

Senate Resolution 735

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Millar of the 40th, Fort of the 39th, Gooch of the 51st and Carter of the 42nd

**AS PASSED SENATE**

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging metropolitan Atlanta transit authorities to join forces to establish a website; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, reliable and timely transportation in the metropolitan Atlanta region is of  
4 primary importance to the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, there are several transit providers in the metropolitan Atlanta region, each  
6 utilizing its own routing, scheduling, and payment systems; and

7 WHEREAS, a transit rider who desires to travel across county lines must visit multiple  
8 websites to plan a trip; and

9 WHEREAS, transit users in the metropolitan Atlanta region would greatly benefit from the  
10 creation of a website that would allow riders to plan trips, choose routes, and pay for their  
11 trips all at one website; and

12 WHEREAS, the website, *www.goatltransit.com*, should be established to provide those  
13 desiring to utilize Atlanta's transit operators with an easy way to plan a trip across county  
14 lines; and

15 WHEREAS, metropolitan Atlanta transit authorities should make the appropriate personnel  
16 and information available to achieve this important goal.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that the  
18 members of this body hereby urge the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority,  
19 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Cobb Community Transit, and Gwinnett  
20 County Transit to work together to develop a website, to be located at *www.goatltransit.com*,

21 that allows riders to plan and pay for a trip that involves riding on one or more of the  
22 participating transit systems.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority shall  
24 coordinate the efforts of these four transit entities so that the website is functioning by July 1,  
25 2014.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia Regional Transportation  
28 Authority, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Cobb Community Transit, and  
29 Gwinnett County Transit.