



# GEORGIA TRANSIT DAY

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF TRANSIT  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

# Purpose

The first-annual Georgia Transit Day/Transit is designed to educate local and state elected officials, regional stakeholders and others regarding the importance of transit within their Regional Commission area. The goal was to start the discussion on what transit should look like in Georgia and get stakeholders involved in developing a statewide Transit Plan.

# Program

- Two part Program
  - Statewide Program
    - Broadcasted via the web
    - Contextual to set the stage
  - Regional Program
    - Sponsored by the Regional Commissions
    - Included transit fairs
    - Facilitated Discussion

# Event Location

Regional Commission	Venue
Northwest Georgia	Rome Forum Rome, GA
Middle Georgia	Middle Georgia Regional Commission Office Macon, GA
Coastal Regional	Georgia Southern University Statesboro, GA
River Valley	Columbus Civic Center Columbus, GA
Heart of Georgia Altamaha	Ocmulgee Regional Library Eastman, GA
Southern Georgia	Waycross Regional Commission office Waycross, GA
Atlanta (Livable Communities Coalition)	One Georgia Center Atlanta, GA

# Livable Communities Coalition

## Statewide Program

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Welcome – Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr.

Overview/Role of Transit – Erik Steavens, Director-Intermodal, GDOT

Overview of HB 277 – State Sen. Jeff Mullis

Implementation of HB 277 – Todd Long, Director of Planning, GDOT

GTA's Role in Advancing Transit – Butch McDuffie, president of Georgia Transit Association and Director/Athens Transit

## Metro Atlanta Program

1:30 p.m. Welcome and Introduction: GDOT Board Member Dana L. Lemon

1:35 p.m. Poll Results: Why the Referendum Will Need Transit to Pass

Kevin Doyle, Livable Communities Coalition

1:50 p.m. Panel Discussion with Questions from Live Audience

Moderator: **Jim Durrett**

Panelists: Dr. Beverly Scott, Jannine Miller, Faye DiMassimo and State Representative Donna Sheldon

2:25 p.m. GDOT Board Member Dana Lemon presents concluding remarks

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

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# River Valley Regional Commission

## GA Transit Day Program included:

- A transit fair from 11-12:30p.m.
- 2 METRA buses and a new Uptown Trolley on display.
- MCA Transportation brought two human services transport shuttle busses.
- Live webcast from GDOT
- Local discussion on:
  - HB277
  - Columbus METRA transportation,
  - DHS human services transportation,
  - the RVRC’s Bike to Work initiative,
  - the Clean Air Campaign initiative,
- Give-aways
  - Weekly METRA bus pass
  - Gift cards from local vendors including
  - Free rides on shuttle buses

# Southern Georgia Regional Commission



## GA Transit Day Program included:

- Local Discussion on:
  - HB277
  - SR821
- Transit Fair Display:
  - Vehicles from MIDS, Inc. and Pierce County
- The event was attended by:
  - GDOT Board Member Jay Shaw
  - A large delegation from the City of Douglas/Coffee County

# Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission

## GA Transit Day Program included:

- Registration was held from 12:30 to 12:50 P.M.
- Welcome by Alan Mazza, Executive Director of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission
- The live webcast from One Georgia Center started at 1:00 P.M.

## Local Program included:

- Remarks from Skip Langley with U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson's office;
- Mr. Bill Stembridge with Senator Saxby Chambliss's office and
- Mr. Kyle George with U.S. Congressman Jim Marshall's office
- Transportation service providers in the area
  - Mr. John Benner with Wayne County Transit;
  - Ms. Eloise Crawford with Pineland Transportation and
  - Mamie Tomys of Quality Transportation, Inc.
  - Ms. Jan Law DHS Region nine Coordinator gave a brief history of coordinated transportation efforts over the last twenty years.
- Question and answer session followed these presentations.
- Inspection of a Wayne County Transit System bus.

# Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission





***Questions?***