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TRIANGLE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP HITS NEW RECORD

Research Triangle Park, N.C. (July 7, 2008) - Ridership in June hit an all time high on Triangle Transit.

During June 2008, Triangle Transit's bus and shuttle service recorded ridership of 97,172, an increase of 30.2% over June 2007's ridership of 74,622.

Triangle Transit Board Chairman Sig Hutchinson said, "With the current cost of fuel, we are seeing that people want more choices, like the new service introduced today in Wake Forest. We believe ridership will continue to be strong as we work with other Triangle communities on partnerships to roll out future transit service and enhance our current routes."

June marks the third straight month of ridership gains. Ridership in April was 83,926 for a 20.5% increase over April 2007. Ridership in May was 85,652 for a gain of 14.5% over May last year.

Calls received at the GoTriangle Regional Transit Information Center at 485-RIDE in June hit a new high. 28,842 calls were received last month for information on all area transit providers, up 3,088 from May 2008. Call center operators have been averaging 135 calls a day. There were also 242,000 page requests for information in June at GoTriangle.org, the regional Web site for transit information.

Triangle Transit connects people and places in a way that is reliable, safe, and easy. Bus service is available to Apex, Cary, Chapel Hill, Durham, Garner, Hillsborough, RDU International Airport, RTP, Raleigh and Wake Forest. In addition to vanpools, ridematching and paratransit services, Triangle Transit provides commuter resources and hosts GoTriangle.org, the convenient on-line resource for public transportation information in the Triangle.

For more information, visit www.triangletransit.org or call (919) 485-RIDE.

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