

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
Stimulus Action Plan**

Transit Capital Assistance Program

Title XII of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)* provides \$6.9 billion in Transit Capital Assistance. The State of Georgia including local grant recipients will receive \$143,799,002 of these funds. GRTA will receive \$8,690,412, GDOT will receive on behalf of rural transit systems \$25,649,875, MARTA will receive \$55,415,078 and the other local governments will receive \$46,662,783.

The ARRA Transit Capital Assistance Program funds are available for any permitted use under the FTA 5307 formula grant program. At least 50 percent of the funds must be obligated in grant contracts no later than September 1, 2009. There are no requirements for the actual expenditure of funds.

In the Atlanta Urbanized Area, the Atlanta Regional Commission managed the distribution of the Transit Capital Assistance Program funds. In early March 2009, ARC provided each County and each transit operator a funding amount for which they could designate projects. Four suburban counties including Coweta, Forsyth, Douglas and Paulding did not have sufficient eligible projects and requested that GRTA utilize all or a part their stimulus funding. ARC decided that for GRTA's projects to be eligible, the proposed project must directly benefit the County that was providing the funding. GRTA's final project list includes six projects including:

• Thornton Road Park and Ride Lot	\$6,649,815
• Sigman Road Park and Ride Expansion	\$1,300,000
• Additional Bus for GRTA Route 400	\$ 401,565
• Coweta County Park and Ride ITS Equipment	\$ 158,600
• Dallas Park and Ride Improvements	\$ 26,400
• Buckhead Preventative Maintenance	\$ 154,032
GRTA Total	\$8,690,412

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