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WORKSHOPS ON EXPANDED BUS AND RAIL OPTIONS CONTINUE THIS WEEK

Wake Forest, NC - March 28, 2011 - The third round of public workshops highlighting nearly a year of work researching and evaluating transit options continues this week beginning with tonight's meeting at Mt. Peace Baptist Church in Raleigh. Triangle citizens are invited to participate in these important workshops on future bus and rail projects planned for the region.

The community meetings on the Triangle Regional Transit Program (TRTP) follow sessions held in the summer and fall of 2010 and will offer residents the best opportunity to respond to a completed technical analysis of transit corridors under study in Wake, Durham and Orange counties. Residents are encouraged to provide their feedback prior to county leaders discussing financial options and moving forward to finalize plans.

All of the workshops are scheduled from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with the exception of tonight's workshop in Raleigh, which will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Information presented will include each county's projects.

The remaining TRTP workshop meeting dates and locations are:

- Monday, March 28 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. Raleigh - Mt. Peace Baptist Church, 1601 MLK Jr. Blvd.
- Tuesday, March 29 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Cary – Bond Park Senior Center, 120 Maury O'Dell Place (off High House Rd.)
- Wednesday, March 30 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Raleigh – NC State University – McKimmon Conference Center, 1101 Gorman St.
- Thursday, March 31 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. RTP - Research Triangle Park Foundation, 12 Davis Dr.

Representatives will be available to answer questions and share the latest information and receive community feedback on transit alignments and potential station areas in the three counties.

The Triangle Regional Transit Program website, www.ourtransitfuture.com, has more information on the corridors under study, technologies under review, videos on the transit program and online comment forms. Citizens are also invited to sign up for Facebook at (www.facebook.com/ourtransitfuture) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/TheTRTP>) 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 later this spring. The work is part of the Federal Transit Administration's Alternatives Analysis process. An eventual Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is expected. The DEIS will conduct the detailed analysis and evaluation of environmental impacts and formal public participation process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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