (**[www.facebook.com/ourtransitfuture](http://www.facebook.com/ourtransitfuture)**) and Twitter (**<http://twitter.com/TheTRTP>**) and read news items about the TRTP.

Additionally, individual meetings, events, the website, newsletters, as well as Facebook and Twitter feeds will be utilized to keep citizens and stakeholders informed about the project's status and to provide an opportunity to raise issues or ask questions prior to the study's completion later this spring.

The work is part of the Federal Transit Administration's Alternatives Analysis process. An eventual Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is expected. The DEIS will conduct the detailed analysis and evaluation of environmental impacts and formal public participation process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

### **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Participant Information**

The meeting sites are accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged by calling 919-485-7468 at least one week prior to each meeting. Translation services and a court reporter will also be available at each meeting.

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