

Concept 3:  
The Regional Transit Vision  
for  
Metropolitan Atlanta

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## *Who Developed Concept 3?*

### The Transit Planning Board (TPB):

- Born out of 2005; ARC Regional Transit Institutional Analysis (RTIA);
- A regionally representative board to address the region's institutional transit problems;
- A forum to discuss and decide on a regional transit system; how to govern it and how to fund it.
- TPB has evolved in 2009 to the Transit Implementation Board (TIB) and is now the Regional Transit Committee (RTC) of ARC

## *Timeline of Concept 3 Development*



- Fall 2006/Summer 2007 – Review of Previous Work
- Fall 2007 – Development of Initial Concepts resulting in Draft Concept 3
- Winter/Spring 2008 – Public Comment
- August 28, 2008 – Adoption of Concept 3 by TPB
- Fall 2008 – Adoption of Concept 3 by MARTA, GRTA and ARC
- Fall 2010 – Regional Transit Committee of ARC created through amendment to Quad Party Agreement by ARC, GDOT, GRTA and MARTA - RTC Responsible for Maintenance and Prioritization of Concept 3

# *What Is The Regional Transit Vision?*

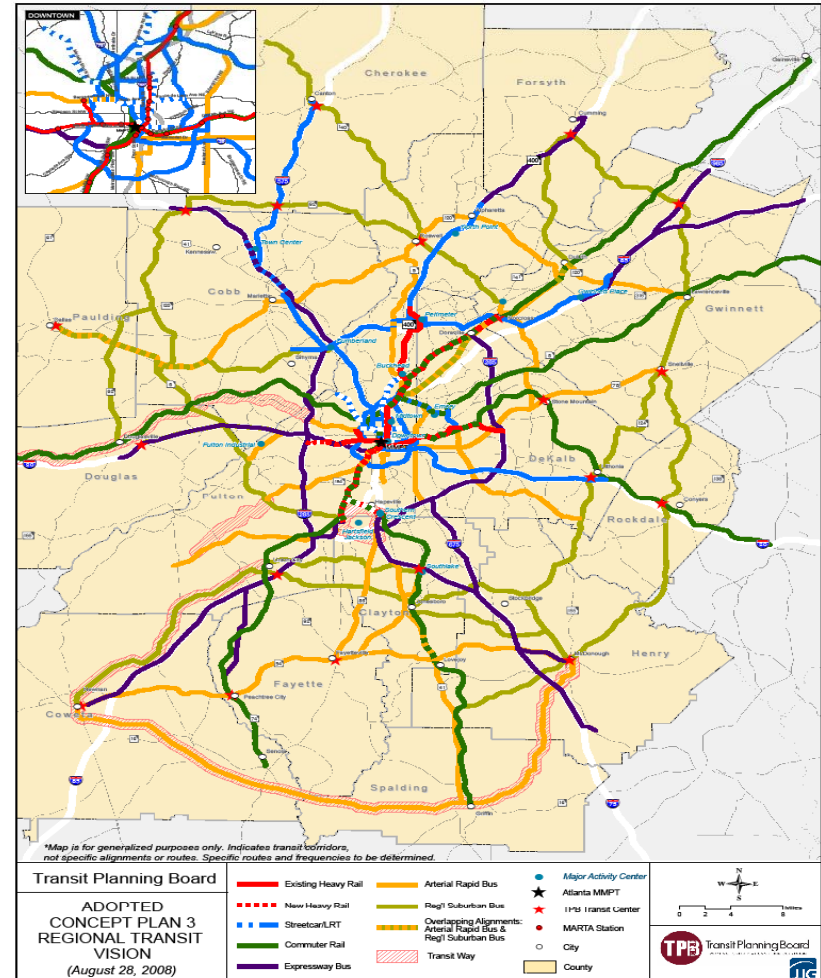


- Known as Concept 3
- 30 Year Big Picture framework
- Adopted by TPB Board on August 28, 2008
- Vetted with the Public for 8 Months
- Involves all Transit Modes
- Service/Connections to the Activity Centers
- Transit Travel Time Competiveness
- Service to a Variety of Users
  - ✓ Commuters
  - ✓ Visitors
  - ✓ Elderly/Disabled
  - ✓ Those without Cars
  - ✓ Those that do not or Chose not to Drive

# What is Concept 3?

## Concept 3

The Atlanta Region's Long-Range Transit Vision



# Concept 3 Elements

## ➤ MARTA Rail Extensions

- HE Holmes to I-285/MLK Dr.
- East Point to New Airport Terminal
- Doraville to Norcross

## ➤ New Commuter Rail Lines

(Central Atlanta & Airport) to:

- Griffin
- Gainesville
- Madison
- Bremen
- Senoia

## ➤ Inner Core Streetcar Network

- Beltline
- Atlanta Network



# Concept 3 Elements

## ➤ Light Rail Lines (LRT)

- GA 400 Perimeter to Windward Parkway
- NW Corridor/Town Center to Midtown/Downtown
- East/West Northern Connector - I-285 and I-85
- Lindbergh–Emory-Decatur
- I-20 East -Downtown to Sigman Road



## ➤ Freeway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

- I-20 West from HE Holmes Station
- I-285 West between Cumberland to I-20
- I-75 South to/from Henry County



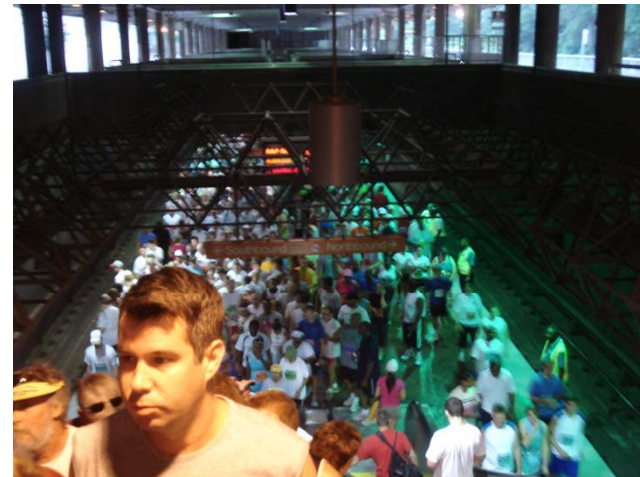
## ● Arterial BRT

## ● Regional Suburban Bus



## *How has Concept 3 influenced Transportation Policy*

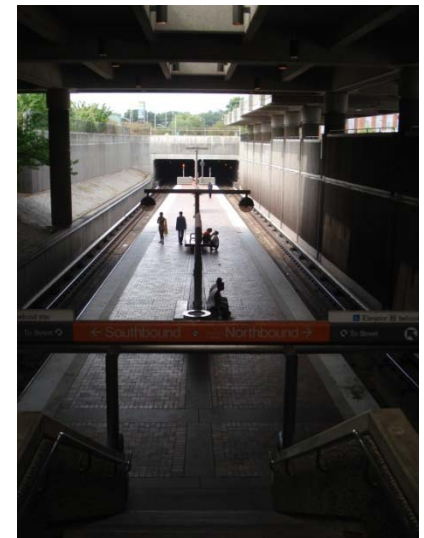
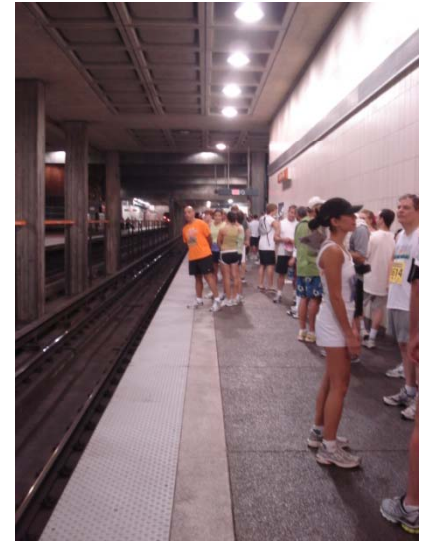
- Adopted as Transit Element of Regional Strategic Transportation System (RSTS)
- Provides regional framework for on-going Corridor Studies (NW, I-20 East, Clifton, Beltline, MMPT)
- Provides a realistic vision for an integrated regional transit system





## Next Steps

- Concept 3 Provides Framework for HB 277 Project List Development for Major Atlanta Transit Expansion Projects
- Concept 3 Primary Source for Major Transit Expansion Investments included in *Plan2040* under development by ARC
  - ARC Updating Concept 3 Forecasts with refined Transportation Model as part of 2040 update and prioritization
- Per HB 277, any new transit instrumentality shall participate in Concept 3 development



## *Upcoming Dates*

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- September 30, 2010 – Deadline for Comments on DRAFT HB 277 Project Investment Criteria
- November 15, 2010 – Announcement of HB 277 Roundtables Initial Meetings
- December, 2010 – Draft Plan 2040 (Anticipated)
- Winter / Spring 2011 – Development of HB 277 Project Lists and Plan 2040 Public Comment
- Summer 2011 – Formal Adoption of Plan 2040 by ARC
- Fall 2011 – Formal Adoption of HB 277 Referendum Project List

## *Questions & Comments?*



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