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WAKE FOREST TO HOST WORKSHOP ON EXPANDED BUS AND RAIL OPTIONS

WAKE FOREST, NC – September 7, 2010 – Wake Forest-area residents are invited to participate in a public workshop on future bus and rail options on Wednesday, Sept. 15. The session is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the ground floor meeting room of the Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St., and will include two formal presentations at 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The community meeting on the Triangle Regional Transit Program (TRTP) will offer citizens the opportunity to respond to a technical analysis of transit corridors under study in Wake, Durham, and Orange counties. Information presented at the meeting will include each county's projects as well as the region.

“As the Triangle continues to expand and our population grows to record numbers, it is crucial we design a transportation system that can meet future demands,” said David King, CEO and General Manager of Triangle Transit. “Hearing from people who live and work in the Triangle and are invested in this community, improves our ability to produce plans which meet these future needs.”

The analysis will review the purpose and need for transportation-related improvements and the criteria by which project alternatives have been evaluated.

The Sept. 15 workshop is one of several scheduled throughout the region in September by Triangle Transit. These meetings follow a round of workshops in June and July as part of a federally prescribed process to support the case for future Federal funding of major capital investments.

Public input is essential to the success of the Triangle Regional Transit Program. Program team members and community representatives will be available to answer questions and share the latest information and receive community feedback.

The website for the Triangle Regional Transit Program has been updated. The site at www.ourtransitfuture.com has more information on the corridors under study, technologies

under review, view videos on the transit program and access online comment forms. Citizens are also invited to sign up for Facebook and Twitter feeds and read news items about the TRTP.

Additionally, individual meetings, events, the website, newsletters, as well as Facebook and Twitter feeds will be utilized to keep citizens and stakeholders informed about the project's status and to provide an opportunity to raise issues or ask questions prior to the study's completion in Spring 2011.

A third round of workshops will be held in February 2011. Following the third round of sessions, it is expected that the Capital Area MPO (CAMPO) and Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO (DCHC) will approve and select projects to proceed to development of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This study will conduct the detailed analysis and evaluation of environmental impacts and formal public participation process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

For more information, call (800) 816-7817 or visit www.ourtransitfuture.com.

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