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Local Transit Agencies Open Up

GoTriangle launches open-source schedules for creation of trip planning applications

February 15, 2011 – Durham, NC – As riders increasingly use mobile devices and the web for transit information, today, GoTriangle.org opened an online “App Center” offering a data warehouse that will allow third-party developers to create new trip planning innovations.

The new developer resources section on GoTriangle.org is designed to encourage creation of online resources, including mobile applications, desktop applications and widgets, that improve customer access to schedule data for Cary Transit (C-Tran), Chapel Hill Transit, Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA), Raleigh’s Capital Area Transit (CAT), Triangle Transit, Duke University Transit and N.C. State University’s Wofline. The third-party applications will be available in the App Center, where riders can download the application that works best for them.

“The Triangle is known for leading the way in technology. By providing open access in as many forms as possible, we hope local developers are able to design new and exciting ways to provide online information about all public transportation providers in the region,” said David King, General Manager of Triangle Transit.

Following a simple registration process, developers can download free schedule data in General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) or GIS Shape format. File information includes stop locations, routes, trips, stop times, calendar, and calendar dates.

“We’re excited to be able to provide this information in one central location to the public. As a transit agency, we’re always striving to find new and interesting ways to engage customers and provide them with the resources that will help them consider using public transportation,” said David Eatman, Transit Administrator for Capital Area Transit (CAT).

To sign up, go to gotriangle.org/developers and then review and agree to the License Agreement. Once you've checked that you agree, start downloading updated files.

Go Triangle will provide notification via e-mail and Real Simple Syndication (RSS) feed when there are updates to the data so that developers can keep their applications up to date. There will also be a Google group for developers to discuss and collaborate with others.

The GoTriangle data warehouse is the second technological upgrade online this year, following the recent addition of Google Transit. These additional resources are a part of the GoLive program that provides riders more options for making a smoother trip planning experience and easier integration into a transit-oriented lifestyle. Real-time information and digital signs will be available later this year.

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About Go Triangle (www.gotriangle.org) - GoTriangle coordinates and promotes the family of services of local and regional transportation providers with a goal to provide a more seamless transit system for people traveling in the Triangle region and offers information and resources on sustainable travel options throughout the region.