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A periodic update from the Peachtree Corridor Partnership

TRANSIT PLANS BECOME “OFFICIAL” FOR CITY, REGION

In a monumental move of cooperation and collaboration, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) adopted the vision developed by the [Transit Planning Board](#) (TPB) at its Board meeting on Dec. 3. The vision is an integrated transit network which includes the Peachtree Streetcar, as well as other vital projects like the Atlanta BeltLine, the “Brain Train” commuter rail service from Athens to Atlanta, and the commuter rail service from Lovejoy to Atlanta.

Though the plan was adopted by ARC as “aspirational,” meaning, funds have yet to be identified to support the plan, the Atlanta region’s planning commission now has a blueprint – which has gone through a significant public input process – for what a true transit plan for metro Atlanta should look like.

In the same week, the City of Atlanta’s first-ever comprehensive plan for transportation improvements, “Connect Atlanta” was approved at the last 2008 meeting of City Council on Dec. 1. [Connect Atlanta](#) is a multi-modal plan with recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, street and roadway improvements and new transit, including the Peachtree Streetcar project. Similar to the TPB plan, funds have yet to be identified to pay for the full Connect Atlanta, but the plan presents funding options to further investigate. Already the plan is helping the City prioritize and implement projects using its existing funding sources. The unanimous adoption by council of the long-range plan is a significant step towards reducing the city’s growing traffic congestion.

Adoption of these two plans lends credibility to the work of the Peachtree Corridor Partnership and brings the city one step closer to the Partnership’s mission: to transform Peachtree to a world-class boulevard that moves people better, makes businesses stronger and improves the quality of life of Atlanta’s residents and visitors.

WHAT WILL TRANSIT IN METRO ATLANTA LOOK LIKE?

TPB recently launched a research survey about how transit technologies such as streetcars (or light rail) might “fit” in and around the Atlanta region. This project is funded through a grant provided by the Urban Land Institute. [Click here](#) to participate in the survey, which will be used to:

1. Help educate citizens to make informed decisions regarding transit.
2. Help planners design better transit solutions based on citizen input.
3. Help TPB and other planning agencies continue to work towards creating a regional transit system for metro Atlanta.

Please share this survey with anyone who might be interested in having more transit options in Atlanta, even those that may know little about it.

Happy holidays!

