

## **VII. CONCEPT 3- TRANSIT VISION PLAN**

### Project Sponsor

Transit Planning Board (TPB)

### Project Type

Transit Action Plan for the Atlanta region

### Project Team

TPB, ARC, GRTA, MARTA

### Purpose

Create an interconnected transit system for the Atlanta region.

### Status

On November 29, 2007, TPB staff briefed the Board on their progress with Concept Plan 3; its characteristics, costs, and benefits.



The plan is looking at a series of interconnected transit services and modes to move people primarily between where they live and work. It primarily focuses on the 13 activity centers identified by ARC. The plan calls for heavy rail expansion, improving cross-region connectivity, extending local bus and circulator services and building an extensive network of BRT, express and intercity bus network. It covers a 23-year horizon (2007-2030).

On May 30 2008, TPB concluded a series of public information meetings to present the proposed transit vision plan, known as Concept 3. In late 2008, Concept 3 Plan was adopted as a consensus vision and guiding document for future transit investment in the Atlanta region by:

- Atlanta Regional Commission Technical Committee on November 7, 2008
- Atlanta Regional Commission Technical Committee on November 13, 2008
- Atlanta Regional Commission Board on November 26, 2008

In January 2009, MARTA in partnership with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), established the Transit Implementation Board (TIB) to guide the implementation of Concept 3, the long-range transit vision for the Atlanta region developed by the board's predecessor, the Transit Planning Board (TPB). On December 02, the ARC Board unanimously passed a resolution amending the 2008 Quad agreement between ARC, MARTA, GRTA, and GDOT to provide for a Regional Transit Committee (RTC). The resolution also recommends revision of the Quad Party Agreement to define the roles and responsibilities for the new Regional Transit Committee.

### Occurrences during the third quarter of 2010

ARC has secured financial commitments from several counties to pay the \$10,000-annual membership to be a voting member of the RTC. To date, ARC has received payments from Cobb, Cherokee, Fulton, Rockdale, and Spalding counties.

### Next Steps

Continue to report to the Board on on-going transit-related activities