

Congestion Relief/Intermodal Transportation Fund

- 21st century Transportation Committee
 - Created by Governor Easley in 2007
 - study and report on 11 areas including:
 - innovative methods to fund transportation needs
 - Local funding options for transit
 - Intermodal Committee recommendations
 - Congestion Relief / Intermodal Transportation Fund
 - Approved by 21st Century Committee April 2008
 - Introduced

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- **Key components**
 - Inc. vehicle registrations fees from \$5 to \$7
 - Authorize motor vehicle rental charge in some counties
 - Authorize ½ cent sales tax in large urban areas (including the triangle)
 - Authorize ¼ cent sales tax in counties contiguous to urban areas

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- Impact on Chapel Hill
 - ½ cent sales tax could be implemented in Orange County
 - Vote by county board to approve referendum
 - Majority vote in referendum
 - Funding to Triangle Transit
 - Allocation based on Financial plan approved by Metropolitan Planning Organization

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- **Benefits**
 - Long term support for urban transit
 - Additional funding options
- **Shortfalls**
 - No guaranteed support for local operations
 - Local control over financial plan limited
 - Cannot use ¼ cent option
 - Limit future local options

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- Recommendations for legislation
 - Allocate 20% of revenues to local jurisdictions
 - Require local jurisdiction approval to change allocation
 - Allow Orange County to use $\frac{1}{4}$ cent option