

**RESOLUTION OF THE TRIANGLE TRANSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED CONGESTION RELIEF/INTERMODAL
TRANSPORTATION FUND BILL**

WHEREAS, the 21st Century Transportation Committee was established to study the transportation infrastructure needs of the State; and

WHEREAS, the 21st Century Committee was authorized to report on issues surrounding transportation, including local funding options for transportation; and

WHEREAS, the 21st Century Committee has drafted legislation to establish a Congestion Relief and Intermodal Transportation 21st Century Fund that would give counties and transportation authorities an opportunity to obtain an additional source of revenue with which to meet their needs for financing local public transportation systems by authorizing counties to levy a one-half percent (½%) sales and use taxes if approved in a referendum; and

WHEREAS, increased local finance options would provide funds for infrastructure improvements and for strengthening public transportation services for which there currently are no available funding sources; and

WHEREAS, a Special Transit Advisory Commission (STAC) to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) has been formed to recommend a plan for major transit investments in the Triangle area; and

WHEREAS, the STAC has determined that major transit investments have a dramatic impact on shaping future development and sustaining a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, dedicated state funding will be needed to implement the approved plan and strengthen public transportation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Triangle Transit Board of Trustees that the Board supports the proposed legislation to establish a Congestion Relief and Intermodal Transportation 21st Century Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such legislation authorizing local revenue options should specifically list transit as an approved use of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration, distribution and governance of locally raised funds be clearly and succinctly outlined.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds appropriated for intercity passenger rail have an annual cap, similar to shortline railroads, rail improvements, and intermodal facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tax be exempt from both food and medicine

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be shared with state and local elected officials from Wake, Durham, and Orange counties.

ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL 2008.

Sig Hutchinson, Board of Trustees Chair

ATTEST:

Michelle C. Dawson, Clerk to the Board