House Transit Governance & Funding Commission Progress Update

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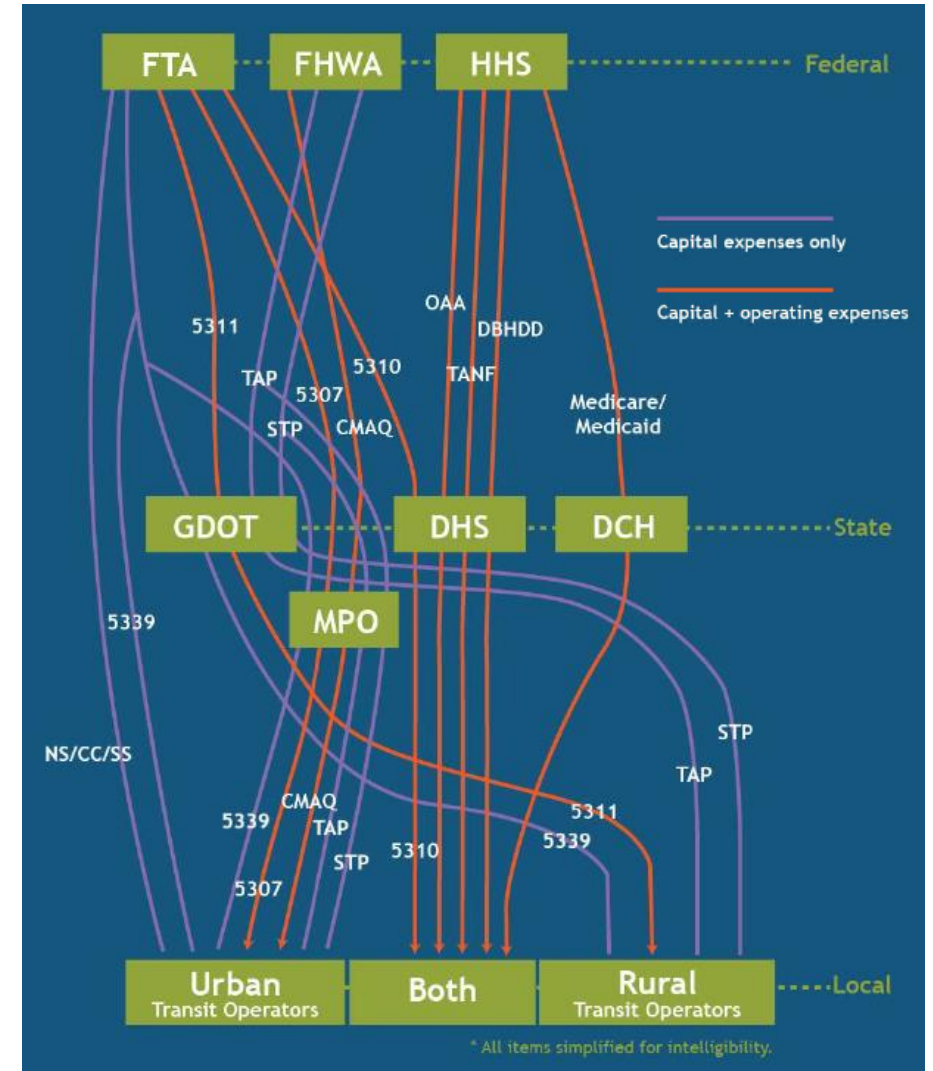**Rail & Transit Planning and Environmental Manager**

Intermodal Division

House Commission Background

- Purpose: study Georgia's transit needs and the state's role in administering and delivering transit services

- HB 848 (2017 Legislative Session) – Established the House Commission on Transit Governance and Funding

- Membership: 6 GA House Reps, 4 transit provider reps, 4 GA residents appointed by Speaker, agency ex officio members (GDOT, GRTA, MARTA, MPO directors)

- Initial work resulted in HB 930 and the ATL transit governing body

- Current work focuses on governance structures and funding in *rural* Georgia

- Four meetings during 2018

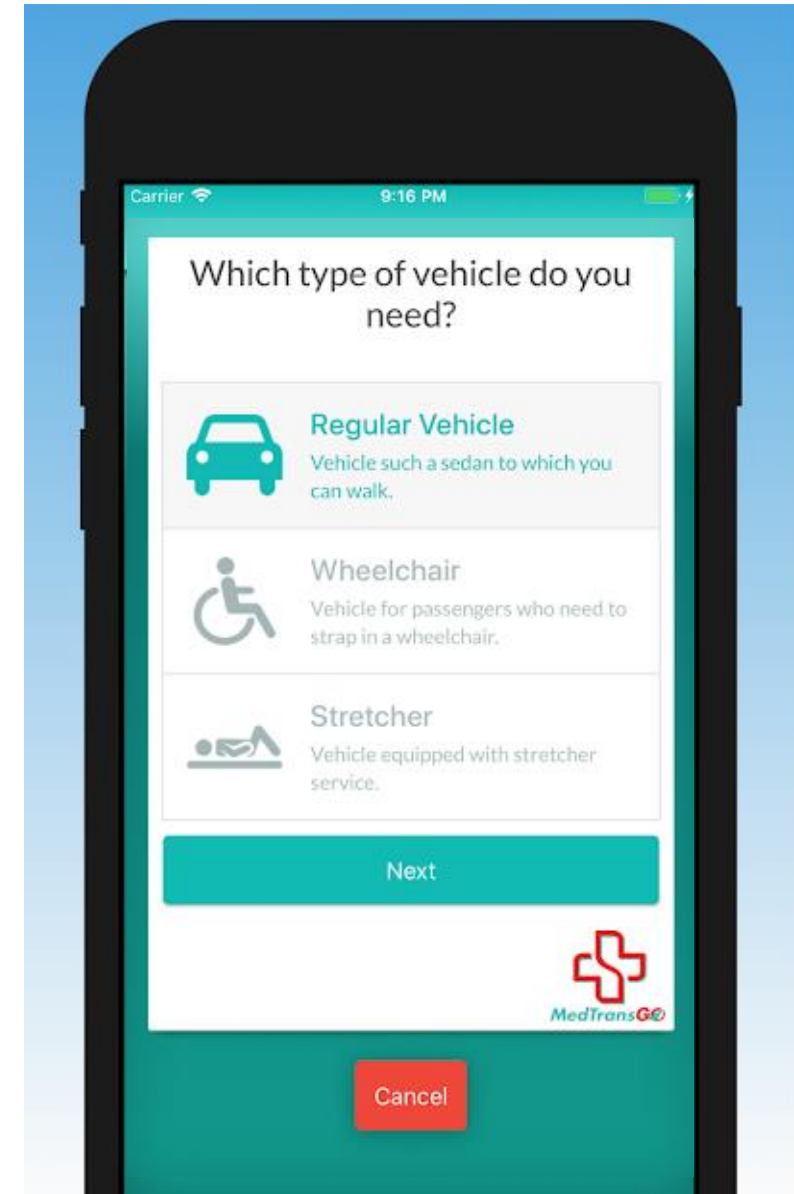- Final report expected in January 2019

Current Funding Sources and Flow

Source: Atlanta Regional Commission

Key Themes

- Emerging Technologies: changing the delivery of transit
- Technical Colleges & Employers: need transit access
- Successes of local SPLOSTs and TIA

Source: MedTrans Go, Inc.

Agency Collaboration

DHS, DCH, GDOT

Regional Commissions & Operators

- Presentations to Commission

- Provide study team data and feedback

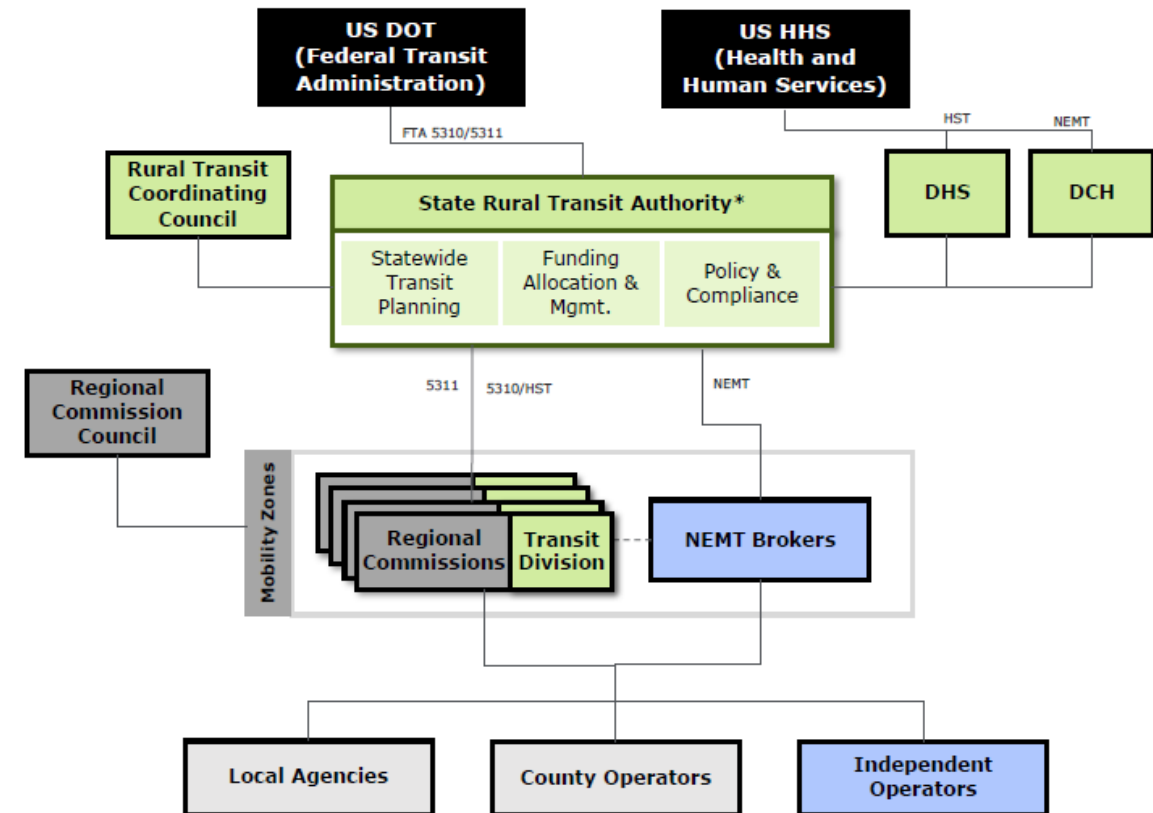- State-level policy alignment working group

October Meeting Discussions

Preliminary Governance Concepts:

1. Consolidated State Rural Transit Authority: Policy/compliance, statewide planning, funding allocations; Housed within existing agency TBD

2. Rural Transit Coordination Council: would oversee the authority and have representatives from multiple state agencies

3. Regional "Mobility Zones": Coordinate regional plans, contract & service delivery administration

Conceptual Rural Transit Governance Model

Source: Deloitte Development LLC

Next Steps

- Next meeting in December 2018 to map a path forward for Georgia's 2019 Legislative Session

- Commission report expected in January 2019

- GDOT will monitor draft legislation during 2019 session

- Continue collaborating with DHS & DCH to find efficiencies at state level