

1 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FULTON COUNTY’S SUPPORT AND
2 APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING
3 FUNDING AND COLLABORATION BY AND BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY,
4 GEORGIA, THE ATLANTA-REGION TRANSIT LINK AUTHORITY, THE
5 METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY, COBB COUNTY,
6 GWINNETT COUNTY, DEKALB COUNTY, THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
7 TRANSPORTATION, AND THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION;
8 AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF
9 UNDERSTANDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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11 WHEREAS, Fulton County, the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (“ATL”), the
12 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (“MARTA”), Cobb County, Gwinnett
13 County, DeKalb County, the Georgia Department of Transportation (“GDOT”), and the
14 Atlanta Regional Commission (“ARC”), (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”), as
15 metro Atlanta transit providers, are committed to planning, building, and operating public
16 transportation services to improve accessibility and mobility, drive economic
17 development, and enhance the quality of life for those who work, live, and play in the
18 region; and

19 WHEREAS, the Parties are committed to working in coordination with partner
20 agencies to optimize service, provide seamless linkages, and improve the overall
21 customer experience for the communities they serve; and

22 WHEREAS, GDOT’s Major Mobility Investment Program includes construction
23 of express lanes, referred to as I-285 Top End Express Lanes, along the northern
24 portion of Interstate 285 from its intersection with Interstate 20 on the west side to
25 Interstate 20 on the east side of the metro Atlanta area; and

26 WHERAS, the Parties wish to cooperate on the planning and engineering of the
27 transit components (“Project”) associated with the I-285 Top End Express Lanes; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan provided Section 5307 federal funding to
2 the metro region, with such funding available at a one hundred percent federal share;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the ATL, Cobb County, Gwinnett County, and MARTA have agreed
5 to provide funding for the Project; and

6 **WHEREAS**, for coordination, the Parties find it necessary that one lead
7 professional/technical expert will be provided by each of the Parties to serve on a
8 Technical Working Group for the Project; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Parties also find it necessary that one elected official each from
10 the cities of Clarkston, Tucker, Doraville, Sandy Springs, Dunwoody, Chamblee,
11 Smyrna, and Atlanta, and one elected official each from the Counties of DeKalb, Fulton,
12 Gwinnett, and Cobb, will be appointed to serve on a Policy Working Group for the
13 Project; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners expresses its support and approval of
15 a Memorandum of Understanding memorializing Fulton County's role with respect to the
16 Project, and further desires that the Chairman be authorized to execute the
17 Memorandum of Understanding to effectuate its desire to work in coordination with the
18 Parties to facilitate the Project.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners
20 hereby expresses its support and approval of the memorandum of Understanding and
21 authorizes the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and any related
22 documents, consistent with Georgia law, which shall be substantially in the form of the
23 Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as Attachment "A".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Attorney to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and related documents as to form and to make modifications thereof prior to execution, and consistent with Georgia law.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
Georgia this ____ day of January 2022.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier
Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Attorney