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Durham, NC (Oct. 17, 2023) GoTriangle, along with local, state and federal partners, will host a groundbreaking to officially begin construction of the much-anticipated Raleigh Union Station Bus (RUS Bus) Facility, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to noon, at the RUS Bus construction site on the corner of West and Martin streets in downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District. The public is invited to attend.

"GoTriangle is extremely proud to partner with the developer Hoffman & Associates to bring a state-of-art facility that offers multimodal transit choices to our citizens," said GoTriangle President and CEO Charles Lattuca. "This project is a prime example of how important partnerships are with local, state and federal agencies to provide a win for communities across the region."

The state-of-the art transit facility will become one of the area's most transformational destinations connecting all forms of transit in one location. Slated to open in mid-2025, the street-level bus facility will feature bike and pedestrian-friendly spaces, along with providing seamless connections between intercity rail and local, regional and express bus services. The facility also will be built to accommodate future projects including bus rapid transit services and regional passenger rail service.

The RUS Bus project is an important component of our transit future, GoTriangle's Board Chair Brenda Howerton said.

"Through improved mobility and accessibility, transit has the power to strengthen outcomes in underinvested communities and support economic revitalization and redevelopment, not only in Wake County but throughout the Triangle area," Howerton said.

Along with the transit facility, the project will include a private development known as "Union West" that is managed by nationally recognized developer Hoffman & Associates. Highlights of that development include:

- Residential tower with approximately 385 apartments, including 10% affordable units for households at 80% of Area Median Income.
- An activated plaza with retail/restaurant space.
- Private parking garage with approximately 460 parking spaces.

President of Hoffman & Associates Shawn Seaman said it is an honor to partner with GoTriangle as well as federal, state and local partners on RUS Bus in working to shape the future landscape of downtown Raleigh and to enhance connectivity in the region.

"Union West embodies our commitment to community-first development by embracing the Warehouse District's historic character, delivering housing to the community and serving as a gateway and multimodal hub for downtown Raleigh and beyond," Seaman said.

The RUS Bus groundbreaking marks "a significant milestone as together we lay the foundation for continued growth in the Warehouse District," said John Florian, Hoffman & Associates' executive vice president of development.

"This state-of-the-art transportation hub will enhance the region's connectivity with community-centered spaces that honor the site's historic past while embracing innovation," Florian said. "Alongside improved and innovative transportation options for our community, Union West brings much-needed housing, ranging from market-rate to affordable residences, activated retail and open community space. This is a truly a transformative moment for the Raleigh community, and we're thrilled to be a part of it."

RUS Bus began in 2018 after GoTriangle was awarded a \$20 million [U.S. Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development \(BUILD\) grant](#). State and local funds also support the project. Construction began on the 1.76-acre site in spring 2022 with remediation and demolition of three former warehouse buildings. A portion of the warehouse facade was preserved to incorporate into the new development.

Note to media: If needed, a media-staging area will be provided. For interviews and additional questions, please contact GoTriangle's Chief Communications Officer Eric Curry at 919-632-9326 or ecurry@gotriangle.org. A media kit can be downloaded at <https://rusbusnc.com/media-kit/>.



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