

*The Regional Transportation Alliance is the business leadership group that provides a strategic, action-oriented focus and a powerful, collaborative voice to advance regional transportation solutions that will attract top talent, grow our prosperity, and sustain our quality of life.*

**In 2011/12, RTA members and partners have compiled an enviable record of success in accelerating key transit, freeway, intercity higher speed rail, and air service improvements:**

**Transit**

- Endorsed Orange County transit referendum, which passed with nearly 60 percent of the vote in November 2012
- Coordinated planning efforts for North Carolina's first Bus on Shoulders Systems (BOSS) pilot, which launched July 2012
- Advocated for vetted regional transit plans and held fourth annual poll in Orange and Wake counties
- Created recommendations for regional bus route designation harmonization for transit partners
- Supported Raleigh's successful request for funding of Union Station totaling \$60 million for current and future train operations

**Freeway**

- Triangle Connector to Interstate-85, our top freeway priority, began right-of-way acquisition in fall 2012
- North Carolina's first modern turnpike, The Triangle Expressway, opened from I-40 in Durham County South to U.S. 64 in Apex
- The next phase of the turnpike will open Jan. 1, 2013, to U.S. 1 South freeway and NC 55/Holly Springs Bypass
- Hired consultant to identify possible alternative corridors and study improvements for 540/Triangle Expressway extension
- Requested funding for new interchange on U.S. 70/Brier Creek Parkway, which was awarded \$13.4 million via NC Mobility Fund
- Requested funding in cooperation with Town of Cary for I-40/Aviation Parkway improvements, which received \$3.6 million
- Successfully requested speed limit increases for Wade Avenue extension, U.S. 1 South to Sanford, and I-540
- Spearheaded regional effort to advance future Interstate corridor from Raleigh to Hampton Roads, Va.
- Initiated Triangle Core Freeway Network action team to focus on vital intraregional mobility

**Intercity Higher Speed Rail**

- Held RTA Breakfast event on higher speed rail keynoted by legislative chairs of Virginia-North Carolina Higher Speed Rail Compact
- Developed one-page summary of higher speed rail in North Carolina and Virginia for Compact members and staff
- Submitted comments on Northeast Corridor Future initiative concerning higher speed rail between North Carolina and Virginia

**RDU Air Service**

- Region achieved highest RTA priority for expanded RDU domestic flight service—nonstop to San Francisco
- Requested installation of Global Entry self-serve kiosks to expedite international travel at RDU, which began in 2012

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