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## **Transport Hub Could Bring Thousands Of Jobs, Billions Of Dollars To Charlotte**

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**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** -- It's taken more than a decade, but Charlotte Douglas International Airport seems close to building a transportation hub where companies could quickly transfer cargo between planes, trains and trucks.

The hub would mean new jobs and an influx of money for Charlotte and the surrounding area, creating 5,100 jobs and landing \$10 billion for the surrounding 10 counties over the next two decades.

"That's enough to get people's attention," Jerry Orr, the airport director, said.

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The hub would be a draw for companies that move cargo often, because it would be a meeting point for different types of transportation. Hubs that include three types of transportation are rare, which would give Charlotte an added draw.

Norfolk Southern plans to build railroad tracks going in and out of the hub. Company executives have been trying to strike a deal with the airport for 12 years, and said Friday that they're almost there.

"The devil's in the details," Darrell Wilson, from Norfolk Southern, said.

If an agreement is reached, Norfolk Southern will still need to come up with the funding to make the project happen. Executives said they plan to break ground by the end of year.

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