

Ride. Explore. Connect

As part of a regional effort coordinated by PART's Transportation Demand Management and Marketing teams, the Transit To Trails initiative is an effort to connect bus riders to a vast array of managed trails and greenways throughout our region, that are within a 1/4 mile of designated bus stops. Careful consideration was given to identify the most logical and easily accessible trail entrances to bus stops, creating opportunities for commuters to transition from public transportation to outdoor recreational activities.

An effort to expand the Transit to Trails program is underway by installing signage to mark access points to Transit To Trails entrances. The signs are 12 inches in diameter and will be installed on existing bus stop posts, ensuring they are easy to locate for all users of participating transit systems.

Just like any other transit trip, planning is crucial in making the most out of this program. Riders are encouraged to navigate through RideTheTriad.org, where comprehensive information is available to facilitate trip planning. This online resource allows users to explore various transit options and determine the best routes to access desired trails.

An interactive map was also developed to assist bus riders in locating trails. This tool is highly recommended for anyone looking to plan a Transit To Trails trip. In addition to the web-based mapping, the newly installed Trail Signs will be a visual aid, guiding riders to the appropriate stops for their trail adventures. Each sign will feature QR codes, linking users directly to information and interactive maps for available trails, including their length, difficulty level, and other amenities they might offer.

This initiative not only promotes public transportation but also encourages a healthy lifestyle by making it easier for residents and visitors to access the beautiful outdoor spaces our region offers. By integrating transit and trails, we are fostering a more connected community that values both sustainability and recreation.

Moreover, these enhancements reflect a commitment to improving the overall accessibility of our transit systems, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of our trails without the need for a personal vehicle. As we continue to develop and expand the Transit To Trails program, we invite the community to embrace this innovative approach to transportation and outdoor recreation.

Your feedback and suggestions are valuable as we strive to make this initiative successful. We can create a more vibrant and interconnected environment that encourages exploration, physical activity, and a deeper appreciation for our local trails and greenways. We look forward to seeing you out there, enjoying the trails that are now more accessible! You can submit suggestions to contactus@PARTnc.org.



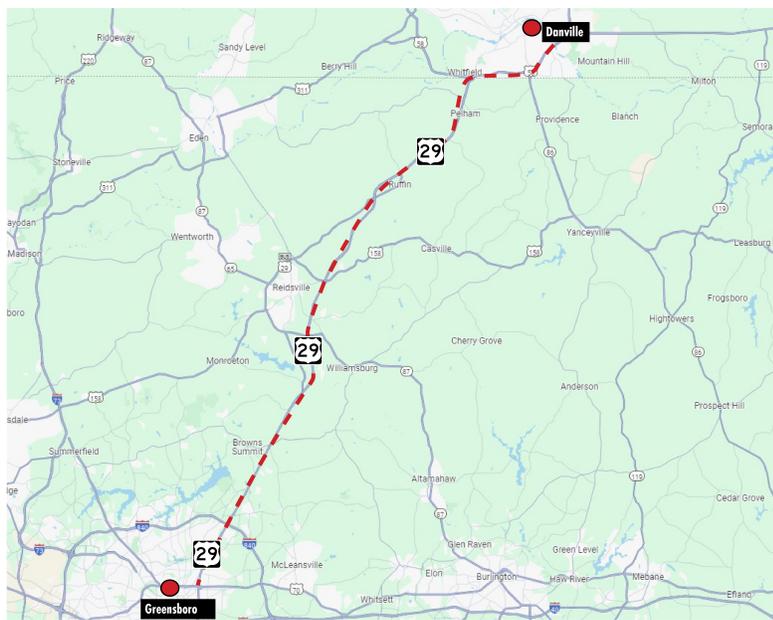
Impressive. Important. Inclusive. Intercity Buses.

Intercity buses are a key component of the public transportation system, providing sustainable and convenient travel options for a diverse range of people and their journeys. From connecting urban metropolises, to bridging service gaps in rural communities, intercity service plays a multifaceted role in enhancing mobility and connectivity. The intercity bus network is extensive, with over 1,800 carriers operating nearly 28,000 motorcoaches in the United States. The intercity network has seen significant growth, with scheduled trips reaching nearly 5,000 every weekday. This translates to an annual ridership of 62 million passengers, which can be compared to the 31 million passengers served by Amtrak and the 650 million served by commercial airlines each year (transportation.gov).

While both Intercity and Express Bus services both travel longer-distances, the key difference lies in their target market and route structure: Intercity Buses primarily connect different cities across large geographical areas, making numerous stops along the way, while Express Bus services typically serve a more limited route between major urban centers with fewer stops, often catering to commuters traveling between suburbs and the city center.

Currently in the planning phase, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is working with The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to connect NC's Piedmont region to Danville, Va., with a new Intercity Bus Service. The proposed corridor will connect through Highway 29. Having direct connections to PART Express and Greensboro Transit Agency services, as well as other regional providers, will expand the reach of public transportation across North Carolina.

Understanding that access to mobility options plays a vital role in transportation equity, these developments signify a commitment to inclusivity in North Carolina's transportation landscape. Moreover, the environmental benefits of Intercity and Express Bus services cannot be overlooked. With a growing emphasis on sustainability, these services contribute to a significant reduction in carbon emissions per passenger mile compared to single occupancy vehicles.



As we look to the future, ongoing collaborations between state transportation departments and local transit agencies will be essential in expanding services. Both Intercity and Express Bus services are much more than modes of transportation; they are a vital link in the mobility chain that fosters economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability.

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