



Regional
Transportation
Alliance

Accomplishments by RTA and Partners in 2015

Results of Business Community Engagement

Effective transit options and sound investment frameworks

- Sound Wake Transit process with rational multimodal investment framework endorsed by advisory committee
- Bus rapid transit incorporated into final Wake Transit draft plan
- Balanced access and user fee-based funding approach approved by NC Legislature

Shorter commute times and a complete freeway network

- Complete 540 draft environmental study of multiple alternatives released
- Triangle Connector to I-85 (Future I-885) goes under construction between RTP and I-85
- U.S. 70 freeway conversion moves forward with funding for more than 50 percent of corridor
- U.S. 1 freeway conversion north of I-540 to Wake Forest approved with full funding
- Freeway speed limit increases approved by NCDOT for portions of NC 147 and U.S. 15-501

Connections to economic opportunity in the U.S. and abroad

- RTA Air Service Advancement Project launched to attract second transcontinental flight
- Delta Air Lines announces new non-stop service from RDU to Paris beginning May 2016
- Fifth non-stop West Coast destination from RDU secured with new direct flight to Seattle
- Bills to authorize Future Interstate 44, Raleigh – Hampton Roads, Va., approved by U.S. Senate and U.S. House
- Final environmental document approved for Raleigh – Richmond higher speed rail initiative

Innovative partnerships bring region together to move us forward

- NCDOT endorses and adopts “Synchronized Streets” name and creates 2-pager
- NCDOT publishes outreach pieces for “dual flashing yellow arrow” intersection treatment
- Shoulder managed lanes action team launched with NCDOT to advance this congestion relief concept for 540I-40/Fortify reconstruction successfully proceeds with much lower delay to travelers than projected

Strengthening regional business community engagement

- RTA launches new, responsive website and releases nearly 20 blogs on business community priorities
- RTA expands chairs council to 20+ representatives to increase our executive volunteer leadership and perspective
- RTA holds multiple events to highlight transportation innovations for hundreds of business, elected, and transportation officials
- RTA grows the regional Leadership Team by 50 percent in two years and enhances membership and sponsorship benefits

Summary of 2016 Priorities

- Develop consensus around draft transit plan and pass Wake Transit referendum in fall 2016
- Accelerate “Complete 540” to I-40 in southeastern Wake County, RTA’s top freeway priority
- Convert U.S. 70 to freeway between Durham and I-540, RTA’s top freeway conversion priority
- Encourage use of RDU nonstop service to Paris and London with RTA’s Air Service Advancement Project
- Advance shoulder managed lanes to relieve peak congestion on 540
- Lobby for I-495 completion and I-44 designation to connect Raleigh – Hampton Roads, Va.
- Advance Synchronized Streets and Dual Left flashing arrows through the I-40 Partnership
- Launch pilot for freeway flow protection on I-540 via ramp metering signals
- Minimize impact of I-40/Fortify construction through communication and travel alternatives
- Encourage consideration of dual use for Durham-Orange corridor to advance regional benefits
- Support the balanced access-and user-fee based funding approach approved by NC legislature in 2015
- Advance higher speed rail to Richmond, Washington, DC. and Charlotte

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