

TRANSIT AGENCIES PROPOSE CHANGES TO SERVICE
PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT

Research Triangle Park, NC (March 15, 2010) - Three of the Triangle's transit providers are proposing route changes to improve service for riders in the one of the region's busiest corridors.

Chapel Hill Transit, Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) and Triangle Transit, are making joint service recommendations for the U.S. 15-501 corridor.

The U.S. 15-501 corridor is an important connection between Chapel Hill and Durham and UNC and Duke University. Each day there are thousands of trips to the universities and hospitals, and commercial centers along the corridor.

If approved, the changes would:

- Enhance public transportation options and reduce traffic congestion
- Create seamless transfers for all agencies in the 15-501 corridor and reduce service duplication
- Establish a transfer point between Chapel Hill Transit and DATA
- Provide all-day, low-cost access to the commercial centers
- Provide direct, convenient, consistent connections to the downtowns, universities, and park-and-ride locations

The changes planned by all three transit agencies along and in the 15-501 corridor:

- Chapel Hill Transit routes affected would include extending D and DM routes to New Hope Commons Shopping Center and routing and schedule modifications to the CL route
- DATA route affected would be Route 10
- Triangle Transit routes affected would include the 402/412 and 403/413

Complete information about the proposed changes affecting service in the U.S.15-501 corridor can be found at: <http://www.gotriangle.org/15-501>.

Chapel Hill Transit, DATA and Triangle Transit will supply information about the proposed route changes on buses and information also will be posted at key stops along the affected routes. Comments may be made on line at: <http://www.gotriangle.org/15-501> or by leaving a message at 485-PLAN (7526).

The three agencies will host public meetings to provide further information at:

- Durham Station : March 23rd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
515 W. Pettigrew Street, Durham, NC 27701
- Chapel Hill Bible Church: March 24th from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
260 Erwin Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
- Triangle Transit Offices: March 25th from 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
4600 Emperor Blvd, Durham NC 27703, Board Room

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Final recommendations and approval of the recommendations will be made by June 30. The service changes would take place in mid-August 2010.

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