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A RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSIT PLANNING BOARD (TPB) CONCEPT 3

WHEREAS, the Transit Planning Board (TPB) was created by joint resolution of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) for the express purpose of coordinating regional transit policy and operations; and

WHEREAS, the TPB has adopted a vision for transit investment in the region known as the modified "Concept 3," which is intended to depict a vision of a regional transit system; and

WHEREAS, an extensive technical analysis of Concept 3 has been completed, showing a positive impact on the region with regard to travel time, safety, and accessibility to and connectivity between major activity centers; and

WHEREAS, extensive opportunities for public input have been provided, including individual meetings with stakeholder groups, public hearings throughout the region, an online survey, and other outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, ARC staff, officials and representatives of its local jurisdictional members have participated extensively in the development of Concept 3 and ARC technical analysis has been incorporated into the final version of Concept 3; and

WHEREAS, the TPB, now nearing the completion of its work, has requested that its regional planning partners, including ARC, also adopt and incorporate Concept 3 into their own plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ARC adopts Concept 3, as described in the attached documentation, as the consensus vision and guiding document for future transit investment to be used in the development of the upcoming 2040 RTP/TIP.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that ARC amends its long-range regional Aspirations Plan to incorporate Concept 3 as the transit component.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that ARC will incorporate Concept 3 into the Regional Strategic Transportation System (RSTS) in conjunction with the annual update of the Unified Growth Policy Map in 2009.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that ARC directs its staff to work with regional planning partners to refine specific corridors and technologies, bringing forward appropriate amendments to the RTP as warranted.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that, pending final recommendations from the TPB on institutional next steps, ARC staff is directed to assist in maintaining planning initiatives, as appropriate, in which TPB is currently engaged.

ARC

DATE: December 3, 2008

ISSUE SUMMARY: Transit Planning Board Concept 3 Recommendations

FROM: Jane Hayse

IMPORTANCE:

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Concept 3 of the Transit Planning Board is recommended as the consensus vision and guiding document for future transit investment to be used in the development of the upcoming 2040 RTP/TIP.

NOTE – The attached draft resolution contains minor wording changes as of 11/6/08.:

ACTION REQUIRED:

Adoption of TPB Concept 3 is recommended.