

Triangle Area Transit News – October 2008

NCDOT-PTD Community Transit Conference – The conference was held from October 20 to the 22, at the Sheraton in Raleigh. The theme was good to great. Over 135 people participated in the conference.

Consultancy for updating Community Transportation System Five Year Plans – NCDOT has issued a call for proposals for a series of short range studies covering most of 100 counties in North Carolina. One mission is to make the Community Transit Systems a vital part of the Triangle Area transportation system. There will be a large emphasis on collaboration and consolidation. The Triangle Urban and Regional Transit Agencies will be asked to define their relationships with: Johnston County Area Transit, Durham County Access (especially as it relates to DATA), Chatham Transit Network, Orange County Public Transit and Wake Coordinated Transportation System. The goal will be to create more concise short range objectives that can be monitored and evaluated by NCDOT. There needs to be a discussion of how the MPO captures the inputs and outputs of CTS in their planning and reporting documents.

FTA - New Starts Grant follow-up

After several conversations with FTA, NCDOT endorsed an extension request until December of 2009 related to the New Starts Grant funds previously appropriated to Triangle Transit. This means that Triangle Transit must deliver a definable mass transit project to FTA by December of 2009. If not, Triangle Transit will need to dispose of the properties purchased under the grant and return the revenues to FTA.

Triennial Review - FTA completed the State Management Review in North Carolina on October 3. Two Community Transit Systems were visited as part of the review. FTA cited several deficiencies and NCDOT-PTD has been given 30 days to respond to the compliance issues. Consequently there will be a flurry of requests going out in November that require immediate attention from the properties, i.e. updating DBE practices, Charter reporting, etc.. We appreciate your attention to these matters.

State Administered Sections 5310, 5316 and Section 5317 Applications

A call for projects will be issued by December 31, 2008; competitive selection will be conducted between January 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009. All projects must be derived from a locally coordinated human service transportation plan. A big thanks to Triangle Transit for recently facilitating locally coordinated human service transportation plans for the counties in the CAMPO and DCHC planning area.

Dream big and dream soon

NCDOT-PTD would like to create a list of potential projections that would meet the likely federal criteria of a new economic stimulus package. NCDOT-PTD needs your information as soon as possible. Based on H. R. 7110 and recent discussions with our Washington DC office, money is likely to be 100% federal (no local match required). Eligible items are likely to be: Capital Projects, Service Expansion, Fare Reductions, Avoidance of Fare or Service Reductions, Avoid Fare Increases, Acquire Clean Fuel Equipment/Facilities, Establish/Expand Commuter Matching Services. Service that you can start right now - if you only had operating funding are good candidates. New facilities would be a hard sell. Please send your requests with a full project description, estimated cost, timetable and contact information to Mike Kozak at NCDOT-PTD.

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NCDOT NOVEMBER 2008 BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION **AGENDA** – Transit Items

Project No. 09-90- X442-00	Triangle Transit. The grant provides for replacement of 5 lift equipped buses, expansion of the van program by 2 vehicles, plus State funding for work completed on the Metropolitan Planning Program. The effective date is July 1, 2007.	5307 funds \$1,120,991 \$128,652 \$133,483	Federal State Local
09-95-X27- 00	The grant provides for replacement of 10 buses and expansion of the van program by 16 vehicles. The effective date is July 1, 2006.	\$2,978,400 \$372,300 \$372,300	Federal State Local
Project No. 09-04-0007- 01	The amendment provides for replacement of 3 buses, one of which will be lift equipped. The effective date is July 1, 2006. Triangle Transit Grant Total: Federal = \$4,839,391, State = \$593,452, Local = \$505,783	5309 funds \$740,000 \$92,500 \$92,500	Federal State Local
Project No. 09-90- X445-00	Durham Area Transit Authority -DATA The grant provides funding for purchase of one para-transit van and work on the Short Range Transit Plan. The recommended effective date is July 1, 2007.	5307 funds \$483,679 \$60,459 \$60,460	Federal State Local
09-95- X012-01	The grant provides funding for purchase of an addition hybrid bus to expand the DATA fleet. The effective date is July 1, 2008 DATA Grant Total: Federal = \$1,071,016, State = \$133,876, Local = \$133,877	\$587,337 \$73,417 \$73,417	Federal State Local
Project No. 09-US-046	Durham County ACCESS The State grant provides for the Administrative cost for FY2008-09. The State Capital grant funds are for purchase of three lift equipped vans to replace similar equipment that has met its useful service life. The effective date is July 1, 2008. Durham County ACCESS Grant Total: State = \$189,253, Local = \$26,498	5311 funds \$83,683 \$14,768 \$105,570 \$11,730	Admin. State Local Capital State Local
Project No. 09-03-0081- 00	Capital Area Transit - CAT The grant provides funding for purchase of 2 buses to expand the CAT fleet. The effective date is September 1, 2007.	5309 funds \$579,145 \$72,393 \$72,393	Federal State Local
09-04-0004- 00	The grant provides funding for purchase of 12 buses to expand the CAT fleet and one replacement vehicle. The effective date is June 14, 2006	\$3,404,714 \$425,589 \$425,589	Federal State Local
09-04-0025- 00	The grant funds will be used for FY 2008 Land Acquisition. The effective date is July 1, 2008	\$2,805,600 \$350,700 \$350,700	Federal State Local
Project No. 09-95- X019-00	The grant provides funding for replacement of 13 buses. The Federal share is 83% of the cost and CAT requests a State match of 8%. The effective date is July 1, 2008.	5307 funds \$3,575,000 \$344,578 \$387,651	CMAQ Federal State Local

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09-JA-001	<p>The employment based grant will allow CAT to extend the period of time to operate the recently implemented Wake Forest Express service and the Wake circulator route. The funds will also allow Capital Area Transit to initiate a new route to Wake Technical Community College's south campus. The effective date is November 1, 2008.</p> <p>CAT Grant Total: Fed. = \$10,630,459, State = \$1,518,288, Local = \$1,561,361</p>	<p>5316 funds \$590,960 \$266,000 \$325,028</p>	<p>Total Federal Local</p>
<p>Project No. 09-90-X436</p>	<p>Chapel Hill Transit - CHT The grant provides funding for work on the Short Range Transit Plan. The effective date is July 1, 2007.</p> <p>Burlington Express Service Operating funds Effective date is November 1, 2008</p> <p>Pittsboro Express Service Operating funds Effective date is November 1, 2008</p> <p>CHT Grant Total: Federal = \$506,544, State = \$12,323, Local = \$420,283</p>	<p>5307 funds \$88,024 \$11,003 \$11,003</p> <p>5316 funds \$245,768 \$1,320 \$236,528</p> <p>\$172,752 \$172,752</p>	<p>Federal State Local Federal State Local Federal Local</p>

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National Transit Data - monthly ridership (fixed route plus demand responsive) – Where’s that \$4 gas spike in ridership?

