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Zebulon-Wendell-Raleigh Express Begins with Great Ridership

A new weekday express bus route is now connecting Zebulon and Wendell with downtown Raleigh.

The Zebulon/Wendell-Raleigh Express (ZWX) is a limited-stop route. Stops include Park-and-Ride lots in Zebulon and Wendell, WakeMed and Wake County Human Services off New Bern Ave, four stops at the state government complex, and the Moore Square Transit Station in downtown Raleigh.

At a dedication ceremony on November 10, General Manager David King, Wendell Mayor J. Harold Broadwell, Zebulon Mayor Bob Matheny, Wake Med Chief of Staff Judy O'Neal and Raleigh City

Councillor Russ Stephenson praised the service, which averaged 51 people during its first ten days.

The service is a partnership of Triangle Transit, the Towns of Wendell and Zebulon, and the City of Raleigh. The ZWX Express is part of Triangle Transit's Short Range Transit Plan to improve transit connections in the region. This marks the second partnership with Capital Area Transit to provided the service by agreement with Triangle Transit. Service between Wake Forest and Raleigh began last summer.



Local and Wake Med officials dedicate the new Zebulon-Wendell-Raleigh express

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Triangle Counties Work on Individual Transit Plans

With the adoption of House Bill 148, allowing county referenda on transit funding, leaders in Durham, Wake and Orange counties are working on individual transit plans for their areas.

The plans, drawn from Long Range Transportation Plans adopted by the Capital Area MPO and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, will begin to determine the level of expanded bus service and light rail service that may be possible



Durham Orange Friends of Transit (DO Transit) holds its organizational meeting in early November 2009

with sales taxes for transit. The counties and MPOs are working with Triangle Transit to evaluate the cost of expanded service and likely construction costs.

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The Zebulon/Wendell-Raleigh Express will run at peak commute times: Monday-Friday 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and Monday-Friday 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The fare for the route is \$2.50 per one-way trip or \$5.00 per round-trip.

Discount fares and passes are offered. Several employers in downtown Raleigh offer free or discounted transit passes to employees. The list of employers can be found at: <http://triangletransit.org/bus/fares/employee-tickets>.

Fare and schedule information for the Zebulon/Wendell-Raleigh Express is available online at: www.triangletransit.org/zwx or by calling the GoTriangle Regional Transit Information Center at 919-485-RIDE.



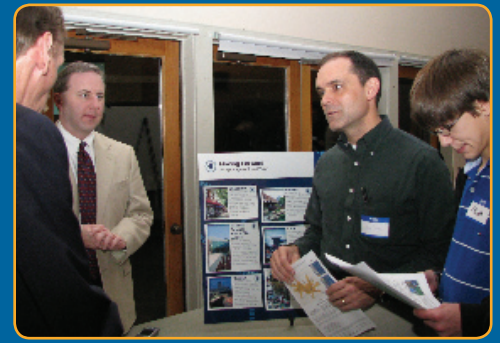
Both Zebulon and Wendell will have shelters and park and ride lots.

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Under provisions of the bill signed by Governor Bev Perdue, County Commissioners have the authority to call for a referendum in each area for a one-half cent sales tax. Commissioners can call for voter approval of a sales tax after each county has successfully completed its future transit needs plan.

More information is available at www.triangletransit.org/future or transitblueprint.org.



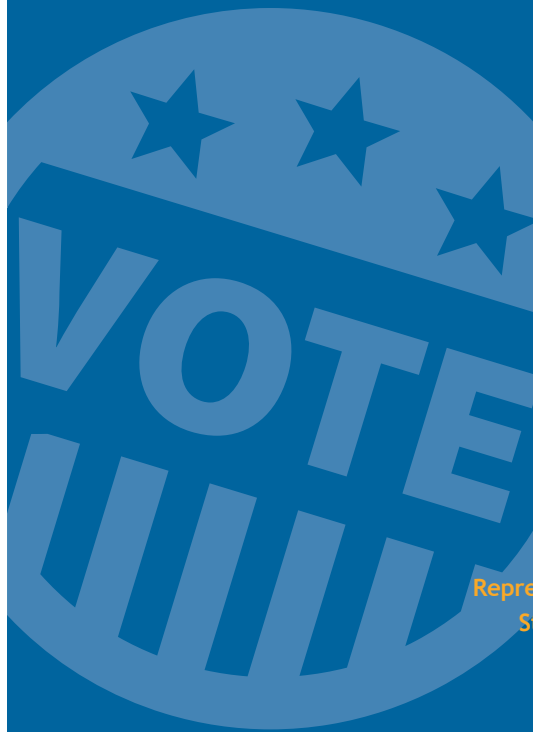
Mark Ahrendsen of DCHC (left) and Patrick McDonough of Triangle Transit (center) talk with interested citizens during the organizational meeting of Durham-Orange Friends of Transit (DO Transit) on November 4, 2009.



Governor Bev Perdue signs the Intermodal Bill into law—a huge step toward improving transit in North Carolina.



Triangle Transit Board Members congratulate Representative Deborah Ross, Representative Becky Carney and Senator Richard Stevens (center) at a recent meeting—thanking them for work on the Intermodal legislation.



On The Move Is Going Green!

Triangle Transit is Going Green. We're doing our part to preserve natural resources and converting many of our print projects into environmentally friendly publications. With this issue of *On The Move*, we will reduce postal delivery to our readers in favor of an e-mail delivery.

As of January 2010, you can receive e-mail delivery of *On The Move* when you notify us at publications@triangletransit.org. You'll be able to read each issue online at triangletransit.org under the "News" header.

You can catch up on the latest news 24/7 on our Web site at triangletransit.org, through rider alerts or on our Facebook page.

Shuttles Provide “A Whole Lotta Happy” for N.C. State Fair

Triangle Transit provided thousands of people headed to the N.C. State Fair with an alternative to driving and parking. Shuttle service was provided on both weekends of the fair, with pickups at the Eubanks Road Park-and-Ride in Chapel Hill and the Regional Transit Center on Slater Road in Durham, near the Research Triangle Park.



This year's exhibit co-sponsored by Triangle Transit and GoTriangle.org let people smile for the camera in a bus mockup at the site



A total of 1,549 people rode Triangle Transit weekend shuttles. Many fairgoers also visited the GoTriangle.org display at the GreenNC exhibit at the fair. This year, people were able to have their pictures taken in the GoTriangle bus and have their photos uploaded on Flickr as supporters of transit.



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If you're tired of the single commute or if your carpool is getting a little crowded, upgrade to a vanpool!

A vanpool is a group of 7-12 commuters who live and work in the same places and have similar schedules. The Triangle Transit provides vanpools with a van, a gas card, insurance and maintenance. Vanpool riders pay a low monthly fee based on mileage.

For a typical 30-mile round-trip commute, you pay \$43 per month. That is a big savings!

For more information visit: www.triangletransit.org/vanpool.

New GoTriangle.org Web site

The popular Web site for GoTriangle has been redesigned. Unveiled for the opening of the N.C. State Fair and new service to Zebulon/Wendell and downtown Raleigh, the Web site has easy to locate links for first-time users, airport shuttles, bikes on buses and the Emergency Ride Home Program. GoTriangle.org also has a new trip planner which is linked to Capital Area Transit (CAT), C-Tran (Cary), Chapel Hill Transit, Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA), the NC State Wolfline and Triangle Transit.

The RideGuide includes rules for riding transit and all service hours. There's also an update on real-time bus route information that'll be unveiled in 2010.



Information is readily available on ridesharing, teleworking, pedestrian resources, notes for employers and students and commute alternatives including Central Durham, Downtown Raleigh, Go Chapel Hill, NCSU Wolftrails, North Raleigh, SmartCommute@RTP and UNC. N.C. Central University and Wake Tech will be added soon.

our people



George Cianciolo has joined the Triangle Transit Board of Trustees. Cianciolo represents Chapel Hill on the Board and is the former Co-Chair of the Special Transit Advisory Commission.

Jeff Merritt is the newly-elected Chair of the Board of Trustees, succeeding *Bill Strom*. *Ellen Reckhow* of Durham County is Vice Chair and *Sig Hutchinson* of Raleigh has been elected Secretary. *Mary Ann Baldwin* of Raleigh is Treasurer.

Lauren Parker has joined Triangle Transit as the new marketing coordinator for GoTriangle.

Other new employees include: *Colette Murphy* as Vanpool Manager, *Chris Kott* as Finance Intern, *David Moore* as an Accounts Receivable Administrator, and *Keza Snyder* joins the agency as a full-time office assistant. *Jeremy Miller* has been named Maintenance Supervisor. *Anthony Brooks, Steven Calder, Patrick Clement, Gary Rodriguez* and *Jeryl Wright* have joined as Bus Operators. *Sandra Perry* is a new Paratransit Operator. *Bernadette Evans* and *Michael Rossiter* have been promoted to Dispatcher II. *Nicole Kennedy* is the new Bus Operations administrative assistant.



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