



FTA State Programs Meeting

Georgia Transit Program Highlights

March 14, 2018



Highlight Topics:

- 1. House Commission on Transit Governance and Funding
– Statewide Transit Plan**
- 2. Transit Program “SWOT” Analysis**
- 3. Selection of HBSS – Statewide 5311 Dispatching Software**
- 4. Intercity Bus - New Greyhound Terminal planned for Atlanta**



House Commission on Transit Governance and Funding

- Georgia House Resolution 848
 - created Committee in 2017 to study Transit needs
- Meetings held over the last year across the state
- Consultant hired to study mass transit needs in Georgia
- Report due by December 31, 2018 of findings



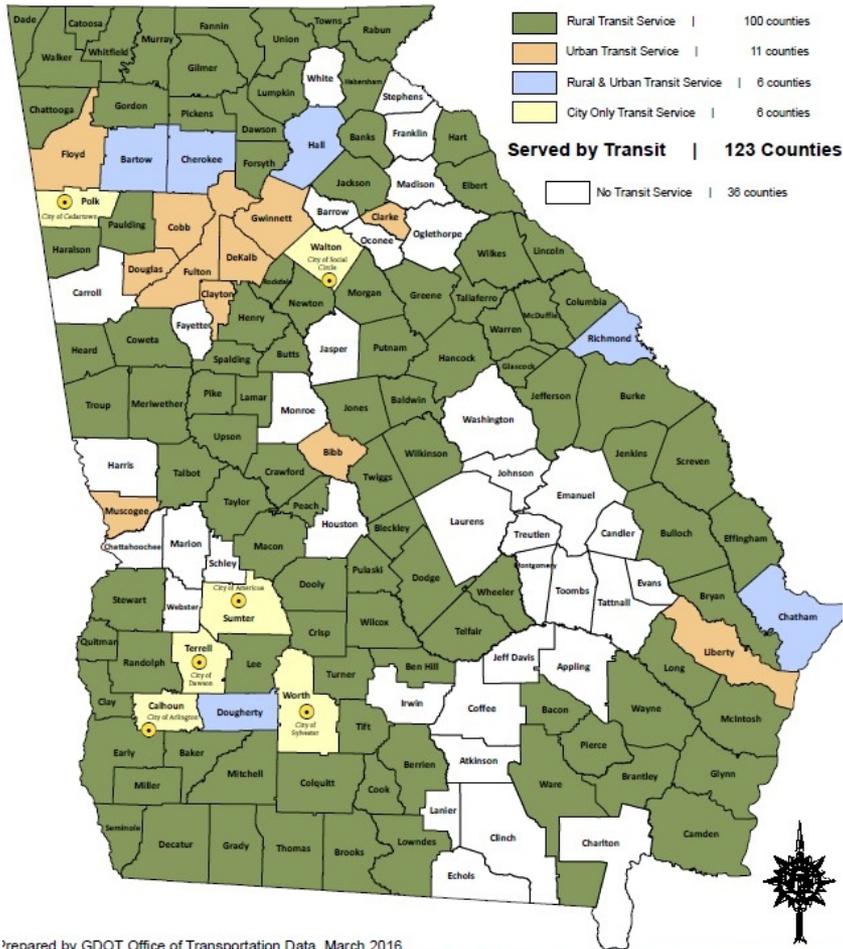
Challenges & Opportunities

- Population Growth
 - Rural Systems Trending to Urban Systems
 - Rural Systems without Transit

- The Silver Tsunami
 - Georgia 4th fastest growing older population in the U.S.

- Increasing Efficiency and Coverage in Delivering Public Transit
 - Technology
 - Identify new partners & new models
 - Private sector providers – Uber, Lyft
 - Private-Not-For-Profit Providers

Georgia Transit Systems



Prepared by GDOT Office of Transportation Data | March 2016

Figure 2: Transit Map (GDOT, 2018)

There are multiple agencies responsible for delivering transit services. Improved state governance is a critical first step to optimize local, multi-county, and multi-regional transit services.

- There are multiple definitions of a “region”
- Public transit is available in 125 of Georgia’s 159 counties
- Human services transit is available in all 159 counties (DHS)
- Medicaid transit service is available in all 159 counties (DCH)
- GRTA Express Bus services provides critical suburban to urban linkage



GDOT Statewide Transit Plan

- Major Plan Elements/Outcomes
 - Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures
 - Needs Identification (Rural and Urban)
 - System Connectivity
(Intercity, Inter-Regional, and Statewide)
 - Opportunities for Efficiency
 - Coordination with MPO/Regional Plans
 - Assessment of Public Benefits
 - Transit Funding Outlook and Options
 - Transit Investment Priorities

- Current Activities Underway:
 - Scoping Phase
 - Identification of Key Stakeholders
 - Assembly of Data for Transit Assets and Rural Transit Needs



Transit Program SWOT Analysis

Conducted Peer State Review

- Findings:
 - Georgia has larger number of subrecipients than most states
 - Georgia Transit Program understaffed for size of program
 - Georgia ranks in lowest tier for state funding to support transit

- Follow up:
 - RFP in process to identify consultant to assist with transit oversight
 - Re-organization of Transit Program approved – 8 new positions
 - Opportunity for funding as a result of House Study activities



5311 Program - Dispatching Software

1. Statewide Dispatching for 5311 program began in June 2012
2. RFP issued for web-based software - 07/15/16
3. HBSS of Lowell, MA selected - contract executed 11/7/17
4. 83 different systems / 114 counties across Georgia
5. Phased transition – first 30 systems to go live by 6/30/18



History:

- Greyhound –largest operator of fixed-route scheduled intercity bus
- 1996 – Greyhound “temporarily located” to accommodate 1996 Summer Olympics
- 2018 - Services still provided out of “temporary location”
- Atlanta – second busiest terminal nationally

Application Approved for funding:

- Intercity Bus funding to construct a new terminal at current location
- Total Project Cost \$13,7682.70 - 80% Federal = \$11,014,616
- 12, 076 SF Building – Two Floors
- Co-located with MARTA and Southeastern Stages
- Phase I – Design Contract under review by GH
- Project Completion - 2020

Existing Property

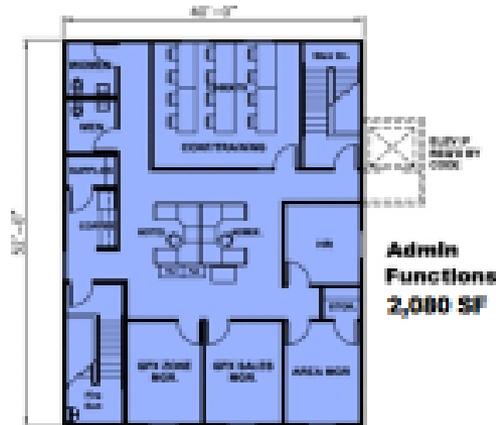


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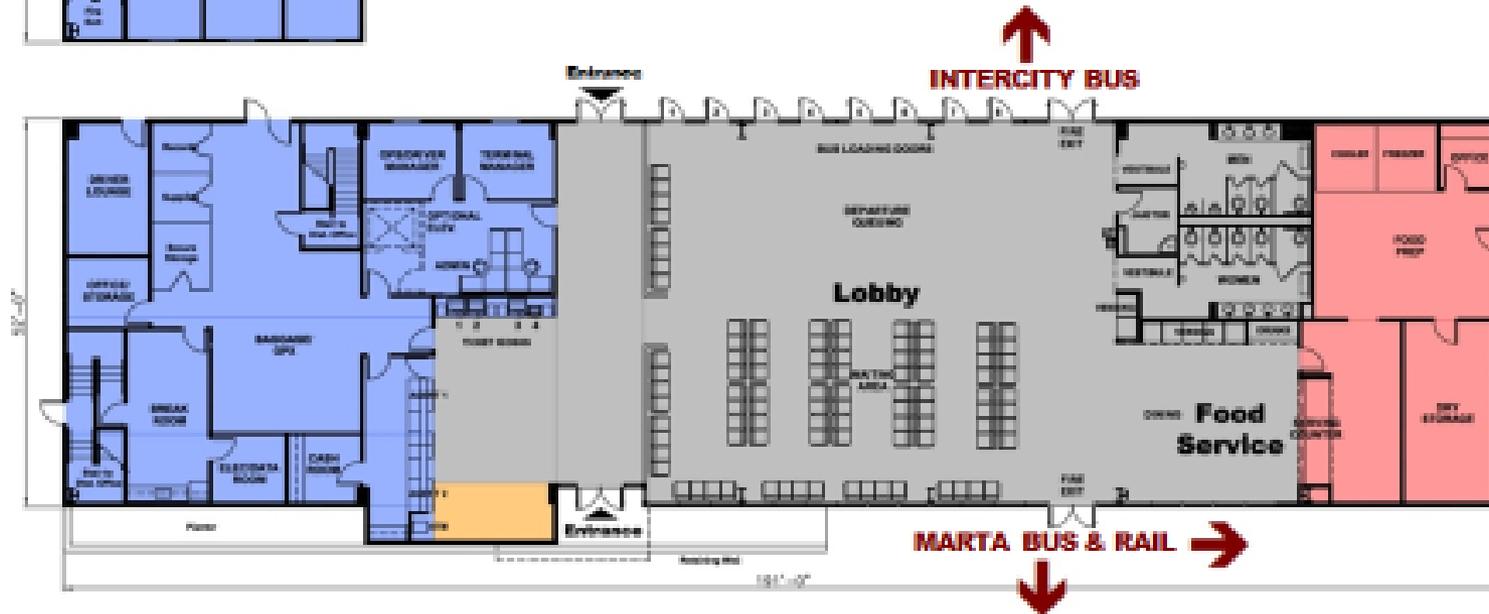
Intermodal Bus Terminal Concept

Atlanta GA



- Shared Passenger Facilities
- Greyhound Ticketing & Operations
- MARTA Ticketing & Information
- Greyhound Food Service

Ground Level Terminal - 8,996 SF
Second Level Offices - 2,000 SF
TOTAL - 12,076 SF



Proposed Greyhound Facility - Atlanta



SW View



Questions & Comments