



Wake County Transit Referendum Resolution

WHEREAS, Wake County is a modern community of more than 1,000,000 people that needs modern transit to meet the demands of its growth; and

WHEREAS, In the next fifteen years our region will add 160,000 new residents and more than a quarter million additional cars to the roads; and

WHEREAS, To ensure the vibrancy of our communities, the economic future of our region, and Research Triangle Park, we must make investments now to plan for our transit needs, and

WHEREAS, The Wake County Transit plan is a ten year investment in our communities that will build 37 miles of commuter rail and 20 miles of BRT lines— a light-rail like bus system that guarantees fast travel and on time service; and

WHEREAS, The Wake County Transit plan also includes 83 miles of frequent bus service where buses are guaranteed to arrive every 15 minutes for 19 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, After the plan is implemented 80% of Wake County jobs will be located within walking distance of a transit stop; and

WHEREAS, All Wake County municipalities and Research Triangle Park will be connected to the Wake County Transit plan when it is completed; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Alliance business coalition has endorsed the plan, and the plan has been unanimously approved by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, GoTriangle and the Wake County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, The Wake County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to place a referendum on the November 2016 ballot for the proposed half-cent sales tax increase to provide the primary dedicated local funding for the approved transit plan; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina endorses the Wake County Transit Plan; and urges RTP employees residing in Wake County to support passage of the Wake County Transit ballot referendum on November 8, 2016.

Adopted on this the first day of September, 2016