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CAPITAL AREA FRIENDS OF TRANSIT ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE ABOUT TRANSIT IN THE TRIANGLE

The Capital Area Friends of Transit (CAFT), a local alliance of civic organizations, community leaders and citizens, is pleased to announce the release of a new transit website that will serve as an online resource for citizens interested in public transit. The new website aims to keep the public informed and engaged as Triangle leaders develop a plan for a regional transit system. Visit www.capitalareafriendsoftransit.org to experience this exciting new online tool where the public can also sign the CAFT petition supporting regional transit.

CAFT's newly updated, dynamic online resource includes news alerts, event listings, recommendations for citizen support, resource links and background information about transit options, transit oriented development, funding options for transit and an overview of plans for regional transit.

"We hope this website will encourage efforts to bring plans for expanded bus and rail to fruition in the Triangle," said Karen Rindge, Executive Director of WakeUP Wake County and leader of CAFT's steering committee. "This website, created in partnership with the Durham-Orange Friends of Transit, is a unique Triangle resource, providing information about public transit, local transit plans, as well as links for riding transit across the Triangle. We encourage the public and the media to use the website as a resource," Rindge stated. CAFT organized in Wake County in 2008 to support efforts for a multi-modal, regional transit system.

CAFT is coordinating public outreach efforts with Durham-Orange Friends of Transit (DO Transit) and Triangle Transit, which is working with a consultant to hold a series of public involvement meetings throughout the region to educate citizens on transit proposals and seek public input for future transit options.

CAFT's website was designed by Raleigh-based web firm, Open Intelligence, led by F.O. Finch. The Capital Area Friends of Transit (CAFT) is a Wake County based alliance coordinated by WakeUP Wake County, a citizens' advocacy group working for good growth solutions. CAFT includes over 30 local and state organizations, more than 100 civic leaders and over 1000 citizens who support a plan for regional public transit in the Triangle. CAFT supports public education about transit and encourages civic engagement in promoting and developing plans for regional transit. CAFT members meet monthly, and all CAFT members are invited to participate. For more information, contact: caft@capitalareafriendsoftransit.org or visit www.capitalareafriendsoftransit.org

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