

# Driving Solutions for a Growing Region: 2024 RTA FOCUS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2024, the Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) continued our over two-decade legacy of bringing together key partners — including governments and area businesses — to accelerate transportation solutions for our rapidly expanding region.

# **Key Events and Policy Highlights**

**January:** RTA hosted our 22nd Annual Meeting, where our members highlighted key priorities and opportunities across all modes of transportation.

**April:** Held RTA Airline CEO Forum event in concert with Raleigh-Durham International Airport and Copa Airlines to promote the new airline, flight, and connections within the Americas.

**May:** Held field visit of 540/Southern Wake freeway prior to opening the largest highway project in North Carolina history.

**June:** Held online RTA general membership meeting on transit acceleration opportunities.

**June:** Led well-attended RTA QuickTour to Richmond, VA to highlight and advance freeway cap opportunity as well as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in a peer city.

**August:** Held effective RTA Transportation Brunch to spotlight the opportunity for advancing multimodal freeways in our region, in concert with the I-40 Regional Partnership.

**November:** Held the first RTA-NCDOT BRT/FAST/SMART Team meeting at SAS Institute to promote multi-modal transportation and highlight challenges.

# RTA: A Strategic Investment in a Core Talent Attraction and Employee Satisfaction Issue

- ► Transit: Completed fundraising and worked with NCDOT to successfully launch a nearly \$900K FAST transit study to make roadways transit-ready.
- ▶ **US 1** / **Freeway Acceleration:** Successfully lobbied for turnpike study of accelerating multimodal freeway upgrade for US 1 north of I-540, including part-time toll scenario.
- ▶ Resilient Highway Funding: Broadened outreach and increased business community support for access user fee approach to create sustainable, predictable state funding.
- ▶ **High-Performance Rail:** Supported successful rail infrastructure grant led by NC Railroad Company in concert with NCDOT, Norfolk Southern, CSX, and Amtrak.

#### **RTA Organizational Success**

- ▶ RTA Membership: Retained stable RTA Leadership Team pricing for the 22nd consecutive year, representing a value savings of more than 75% for all members.
- RTA Marketing: Created one-page case for RTA Leadership Team investment.
- ▶ RTA Member Chambers: RTA represented and supported more than 25 chambers of commerce across 13 counties, including a strategy gathering held in December.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

# **RTA Regional Leadership Team**

## **RTA Sustaining Gold Members**

**Research Triangle Foundation** 

**A**mgen

Wake County Economic

Development

Google

Greater Durham Chamber

Kane Realty

**Greater Raleigh Chamber** 

Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority

IBM Corporation
The Sunrock Group

#### **RTA Gold Members**

Duke Energy

HDR

Kimley-Horn Martin Marietta McAdams

Pinnacle Financial Partners

Smith Anderson United Therapeutics VHB

Wetherill Engineering

WSP

#### **RTA Silver Members**

Bolton & Menk

Capitol Broadcasting Co

Chatham Park

Coastal Federal Union

Cloud Software

CSL Seqirus

**Dominion Energy** 

**DRMP** 

Duke University Fidelity Investments

First Citizens Bank

First Citizens Bank

First National Bank

Fox Rothschild LLP

Forge Nano

**FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnology** 

GoTriangle

Gannett Fleming, Inc

Greater Raleigh Convention and

Visitor Bureau

KCI

KDC Lenovo

Nava Nav

Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical

Industries

North Carolina State University

RTI International SAS Institute

Stewart STV Inc

**TranSystems** 

The Spectrum Company

TowneBank

The Umstead Hotel and Spa

UBS

**UNC Chapel Hill** 

**UNC Health** 

Wake Tech Community College

York Properties

Westin Raleigh-Durham Airport

Hotel

### **RTA Member Chambers of Commerce**

Angier

Apex Benson

Cary Chapel Hill Chatham Clayton

Franklin Fuguay-Varina Garner

Hillsborough / Orange County

Holly Springs Knightdale Moore County

Morrisville Rocky Mount Rolesville

Roxboro

Sanford

Triangle East Wake Forest

Wayne County Wendell Wilson Zebulon

# **RTA Senior Regional Partners**

Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Org.

Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro

Metro Plan. Org.

Central Pines Regional Council

City of Durham

GoRaleigh / City of Raleigh

GoTriangle

Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority Chapel Hill Transit / Town of

Chapel Hill

Town of Cary

Town of Morrisville Town of Holly Springs Town of Wake Forest

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