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**Statement from Chris Tomlinson, Executive Director of the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority on the Passing of Jeff Parker, CEO and General Manager of MARTA**

ATLANTA – We are deeply saddened to hear of the untimely passing of Jeff Parker, CEO and General Manager of MARTA. The entire Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority team shares in the loss and grief with his wife, their children, his loved ones and friends, as well as, the Board and employees of MARTA.

Jeff Parker was a true advocate for public transit and the citizens MARTA served. It was a pleasure working with Jeff over the years and his leadership in our industry will be missed. We will continue to keep his immediate family and his MARTA family in our thoughts and prayers.

*About the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority*

*The ATL was created by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2018 legislative session to provide coordinated transit planning and funding for the metro Atlanta region. The ATL is responsible for developing the ATL 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. Effective July 1, 2020, the ATL was legislatively authorized to oversee the state's Xpress regional commuter transit system and the Atlanta region's vanpool system. The population of metro Atlanta is growing rapidly and 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*

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