

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION 2012 - 144

A RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF CHAIRMAN ELDRIN BELL URGING EQUITABLE, TRANSPARENT, AND INCLUSIONARY PROCUREMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES PERTAINING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PENDING TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT (TIA); TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, On July 31, 2012, residents across the ten (10) county Atlanta Region including Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale Counties, as well as the City of Atlanta have the opportunity to vote for the Regional Transportation Referendum that may support up to \$8.5 Billion in transportation improvements through a regional one percent sales tax; and,

WHEREAS, if passed, the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) one percent sales tax may be the largest transportation investment in the metropolitan Atlanta region in recent history. In addition, the TIA will have a lasting impact not only in transportation infrastructure, but in the region's workforce and business community; and,

WHEREAS, the TIA creates a dual opportunity for the Atlanta region to invest in its infrastructure, local businesses and workforce; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the contributions of the numerous Fortune 500 companies headquartered in the Atlanta region, small, minority and female and veteran owned businesses are integral to the continued success and economic vitality of the region and allow metro Atlanta to develop a balanced regional economy that provides benefits to everyone; and,

WHEREAS, in the most recent data available from the U.S. Small Business Administration, 45% of all private sector jobs in Georgia come from small businesses; and,

WHEREAS, women represent 51% of Metro Atlanta citizens, and woman-owned businesses in Georgia generate over an estimated \$40 billion in revenue and minority owned businesses generate over an estimated \$30 billion in sales; and,

WHEREAS, in the most recent data available from the Georgia Small Business Development Center, Georgia has approximately 278,000 women-owned firms that employ approximately 228,000 people, and approximately 263,439 minority-owned businesses that employ about 170,000 people; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia leads the nation in growth of the number of women-owned businesses in the last 15 years; and,

WEHREAS, 48% of the citizens in the Metro Atlanta area are minorities; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia is the 5th largest African-American consumer market in the United States, African-American buying power at more than \$73 billion dollars a year; and,

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners supports the Georgia Department of Transportation's current Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE") program which is applicable to any federally aided projects that are undertaken by the Georgia Department of Transportation which helps promote the participation of disadvantaged businesses in federally funded projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners further supports the Georgia Department of Transportation's resolution, adopted on May 17, 2012, to, wherever practical and feasible, to encourage and promote the participation of groups such as small businesses, DBE's (including minority and woman owned businesses), and veteran owned businesses, in projects funded by the TIA; and,

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners encourages other jurisdictions and the Atlanta Regional Commission to advocate and support a similar inclusionary policy region wide; and,

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners supports the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority's resolution, adopted June 13, 2012, to provide opportunities to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises, and to recognize that local, small, and community businesses and a skilled workforce are essential to the continued economic success of the Region; and,

WHEREAS, it is the Clayton County Board of Commissioners' desire that the selection of contractors and consultants for the projects is done in an inclusionary manner consistent with prevailing public policy and that the Georgia Department of Transportation takes measures to prevent discriminatory and exclusionary practices in the delivery and management of TIA funded projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Atlanta region can strengthen its future growth and prosperity by promoting the inclusion and participation of small, women, minority, and veteran owned businesses in the procurement opportunities and community economic development activities which will occur as a result of the passage of TIA; and,

WHEREAS, the Atlanta region should support local hiring policies to ensure that jobs created with TIA funds go to the local residents and communities investing in the initiative and that will be impacted by the projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Atlanta region should support strong workforce development programs to strengthen the skills of local workers, reduce unemployment and underemployment disparities by putting local, skilled, unemployed workers back to work; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby encourages and supports those entities involved in implementing TIA to incorporate inclusionary implementation strategies in the area of providing opportunities the aforementioned businesses and individuals in their contracting process to foster competitive opportunities in the areas of job creation, skills building and support for the continued growth and development of small, minority-owned, veteran-owed and women-owned businesses in the Atlanta region and the State of Georgia as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners encourages those entities involved in implementing TIA to report on the overall economic impact of such efforts and on the resulting Return-on-investment to the general public.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Clerk is herby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Atlanta Regional Commission, The Georgia Department of Transportation, The Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, and the Clerk's of Commission of the County's and Municipalities in the Atlanta Regional Commission's 10 county region.

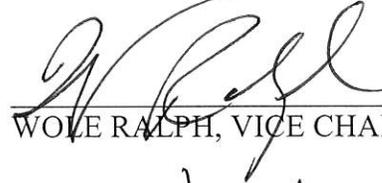
Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

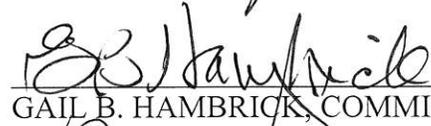
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SO RESOLVED, this the 10th day of July, 2012.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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