## Regional FAST network study: An enhanced Freeway And Street-based Transit vision for the Triangle

The regional business community along with local and state transportation partners seek to **accelerate a region-wide network of high-quality transit routes** to better connect and serve the entire Triangle area.

**Funded by RTA, GoTriangle and NCDOT**, the Freeway And Street-based Transit (*FAST*) study is developing an illustrative, scalable approach to transform our roadways into multimodal corridors that can provide rapid, frequent, and reliable transit service across the region.

A **FAST** network will **Capitalize** on the great work that has already been done by the various agencies in the Triangle, **Complement** the existing investments being made on transit studies, plans and implementation, and become a **Champion** to leverage the existing freeway and street system with targeted transit advantage to improve accessibility and opportunity.

The FAST study envisions a truly regional transit network, connecting our largest communities and activity centers and serving RDU Airport and Research Triangle Park.

## FAST Objectives: Aspirational and Actionable

- Define an illustrative regional *FAST* network for the Triangle
- Identify rapid projects and pilots for the next 18 months
- Create scalable network buildouts for 2025, 2030, 2035
- Develop a FAST guide for prioritizing transit on roadways

The FAST study is the pre-planning work designed to inspire, inform, and advance ideas for improving regional connectivity, supported by technical analysis.

## **FAST** Features: Sample Strategies for the Triangle

- Freeway priority lanes for transit
- Bus On Shoulder System (BOSS) expansion
- Dedicated 'RED' transit lanes on streets
- Direct linkages, ramps, and bypass lanes for transit
- High quality stations that provide regional accessibility

The FAST study aims to institutionalize transit accommodations as part of roadway projects to improve mobility for all travelers.

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The FAST network will successfully link the five approved bus rapid transit corridors and connect to the proposed commuter rail.

Consulting firm VHB is leading the *FAST* study with team members Stantec and Catalyst Design.

Preliminary study findings will be released July 16. Details will be posted to <a href="letsgetmoving/FASTnetwork">letsgetmoving/FASTnetwork</a>.





