

Accountability

Durham County Annual Programming of Bus Service Expansions

Each December, Triangle Transit will communicate to Durham County and the City of Durham how much money will be available for bus service expansions in the upcoming year. If the amounts are not consistent with the adopted Plan, Triangle Transit will explain why. Then, Durham County, the City of Durham, and Triangle Transit will each identify which bus services will be paid for with the available money. Triangle Transit's Board of Trustees is responsible for making

Next Steps

Upcoming Bus Service Expansions

The following service changes are being implemented in the current fiscal year FY14 (July-June 2014):

- More frequent weekday service between Streets at Southpoint park-and-ride and UNC-Chapel Hill (August 2013)
- More frequent weekday afternoon service on DATA Routes to Northgate Mall, along Fayetteville Street past North Carolina Central University, and along Chapel Hill Road and University Drive (October 2013)
- Regional service from central Orange County to Duke/VA Medical Centers and Downtown Durham (service start date has yet to be determined)
- In FY14, \$33,700 will be used to provide additional demand-response trips to residents through Durham County ACCESS.

Over the upcoming five years, DATA, Durham County ACCESS and Triangle Transit will implement new or expanded bus services. Residents will also see new bus shelters, park-and-ride lots and sidewalk connections to bus stops.

Financial Summary

In November 2011 and November 2012, voters in Durham County and Orange County passed separate referenda that allowed each county to levy a ½-cent sales tax to fund the Durham and Orange County Bus and Rail Investment Plan (D-O Transit Plans). During the past fiscal year (July 2012 through June 2013), the new transit tax was in effect for three months from April 2013 through June 2013. The D-O Transit Plan is also funded through a portion of the current Regional Vehicle Rental Tax.

Triangle Transit anticipates receiving other new revenues for the D-O Transit Plan from additional funding sources including a \$7 County Vehicle Registration Tax, a \$3 Regional Vehicle Registration Tax increase, state and federal grants and customer fare payments.

sure that the services funded with the ½-cent sales tax and the vehicle registration fees are consistent with State law, local agreements, and the County Plan.

Once reviewed and approved by Triangle Transit, the County and the City can budget for and implement the planned services.

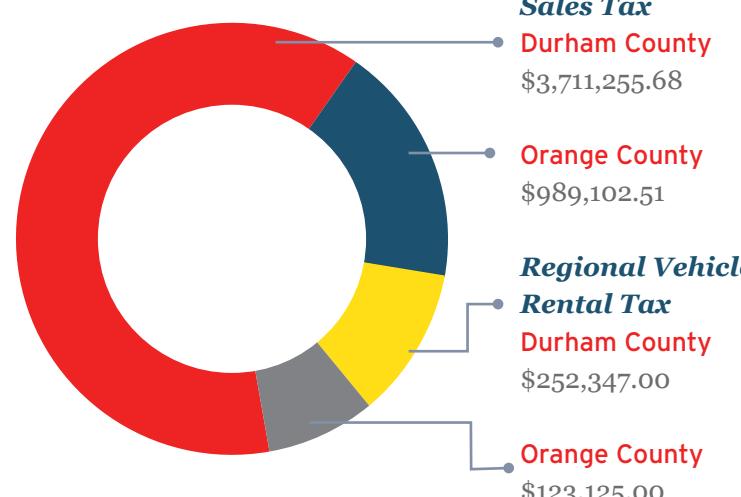
Durham - Wake Commuter Rail Project:

This project will be on hold until Wake County votes on its transit plan and holds a successful referendum on a one half-cent sales tax for transit.

Durham-Orange Light Rail Project:

Planning work continues on the proposed 17-mile Durham/Orange Light Rail Transit Project that would connect East Durham, through downtown Durham to Chapel Hill and UNC Hospital. Triangle Transit is working closely with area stakeholders and regional partners to identify and resolve issues as they work to complete an intensive environmental study of the proposed corridor. Work on the light rail has been funded by Triangle Transit's Major Transportation Investment Fund. Beginning in July 2013, additional work on the project will be funded by the new revenue streams identified in the Transit Plan. Construction could begin by 2021 with operations underway in 2026.

April - June 2013 Revenue



Goals of the Durham County Transit Plan

The goals of the Transit Plan are to:

- Connect more residents with jobs
- Connect more residents with post-secondary and vocational educational opportunities
- Expand bus capacity in corridors with high current bus ridership
- Provide better regional connections to other cities and the RDU Airport

Strategies to accomplish these goals include:

1. New bus services locally, throughout the county, and across the region
2. More frequent service on many existing routes
3. Improved weekend services
4. More dial-a-ride trips from rural Durham County to Durham Tech and job training opportunities
5. A 17 mile Light Rail connection from Chapel Hill to Durham.
6. A Commuter Rail connection from west Durham to RTP and Raleigh

All of the proposed transit improvements found in the Transit Plan require new revenue. The Durham County Board of County Commissioners authorized a referendum on a half-cent cent sales tax increase and an increase to the vehicle registration fee to help pay for these transit improvements. To the right are a series of milestones that have been achieved that help advance the implementation of the Transit Plan.

