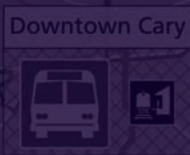


The State of Mobility 2008

2008 Annual Report



**Regional
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Let's get moving!™

Alliance members and partners,

The region continued to move forward during the past year, with our success highlighted by legislative approval of gap funding for the proposed 540 / Triangle Expressway turnpike. This investment will help create 16 miles of new turnpike freeway in southern Durham and western Wake counties and provide an essential link to Research Triangle Park. The completion of the turnpike and the entire Research Triangle Freeway corridor, including the proposed Durham East End Connector, is vital for our region's future.

The accelerated Interstate 40 widening between Cary and Raleigh—an initiative championed by the Alliance—moved closer to construction during 2008, as did improvements to I-40 guide signage. The Alliance will continue to focus on improvements for the Triangle's "Main Street" into 2009, and we applaud the efforts of the North Carolina Department of Transportation to improve this vital economic corridor as quickly as possible.

Transit moved ahead in 2008, with the release of the final report from the Special Transit Advisory Commission (STAC). The Alliance approved STAC's vision of buses, circulators and rail funded by a new local option mechanism. In addition, we created the Triangle's first region-wide transit overview map that shows both local and regional bus routes and service frequencies. We look forward to the completion of transit plans by the region's metropolitan planning organizations in 2009 and we stand ready to help advance our multimodal transportation future.

While air service was a challenge this year, RDU remains poised for the future with the opening of the stunning new terminal 2 and the subsequent announcement of new nonstop service to Paris by next summer. We will continue our efforts to attract and retain new service in the coming year in partnership with RDU.

The bottom line is that mobility problems don't take care of themselves. With your help, the Alliance will continue to provide the business leadership needed to ensure that our mobility future is sound.

Thank you for your support, membership and leadership.

Jim Captain

2008-09 Chair, Regional Transportation Alliance

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Accomplishments and Priorities

The Alliance and the region achieved the following successes during 2008:

- » Legislative gap funding for 540/Triangle Expressway turnpike
- » N.C. Department of Transportation approval of accelerated widening of I-40 between Cary and Raleigh
- » Triangle's first Regional Transit Overview Map
- » Support for the Special Transit Advisory Commission and approval of the STAC vision of buses, circulators and rail
- » Leadership events, including spring Transportation Breakfast, summer visit from Federal Highway Administrator, and fall annual State of Mobility event
- » Transportation Solutions Forums provided ideas for efficient solutions at congested intersections
- » Coordinated a sign audit for I-40 in Raleigh to enhance future guidance for motorists

Ongoing work for 2009:

- » Advancing the funding and planning of bus, circulator, and rail transit in the Triangle region
- » Ensuring the construction of vital highway corridors, including the 540/Triangle Expressway, I-40 widening between Cary and Raleigh, and the proposed Durham East End connector
- » Improving congested intersections and upgrading critical commuter routes
- » Supporting the 21st Century Transportation Committee's efforts to modernize transportation funding in both urban and rural areas
- » Increasing the number of RDU flights and destinations



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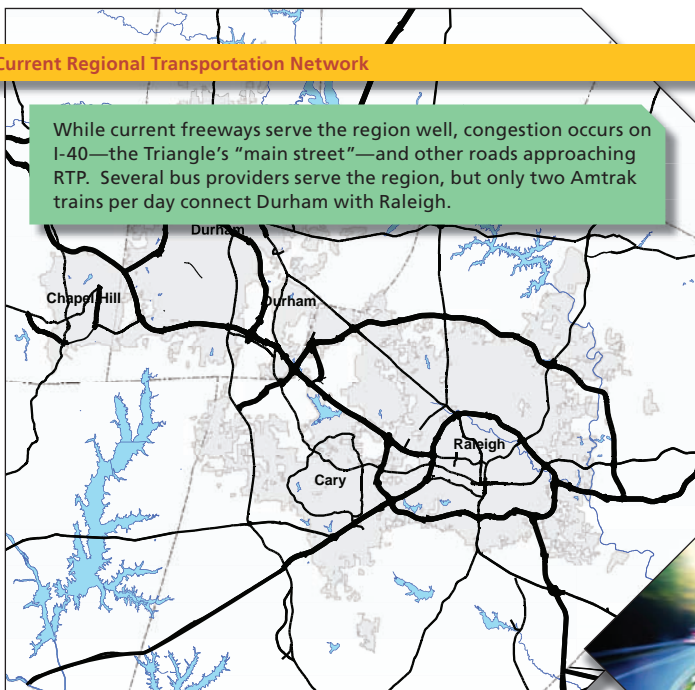
Rick Weddle
Former RTA Legislation and Policy Chair
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"Transportation impacts productivity and safety and directly affects our way of life. That's why so many key leaders in the Triangle have joined the Regional Transportation Alliance."

Lynne Garrison
RTA Development Chair
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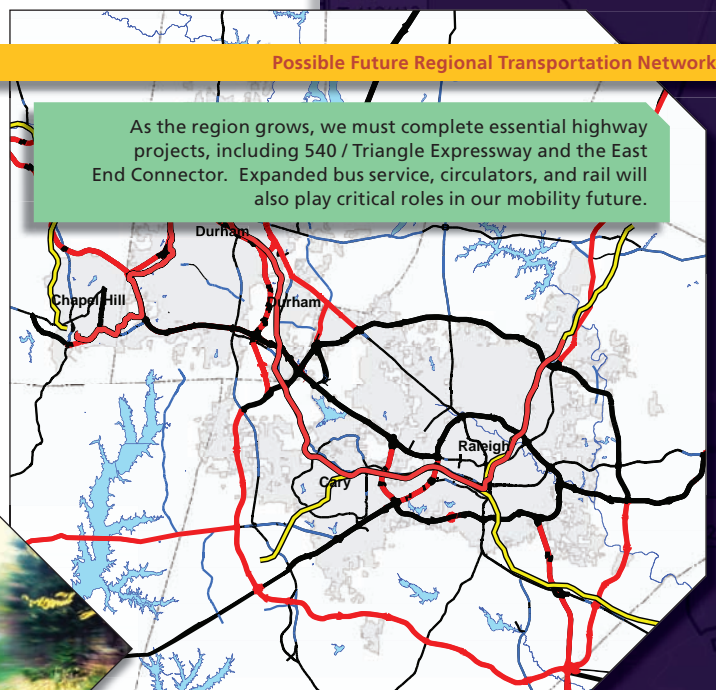
Current Regional Transportation Network

While current freeways serve the region well, congestion occurs on I-40—the Triangle's "main street"—and other roads approaching RTP. Several bus providers serve the region, but only two Amtrak trains per day connect Durham with Raleigh.



Possible Future Regional Transportation Network

As the region grows, we must complete essential highway projects, including 540 / Triangle Expressway and the East End Connector. Expanded bus service, circulators, and rail will also play critical roles in our mobility future.





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