GoTriangle APTA AdWheel 2022 Effectiveness Statement: GoTriangle Greater Triangle Projected Population Growth Animation to increase Commuter Rail Project Awareness

Best Marketing and Communications Education Initiative (general public information): **Electronic Media** (online video):

Greater Triangle Projected Population Growth Animation (YouTube Link:

https://youtu.be/tCecAaqI5C0)

1. Who was the target audience for this entry?

- a. Greater-Triangle NC Area residents (Wake, Durham & Johnston Counties):
 - i. Current commuters;
 - ii. People unaware or new to the Commuter Rail Transit (CRT) project;
 - iii. Car-centric/Non-transit users;
- b. Stakeholders:
 - i. county/city;
 - ii. private sector;

2. What was the situation/challenge that necessitated creating this entry?

- a. Needed a visual to explain the necessity for such a large transit investment in our region;
- b. To inform greater Triangle area residents of the limited existing infrastructure (roads & congestion) to accommodate future needs as population continues to skyrocket and new businesses move to the region.
 - i. Directly highlight the tremendous population growth estimates for our entire region as some of the highest in the country;

3. What was the strategy/objective of this entry?

- a. Compare and contrast existing population numbers to future numbers to show that the CRT project is necessary for quality of life in the future.
- b. Explain the benefits of the project for future riders and car drivers alike:
 - i. Quicker/more reliable service than driving;
 - ii. Provide new access and opportunity to residents, especially those along the corridor;
- c. Create something more compelling than a static bar graph/graphic for viewer retention;
- 4. What results/impact did this entry have? (e.g. increased ridership, higher sales, greater public awareness, etc.)
 - a. Viewership statistics:
 - i. <u>YouTube video</u>:
 - 1. 747 views;
 - ii. <u>ReadyForRailNC.com</u>:
 - 1. Unique <u>Webpage</u> views: 1,334;
 - 2. Time spent on page: 2:22;
 - iii. Featured on <u>Commuter Rail live Zoom Webinar</u>:
 - 1. Live viewers: 300+;

- 2. YouTube post-live recording views: 513;
- b. Created compelling visual information too for our new CRT educational website <u>ReadyForRailNC.com</u>;
- c. Directly highlighted one of the main selling points for commuter rail (population growth) in a quickly digestible media asset.
- 5. Please tell the judges why this entry was submitted and why it should win an AdWheel Award.
 - a. GoTriangle is proud of this video submission because the entire project from graphics to animation, to voiceover to editing were all created in-house by our talented Marketing team.
 - b. By successfully combining imaginative visual motion graphics, compelling voiceover script, and hard data to educate and enlighten greater Triangle residents about the CRT project with a focus on population, we were able to create a new and unique way to get people on-board with the project's goals.