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**ISSUE SUMMARY:**     **HST PLAN LIMITED UPDATE, A COORDINATED PLAN FOR THE ATLANTA REGION, 2012-2013**

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**IMPORTANCE:**

The Atlanta Region's initial coordinated public-transit Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan was developed and adopted by ARC in 2010 pursuant to the requirements of SAFETEA-LU (which expired in 2012), to support planning for programs or projects funded through three Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs: Section 5310, Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program; Section 5316, Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program, and Section 5317, New Freedom Program.

The current 2-year transportation reauthorization, MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) was signed by the President in July 2012. Under MAP-21 the JARC and New Freedom programs were repealed and no funding for these programs will be authorized beyond fiscal year 2012. MAP-21 requires development of a coordinated public transit HST Plan to support planning for programs or projects funded through the FTA's Section 5310, Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program.

This limited technical update to the region's 2010 Coordinated HST Plan was deemed necessary to maintain funding eligibility for Section 5310 within the Region, and to assure that findings and recommendations from MAP-21, the 2010 Census, PLAN 2040, and other major initiatives, are in sync with and included into the region's HST vision. This update was developed with assistance from the HST Advisory Committee comprised of stakeholders and representatives of planning and implementation agencies, public transit operators, state and local health and human service agencies, workforce boards, nonprofit organizations, for-profit transportation providers, advocates, and the general public.

The updated HST Plan, *A Coordinated Plan for the Atlanta Region, 2012-2013*, will serve as a policy guide for human services transportation planning in the Atlanta Region.

During February 2013, an overview of the limited update was provided and TCC and TAQC meetings. A link to review the document was also provided; no major comments were received.

**ACTION REQUIRED: Recommend Board Adoption**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION  
ADOPTING A LIMITED UPDATE TO THE  
HUMAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (HST) PLAN,  
A COORDINATED PLAN FOR THE ATLANTA REGION, 2012-2013**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Regional Commission is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning within the Atlanta Metropolitan Area Boundary which includes all or portions of 18 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users was signed into law August 2005 and established that a coordinated public transit-Human Services Transportation Plan must be developed locally to guide planning for programs and projects funded through three Federal Transit Administration programs (Section 5310, Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program; Section 5316, Job Access and Reverse Commute Program; and Section 5317, New Freedom Program); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the Atlanta Regional Commission resolved that the transportation needs of older adults in the Atlanta region be identified and addressed through the regional planning process, and in 2006, an HST Steering Committee was established to help guide and develop a coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the Atlanta Regional Commission adopted the Atlanta Region's *Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, 2010*; and

**WHEREAS**, the current surface transportation reauthorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), was signed into law on July 6, 2012 and established that a coordinated public transit Human Services Transportation Plan must be developed locally to guide planning for programs and projects funded through the Federal Transit Administration under Section 5310, Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the Atlanta Region to retain funding eligibility under Section 5310, and to assure that the requirements, findings, and recommendations of MAP-21, the 2010 Census, PLAN 2040, and other major initiatives are in sync with and included in the region's HST vision, a technical update of the existing *Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, 2010*, was deemed necessary, and

**WHEREAS**, the update to the *Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, 2010*, which covers the entire MPO planning area, has been developed with ongoing involvement and assistance from an HST Advisory Committee comprised of Human Services Transportation stakeholders and representatives of planning and implementation agencies, public transit operators, state and local health and human service agencies, workforce boards, non-profit organizations, for-profit transportation providers, advocates, and the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated Human Services Transportation Plan, *A Coordinated Plan for the Atlanta Region, 2012-2013*, consists of the goals and objectives supporting the regional goal of developing a coordinated Human Services Transportation system as part of an integrated

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transportation system, as well as descriptions of policies and programs recommended to be implemented throughout the Atlanta Region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the updated Human Services Transportation Plan, ***A Coordinated Plan for the Atlanta Region, 2012-2013***, as the policy guide for human services transportation planning in the Atlanta Region, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Atlanta Regional Commission will use the goals and objectives from the Human Services Transportation Plan, ***A Coordinated Plan for the Atlanta Region, 2012-2013***, as input in the update of the PLAN 2040 RTP/TIP and in development of future Regional Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Atlanta Regional Commission directs its staff to prepare and distribute to appropriate individuals, organizations and agencies documents describing the Human Services Transportation Plan, ***A Coordinated Plan for the Atlanta Region, 2012-2013***.