



**TRIANGLE CITIZENS URGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON FUTURE TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS
AT UPCOMING MEETINGS IN JUNE AND JULY**

Research Triangle Park, NC (June 7, 2010) - Triangle citizens will have a chance to provide feedback on future transit improvements.

The upcoming community meetings on the Triangle Regional Transit Program will offer the opportunity for citizens to meet, share ideas and discuss future bus and rail transit.

The meetings follow work by the Special Transit Advisory Commission in 2008 and adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plans by the Capital Area MPO and Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO in 2009. The meetings are part of the federally prescribed Alternatives Analysis, following requirements and procedures of the Federal Transit Administration to support the case for future Federal funding of major capital investments.

The Alternatives Analysis begins with a survey of existing transportation-related conditions, identifies and confirms transportation needs, and defines the goals and objectives against which project alternatives will be evaluated.

Date	Location
Monday, June 28 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Raleigh Raleigh Convention and Conference Center, Room 304 500 S. Salisbury St.
Wednesday, June 30 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Durham Durham Public Library, Auditorium 300 N. Roxboro St.
Tuesday, July 6 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Cary Cary Town Hall, Atrium 316 N. Academy St.
Wednesday, July 7 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Chapel Hill Chapel Hill Town Hall 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Wednesday, July 14 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Knightdale Knightdale Town Hall 950 Steeple Square Ct.
Thursday, July 15 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Apex Halle Center for the Cultural Arts 237 N. Salem St.

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Public input at the meetings this month and in July will be essential to the success of the program. The public is invited to be part of the upcoming open house sessions to learn more about the Triangle Regional Transit Program and provide comments. Program team members and community representatives will be available to answer questions and share the latest information.

Follow-up meetings will be held in September 2010 and February 2011. Additionally, individual meetings, events, a Web site, newsletters, Facebook and Twitter feeds and other means 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 in Spring 2011.

Following the evaluation of the alternatives and the completion of the Alternatives Analysis, it is expected that the Capital Area MPO (CAMPO) and Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO (DCHC) will approve and select projects to proceed to development of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This study 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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