

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: August 18, 2009

Action Agenda

Item No. 3-a

SUBJECT: Triangle Transit Presentation on Plans for Expansion of Bus and Rail Services in the Region

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Inspections

PUBLIC HEARING: (Y/N)

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ATTACHMENT(S):

INFORMATION CONTACT:

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PURPOSE: To receive a presentation from Triangle Transit staff regarding the latest available information on Orange County plans for expansion of bus and rail services in the region.

BACKGROUND: The Regional 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan includes the Regional Transit Vision Plan recommended by the Special Transit Advisory Committee that was appointed by both the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations. The Federal Highway Administration approved both metropolitan transportation plans for air quality conformity on June 15, 2009.

The Regional Transit Vision Plan proposes:

- Light rail transit stretching from North Raleigh to Cary, Research Triangle Park, Durham and Chapel Hill;
- Major expansion of local bus service in Raleigh, Cary, Durham, and Chapel Hill and along Triangle Transit routes; and
- Increased express bus service from outlying areas into center cities.

Triangle Transit will present an update on the latest news on enabling legislation at the General Assembly for local options for transit, the best estimates of available funds in up-to-date financial plans, and the services that can be funded by those financial plans.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no direct financial impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION(S): The Interim Manager recommends the Board receive the Triangle Transit presentation.