



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

January 7, 2021

Legislative Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 2021
Proposed Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Charlotte Nash, Chair
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2020
- III. Approval of the Agenda for January 7, 2021
- IV. Federal and State Legislative Preview – Scott Haggard
- V. Adjourn



2021 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

Scott Haggard, Director of Government and External Affairs

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STATE OVERVIEW

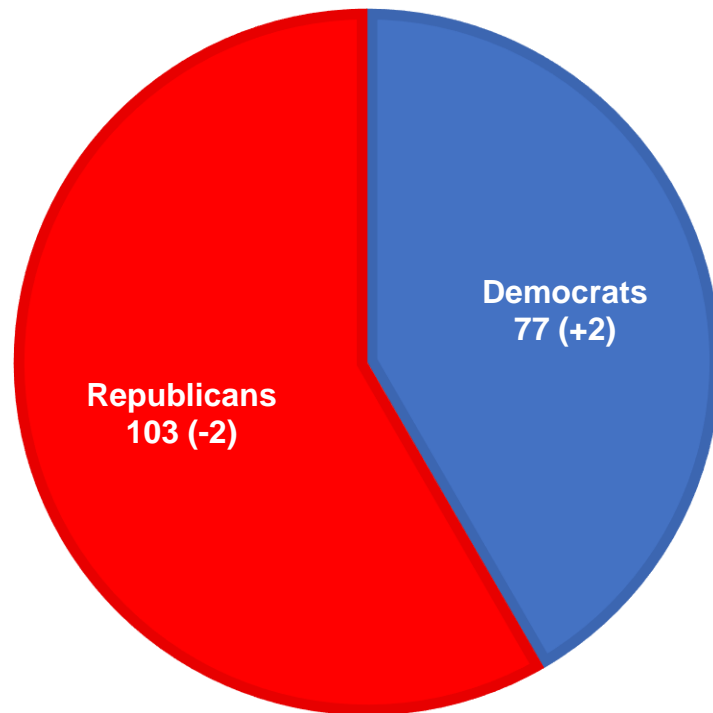
STATE OVERVIEW – HIGH LEVEL

- ▶ Required to begin Mon. January 11th; 40 business days
- ▶ Election Results – partisan split generally status quo
- ▶ Many New Faces – 11 of 56 Senators; 26 of 180 Representatives
- ▶ New Democratic Leadership
- ▶ New Key House Committee Chairs
- ▶ Freight & Logistics Focus

GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS

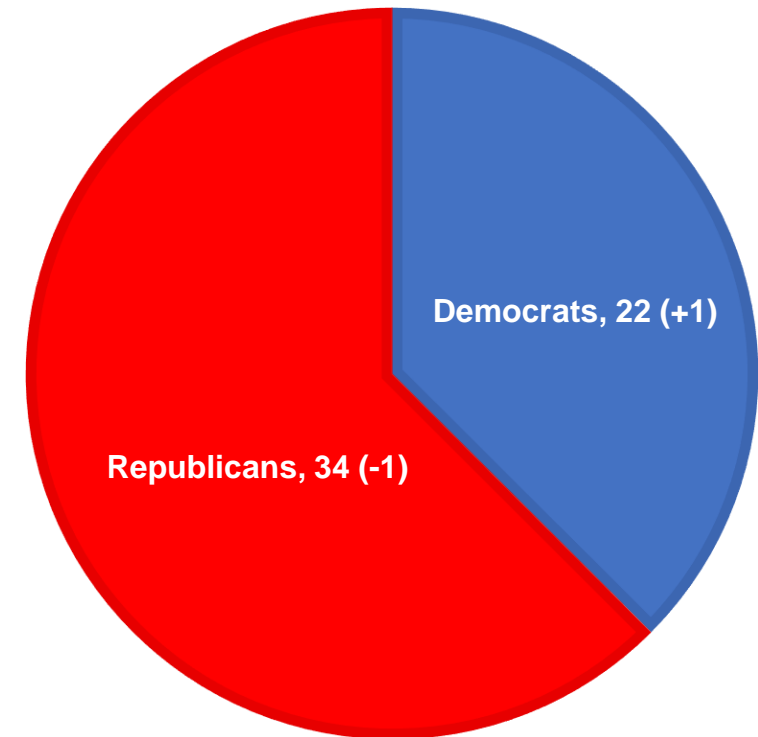
GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2021

■ Democrats ■ Republicans



GEORGIA SENATE 2021

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KEY STATE LEGISLATIVE ITEMS: ATL

- ▶ Ride Share Fee Revenue Allocation
- ▶ Bond List Funding
- ▶ Any Potential Changes to ATL Statute
- ▶ Strategic Partners: Legislative Priorities

PARTNERS: STATE LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

MARTA *(presented to MARTA Board in November):*

- ▶ “Advocate for state funding for MARTA priorities”
- ▶ “Starting in COA, advance local bus lane legislation”
- ▶ “Re-pass TNC excise fee to make it subject to new Constitutional Amendment dedicating fees”
- ▶ “Issue Education”

ACCG: no transit or transportation specific items for 2021

GMA: support for commuter passenger rail service funding; local control of micromobility policy decisions

COUNCIL FOR QUALITY GROWTH: support “core mission and purpose” of ATL

METRO ATL CHAMBER: “long-term dedicated state funding for transit improvement and expansion”

COBB CHAMBER: state investment in transit; incorporation of BRT into Top End MMIP project

TOP END MAYORS COALITION: exploration of legislative options to help fund transit in corridor

RIDE SHARE FEES

- ▶ First state revenue source dedicated to transit
- ▶ Implemented by HB 105 (2020)
- ▶ 50 cent fee on all ride-hailing, taxi & limo trips
- ▶ 25 cents on shared rides
- ▶ Revenue dedicated to transit capital uses
- ▶ Subject to annual appropriations process
- ▶ Projected annual revenue (pre-COVID): ~\$40M



RIDE SHARE FEES: FUNDING GOALS

1. Uses that will make a near-term substantial impact on customer experience
2. Opportunities that address areas of synergy across operators
3. Opportunities that address long-term regional coordination issues
4. Establish credibility in ATL's capacity to deliver wins for the General Assembly and Governor's office

Recommended Bond Project List

Project Name

Sponsor

Capitol Ave/ Summerhill BRT

MARTA

Clayton County Transit Initiative – BRT

MARTA

I-285 Transit in Express Lanes

Various

Transit Signal Priority

CobbLinc

State Route 316 Park-and-Rides and Commuter Express Service

GCT

Cumberland Transfer Center

CobbLinc

Track Renovation Phase IV

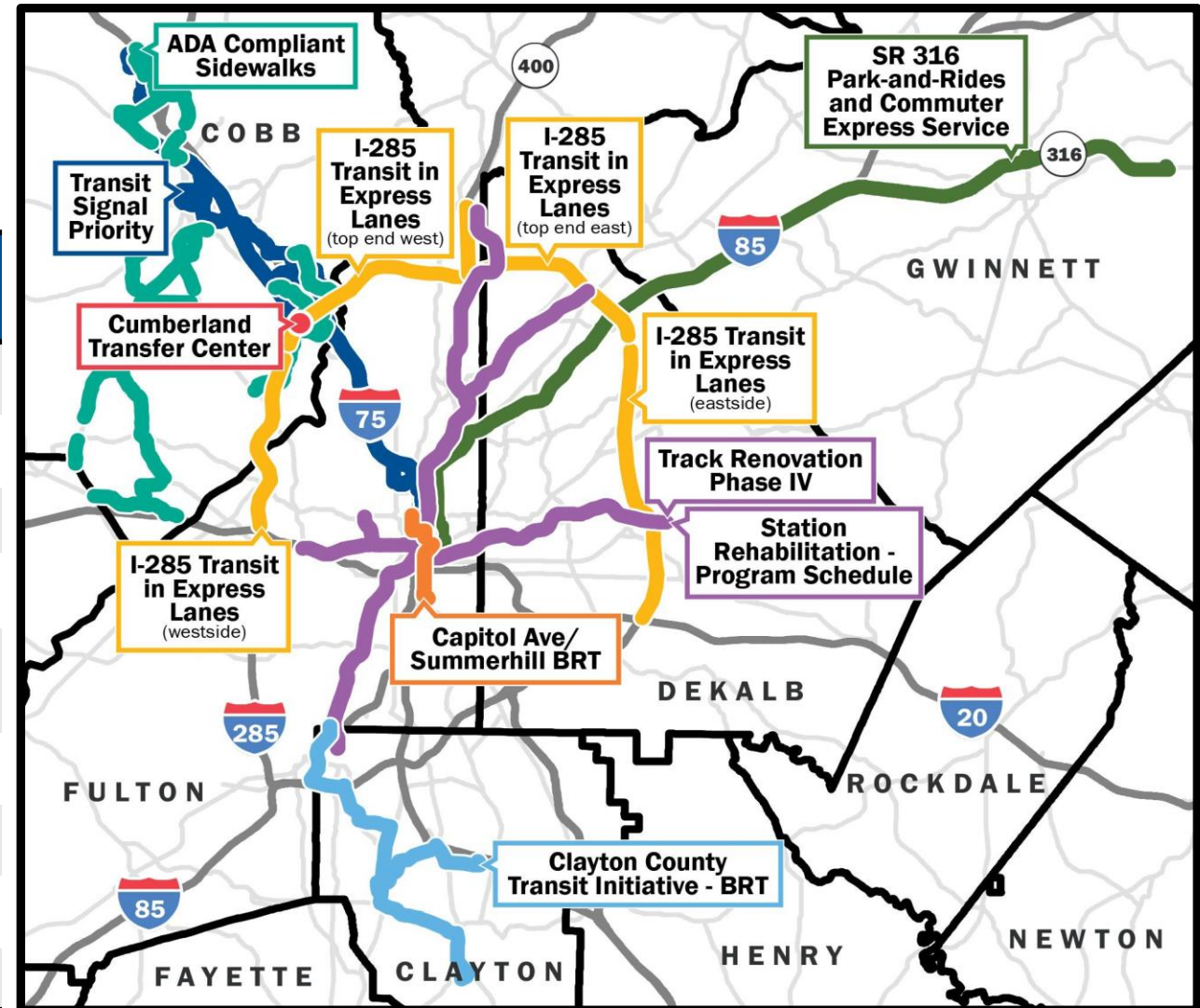
MARTA

Station Rehabilitation – Program Schedule

MARTA

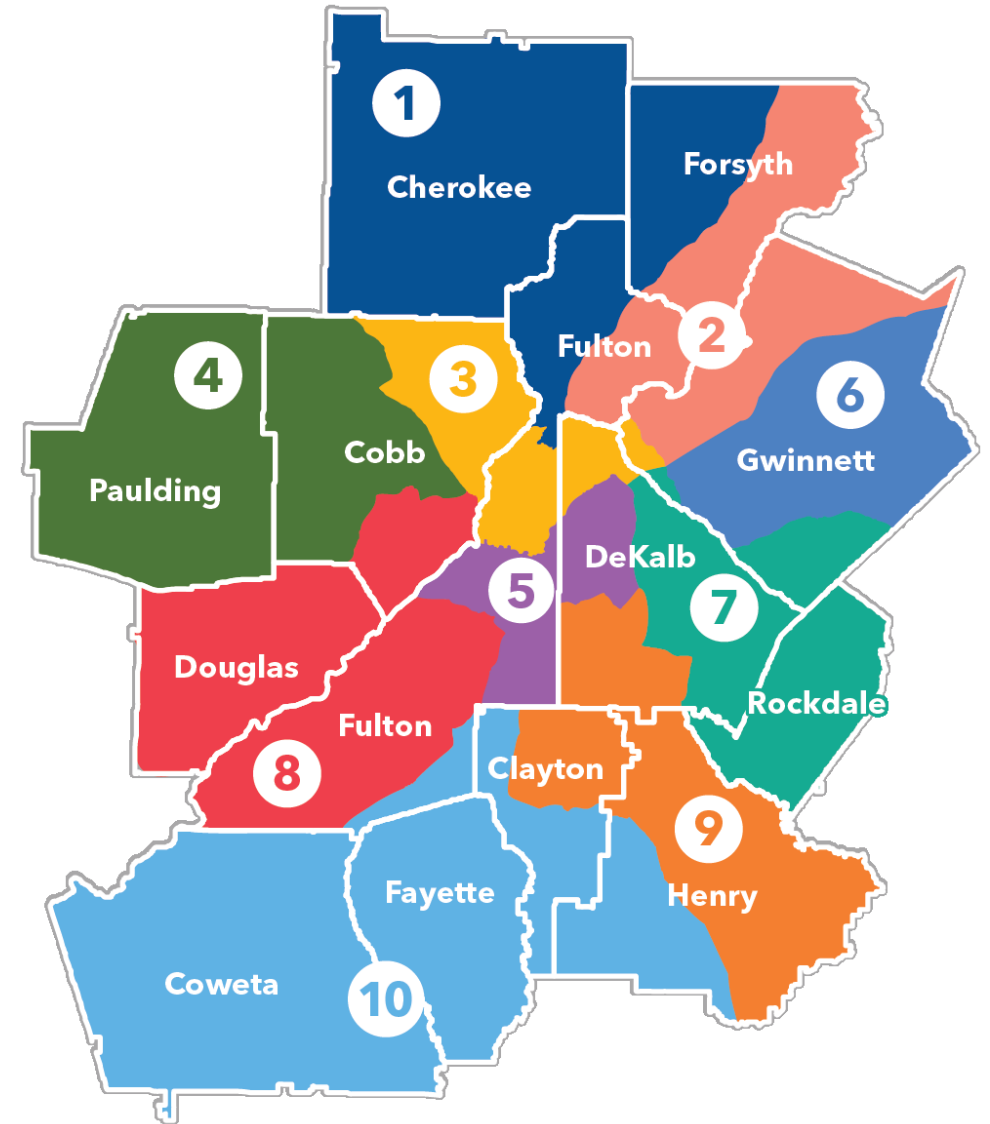
ADA Compliant Sidewalks

CobbLinc



2021 ATL BOARD ELECTIONS

- ▶ Board terms last four years, and terms expire April 15th
- ▶ 5 seats up for 2021 election: Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9
- ▶ Anticipated time frame for elections: late January through late February (mayoral caucuses occurring first)
- ▶ Electors include:
 - House and Senate members elected in 2020 whose districts include any portion of the ATL district,
 - County commission chairs in ATL district, and
 - One mayor from cities within districts - chosen by a caucus of all mayors from the districts (+ Atlanta mayor, where applicable)



POTENTIAL TACTICS FOR LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ Already held virtual briefings for 29 incoming and returning legislators
- ▶ Will brief 5 “elector” caucuses at ATL board elections during 2021 session; others also possible
- ▶ Potential briefings for House/Senate Transportation Committees early in session
- ▶ Potential briefings for ATL region county legislative delegations/ATL region county BOCs
- ▶ New ATL newsletter for key stakeholders, including legislators



FEDERAL OVERVIEW

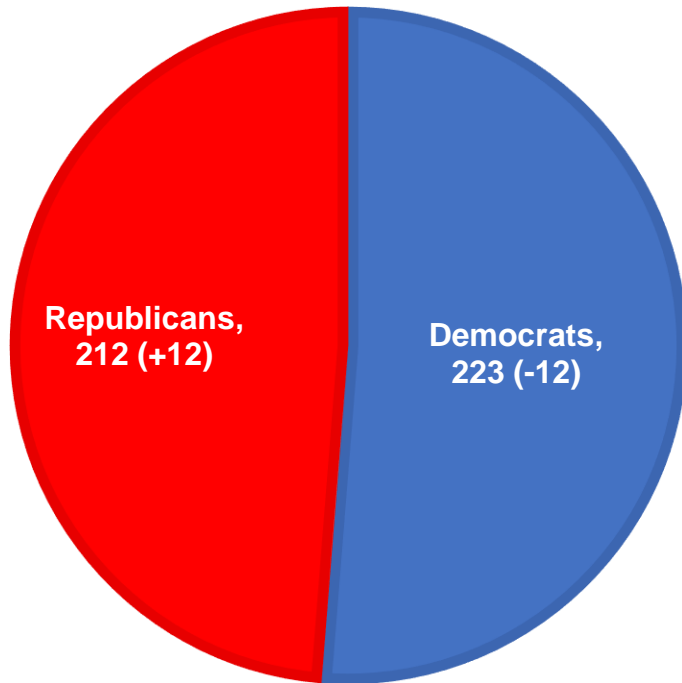
FEDERAL OVERVIEW – HIGH LEVEL

- ▶ Election Results – Dem Administration; narrowly Dem House; narrow Senate
- ▶ USDOT Secretary-Designate Pete Buttigieg
- ▶ Potential for infrastructure bill early in 2021
- ▶ FAST Act Reauthorization expected in late 2021
- ▶ Administration likely to be significantly more pro-transit/multi-modal
- ▶ More focus on interaction between transportation and land use/housing

U.S. CONGRESS ELECTION RESULTS

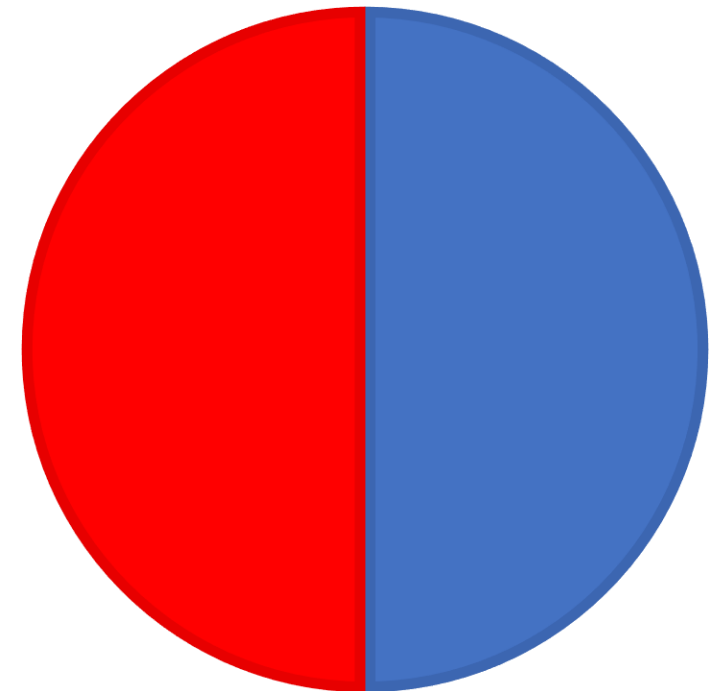
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U.S. SENATE (TBD)

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NOTE: Two seats in House remain disputed (1D, 1R), while 3 Dem seats will become vacant when Members resign to join Biden Admin.

NATIONAL ORGS: FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

APTA:

1. Increased transit investment – min. \$145 billion over six years (incl. 25 cent motor fuel tax adjustment)
2. 40-40-20 ratio for capital investment grants, state of good repair, and bus programs
3. Mobility Innovation and Technology Initiative

TRANSPORTATION FOR AMERICA

SMART GROWTH AMERICA

NATIONAL COMPLETE STREETS COALITION

(recommendations to Biden transition team)

- 1) Do not overlook how housing, land use, and transportation are interrelated in determining household costs, access to opportunity, wealth accumulation, and how much emissions we produce.
- 2) Climate change and equity must be addressed together—the best strategies to improve the built environment to address one challenge also address the other.

Thank You.



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