



In 2011, voters approved a local sales tax to support funding for the Durham County Bus and Rail Investment Plan (Transit Plan). This annual progress report highlights the goals, accomplishments, projects and finances of the Transit Plan during Fiscal Year 2014.

# FY2014

## **DURHAM COUNTY**

### Bus & Rail Investment Progress Report







\*This Progress Report covers July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

## The long range 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 on corridors with high current bus ridership
- Provide better regional connections to other cities and the RDU Airport

## Accomplishments

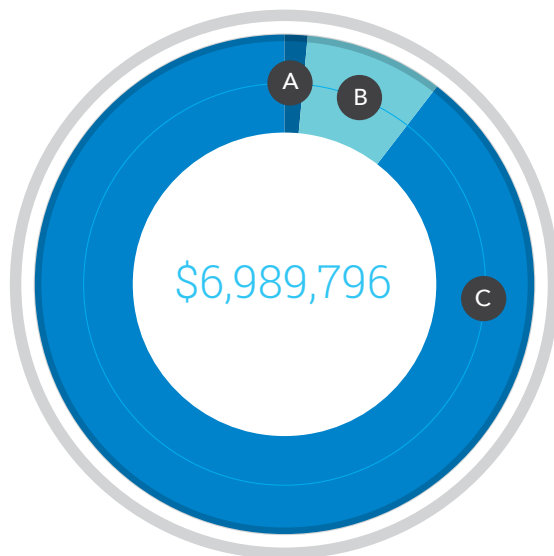
During the year, the following service enhancements were made by the Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA), Durham County ACCESS and Triangle Transit:

-  DATA added more frequent service Monday-Saturday afternoons along Chapel Hill Road and University Drive on Route 10B
-  DATA added more frequent service Monday-Saturday afternoons between Durham Station and Northgate Mall on Route 1
-  DATA added more frequent service Monday-Saturday afternoons between Durham Station and Fayetteville St. past NC Central University on Route 5
-  Triangle Transit added more frequent weekday service between the Streets at Southpoint Park-and-Ride and UNC Chapel Hill on Route 800
-  Durham County ACCESS provided additional demand response service to rural Durham County residents for work related and medical trips
-  Solar powered digital arrival signs were installed at eleven major bus stops informing customers when their bus will arrive

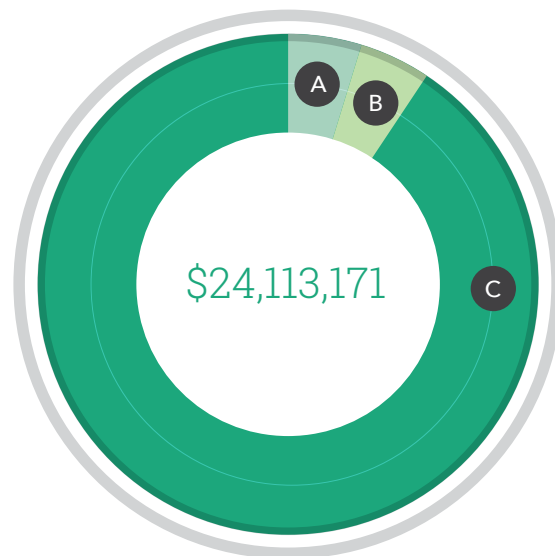


The charts below show revenues and expenses for the Durham Bus and Rail Investment Plan for FY14. The revenues to fund the Transit Plan include a one-half cent sales tax, a \$7 County Vehicle Registration Tax and the Regional Vehicle Rental Tax. Expenditures include bus services, light rail project development and administration.

Durham Expenditures



Durham Revenues\*\*



Administration (A) \$56,904

Bus Services (B) \$588,547

Light Rail Development (C) \$6,344,345

\$7 Vehicle Registration Fee\* (A) \$1,179,734

Rental Car Taxes (B) \$976,456

Sales Tax (C) \$21,956,981

\*Durham City Registration Tax of \$1,179,734 was rendered to Durham County in FY14 and is reported in Durham County financials.

\*\* FY14 revenue shown excludes interest on investments of \$3,386. FY14 ending reserves total \$19,910,569 (FY13 \$3,963,542; FY14 \$15,947,027). These reserves are as reported in Triangle Transit's FY14 Annual Report and exclude the registration taxes rendered to Durham County. The reserves will be used for services and capital projects identified in the "Next Steps" section of this report.

# Next Steps

The following services will be implemented in the upcoming fiscal year (July 2014 through June 2015):

- More frequent service Monday-Saturday on DATA's route serving NC-54/NC-55
- New trips seven days a week on DATA's route to Brier Creek
- Additional morning service on DATA's route between the Streets at Southpoint and NC-54/NC-55
- Durham County ACCESS will provide additional demand response service to connect rural Durham County residents to employment and medical destinations
- New express service by Triangle Transit between Hillsborough, Duke University, and downtown Durham with an extension to Mebane and Efland
- Later Saturday evening and Sunday service on Triangle Transit routes between Durham, Chapel Hill and RTP, connecting with Route 100 to RDU Airport and Raleigh

## Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project

In February, the Federal Transit Administration approved Triangle Transit's request to enter Project Development on the proposed 17-mile Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project.

Environmental work is underway with a Draft Environmental Impact Statement to be published and available for public comment in spring 2015.

The proposed light rail line will run from Chapel Hill to East Durham serving UNC Hospitals and UNC, Mason Farm Road, Friday Center,

Leigh Village, Patterson Place, South Square, Duke University, Duke University Medical Center, the VA Medical Center, downtown Durham and Alston Avenue.

The project cost is estimated at \$1.34 billion (in 2012 dollars). The Durham portion of the voter-approved one-half cent sales tax will help fund the local share of the rail project.