



*"I am pleased to share with you the progress TTA has made in the last year. For example, our ridership in 2006 grew four times the national average (12% vs. 3%), demonstrating that the region wants transportation choices. An important part of our work is to support the Special Transit Advisory Commission's effort to enhance future transit options in the Triangle. We will continue to improve and add innovative transit services, as we focus on the needs and challenges which growth will place on the region."*

*- Dr. Alice Gordon, Chair, TTA Board of Trustees*

## **2007 PROGRESS REPORT** ///

- △ TTA ordered 20 new low floor buses to upgrade our aging regional bus fleet. The new fleet meets more stringent air quality standards, reducing emissions by more than 90%.
- △ TTA expanded our express service between Chapel Hill and Raleigh, and Durham and Raleigh. In the first year of operation they became our highest ridership routes.
- △ Triangle Transit opened the new GoTriangle Regional Information Center in March. Now riders can call one place for transit schedules, fares and assistance at 485-RIDE.
- △ We've added new seven passenger vehicles to our vanpool fleet. These "flex fuel" vehicles offer customers another choice while doing our part to improve the environment.
- △ New amenities are on the way. We are adding new bus shelters, benches, bike lockers, additional park and ride spaces, "talking bus" technology and more detailed schedule information.
- △ We've made changes to improve travel time and eliminate unproductive routes.
- △ We're making improvements with our transit partners, including regional passes valid on systems throughout the region, a single paratransit application and regional bus stop signs at shared stops.

**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE** /// Work is underway on a fresh, new look at transit in the Triangle. TTA is a sponsor of the Special Transit Advisory Commission (STAC), appointed by the region's two transportation planning organizations. The STAC is actively reviewing future growth and will recommend corridors for potential transit projects to be included in the region's long range transportation plans.

*The region must prepare for 800,000 expected new residents by 2030. >>*

