



Raleigh is the most wired city in America according to Forbes Magazine

Connection not only drives business, it strengthens our community. In 2010, **Raleigh ranked No. 1 on Forbes' list of the Most Wired Cities in America**, and we've only grown our IT infrastructure since then. From the high-tech Raleigh Convention Center to Wi-Fi networks in public locations all over town, Raleigh is linked up. **The City of Raleigh is expanding its internal fiber network** to enhance communications efficiencies, reducing municipal expenses and taxpayer burden. The city also provides broadband services to underserved areas, and offers youth programs for technology training and mentoring and we get around just as efficiently. **Nearly 69 percent of commuters have a travel time to work of less than 25 minutes.** By car, bus, bicycle, rail, or international airliner, Raleigh moves easily and stays connected.

## Location & Transportation

### East Coast Map

Raleigh, North Carolina is centrally located on the eastern seaboard approximately midway between Maine and Miami, Fla. Our location puts businesses within a two-day truck drive of more

than 200 million U.S. and Canadian consumers.



## Regional Map

Within the Mid-Atlantic and the southeastern U.S., Raleigh is just four hours from Washington, D.C. or Charleston, S.C. Within the State of North Carolina, it's just a two-hour drive to the Atlantic Ocean and a three-hour drive to the Blue Ridge Mountains.



## Greenway and Bicycle Infrastructure

The [Capital Area Greenway system](#) provides an alternate means of transportation and has over 100 miles of trails connecting Raleigh. There are 28 individual trails that make up the trail system, each with its own unique features, destinations, and character.

The [BikeRaleigh program](#) encourages biking in Raleigh through on-road facility design, cycling safety and education promotion, and encouragement events. BikeRaleigh's primary goal is to promote bicycle use as a viable, attractive, non-polluting form of transportation and assure safe and convenient access to all areas of the City. Raleigh is home to three Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Businesses designated by the League of American Bicyclists, Red Hat, Kimley-Horn, and the American Diabetes Association of Eastern NC.

The [City of Raleigh](#), [Citrix](#), and [Bewegen Technologies, Inc.](#) are proud to partner to bring **bikeshare** to our rapidly growing downtown, with an expected launch of late summer. Citrix Cycle will be a public, self-serve bicycle rental system for short trips, comprising 300 bikes across 30 stations. Half of the fleet will be equipped with electric-assist motors that will provide riders with an extra boost when pedaling.

## Raleigh Union Station



Transforming the transportation infrastructure of Raleigh will be the City's new [Union Station](#) development, serving Amtrak passengers and adding new retail and commercial office space to its warehouse district location. The \$73 million Phase I project, featuring three levels of restaurants, shops and offices, will be built in the old Dillon Supply Viaduct building, offering visitors a rooftop view of the downtown Raleigh skyline. Throughout the design process, architects from Raleigh's acclaimed design firm, Clearscapes, sought public feedback on the aesthetics and amenities. The firm wanted to honor the City's railroad heritage while looking at how other cities have reused warehouses. Planners envision a vibrant, active and economically viable space that benefits rail passengers and creates a new downtown destination.

Upon full-build-out, Raleigh Union Station will serve as a transportation hub for local and regional commuter and passenger rail, buses, taxis, bicyclists and pedestrians. The station became fully operational in the Fall of 2018.

Phase II of Raleigh Union Station, better known as RUS Bus, is planned to accommodate additional inter-city and intra-state rail services, regional commuter rail, local and regional buses,



taxis, bicycles and other forms of transportation. When completed, the multimodal center will support current and future demand for rail and transit services in our city. In December of 2018, GoTriangle won a \$20 million federal BUILD Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to help construct the facility. Read more information from [GoTriangle](#).

When comparing the public benefit versus the cost, studies indicate that the project has a benefit ratio of 3.82 to 1. Benefits will be seen in the creation of short-term construction jobs, spin-off jobs and long-term jobs for the region, and the increase in property value.

## GoRaleigh Transit

Raleigh, the capital of North Carolina, is best known for its Capital Area historic sites, world-class museums, live concerts, professional and amateur sporting events, best of Broadway shows and its shopping with 11 major retail areas. So sit back and let GoRaleigh be your personal tour guide.

[GoRaleigh](#) provides bus service throughout Raleigh as well as R-LINE service in Downtown Raleigh. Hop aboard and experience the treasures Raleigh has to offer.

## Telecomm

**Raleigh has been called the Most Wired City in America.** The City of Raleigh is doing its part to live up to that billing by upgrading its municipal communications network with a state-of-the art fiber ring connecting all major public facilities. In collaboration with a traffic signal upgrade project, **125 miles of additional fiber is being added throughout Raleigh's 142.8 square miles.** This fiber backbone, expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2014, will serve as the foundation for the City of Raleigh's municipal network. A separate construction project will connect approximately 90 facilities. When complete, the 24-strand fiber network will reduce telecommunication costs by approximately \$550,000 annually, and provide interconnections to partner organizations and non-profits.

When regional or national high-tech conferences are hosted at the [Raleigh Convention Center](#), the city's IT Department collaborates with organizers to provide technology support for the event and all attendees. Raleigh also provides broadband access to 1,482 homes in underserved areas throughout the city, funded by a grant from the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Partnership (BTOP). The City also participates in the [Digital Connectors](#) youth training program, a nationally renowned initiative that provides leadership and technology training paired with community service to young people aged 14-21. To date, the program has influenced a generation of leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs by developing 21st century technology skills, professional life skills, and inspiring participants to serve in their communities.



What you're seeing in Raleigh is that you're not coming in at the end of the opportunity, you're coming in somewhere in the middle, where it's mature enough to be producing the talent that you're looking for."

- O'Hara Macken, Ipreo