

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION 2011 – 130

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, URGING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ATLANTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ROUNDTABLE TO REVISE THE DESIGNATED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT LISTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Clayton County nominated the Atlanta to Griffin Commuter Rail Project (“Commuter Rail Project”) for inclusion in the Atlanta Regional Transportation Roundtable’s list of projects to be funded by a one-cent sales tax levied pursuant to HB 277; and

WHEREAS, the Commuter Rail Project was nominated due to its unique location as the only rail transit project in the jurisdictions south of Interstate 20, going through south Fulton County, Clayton County, and Henry County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing transportation needs by connecting the state’s largest employment centers (downtown Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport) with a part of the region suffering from the highest chronic unemployment rate, the Commuter Rail Project will also create economic development opportunities in multiple communities; and

WHEREAS, the Commuter Rail Project can be delivered with significant speed and ease of construction, particularly when compared with other proposed rail projects; and

WHEREAS, the Commuter Rail Project represents the only proposed rail project with federal funding already in place with \$87 million earmarked over ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Commuter Rail Project will connect almost every transit investment in Georgia including MARTA, the Atlanta Streetcar, the Beltline, the Multi-Modal Passenger Terminal and Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport; and

WHEREAS, a later phase extension of the Commuter Rail Project to Savannah will promote further connectivity and prosperity throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Commuter Rail Project will represent the least cost per mile capital outlay for rail transit and will allow for an endless and inexpensive increase in service levels. Nine schools, colleges and universities are closely connected to this line, with these students joining senior citizens, visitors, as well as the principal customers – present and future commuters domiciled in the largest capture area of any proposed rail line.

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

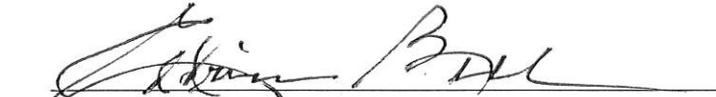
Section 1. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners strongly urges the Executive Committee of the Atlanta Regional Transportation Roundtable to include the Atlanta to Griffin Commuter Rail Project on the list of projects to be funded by a one-cent sales tax levied pursuant to HB 277.

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

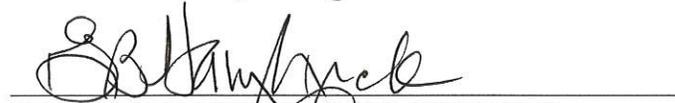
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SO RESOLVED, this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

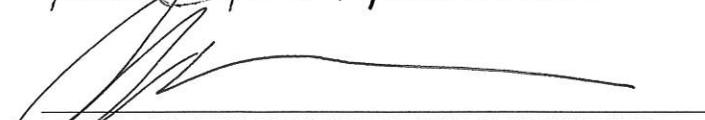
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