

## Regional Transportation Alliance

### Policy and Legislative Priorities

The Alliance works to build consensus among the regional legislative delegation, local elected officials, transportation leaders and the regional business community regarding key mobility policy priorities.

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#### Alliance top legislative priorities for 2007

- Turnpike gap funding legislation to assist Triangle Parkway, I-540, and other turnpike routes statewide
- Continued support at State level for a regional transit alternative

#### Alliance top policy priorities for 2007

- Accelerate key congestion-relieving transportation priorities (e.g., I-40, US 401) via GARVEE bonds or other funding mechanisms
- Turnpike funding to accelerate I-540 and Triangle Parkway
- Highway Trust Fund Loop funding for regional loop priorities, including
  - Durham - East End Connector
  - Raleigh - I-540 Loop (or identify gap funding to assist with toll acceleration)

#### Alliance ongoing legislative priorities

- Modernize the transportation allocation formula for new State funding
- Begin statewide conversation on need to modernize the transportation allocation formula for all State and federal funding
- Legislative authorization for transportation/infrastructure local option funding
- Turnpike revenue retention legislation for existing roads to ensure a user fee relationship (if necessary)

# North Carolina League of Municipalities

## 2007-2008 NCLM Advocacy Agenda -Core Principles

The following advocacy agenda was approved by the full membership at the 2006 annual business meeting in Greensboro on October 17. Please contact the League's advocacy staff if you have any questions.

As approved by the NCLM Board, the advocacy agenda in priority order is:

### **Infrastructure Financing**

The League will seek legislation to provide additional funds for municipal infrastructure, including both short term funding in the form of bonds and a long-term permanent source of revenue.

- The League will seek adequate permanent and dedicated sources of revenue for infrastructure needs.
- The League will seek legislation to create additional local option revenue sources for municipalities, which may be dedicated to infrastructure needs including those required for transportation, water, and sewer services.
- The League will seek legislation authorizing a state bond package that includes significant funding for clean water projects and urban transportation needs.

### **Transportation**

Transportation funding shortfalls and the increasing cost associated with building and maintaining new roads need to be addressed at the state and local level.

- The League will seek a legislative study of transportation issues, to include an evaluation of the DOT equity formula, a comparison of the total motor fuel tax collected in each county to highway trust fund expenditures, and realignment of DOT operational divisions to match regional planning needs and transportation functionality.
- The League will seek legislation to prohibit transfer of Highway Trust Fund monies to the General Fund so that these funds can be directed to vital transportation needs.