



# REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: Apr 16 2007

ARC REVIEW CODE: T704191

ATTN TO: Barbara Jackson, Administrator

FROM: Charles Krautler, Director

NOTE: This is digital  
signature. Original on file.

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has received the following proposal and is initiating a regional review to seek comments from potentially impacted jurisdictions and agencies. The ARC requests your comments related to the proposal not addressed by the Commission's regional plans and policies.

**Name of Proposal:** Section 5307 2007 Federal Assistance Transit Grant

**Review Type:** Transit

**Description:** The application will serve as a continuation of project funding for the purchase of 4 buses for the Regional Xpress Bus service; engineering design and construction of park n ride facilities; preventive maintenance for Buckhead and Xpress; project prioritization/planning for the Transit Planning Board; and ITS, Security and Surveillance Equipment for Park n Ride Lots.

**Submitting Local Government:** Georgia Regional Transportation Authority

**Action Under Consideration:** Approval

**Date Opened:** Apr 16 2007

**Deadline for Comments:** May 7 2007

**Earliest the Regional Review can be Completed:** May 7 2007

## THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES ARE RECEIVING NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC LAND USE PLANNING  
ARC DATA RESEARCH

ARC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

ARC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

**Attached is information concerning this review.**

If you have any questions regarding this review, Please call Haley Fleming, Review Coordinator, at (404) 463-3311. If the ARC staff does not receive comments from you by May 7 2007, we will assume that your agency has no additional comments and we will close the review. Comments by email are strongly encouraged.

The ARC review website is located at: <http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse> .

**GEORGIA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE MEMORANDUM  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 REVIEW PROCESS**

TO: MS. HALEY FLEMING  
ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION  
40 COURTLAND STREET, NE  
ATLANTA, GA 30303

FROM: Barbara Jackson  
Georgia State Clearinghouse

DATE: 4/16/2007

SUBJECT: Executive Order 12372 Review

APPLICANT: Georgia Regional Transportation Authority

PROJECT: Section 5307: 2007 Federal Assistance Transit Grant (Project No. GA-90-X248)

CFDA NO.: 20.507

STATE ID: GA070416005

**IMPORTANT! REVIEW COMMENTS DUE BY OR BEFORE: 5/7/2007**

A copy of the Standard Federal Application package, Environmental Information, or Direct Federal Development project is enclosed for your review and comment. Your review should focus on the projects compatibility with those state or regional goals, policies, plans, fiscal resources, criteria for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), environmental impacts, or inconsistencies with federal executive orders, acts and/or rules and regulations with which your agency is concerned. Negative environmental impacts or provision for protection of the environment and possible duplication of the proposed project with programs presently in place should be pointed out.

Any major points of conflict identified by you during the review process immediately should be brought to the attention of the Administrator, Georgia State Clearinghouse. The Administrator will attempt to mediate these concerns prior to completing the review of the project. The Clearinghouse telephone number is (404) 656-3855.

Please have your comments typed (or hand-printed) and dated on the enclosed Form SC-3. An additional sheet may be used if additional space is needed. Your comments will be summarized in a single state position or a composite that reflects both the state and regional recommendations and be returned to the applicant/sponr. They in turn will forward a copy to the federal agency if necessary.

Form SC-2  
May 2004

**DOT****FTA**

U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

**Application for Federal Assistance**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Recipient ID:        | 5891                                      |
| Recipient Name:      | GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY |
| Project ID:          | GA 90 X248                                |
| Budget Number:       | 1 - Budget Pending Approval               |
| Project Information: | 2007 5307                                 |

**Part 1: Recipient Information**

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Project Number: | GA 90 X248   |
| Recipient ID:   | 5891   |
| Recipient Name: | GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY                      |
| Address:        | 245 PEACHTREE CENTER AVE. NE SUITE 900, ATLANTA, GA 30303 1223 |
| Telephone:      | (404) 463-3000   |
| Facsimile:      | (404) 463-3060   |

**Union Information**

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Recipient ID: | 5891                      |
| Union Name:   | AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION |
| Address 1:    | 3951 Snapfinger Parkway   |
| Address 2:    |                           |
| City:         | Decatur, GA 30035 4139    |
| Contact Name: | Ernest Brooks             |
| Telephone:    | (404) 286-7683            |
| Facsimile:    | (404) 286-7680            |
| E-mail:       |                           |
| Website:      | (unknown)                 |

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Recipient ID: | 5891                   |
| Union Name:   | TEAMSTERS UNION        |
| Address 1:    | 2540 Lakewood Ave S.W. |
| Address 2:    |                        |

|               |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| City:         | Atlanta, GA 10019 5905     |
| Contact Name: | Randy Brown                |
| Telephone:    | (404) 622-0521             |
| Facsimile:    |                            |
| E-mail:       | mail@teamsterslocal728.org |
| Website:      |                            |

## Part 2: Project Information

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Project Type:                                 | Grant                         |
| Project Number:                               | GA 90 X248                    |
| Project Description:                          | 2007 5307                     |
| Recipient Type:                               | Transit Authority             |
| FTA Project Mgr:                              | Dave Mucher                   |
| Recipient Contact:                            | Gail Franklin                 |
| New/Amendment:                                | None Specified                |
| Amend Reason:                                 | Initial Application           |
|   |                               |
| Fed Dom Asst. #:                              | 20507                         |
| Sec. of Statute:                              | 5307                          |
| State Appl. ID:                               | None Specified                |
| Start/End Date:                               | Jul. 01, 2006 - Jun. 30, 2010 |
| Recvd. By State:                              |                               |
| EO 12372 Rev:                                 | YES                           |
| Review Date:                                  | None Specified                |
| Planning Grant?:                              | NO                            |
| Program Date<br>(STIP/UPWP/FTA<br>Prm Plan) : | Jan. 01, 2007                 |
| Program Page:                                 | None Specified                |
| Application Type:                             | Electronic                    |
|   |                               |
| Supp. Agreement?:                             | Yes                           |
| Debt. Delinq. Details:                        |                               |

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Gross Project Cost:   | \$3,744,300    |
| Adjustment Amt:       | \$0            |
| Total Eligible Cost:  | \$3,744,300    |
| Total FTA Amt:        | \$2,995,440    |
| Total State Amt:      | \$748,860      |
| Total Local Amt:      | \$0            |
| Other Federal Amt:    | \$0            |
| Special Cond Amt:     | \$0            |
|                       |                |
| Special Condition:    | None Specified |
| S.C. Tgt. Date:       | None Specified |
| S.C. Eff. Date:       | None Specified |
| Est. Oblig Date:      | None Specified |
| Pre-Award Authority?: | Yes            |
| Fed. Debt Authority?: | No             |
| Final Budget?:        | No             |

### Urbanized Areas

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| UZA ID | UZA Name    |
| 130200 | ATLANTA, GA |

### Congressional Districts

| State ID | District Code | District Official           |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 13       | 4             | Henry "Hank" C Johnson, Jr. |
| 13       | 5             | John R Lewis                |
| 13       | 6             | Tom Price                   |
| 13       | 7             | John Linder                 |
| 13       | 8             | Jim Marshall                |
| 13       | 10            | Charlie Norwood             |
| 13       | 11            | Phil Gingrey                |
| 13       | 13            | David Scott                 |

### Project Details

This application will serve as a continuation of project funding for the purchase of 4 buses for the Regional Xpress Bus service; engineering design and construction of park n ride facilities; preventive maintenance for Buckhead and Xpress; project prioritization/planning for the Transit Planning Board; and ITS, Security and Surveillance Equipment for Park n Ride lots.

The total federal grant dollars in this application include the following:

AR - GRTA 5307G (2006)- Park and Ride Lots \$236,701 (federal) \$59,175 (local)  
 AR 651-A (2007)- \$ 1,225,289 federal assistance; 306,322 (state)  
 AR-GRTA 5307C (2007)- Preventive Maintenance (Buckhead)\$130,000 (federal) \$32,500 (Buckhead)  
 AR-GRTA 5307G (2007)- Short Range Planning (TPB) \$364,486 (fed) \$91,122 (GRTA/MARTA)  
 AR-GRTA 5307H (2007)- Park and Ride Lots (Xpress) \$500,000 (federal), \$125,000 (GRTA)  
 AR-GRTA 5307I (2007)- Capital Cost of Contracting (Vanpool) \$ \$643,964 (federal) \$ 160,991 (GRTA Vanpool)  
 AR-GRTA 5307D (2007)- Preventive Maintenance (Xpress) \$500,000 (federal) \$125,000 (GRTA)

All ITS related elements of this project will be consistent with national and regional ITS Architecture standards.

### Earmarks

**No information found.**

### Security

Yes – We will expend 1% or more of the 5307 funds in this grant application for security purposes. Please list security-related projects in the project budget and summarize them in the non-add scope code 991.

## **Part 3: Budget**

### Project Budget

|                                   | Quantity | FTA Amount     | Tot. Elig. Cost |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>SCOPE</b>                      |          |                |                 |
| <b>111-00 BUS - ROLLING STOCK</b> | 4        | \$1,225,289.00 | \$1,531,610.00  |

|  |   |                |                       |
|--|---|----------------|-----------------------|
| <u>ACTIVITY</u>                                |   |                |                       |
| 11.13.07 BUY COMMUTER BUS FOR EXPANSION        | 4 | \$1,225,289.00 | \$1,531,610.00        |
| SCOPE  |   |                |                       |
| 140-20 STATIONS, STOPS, TERMINALS, INTERMODAL  | 0 | \$100,000.00   | \$125,000.00          |
| <u>ACTIVITY</u>                                |   |                |                       |
| 11.42.20 ACQUIRE - MISC SUPPORT EQUIPMENT      | 0 | \$100,000.00   | \$125,000.00          |
| SCOPE  |   |                |                       |
| 117-00 OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)               | 0 | \$1,368,273.00 | \$1,710,342.00        |
| <u>ACTIVITY</u>                                |   |                |                       |
| 11.71.12 CAPITAL COST OF 3RD PARTY CONTRACTING | 0 | \$643,964.00   | \$804,955.00          |
| 11.7A.00 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE                | 0 | \$130,000.00   | \$162,500.00          |
| 11.7A.00 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE                | 0 | \$229,823.00   | \$287,279.00          |
| 44.24.00 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLANNING          | 0 | \$364,486.00   | \$455,608.00          |
| SCOPE  |   |                |                       |
| 140-00 STATIONS, STOPS, TERMINALS, INTERMODAL  | 0 | \$301,878.00   | \$377,348.00          |
| <u>ACTIVITY</u>                                |   |                |                       |
| 11.32.07 ACQUIRE - SURVEIL/SECURITY EQUIP      | 0 | \$301,878.00   | \$377,348.00          |
|  |   |                |                       |
| <b>Estimated Total Eligible Cost:</b>          |   |                | <b>\$3,744,300.00</b> |
|  |   |                |                       |
| <b>Federal Share:</b>                          |   |                | <b>\$2,995,440.00</b> |
|  |   |                |                       |
| <b>Local Share:</b>                            |   |                | <b>\$748,860.00</b>   |

OTHER (Scopes and Activities not included in Project Budget Totals)

None

**No Amendment Funding Source information is available for the selected project**

Alternative Fuel Codes

|          |                                |             |
|----------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 11.13.07 | BUY COMMUTER BUS FOR EXPANSION | Diesel Fuel |
|----------|--------------------------------|-------------|

Extended Budget Descriptions

|  |  |   |                |                |
|--|--|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>11.13.07</b>  | BUY COMMUTER BUS FOR EXPANSION         | 4 | \$1,225,289.00 | \$1,531,610.00 |
| This ALI will fund the purchase of 4 Xpress buses for Route 490 from Cherokee County.  |  |   |                |                |
| <b>140-20</b>  | STATIONS, STOPS, TERMINALS, INTERMODAL | 0 | \$100,000.00   | \$125,000.00   |
| ITS Security   |  |   |                |                |
| <b>11.42.20</b>  | ACQUIRE - MISC SUPPORT EQUIPMENT       | 0 | \$100,000.00   | \$125,000.00   |
| This ALI will fund the following support equipment for park and ride lots: digital message signs, voice announcement systems, etc. |  |   |                |                |
| <b>11.71.12</b>  | CAPITAL COST OF 3RD PARTY CONTRACTING  | 0 | \$643,964.00   | \$804,955.00   |
| This ALI will fund a subsidy for the regional vanpool program.   |  |   |                |                |
| <b>11.7A.00</b>  | PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE                 | 0 | \$130,000.00   | \$162,500.00   |
| This ALI will fund Preventive Maintenance for Buckhead   |  |   |                |                |
| <b>11.7A.00</b>  | PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE                 | 0 | \$229,823.00   | \$287,279.00   |
| This ALI will fund preventive maintenance for Xpress   |  |   |                |                |
| <b>44.24.00</b>  | SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLANNING           | 0 | \$364,486.00   | \$455,608.00   |
| Regional Project Prioritization for Long Range Plan  |  |   |                |                |
| <b>11.32.07</b>  | ACQUIRE - SURVEIL/SECURITY EQUIP       | 0 | \$301,878.00   | \$377,348.00   |
| This ALI will fund the purchase of safety and security equipment for the Xpress Park n Ride lots.                                  |  |   |                |                |

## Changes since the Prior Budget

Unable to find change amount information.

## Part 4. Milestones

**11.13.07 BUY COMMUTER BUS FOR EXPANSION**

4

\$1,225,289

\$1,531,610

|    | <u>Milestone Description</u>  | <u>Est. Comp. Date</u> |
|----|---|------------------------|
| 1. | RFP/IFB OUT FOR BID   | Aug. 11, 2003          |
|    | Invitation for Bid released by State of GA  |                        |
| 2. | CONTRACT AWARDED  | Nov. 25, 2003          |
|    | State of GA awarded bid to Motor Coach Industries, Inc. Order for buses executed November 28, 2006. |                        |
| 3. | FIRST VEHICLE DELIVERED   | May. 01, 2007          |
|    | Inspections due to be completed and first vehicle delivered.  |                        |
| 4. | ALL VEHICLES DELIVERED  | Jun. 30, 2007          |
| 5. | CONTRACT COMPLETE   | Jun. 30, 2008          |

**11.42.20 ACQUIRE - MISC SUPPORT EQUIPMENT**

0

\$100,000

\$125,000

|    | <u>Milestone Description</u>                | <u>Est. Comp. Date</u> |
|----|---|------------------------|
| 1. | RFP/IFB Issued                              | Sep. 20, 2006          |
| 2. | Contract Award                              | Apr. 01, 2007          |
|    | Contract Awarded to Convergent Technologies |                        |
| 3. | Contract Complete                           | Apr. 01, 2010          |

**11.71.12 CAPITAL COST OF 3RD PARTY CONTRACTING**

0

\$643,964

\$804,955

|    | <u>Milestone Description</u>   | <u>Est. Comp. Date</u> |
|----|--|------------------------|
| 1. | RFP/IFB Issued   | Jun. 14, 2005          |
|    | Contract negotiations began with VPSI, Inc. for non-exclusive contract; contracting opportunity open to any vanpool providers expressing interest. Date reflective of beginning negotiations with VPSI, Inc. |                        |
| 2. | Contract Award   | Feb. 02, 2007          |
|    | Contract awarded to VPSI.  |                        |
| 3. | Contract Complete  | Feb. 02, 2008          |

**11.32.07 ACQUIRE - SURVEIL/SECURITY EQUIP**

0

\$301,878

\$377,348

|    | <u>Milestone Description</u>                | <u>Est. Comp. Date</u> |
|----|---|------------------------|
| 1. | RFP/IFB Issued                              | Sep. 20, 2006          |
| 2. | Contract Award                              | Apr. 01, 2007          |
|    | Contract Awarded to Convergent Technologies |                        |



3. Contract Complete

Apr. 01, 2010

## Part 5. Environmental Findings

**14020 STATIONS, STOPS, TERMINALS,  
INTERMODAL**

0 \$100,000 \$125,000

### Finding No. 1 - Class II(d)

**D04 - Transportation parking facilities**  
Transportation corridor fringe parking facilities.

**114220 ACQUIRE - MISC SUPPORT  
EQUIPMENT**

0 \$100,000 \$125,000

### Finding No. 1 - Class II(c)

**C08 - Install Shelters, fencing, & Amenities**  
Installation of fencing, signs, pavement markings, small passenger shelters, traffic signals, and railroad warning devices where no substantial land acquisition or traffic disruption will occur.

Finding Details: Installation of message signs and miscellaneous at Xpress Park n Ride Lots.

**117112 CAPITAL COST OF 3RD PARTY  
CONTRACTING**

0 \$643,964 \$804,955

### Finding No. 1 - Class II(c)

**C13 - Ridesharing activities**  
Ridesharing activities.

**117A00 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE**

0 \$130,000 \$162,500

### Finding No. 1 - Class II(c)

**C16 - Program Admin. & Operating Assistance**  
Program administration, technical assistance activities, and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine changes in demand.

Finding Details: Preventive maintenance for Buc shuttle system

|  |          |                  |                  |
|--|----------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>113207 ACQUIRE - SURVEIL/SECURITY EQUIP</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>\$301,878</b> | <b>\$377,348</b> |
|--|----------|------------------|------------------|

**Finding No. 1 - Class II(c)**

Finding Details: Purchase of Safety and Security Equipment for Xpress Bus Park and Ride Lots.

|  |          |                    |                    |
|--|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>111307 BUY COMMUTER BUS FOR EXPANSION</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>\$1,225,289</b> | <b>\$1,531,610</b> |
|--|----------|--------------------|--------------------|

**Finding No. 1 - Class II(c)****C17 - Purchase of vehicles**

The purchase of vehicles by the applicant where the use of these vehicles can be accommodated by existing facilities or by new facilities which themselves are within a CE.

Finding Details: Purchase of 4 buses for Route 490 (commuter service) from Cherokee County; part of phased implementation of the GRTA Xpress Bus Implementation Plan.

|                                      |          |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>117A00 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>\$229,823</b> | <b>\$287,279</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|

**Finding No. 1 - Class II(c)****C16 - Program Admin. & Operating Assistance**

Program administration, technical assistance activities, and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine changes in demand.

Finding Details: Preventive Maintenance for Xpress commuter service.

|  |          |                  |                  |
|--|----------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>442400 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLANNING</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>\$364,486</b> | <b>\$455,608</b> |
|--|----------|------------------|------------------|

**Finding No. 1 - Class II(c)****C01 - Engineering/Design/Planning/Tech.Studies**

Activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and technical studies; projects for training and research programs; planning activities eligible for assistance listed in 23 U.S.C. 134, 135, and 307(c); planning activities related to approval of a unified work program and any findings required in the planning process pursuant to 23 C.F.R. Part 450, activities for state planning and research programs pursuant to 23 C.F.R. Part 420; engineering to define the elements of a proposed action or alternatives so that social, economic, and environmental effects can be assessed.\n\n

Finding Details: Short Range Transit Planning for the Transit Planning Board (TPB)

## Part 6: Fleet Status

### Fixed Route

|             |                             | <u>Before</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>After</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Active Fleet</b>         |               |               |              |
|             | A. Peak Requirement         | 69            | 4             | 73           |
|             | B. Spares                   | 13            | 0             | 13           |
|             | C. Total (A+B)              | 82            | 4             | 86           |
|             | D. Spare Ratio (B/A)        | 18.84%        | 0.00%         | 17.81%       |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Inactive Fleet</b>       |               |               |              |
|             | A. Other                    | 0             | 0             | 0            |
|             | B. Pending Disposal         | 0             | 0             | 0            |
|             | C. Total (A+B)              | 0             | 0             | 0            |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Total (I.C and II.C)</b> | 82            | 4             | 86           |

Attached spreadsheet shows services scheduled for implementation through September 2007 at which time the spare ratio is projected to be 17.8%.

### Paratransit

|             |                             | <u>Before</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>After</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Active Fleet</b>         |               |               |              |
|             | A. Peak Requirement         | 4             | 0             | 4            |
|             | B. Spares                   | 2             | 0             | 2            |
|             | C. Total (A+B)              | 6             | 0             | 6            |
|             | D. Spare Ratio (B/A)        | 50.00%        | 0.00%         | 50.00%       |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Inactive Fleet</b>       |               |               |              |
|             | A. Other                    | 0             | 0             | 0            |
|             | B. Pending Disposal         | 0             | 0             | 0            |
|             | C. Total (A+B)              | 0             | 0             | 0            |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Total (I.C and II.C)</b> | 6             | 0             | 6            |

## Part 7. FTA Comments

No information found.

## Part 8: Results of Reviews

The reviewer did not find any errors