



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, RTA members and partners have compiled an enviable record of success in accelerating key highway, transit, intercity high speed rail, and air service improvements:

- > Lobbied for the successful retention of \$500 million in federal funding for higher speed rail improvements between Raleigh and Charlotte, enabling enhanced future passenger rail options in the Piedmont Crescent
- > Partnered with southern mid-Atlantic chambers to highlight the “Connecting the Capitals” higher speed rail corridor, with \$4 million in federal funding received to finalize studies from Raleigh to Richmond, Virginia
- > Celebrated the completion of the I-40 Cary/Raleigh widening project – initiated by the RTA in 2007 – which unclogged the region’s top bottleneck and resulted in peak travel time savings of around 30%
- > Advocated for vetted regional transit plans and held 3rd annual poll in Durham, Orange, and Wake counties
- > Endorsed Durham County transit referendum which passed with 60% of the vote in November 2011
- > Kept the Triangle Connector to I-85 – our top freeway priority – moving forward to construction by 2014
- > Supported the concurrent tolling of 540/Triangle Expressway turnpike segments east and west of NC 55
- > Coordinated the I-40 Regional Partnership which advanced multiple interchange improvements in 2011
- > Led first-ever I-40 Partnership working visit, focused on transit and congestion relief innovations in MN
- > Catalyzed and coordinated planning efforts for a possible Bus on Shoulders Systems (BOSS) pilot on I-40
- > Worked with partners to stress the need to keep 540/Triangle Expressway extension moving forward
- > Assisted RDU’s efforts to leverage our region’s stunning new Terminal 2 into expanded flight options
- > Spearheaded regional effort to advance future Interstate corridor from Raleigh to Hampton Roads, Virginia
- > Held sold-out RTA Transportation Breakfast keynoted by county commissioner remarks on regional transit
- > Launched “Making Transit Simpler” action team to explore regional harmonization of bus route numbers

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