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Save Money and Help the Triangle and Our Country Reduce its Reliance on Oil
Take Triangle Transit on the 5th Annual National Dump the Pump Day (June 17)

Research Triangle Park, NC (June 13, 2010) - Upset about the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico? The 5th Annual National Dump the Pump Day on Thursday, June 17, will give people the chance to make a statement in support of public transit and its ability to help our country reduce its reliance on oil. Sponsored by Triangle Transit and the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), National Dump the Pump Day is a public awareness day that highlights the benefits of public transportation.

Public transportation in the Triangle and the nation is part of the solution for our country attaining energy independence. It's estimated that U.S. public transit ridership saves 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline annually. By using public transportation on June 17, people will be able to show their support for public transportation and also for our nation's goal of energy independence.

In addition, riding public transportation can help people save money. The most recent APTA Transit Savings Report showed that on the average, an individual can save more than \$9,000 a year by taking public transportation instead of driving a car.

Triangle Transit is joining with more than 100 public transportation systems in National Dump the Pump Day activities this year. Staff will be on hand to thank riders during the day. Triangle Transit's partner, GoTriangle, will celebrate the day with special activities on its Facebook and Twitter pages.

Triangle Transit improves the region's quality of life by connecting people and places with reliable, safe, and easy-to-use travel choices that reduce congestion and energy use, save money, and promote sustainability, healthier lifestyles, and a more environmentally responsible community.

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