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**ATL Interim Executive Director Chris Tomlinson to Serve as Panelist for Atlanta Press Club**  
*The Newsmaker Luncheon Series will discuss the Future of Transit in the Atlanta Region*

ATLANTA – Interim Executive Director of the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL) Chris Tomlinson will serve as one of four panelists for the Atlanta Press Club’s next Newsmaker Luncheon Series held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at The Commerce Club. The panel topic is “*The Future of Transit in the Atlanta Region – and How the Gwinnett-MARTA Vote Could Change the Landscape*”.

The discussion will focus on the March 19, 2019, referendum on extending MARTA in Gwinnett County, and how the vote may help shape the future of transit in Atlanta. The conversation will include some of the region’s leading voices on transit.

Maria Saporta from the Atlanta Business Chronicle and Saporta Report will moderate the panel. The panelist will include:

- Doug Hooker, Executive Director, Atlanta Regional Commission
- Charlotte Nash, Chair, Gwinnett County Commission & Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL) board member
- Jeff Parker, General Manager and CEO, MARTA
- Chris Tomlinson, Executive Director, State Road & Tollway Authority (SRTA) and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and Interim Executive Director, Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL)

“We are at a pivotal moment for transit in the Atlanta Region and this panel hosted by The Atlanta Press Club will provide an important opportunity to discuss transit issues that affect our region,” said Chris Tomlinson, ATL Interim Executive Director. “I look forward to joining these dynamic leaders in the metro region to speak on both the challenges and options for solutions surrounding mobility and connectivity.”

The luncheon is open to the public. For more information on how to purchase tickets for the event, go to <https://atlantapressclub.org/upcoming-events/>.

**About the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority**

*The ATL was established by HB 930 to provide coordinated transit planning and funding for the metro Atlanta region. The ATL is responsible for developing a Regional Transit Plan, as well as identifying and prioritizing the projects and initiatives required to develop region-wide transit. The ATL is also charged with creating a unified regional transit system brand. The population of metro Atlanta is growing rapidly — projected to add an additional 2.5 million residents by 2040. The ATL is a critical step towards more efficient and effective transit and mobility in the region. For more information on The ATL, visit <https://atltransit.ga.gov/> and follow us Twitter and Facebook.*