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TRIANGLE TRANSIT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT

Research Triangle Park, N.C. - (June 2, 2009) Triangle Transit will apply for \$3.7 million in funds from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The federal stimulus package was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. Goals of the statute include the investment in transportation, environmental protection and other infrastructure providing long-term economic benefits.

The \$3.7 million grant application will be made to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for FY 2009. Triangle Transit has reached agreement with CAT, C-Tran, DATA and Chapel Hill Transit on the ARRA allocation that each transit system in the region will apply for.

Triangle Transit has identified \$3,707,709 for projects that are eligible for funding through the ARRA formula grant program:

- Eight buses for fixed route service (\$2,752,500)
- Three replacement vans for paratransit service (\$150,000)
- One expansion van for vanpool service (\$16,500)
- A Real-Time Arrival System to provide customers at 20 high volume bus stops with information on the arrival time of their bus via a Web interface (\$610,899)
- Bus Operations Maintenance Facility paving to repair and/or replace asphalt in the bus parking area and pass-through lanes (\$150,000)
- Transit enhancements such as benches, litter receptacles, schedule information displays, and bicycle racks (\$27,810)

“Better vehicles, the ability to give riders instantaneous real time arrival information and improved transit stops will allow us to enhance the ridership experience for our passengers,” said David King, general manager. The Triangle Transit Board of Trustees approved the grant application at its May 27 meeting.

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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