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Joe serves as Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Alliance, the voice of the business community on transportation in North Carolina's Research Triangle area. RTA is a metropolitan private-public partnership that drives consensus and action.

Joe has led business advocacy efforts on transportation issues and policy since the founding of the RTA membership organization in 2002. His primary role is to accelerate success on essential priorities by bringing the regional business community together, leveraging its strength and voice, and providing strategic focus and direction.

Under Joe's leadership, the RTA has successfully advocated for the construction, enhancement, and advancement of more than 250 miles of freeway, including the state's first modern toll road; three successful countywide transit referenda that have secured more than \$1 billion in local funding; a statewide mobility fund for lower cost projects; a new transatlantic flight; and America's first dynamic left turn intersection.

RTA includes more than 100 of the leading employers in the Raleigh and Durham area, in business sectors as diverse as life sciences, technology, utilities, real estate, financial services, professional services, and universities, along with key transportation partners. The RTA also serves as a confederation of 25 member chambers of commerce across 12 counties in central and eastern North Carolina on regional transportation issues.

Joe holds master's degrees in both business management and civil engineering from NC State University and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Penn State. He has been a licensed professional engineer since 1998, and a registered lobbyist for more than 20 years. He is a 2020 graduate of Leadership North Carolina.

You can read Joe's perspectives in the RTA "Thursday Thoughts at 3" weekly blog.