

# *Frequently Asked Questions*

## **What is NC Go!?**

*NC Go!* is the only diverse, statewide group of organizations, businesses and individuals fighting to ease traffic congestion and improve the state's transportation infrastructure. Its members include AAA Carolinas, the Research Triangle Foundation, Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS), Triangle Transit Authority (TTA), NC Public Transportation Association, local chambers of commerce, regional transit systems, construction industry associations, and consulting engineers. The coalition includes more than 75 members who serve more than 25,000 businesses, associations, organizations and transit agencies and more than 6 million employees, transit riders and drivers in North Carolina

## **What are the facts?**

The critical fact is N.C. faces a \$65 billion shortfall in projected needs and available funds over the next 25 years. As the state's population has increased, highway construction, repairs, maintenance and bridgework have been under-funded. As a result, road construction and maintenance is inadequate to serve the increasing number of vehicles. Rural North Carolina often loses economic opportunities because of a lack of roads.

## **Why is NC Go! important to the state's future?**

North Carolina is a state of motorists. We depend on our cars – and our roads – more than ever. Unfortunately, supply has not kept up with demand. In fact, the number of cars is growing faster than the number of people. In the last 30 years, North Carolina has seen a 140 percent increase in the number of cars on the highway but our road improvements have not kept pace.

## **Do traffic problems affect everyone?**

Absolutely. No city or town in North Carolina is immune from the problems caused by traffic congestion and inadequate roads and highways. Traffic delays affect citizens' lives, businesses and jeopardize the state's economic growth.

## **Doesn't the right solution include transit and rail service options?**

There is no single solution – there are several. Combined, they give the state a fighting chance to address the problems effectively, efficiently – and collectively.

Our current system falls short – lacking enough "alternative" modes of transportation. The right solution will include every aspect, including roads, rail and bus transit. In addition, the right solutions will look for ways to fix all of our state's transportation needs and not force a tug-of-war over what are already limited resources.

## **How has NC Go! made a difference?**

Since its inception, the organization has worked to protect dedicated Trust Fund money, expand Highway Trust Fund flexibility, maintain efficient cash management practices, terminate annual transfers from the Highway Trust Fund to the General Fund and increase multi-modal transportation funding. *NC Go!* has also become a trusted source to which the media turns when it needs straightforward information on the state of transportation in N.C.