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**"TALKING BUS" TECHNOLOGY TO BE INSTALLED ON
MORE TRIANGLE TRANSIT VEHICLES**

Research Triangle Park, NC - (November 13, 2008) Triangle Transit is expanding the "talking bus" technology to more of its vehicles.

When 23 new vehicles manufactured by Gillig arrived this spring, the buses were equipped with the technology that announces stops along Triangle Transit's routes. The agency is now equipping 23 of its older buses with the technology.

"We've had good feedback to the 'talking bus' announcements," said Laurie Barrett, director of bus operations for Triangle Transit. "By adding the 'talking bus' technology to our older vehicles, it means that more passengers will have the popular convenience." The feature is very popular with the disabled community as well as visitors to the area or those using transit for the first time."

Installation on Thomas-built buses will be completed by early December. Buses purchased in future years will have the technology. Called Automated Voice Announce System (AVAS), as it is known in the transit industry, provides enhanced sound quality, more audio channels and optional integrated GPS to provide better tracking of vehicles along a route.

The upgrade is being paid for with a technology grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

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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