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PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLANS

Research Triangle Park, N.C. (May 9, 2008) - Triangle Transit is seeking public input on a Short-Range Transit Plan to guide the agency's improvements in regional bus, paratransit, and ridesharing services over the next five years.

Triangle Transit has been making exciting changes over the past year. This spring, we received 23 new buses to replace one third of our aging fleet. Our agency has also changed its name and adopted a new look, while re-emphasizing customer service. We have also been supporting leaders in the region through the Special Transit Advisory Commission in the development of a vision and a plan for transit's future in the region. Now, Triangle Transit is developing a plan for our system improvements over the next five years.

The Triangle Transit staff has completed an evaluation of both current services and thirty (30) potential new services. Among the items being considered:

- △ Re-routing to provide more direct service from North Raleigh to RTP
- △ Re-routing to provide more direct service from Cary Train Station to NC State University and downtown Raleigh
- △ Focused study to improve transit access to employers in Research Triangle Park
- △ Focused study to improve regional transit access to RDU Airport
- △ Offering Sunday service

Draft priorities for new services include:

- △ Wake Forest to Raleigh
- △ Zebulon to Raleigh
- △ Burlington to Duke and Downtown Durham
- △ Durham/Person County Line to Duke and Downtown Durham
- △ Clayton to Raleigh
- △ Pittsboro to UNC and Chapel Hill
- △ Holly Springs to NCSU and Raleigh
- △ Fuquay-Varina to Wake Tech and Raleigh

Triangle Transit is also seeking input on the need for direct service from downtowns to RDU International Airport.

The agency will be collecting feedback from the public on draft priorities through mid-May. The staff will complete a draft short-range transit plan by the end of May, and is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing on the draft plan in late June. The Triangle Transit Board of Trustees will consider adoption of the plan at its July meeting.

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Complete information about the priorities and a short feedback form are available on-line at www.triangletransit.org/srtp

Triangle Transit connects people and places in a way that is reliable, safe, and easy-to-use. Bus service is available to Apex, Cary, Chapel Hill, Durham, Garner, Hillsborough, RDU International Airport, RTP and Raleigh. In addition to vanpools, ridematching and paratransit services, Triangle Transit provides commuter resources and hosts GoTriangle.org, the convenient on-line resource for public transportation information in the Triangle.

For more information, visit www.triangletransit.org or call (919) 485-RIDE.

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