



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON EXPANDED BUS/RAIL OPTIONS ENDS THIS MONTH

Research Triangle Park, N.C. (April 6, 2011) – After more than a year of work researching and evaluating transportation options, Triangle citizens have just a few more weeks to share comments on future bus and rail projects. The deadline to share all comments on the Triangle Regional Transit Program is Monday, April 25, 2011.

“We are pleased that more than 1,100 citizens attended our public workshops and shared their thoughts on bus and rail,” said David King, General Manager of Triangle Transit. “In the next few days, we hope to hear comments from people who may have attended our meetings, but not completed comment forms or from those who could not attend but can still view our virtual workshop online. Their feedback will help us produce the best transit projects to meet the region’s future needs.”

There were 19 community meetings on the Triangle Regional Transit Program between June 2010 and March 2011. Meetings were held in several locations in Cary, Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh and in Apex, Carrboro, Garner, Knightdale, Morrisville, the Research Triangle Park and Wake Forest. The sessions permitted citizens the best opportunity to respond to a completed technical analysis of transit corridors under study in Wake, Durham and Orange counties before county leaders discuss financial options and move forward to finalize plans.

All information from the workshops is available online at www.ourtransitfuture.com. Since August 2010, there have been more than one-million web site hits reviewing project materials, maps, information on transit technologies and completing the online comment sheet.

People wanting to share their comments can complete the online form or send comments to: info@ourtransitfuture.com. Comments also can be mailed to the Triangle Regional Transit Program at P.O. Box 530, Morrisville, NC 27560, or leave a message on voice mail at 800-816-7817.

Work on the Triangle Regional Transit Program 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).

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