Committee Reports

➢ Regional Transit Planning Committee
➢ Regional Technology Committee
Atlanta Regional Commission
Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority
Georgia Department of Transportation
Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

Overview presentation for:

ATL Authority
August 8, 2019

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Metropolitan planning agreements

(a) The MPO, the State(s), and the providers of public transportation shall cooperatively determine their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. These responsibilities shall be clearly identified in written agreements among the MPO, the State(s), and the providers of public transportation serving the MPA. To the extent possible, a single agreement between all responsible parties should be developed. The written agreement(s) shall include specific provisions for the development of financial plans that support the metropolitan transportation plan (see § 450.324) and the metropolitan TIP (see § 450.326), and development of the annual listing of obligated projects (see § 450.334).

(b) The MPO, the State(s), and the providers of public transportation should periodically review and update the agreement, as appropriate, to reflect effective changes.
MPO Process Agreement History

1971

MPOs have been mandated by federal law since 1962

First planning MOA developed following establishment of ARC as the Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission under state law (same responsibilities as a Regional Commission)

Signatory agencies were ARC, MARTA and the State Highway Department
The federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) strengthened the roles and responsibilities of MPOs.

Signatory agencies were ARC, MARTA and GDOT.
GRTA was established in 1999, with responsibilities that included state approval of the Atlanta region’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on behalf of the Governor.

Signatory agencies were ARC, GDOT, GRTA and MARTA.
MPO Process Agreement History

ARC established the Regional Transit Committee, following sunset of the Transit Planning Board and Transit Implementation Board

Signatory agencies were ARC, GDOT, GRTA and MARTA
MPO Process Agreement History

- **1971**: ATL established in 2018 by HB 930
- **1997**: Designated recipient role for certain FTA formula funds shifted from MARTA to ATL
- **2008**: Continuous evolution of planning partner working relationships over the past decade
- **2009**: Signatory agencies will be ARC, ATL, GDOT, GRTA and MARTA
- **2019**
Core MPO Planning Products

**RTP**
Regional Transportation Plan
- 20+ year multimodal transportation vision
- Fiscally constrained
- Meets air quality conformity requirements
- Updated every four years (min)

**TIP**
Transportation Improvement Program
- First six years of the RTP
- Near term implementation priorities
- More rigorous fiscal constraint requirements
- Updated every four years (min)

**UPWP**
Unified Planning Work Program
- Annual requirement
- Current and upcoming planning activities of all agencies using federal funds
- Other major transportation planning initiatives as appropriate
Organization of the Five Party Agreement

I. PURPOSE

II. DEFINITIONS

III. REQUIREMENTS

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

V. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

VI. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

VII. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

VIII. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

IX. NOTIFICATION

X. SIGNATURES
Organizational Roles and Responsibilities Section

- Legislative background of the agency
- Regional Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Unified Planning Work Program
- Air Quality
- Public Involvement
- Transportation Planning (General)
Key ATL Roles and Responsibilities in the MPO Process

- Participate on ARC committees and other working groups
- Assist in preparing project cost and revenue estimates for the TIP and RTP
- Conduct planning studies (UPWP) and share data and findings
- Develop and maintain the Atlanta Regional Transit Plan
- Ensure transit projects proposed for the TIP and RTP are consistent with the ARTP
## Approval Milestones

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### Committees / First Reads
- ARC: Red
- ATL: Red
- GDOT: Green
- GRTA: Blue
- MARTA: Purple

### Final Action / Signature
- ARC: Red
- ATL: Yellow
Overview presentation for:

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I-285 TOP END TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY

ATLANTA-REGION TRANSIT LINK AUTHORITY BRIEFING
August 8, 2019
Partner Organizations:
- City of Brookhaven
- City of Chamblee
- City of Doraville
- City of Dunwoody
- City of Sandy Springs
- City of Smyrna
- City of Tucker
- Cumberland CID
- Perimeter CID
- Tucker-Northlake CID

Additional Coordination With:
- GDOT
- MARTA
- DeKalb County Transit Study Team
- Fulton County
- Cobb County DOT
- ARC
- ATL/SRTA/GRTA
PHASE 1 STUDY OBJECTIVES (FALL 2018)

1. Facilitate discussions among I-285 Top End leaders regarding high-capacity transit feasibility

2. Compare rubber-wheel versus rail-based transit potential along the corridor

3. Evaluate special service district models

4. Identify next steps
PHASE 1 SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS

1. A high-capacity, rubber wheeled transit system utilizing the GDOT Express Lanes is operationally and financially feasible across the Top End of I-285.

2. A rail-based system would cost 8-10 times that of a rubber wheeled system due to the need for additional right of way and a separate guideway.

3. Projected revenue from a localized tax is sufficient to cover projected operational costs (and some construction cost) and justify a more detailed analysis including a detailed service plan, ridership projections, and implementation strategies.
PHASE 2 PRE-PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ANALYSIS (FALL 2019)

- Preliminary service plan
- Capital improvements list
- Travel time analysis
- Ridership forecast
- Refined capital and operations and maintenance cost estimates
FTA Regional Formula Fund Policy Updates

ATL Board Meeting
August 8, 2019
Coordinated regional outreach to receive feedback and concurrence on proposed policy updates
FTA REGIONAL FORMULA FUND POLICY UPDATES

Regional 5307 Formula Funding Set-Aside Policy

▪ Increases set-aside to 1% and allocates 0.75% to ATL & 0.25% to ARC

▪ ATL funding will be used for regional projects that support the development of a more seamless and unified transit network in the 13-county ATL region.

Regional 5337 Shared Segment Policy

▪ Allocates the High Intensity Motor Bus (HIMB) Directional Route Mile funding tier based on the amount of service provided by each operator in the HOV/HOT lane segment

▪ Change would be phased in over a period of two-years to limit funding impacts of updated methodology
Next Steps:

✓ ATL Planning Committee Meeting First Read Presentation (May 10, 2019)

✓ ATL Board First Read Presentation (May 23, 2019)

✓ ATL Planning Committee Meeting Second Read Presentation (July 17, 2019)

▪ Recommended for adoption by ATL Board and ARC (TCC and TAQC) (August 2019)

▪ Proposed policies would take effect October 1, 2019 (start of Federal Fiscal Year 2020)
Thank You.

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Approval of the 2020 Board Calendar

Chris Tomlinson, Interim Executive Director
Executive Director’s Report

Chris Tomlinson, Interim Executive Director
Overview

- **195** Total Projects
- **14** Project Sponsors
- **62%** Expansion Projects
- **24%** Enhancement Projects
- **14%** SGR Projects
IMI GRANT SUBMISSION: Atlanta RIDES
Thank You.

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