



Wake County Transit Plan Workgroup
 Meeting Summary
 March 15, 2011
 Participants

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The meeting agenda included the following:

1. Bus Prioritization and Goal Setting
2. Provide 2009 LEHD Demand Analysis for Commuter System
3. Developing the three-year bus scenarios (low, medium, high)

Mr. Robert Bush, consultant for the firm HDR led the discussion concerning the bus prioritization process. He noted that the group will need to develop costs associated with the priorities to be established. The priorities will be completed for the three horizon years associated with the Transit Plan (years 2015, 2020, and 2030); with Year 2015 serving to examine three scenarios of low, medium, and high costs for bus transit.

As discussion about prioritization continued, the group struggled over goals to be accomplished, the political will to financing project using local funding. The group also expressed its concerns about the scheduled Triangle Transit Mayors and Managers meeting for Thursday's (March 17) meeting. A staff member from Triangle Transit addressed the group and stated that during Triangle Transit's meeting with the Mayors and City Managers on Thursday a spreadsheet will be presented that addresses various transit scenarios, assumes differences in costs, revenues, and implementation dates for the transit scenarios. The goal for the meeting is to have the elected officials and managers familiarize themselves with transit choices and the impacts of those transit choices.

Following additional discussion, the consensus of the group agreed that outlying commuter service between Raleigh and the smaller towns surrounding Raleigh is essential. A total investment of 300,000 bus service hours would be necessary. Mr. David Eatman that such an investment scenario has been run. The group determined that cutting the number of bus service hours to 200,000 be essential. Mr. Eatman and Mr. Ed Johnson suggested that both Kyle and Amy work on creating a GIS file that allows the participants to add or remove transit routes in order to reach the 200,000

threshold. The presentation of the proposed GIS maps and associated scenarios will be given at the Tuesday, March 22, 2011 meeting.