



Moving Atlanta Today,  
Preparing for Tomorrow



# A Global Perspective for a Local Issue

- Metro Atlanta's infrastructure challenges are not unique
- The United States is being outpaced internationally in infrastructure investment, including transportation
- We cannot maintain our quality of life without significant transportation investment



# Keeping Up with the Region's Growth

- 4<sup>th</sup> highest growth - 4<sup>th</sup> lowest infrastructure investment
- 76% increase in travel delay
- Population expected to double by 2030
- Other regions are becoming more competitive

# Investing in Public Transit Makes Sense

- MARTA responsible for 45,500 jobs and \$10.3 billion in economic output by 2055
- Connects jobs and employees; businesses and customers; students to schools
- Promotes quality land use
- Attracts businesses, world-class events, and major conventions
- Makes a positive impact on our environment



# MARTA Moves Metro Atlanta

- Provides Over 450,000 passenger trips each day, 69 million trips in FY07
- Carries Over 90% of regional public transit customers
- Employs 5,000 full and part time positions
- Has an annual budget of over \$850 million



# Making Improvements to Serve Atlanta Better

- Improving and increasing service
- Operating budget surpluses
  - Increased bond ratings
- Extensive capital improvements
  - Rail car rehabilitation
  - Bus replacement
  - State-of-the-art fare collection system
  - Security and communications upgrades



# Planning for the Future

- System Optimization Study
- New service options
- Expansion studies
  - BeltLine
  - I-20 East and I-20 West
  - Clifton Corridor

# Working with Our Leaders to Identify Solutions

- Member of Transit Planning Board
  - Represents 18 counties
  - Developing plan to bring to the General Assembly
- Already share resources with regional partners

# A Better Way

- To Grow Our Economy
- To Protect Our Environment
- To Maintain Our Quality of Life
- To Get People Where They Need to Go!