



Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Air Quality Program

Georgia Air Policy Symposium

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GRTA Overview

- Created in 1999
- Mission: Improve Georgia's mobility, air quality and land use practices
- Jurisdiction: 13-county Atlanta area, could expand to new nonattainment areas
- Primary Roles
 - Focus region on congestion and mobility, set goals and targets, measures progress
 - Act as regional transit advocate, monitor and report performance, ensure coordination, coordinate fares and seamlessness, provide oversight

GRTA Air Quality Principles

- Implement, assist, and promote projects that effectively, efficiently, and measurably improve air quality
- Help maintain transportation conformity in GRTA's jurisdiction
- Support EPD's air quality goals
- Support and promote improved air quality
- Improve and increase understanding of how personal and local decisions affect local and regional air quality
- Utilize GRTA's authority and resources in the most effective and efficient way
- Take a leadership role in land use and mobility planning and implementation in support of air quality goals



GRTA Plans and Projects

- *Xpress*
- CTRAN
- Vanpool/TDM
- School Bus Retrofits
- Urban Heat Island Study
- AHDVEIES
- Regional Transit Action Plan
- Northern Sub-Area Study
- NW I-75/I-575 HOV/BRT
- DRI Review
- Annual Air Quality Report



GRTA Air Quality Program Possible Directions

- Improve understanding of land use-transportation-air quality linkages
- Develop long-range, integrated plan
- Reduce public exposure to regulated and non-regulated transportation-related pollutants (e.g., toxics)
- Reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions



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