



2019 Legislative Outlook

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Topics of Discussion

- Election Results
- ATL Board Composition
- ARC Legislative Outlook
 - State
 - Federal



ELECTION RESULTS

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Election Results – Federal / National

- Federal – Big Picture
 - Democrats flip U.S. House of Representatives
 - Rep. Nancy Pelosi expected to win Speaker of the House vote in January
 - 234 – 201* (CA – 21, NC – 09)
 - Republicans hold and increase majority in the U.S. Senate
 - 53 – 47
- Federal – Georgia Delegation
 - One seat gain by Democrats – Georgia's 6th Congressional District (9 – 5)
 - Rep-Elect Lucy McBath (D-06)
 - Gun Control Advocate
 - Healthcare Costs
 - Infrastructure



Election Results – State

- Governor
 - Secretary of State Brian Kemp (R) defeated former House Minority Leader Stacey Abrams (D)
- Lieutenant Governor
 - Rep. Geoff Duncan (R) defeated challenger Sarah Riggs Amico (D)
- State Senate
 - Democrats picked up 2 Metro Atlanta seats
 - Republicans enjoy a 35 – 21 majority
- State House of Representatives
 - Democrats picked up 11 Metro Atlanta seats
 - Republicans enjoy a 105 – 75 majority



Election Results – State (Other results of note)

- Rep. Brad Raffensperger (R) defeated former Congressman John Barrow (D) for Secretary of State in 12/4 runoff
- Republican incumbent Chuck Eaton defeated Democrat Lindy Miller for the Public Service Commission District 3 seat in 12/4 runoff
- Also of note:
 - Rep. John Meadows (R-05, Calhoun) passed just prior to Special Session; special election scheduled for January 8th
 - Rep. Jason Shaw (R-176, Lakeland) will replace outgoing PSC Commissioner Doug Everett; special election date TBD.

ATL BOARD COMPOSITION



H.B. 930

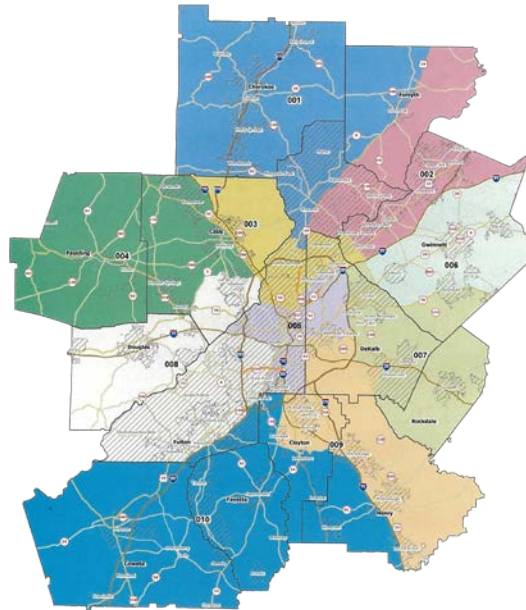
- H.B. 930 created the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority
- Oversees governance, funding and transit planning across a 13-county region across the Metro-Atlanta region
 - MARTA
- Passed with overwhelming majorities in both chambers
- ATL Board comprised of 16 members
 - 5 State Appointees
 - 10 elected “Transit District Representatives”
 - 1 Ex-Officio (GDOT Commissioner)

State Appointees

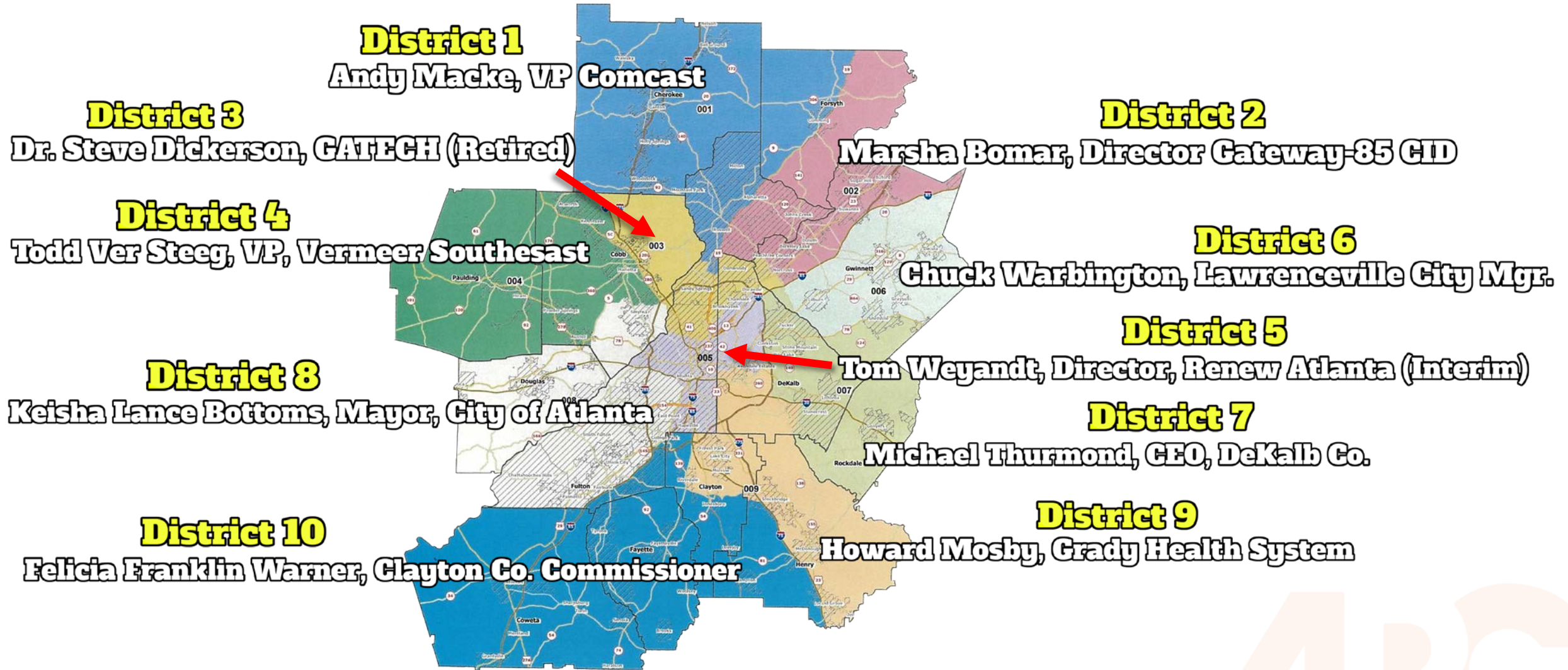
- Gubernatorial Appointee for ATL Chair
 - Charlie Sutlive – Director of Corporate Communications, Georgia Power Co.
- Lieutenant Governor Appointees (2)
 - Mark Toro – Managing Partner, North American Properties
 - Teddy Russell – Co-owner & President of Russell Landscape
- Speaker of the House Appointees (2)
 - Charlotte Nash – Chair of the Gwinnett County Commission
 - Rep. Earl Ehrhart – appointment effective pending departure from Legislature (Jan)

Elected ‘Transit District Representatives’

- 10 Representatives elected by a caucus of Legislative Delegation members, County Commissioners and Mayors between October and November
- Districts defined by population parity and high volume transportation corridors



Elected ‘Transit District Representatives’

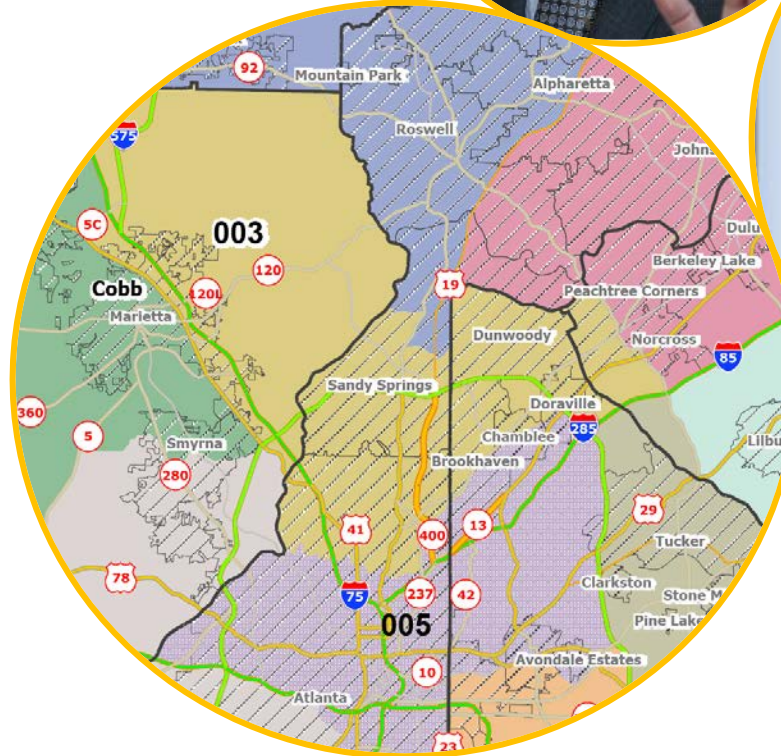


ARC LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK



Transportation

- Rural Transit Recommendations
 - Transit Funding & Governance Commission
 - Regional Commissions
- Go! Transit Capital Program
- H.B. 930
- Motor-Fuel Tax Exemption



Aging Services

- Funding for Home & Community Based Services
 - Home and community based services are vital to prolonging independent living for Georgia seniors
 - Cost-savings arguments
- Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
 - Telephone and other technology-based consulting options for connecting people to services
 - Replacement funding based on FY 17-18 federal reductions
 - Currently receive \$37,000 per year from state



Workforce Development

- Workforce Board Meeting Options
 - H.B. 810 – failed in 2018
 - Would have brought Georgia code in line with federal code by allowing for Board meetings to be held by teleconference



Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)

- Drone legislation?



Budget

- Reinstatement of full annual state funding

Other

- Natural Resources: monitor legislation
- Community Development: workforce housing tax credit bill?
- State takeover of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport
- “5G/Small Cell” debate
- Rural Broadband



Federal Outlook

- New legislative landscape
 - DC Engagement
 - In-District Engagement
 - Value-adds
- Major federal reauthorizations on the horizon
 - OAA (2019)
 - WIOA (2020)
 - FAST Act (2020)



Questions?

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