



# **GDOT Intermodal Committee**

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**Governor's Development Council  
2011 Reporting Year Summary**

August 17, 2011



# Presentation Summary

- Legislative Background: Reporting Requirements and Timeline
- RHST Primer Overview (Report 1 of 2)
- HB 277 Report Overview (Report 2 of 2)
- Recommendations
- Next Steps



# Legislative Background: HB 277 Reporting Requirements

- Legislation requires the examination and annual reporting on:
  - ✓ All RHST programs including capital and operating costs and duplication of services among programs
  - ✓ Current state of coordination
  - ✓ Methods to combine/consolidate RHST resources
  - ✓ Best practices in technology utilization
  - ✓ Federal funding limitations
  - ✓ HST program interaction with public transit
  - ✓ Cost sharing opportunities among programs
  - ✓ Analysis of methods to reduce costs including increased use of privatization

# Legislative Background

## HB 277 Reporting Timeline

**June 8, 2011** ✓  
RHST  
Committee/G  
DC approves  
routing of  
documents to  
Advisory  
Subcommittee

**July 26, 2011** ✓  
Advisory  
Subcommittee  
public  
meeting to  
discuss  
documents

**August 10, 2011** ✓  
RHST  
Committee/G  
DC approves  
routing of  
final  
documents to  
OPB

**January 15, 2012**  
OPB routes  
Committee/  
GDC  
documents to  
General  
Assembly

**July 1, 2011** ✓  
Draft  
documentation  
routed to  
Advisory  
Subcommittee  
and public for  
comments

**August 1, 2011** ✓  
Public  
comment  
period  
ends

**September 1, 2011**  
Final 2011  
reporting  
year  
documents  
due to OPB

# RHST Primer Overview

- **Purpose:**
  - ✓ Provide background on RHST delivery in GA
  - ✓ Intended for the layperson and decision-maker
- **Answers the following questions:**
  - ✓ Who's transported and where?
  - ✓ How is RHST funded?
  - ✓ Why provide services?
  - ✓ What is coordination?
  - ✓ What are the benefits and why do it?



# HB 277 Report Overview

## Based on GDOT RHST Plan 2.0 documentation

- Recommendations taken directly from GDOT's Implementation Plan
- GDC has added additional recommendations focusing on outcomes

# HB 277 Report Results

## Assessment of existing coordination landscape:

- Significant coordination within DHS
- Significant coordination between DHS and GDOT's rural transit systems
  - ✓ 68.2% of rural systems provide HST services
- DCH generally administered separately
  - ✓ 10.6% of rural systems provide HST services
- No mandate for coordination (at federal or state level)
- Coordination in Georgia informal, voluntary
  - ✓ Done at provider level when 2 or more funding streams accommodated by a provider



# GDOT Recommendations: Long Term

GDOT study recommends a bi-level coordination infrastructure:

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- State Level
  - ✓ RHST Office
  - ✓ State Coordination Council as decision making body
  - ✓ Staffed by a mobility manager
- Regional Level
  - ✓ Utilize regional commission boundaries to administer RHST
  - ✓ Establish Regional Coordination Council
  - ✓ Staffed by a mobility manager



# GDOT Recommendations: Short Term

- Utilize RHST Advisory Subcommittee to establish objectives, prioritize coordination projects, propose coordination infrastructure
- GDOT consultant team to act as interim mobility manager



# GDC Proposed Additions to GDOT Recommendations

- All recommendations should have clearly identified outcomes
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- Outcomes should be connected to:
    - ✓ Increased cost-effectiveness in RHST delivery
    - ✓ Maintained or improved levels of service
  - Specific Comments:
    - ✓ Policy recommendations necessitating legislative changes or executive orders should be routed through the RHST Committee (to avoid presenting 2 sets of recommendations)



# Next Steps

- September 7: Informal meeting of the Advisory Subcommittee

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- GDC to secure consultant assistance for 2012 report
- Next meeting of the RHST Committee TBD



# Questions?

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