



Fulton County

Legislation Text

File #: 22-0020, Version: 1

Department

Public Works

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Request approval of a Resolution expressing Fulton County's support and approval of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding funding and collaboration by and between Fulton County, Georgia, the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Cobb County, Gwinnett County, Dekalb County, Georgia, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Atlanta Regional Commission; authorizing the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding. **(APPROVED)**

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

GA CONST Art. 9, § 3, ¶ 1 provides that the County may contract for any period not exceeding 50 years with any other public agency, public corporation, or public authority for joint services, for the provision of services, or for the joint or separate use of facilities or equipment; but such contracts must deal with activities, services, or facilities that the contracting parties are authorized by law to undertake or provide. O.C.G.A § 36-10-1 provides that all official contracts entered into by the County governing authority with other persons on behalf of the County shall be in writing and entered on its minutes.

Strategic Priority Area related to this item *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Health and Human Services

Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts ☐
- District 1 ☐
- District 2 ☐
- District 3 ☒
- District 4 ☐
- District 5 ☐
- District 6 ☐

Is this a purchasing item?

No

Summary & Background *(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

Scope of Work: The ATL is currently planning on undertaking a conceptual engineering study that will develop a bus rapid transit service along the Top End of I-285 between the Indian Creek and HE Holmes MARTA rail stations. The BRT guideway and stations would then be included in the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) plans for express lanes along this section of I-285. The MOU would allow for Fulton County to be an active participant, along with MARTA, ATL, Cobb County, Gwinnett County, GDOT, and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), in the development of the engineering study and inclusion of BRT in GDOT's plans for the express lanes.

Community Impact: The Fulton County Transit Master Plan, adopted in 2018 and revised in 2019, included the need for BRT service along the top end of I-285 to facilitate east-west transit travel. Currently there are no east-west transit services available to residents and workers along the top end of I-285.

Department Recommendation: The Department of Public Works recommends that Fulton County be a partner in the MOU with ATL for this engineering study.

Project Implications: The engineering study will identify the stations that would be served by BRT service along the top end of I-285 and be included in GDOT's plans for the express lanes along the top end of I-285.

Community Issues/Concerns: No issues or concerns have been raised by the community at this time. However, the engineering study will include an extensive public engagement process where the community's issues and concerns will be identified and addressed.

Department Issues/Concerns: The Department of Public Works does not have any issues or concerns with the MOU and fully supports Fulton County's involvement.

Exhibits: Please note that the attached MOU does not currently include Fulton County as a participant. The MOU is being revised to reflect the County's participation and obligations.