



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Jim Gilvin, Mayor, City of Alpharetta  
Honorable Andre Dickens, Mayor, City of Atlanta  
Honorable Camille Lowe, Mayor, City of Chattahoochee Hills  
Honorable Bianca Motley Broom, Mayor, City of College Park  
Honorable Keisha Chapman, Mayor, City of East Point  
Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones, Mayor, City of Fairburn  
Honorable Alan Hallman, Mayor, City of Hapeville  
Honorable John Bradberry, Mayor, City of Johns Creek  
Honorable Peyton Jamison, Mayor, City of Milton  
Honorable Charles W. Kolbrener, Mayor, City of Mountain Park  
Honorable Teresa Thomas-Smith, Mayor, City of Palmetto  
Honorable Mary Robichaux, Mayor, City of Roswell  
Honorable Rusty Paul, Mayor, City of Sandy Springs  
Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, Mayor, City of South Fulton  
Honorable Vince R. Williams, Mayor, City of Union City

**FROM:** Honorable Robert L. Pitts, Chair, Fulton County Commission *RLP*

**DATE:** March 27, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Initiation of Service Delivery Strategy Update and Deliberations

In accordance with the recent correspondence from Lisa Westin, Director of the Office of Planning, Research, and Geoanalytics at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”), the abeyance of sanctions against the County and its municipalities for noncompliance with Georgia’s Service Delivery Strategy Act (“SDSA”) recently ended in light of the Georgia General Assembly’s amendments to the SDSA, which went into effect on January 1, 2026. Accordingly, DCA has given Fulton County and its municipalities until December 31, 2026, to submit and obtain DCA’s verification of an updated Service Delivery Strategy (“SDS”).

As a result, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-70-22(b), Fulton County is hereby notifying you of its intent to initiate the SDS updating process by scheduling an initial joint meeting at which designated representatives of all local governing bodies within Fulton County (and Fulton County itself) shall assemble for the purpose of commencing deliberations on updating the SDS. This meeting is

scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Georgia Municipal Association located at 201 Pryor St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Please note the following key dates and deadlines:

Proposed schedule for 2026	Event	Legal Authority
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Notice given to the cities of upcoming meeting to begin developing an updated SDS.	O.C.G.A. § 36-70-22(b)
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting between the cities and the County to discuss SDS.	
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cities are required to provide a written SDS proposal to each other and to the County by this date (60 days after the March 27 <sup>th</sup> notice from the County).	O.C.G.A. § 36-70-22.1(a)
May 27 <sup>th</sup> through June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cities and County continue to exchange information and negotiate SDS.	Components required to be included in SDS are located in O.C.G.A. § 36-70-23.
June 25 <sup>th</sup> through August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mediation would start on June 25 <sup>th</sup> if no agreement is reached and conclude August 31 <sup>st</sup> .	
September 1 <sup>st</sup> through September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cities and County finalize SDS and each prepare resolutions adopting the final SDS.	
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cities and County must each adopt resolutions approving the SDS. This must occur before the submission of the SDS to DCA on October 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	O.C.G.A. § 36-70-25.
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SDS to be submitted to DCA for initial review (this date is 90 days prior to December 31 <sup>st</sup> ).	DCA recommends allowing 60-90 days for comments and resubmittal of SDS for verification.
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	SDS must have been submitted to DCA and verified by DCA by this date to avoid sanctions.	Deadline imposed by DCA. Sanctions are mandated by O.C.G.A. 36-70-27(a) if a verified SDS is not submitted by this date.

If you have any questions prior to this scheduled meeting, please contact the Office of the Fulton County Manager at (678) 362-7457.

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