



DATE: August 3, 2018

ISSUE SUMMARY: **Atlanta Regional Commission Concurrence on FTA Designated Recipient Status to the ATL Authority for FTA Urbanized Area Formula Program Funds for the Atlanta Region**

FROM: Charlotte Nash, Transportation & Air Quality Committee

IMPORTANCE:

The Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority was created on May 3, 2018 under House Bill 930. Per the legislation, the Governor of the State of Georgia delegates the status of designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program funds to the ATL Authority. Currently, the designated recipient is assigned to MARTA. The status will be transferred from MARTA to the ATL Authority per the Governor's designation to be effective on October 1, 2018.

FTA Circular 9030.1E states that for urbanized areas of 200,000 or more, a certified concurrence resolution from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required and included with the Governor's written notice to the FTA on the change with the designated recipient status. This resolution offers concurrence by the Atlanta Regional Commission as the MPO for the Atlanta urbanized area.

ACTION REQUIRED: ARC approval



A RESOLUTION ADOPTING:

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WHEREAS, the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority was created on May 3, 2018 under House Bill 930 with the power to serve as the designated recipient of federal funds for purposes of transit funding for capital projects and for financing and directly providing public transportation; and

WHEREAS, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 9030.1E states that FTA encourages the designation of a single designated recipient for each Urbanized Area (UZA) 200,000 or more in population in order to streamline the administration of the program and foster coordination; and

WHEREAS, FTA Circular 9030.1E further states that for UZAs with 200,000 or more in population, documentation of concurrence through an appropriately certified resolution of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) concurring with the designation, must be attached to the Governor's written notice to the FTA of the designated recipient; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta UZA has a population of over 200,000 and the Atlanta Regional Commission is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for carrying out the transportation planning process required under federal law for the Atlanta UZA; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2018, the Governor of the State of Georgia shall formally transfer the designated recipient status from the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) to the ATL Authority as the recipient of FTA Urbanized Area Formula Program funds for the Atlanta UZA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Atlanta UZA concurs with the Governor's appointment of the ATL Authority as the designated recipient of FTA Urbanized Area Formula Program funds.