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### STROM TO LEAD TRIANGLE TRANSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Research Triangle Park, NC - (October 15, 2008) Chapel Hill Town Council Member Bill Strom has been elected chair of the Triangle Transit Board of Trustees. Strom's first board meeting as chair will be Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Strom is Triangle Transit's representative to the Durham Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization and has served as mayor pro tempore for the Town of Chapel Hill. He has a long record of public service and 25 years of business experience. He is a past recipient of the Goodman Award for Regional Service by Leadership Triangle and the Orange-Chatham Sierra Club's Outstanding Achievement Award.

"The Triangle area continues to be one of the faster growing regions in the country, and road congestion is increasing here at an astonishing rate," Strom said. "Triangle residents face important choices ahead that require investment in transit to help those stretched by the high cost of fuel, clean the air we breathe, ease our road congestion pressures and promote wise use of our land and resources."

Strom succeeds former chair Sig Hutchinson of Raleigh. Serving with Strom on the executive committee will be Jeff Merritt of Wake County as vice-chair, Ellen Reckhow of Durham County as secretary and Joe Freddoso of Wake County as treasurer.

Merritt is with Clancy & Theys of Raleigh, Reckhow is chair of the Durham County Commission, Freddoso is the CEO of MCNC in the Research Triangle Park.

Triangle Transit is governed by a 12-member board of trustees. Ten members are appointed by the region's principal municipalities and counties to staggered four-year terms. Two ex officio non-voting members are appointed by the North Carolina Secretary of Transportation. The Board of Trustees possesses the general legislative powers of Triangle Transit.

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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