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Dear Conference Attendees:

Welcome to FTA Region IV 2008 Conference - *"The Route to Success... Today and Beyond!"* I want to extend a special thank-you to Dr. Michael Meyer, Director of Georgia Transportation Institute University Transportation Center, for partnering with the FTA on this great event.

I also extend a warm welcome and sincere thank-you to Sherry Little, FTA Deputy Administrator, for taking the time from her busy schedule to join us for this conference. She will share with all of you a national view of transit - what's going on today and what's ahead of us - during our opening session on May 28th. I invite each of you to please meet and welcome Sherry to our Southeastern Region.

To the many exhibitors and sponsors who have so generously supported the conference, I say Thank-you! A list of sponsors and information about their products/services are included in the conference program. Please stop by the exhibitors' tables and visit with them.

During your stay in Atlanta, I encourage you to enjoy the many attractions the city has to offer ranging from one of the largest aquariums nationally to the home of coca-cola and CNN, variety of museums, shopping, and restaurants. We hope that you will take advantage of your Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) transit passes while exploring the great city of Atlanta as well as join us for an organized tour on the last day of the conference; visiting the Armour Yard Rail Maintenance Facility and eating lunch near the Lindberg Station.

The agenda is awesome and packed with a myriad of topics, which I hope will provide additional insights about FTA programs, policies, and Agencies' best practices. We have nearly 300 attendees from across the Region so I urge you to network, ask questions, and make the most of this time together with your fellow transit colleagues. In the words of Henry Ford, "Coming Together is a Beginning. Keeping Together is Progress. Working Together is Success."

Enjoy the Conference!

Sincerely,

Yvette G. Taylor, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator



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8:15 am - 9:15 am	Opening Remarks	Ballroom
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	Ic: Third Party Procurement and Buy America Regulations	Pope
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION REGION IV

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**Conference Program****Wednesday, May 28, 2008****7:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration Desk Open Foyer****7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast Ballroom***Sponsored by EIDorado National***8:00 am - 8:15 am Welcome Ballroom**

Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, FTA Region IV - Atlanta
Dr. Michael Meyer, Director, Georgia Transportation Institute University Transportation Center

8:15 am - 9:15 am Opening Remarks Ballroom

Moderator:

Dr. Michael Meyer, Director, Georgia Transportation Institute University Transportation Center

Speakers:

Gena Abraham, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)

Dr. Beverly Scott, General Manager, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)

Samuel Olens, Chair, Cobb County Board of Commissioners and Atlanta Regional Commission

9:15 am - 10:00 am Federal Updates from Washington D.C. to Atlanta Ballroom

Sherry Little, Deputy Administrator, FTA Washington
Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, FTA Region IV

10:00 am - 10:15 am Conference Program Overview Ballroom

Jamie Pfister, State Programs Team Leader, FTA Region IV

10:15 am - 10:30 am "Coffee to Go"

Grab a cup of coffee as you move to one of the Concurrent Breakout Sessions.

**Wednesday, May 28, 2008, continued****10:30 am - 11:45 am****Concurrent Breakout Sessions I****Ia: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Basics****Boardroom**

This session will familiarize FTA grantee staff (planners and grant administrators) as well as decision makers with the basic concepts and processes supporting FTA's administration of the NEPA process. It is designed to provide an overview, placing NEPA in the context of planning requisite to delivery of the transit program federal funds. Beginning with explanation of the need identified in the late 1960's for protecting/sustaining natural resources within a vibrant social fabric, establishment of the Council on Environmental Quality, development of Federal agencies' roles in cooperation with resource agencies and the public, this session leads the participant through the process from election of Class of Action through scoping, consultant selection, document production, review and finding.

Myra Immings, Community Planner, FTA Region IV

Ib: FTA Grant Programs 101**Duke**

This session will address the various grant programs FTA administers for State DOTs and local communities to support public transportation to eligible recipients for planning, vehicle purchases, facility construction, operations, and other purposes. New and future circulars will be presented as well as eligible recipients and activities for each program. This is a great session for new transit employees to learn about FTA and each of our programs!

Jamie Pfister, State Programs Team Leader, FTA Region IV
David Schilling, Community Planner, FTA Region IV

Ic: Third Party Procurement and Buy America Regulations**Pope**

James Harper will provide essential technical assistance to our grantees on third party contracting. Bring all your questions about vehicle procurements, environmental services contracts, the Brooks Act, and more. In addition, Paul Jensen will address the updates to the Buy America regulation. FTA Circular 4220.1E will be covered in this session.

James Harper, Director, FTA Office of Procurement
Paul Jensen, Regional Counsel, FTA Region IV

Id: Transit Bus Safety Program**Young**

Bus transit systems, large or small, rural or urban, have been profoundly impacted by recent events around the country. These events have taught the transit industry that effective safety, security and emergency preparedness practices are essential to good stewardship of our agencies in service to our riders and our communities. Learn about the Federal Transit Administration's re-energized *Transit Bus Safety and Security Program* that provides guidelines, resources and technical assistance for bus transit agency safety, security and emergency preparedness excellence.

Ream Lazaro, Senior Consultant, Boyd, Caton & Grant Transportation Group

**Wednesday, May 28, 2008, continued****10:30 am - 11:45 am****Concurrent Breakout Sessions I (continued)*****Ie: Executive Track: SAFETEA-LU: What's Working and What's Not?****Cramer**

Moderator: Kate Mattice, Chief of Policy Review and Development, FTA Washington

SAFETEA-LU has enhanced the public transit industry since 2005, and this session will gauge what's been effective through SAFETEA-LU and what could be improved.

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**Lunch: Ridership Symposium -
"Thinking Outside the Bus"****Ballroom***Luncheon sponsored by Veolia Transportation*

Moderator: Judith Johnson, Senior Marketing Manager, FHWA

In the transit industry, you are faced with a challenging mission: Serve riders in your region's central city, sprawling suburbs and its most rural communities; attract commuters of choice, without neglecting transit dependent riders; coordinate your services with private sector businesses, universities and human service and private transportation providers in your region; provide a service competitive with the automobile in both convenience and comfort; and grow your ridership while carefully controlling costs.

Paul Ballard, Chief Executive Officer, Nashville Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
John Muth, Deputy Director of Development, Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS)
Bonnie Arnold, Director of Marketing, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA/Tri-Rail)

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm**Concurrent Breakout Sessions II****Ila: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) - Class II Actions -
Categorical Exclusions****Boardroom**

This session will familiarize FTA grantee staff (planners and grant administrators) with using Categorical Exclusions from selection through documentation in Transportation Electronic Award and Management (TEAM) system. All categories for exclusions listed in 23 CFR 771.117(c) and those included in 23 CFR 771.117(d) will be discussed. Documentation checklist will be discussed. Exercises using realistic scenarios as basis for determination of Class of Action will be used.

Myra Immings, Community Planner, FTA Region IV

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Wednesday, May 28, 2008, continued

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm

Concurrent Breakout Sessions II (continued)

Ilb: Grant Making 101

Duke

This session will address the pre-award activities necessary for the grant application process. The session will include details on the program specific and project specific requirements necessary to submit a complete grant application. The audience will be provided a copy of a complete federal assistance TEAM-web application. The presenter will walk the audience through each section of the application, spending the majority of the time discussing areas that are problematic or unclear to the grantees. The session will be very interactive and questions and responses will be solicited from the audience.

Tajsha LaShore, Community Planner, FTA Region IV
Marie Lopez, Transportation Program Specialist, FTA Region IV

Ilc: Eligibility of Joint Development Improvements Under Federal Transit Law – The Charlotte Experience

Pope

The Charlotte Experience – come hear about Charlotte's transit oriented development projects and complying with FTA's new joint development guidance.

Paul Jensen, Regional Counsel, FTA Region IV
Tina Votaw, Transit Oriented Development Specialist, Development Division,
Charlotte Area Transit System, Charlotte, NC

Ild: Innovative Transit Financing

Young

Moderator: Elizabeth Martin, Community Planner, FTA Region IV

This session will include a panel and audience discussion on innovative financing strategies with presentations by those agencies that have experience with alternative transit financing. Panel participants will present projects in which alternative financing was utilized, and lessons learned. Alternative financing strategies may include flexible funds, and non-grant sources of transit finance (i.e. state infrastructure banks, US DOT lending programs, etc.).

Thay Bishop, Team Leader, Innovative Finance Technical Service Team, FHWA Resource
Steve Myers, Director, Lee County Transit Center
Joel Volinski, Director, National Center for Transit Research, University of South Florida
Kate Mattice, Chief of Policy Review and Development, FTA Washington

***Ile: Executive Track: Regionalism: Successful Implementation, Partnering, and Challenges**

Cramer

Moderator: Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, FTA Region IV

Regionalism is a hot topic amongst planners and transportation stakeholders. Yvette Taylor will moderate this session, along with several executives representing small, medium, and large transit systems. Each panelist will provide us with their thoughts on successful implementation on regionalism, discussing the benefits and challenges toward this growing, yet vital trend. We will also discuss how Universities can assist in bringing regional partners to the table.

**Wednesday, May 28, 2008, continued****3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Break and Opportunity to Meet the Vendors**

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Please take the time to visit with the vendors displaying products and services at this year's FTA Region IV meeting.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions III**IIIa: Planning and Constructing Transit Facilities****Amphitheater**

This session will present the many "cross-cutting" Federal requirements for developing a Transit Facility. Topics covered will include planning, feasibility, site assessment, environmental documentation, real estate, appraisal, risk, procurement and use of earmarks for facilities. The presentation is designed to enable the grantee to better understand the various laws and regulations which govern the use of Federal funds for transit facilities; and their implications for grant-making. Participants will also hear from Steve Spade, General Manager of Chapel Hill Area Transit, about constructing an intermodal terminal with FTA funds.

Keith Melton, Community Planner, FTA Region IV
Christopher White, Program Manager, FTA Region IV
Steve Spade, Director, Chapel Hill Area Transit

IIIb: Grant Management and Reporting 101**Duke**

This session will address the post-award grant management activities related to managing a grant in TEAM until close-out. This includes the grantee's responsibilities, specifically the associated post-award reporting requirements such as financial status and milestone progress reporting, NTD reporting, and A-133 reporting. In addition, this session will introduce grantees to the new Pay.Gov system which is used for reimbursing FTA, and provide an overview of the ECHO-Web System.

Leonard Tennessee, Program Manager, FTA Region IV
Jessica Granell, Program Manager, FTA Region IV
Derehia Johnson, Transportation Program Specialist, FTA Region IV

IIIc: Very Small, Small and New Starts Programs**Pope**

Is your community interested in Bus Rapid Transit, Light Rail, Commuter Rail or a Heavy Rail transit system? Beth Day, from the Office of Planning and Environment in Washington will provide an overview of the funding requirements, process, and key eligibility criteria for the Very Small, Small, and New Starts Programs.

Beth Day, Director, Office of Project Planning, FTA Office of Planning and Environment

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**Wednesday, May 28, 2008, continued****3:15 pm - 5:00 pm****Concurrent Breakout Sessions III (continued)****IIIId: Mobility Services for All Americans (MSAA)****Young**

Moderator: David Schilling, Community Planner, FTA Region IV

The MSAA initiative, sponsored by DOT, selected five agencies from Region IV to develop a concept of operations for Transportation Management Control Center (TMCC) to increase mobility and accessibility for the transportation disadvantaged and the general public, and achieve more efficient use of federal transportation funding resources through technology integration and service coordination. This TMCC planning project must be deployment ready and replicable. Grantees selected in Region IV for this initiative will present their projects in this session.

Caroline Mays, Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, GA
Lynnda Bassham, Lower Savannah Council of Governments, Aiken, SC
Nancy Snow, Transit Authority of River City, Louisville, KY
Norman Whitaker, Lakeland Area Mass Transit District, Lakeland, FL

IIIe: Executive Track: Human Capital and Feedback Session*Cramer**

Moderator: Dr. Michael Meyer, Director, Georgia Transportation Institute University Transportation Center

3:15 – 4:00 pm Human Capital: Partnering Opportunities, Succession Planning and Resource Exchange

Human capital focuses on how executives and general managers ensure their agencies are properly staffed with the right skill set and people in the workplace, particularly through professional interaction and pipelines of talent from Universities. We will discuss how resources are shared or exchanged, and how managers are implementing succession planning efforts to ensure knowledge is not lost or drained as more employees retire or seek other opportunities.

4:00 – 5:00 pm General Managers and Executive Feedback Session

The FTA wants to hear from you! This is a wonderful opportunity to provide us with feedback regarding what we can do to better serve you. We want to evaluate and focus on how public transit can evolve for the future, where we are now with public transportation, and what we (FTA and grantees) can do, together, to move forward into the future.

5:00 pm**Day 1 Concludes**

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**Thursday, May 29, 2008****7:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration Desk Open Foyer****7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast Ballroom****8:00 am - 9:30 am Charter Regulation Ballroom**

The new charter rule was published January 14, 2008. This plenary session will provide an overview of the new rule, including the new definition of charter, exceptions and exemptions to the Rule.

Linda Lasley, Assistant Chief Counsel, FTA Office of the Chief Counsel
Paul Jensen, Regional Counsel, FTA Region IV

9:30 am - 9:45 am "Coffee to Go"

Grab a cup of coffee as you move to one of the Concurrent Breakout Sessions.

9:45 am - 11:00 am Concurrent Breakout Sessions IV**IVa: FTA/FHWA Joint Planning Regulations****Duke**

FTA and FHWA recently released an update to their joint planning regulations. These regulations will be discussed during this session. This is a great session for all - transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations (MPO), and State DOTs.

James Garland, Community Planner, FTA Region IV
John Humeston, Community Planner, FHWA Office of Planning

IVb: Expanding Technical Capacity for Managing the FTA Programs**Cramer**

Moderator: Dudley Whyte, Director Office of Operations & Program Management, FTA Region IV

Do you have a desire to expand your technical capacity and improve your organization? If so, you don't want to miss this session. FTA will cover findings from the Triennial Reviews, such as procurement, maintenance, and drug and alcohol, and A-133 reporting and program trends. Grantees will have an opportunity to discuss its most challenging areas, network with FTA and other grantees for solutions. Questions and answers will be moderated by the Office of Operations and Program Management staff.

Leonard Tennessee, Program Manager, FTA Region IV
Jessica Granell, Program Manager, FTA Region IV
David Mucher, Transportation Program Specialist, FTA Region IV



Thursday, May 28, 2008, continued

9:45 am - 11:00 am

Concurrent Breakout Sessions IV (continued)

IVc: Small Starts Program

Pope

Do you have a project that might qualify for small starts funding? This session will focus on the Small Starts program, which was recently created within the New Starts program, but is for projects with a net project cost of less than \$250,000,000 and a New Starts share of less than \$75,000,000. This session will provide a more in-depth look at the eligibility criteria, evaluation process, and funding requirements for the small starts program.

Beth Day, Director, Office of Project Planning, FTA Office of Planning and Environment

IVd: Preparing for the Future: Transit-related University Center Research

Young

Moderator: Dr. Michael D. Meyer, Director, Georgia Transportation Institute University Transportation Center

The research capabilities of university transportation centers located in Region IV represent an impressive capability in conducting analyses, studies and basic research that will benefit the transit industry. In addition, universities are producing transportation professionals that will represent the professional workforce of tomorrow. This session will present transit-related findings from university research centers in the southeastern United States. This research will relate to a wide variety of topics, including the impact of climate change on transportation systems, financing tools, and operating strategies. Attendees will not only become aware of some the latest research of interest to the transit industry, but will gain a better understanding of the research capabilities available to the region.

Joel Volinski, Director, National Center for Transit Research, University of South Florida

Ve: Civil Rights

Amphitheater

This session will provide an overview of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title VI, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs. Discussion will include the requirements for complying with these programs, related oversight, monitoring and conducting assessments and surveys, and FTA compliance reviews. Participants will also be reminded of the timelines associated with program updates. DBE Goals are due on or before August 1.

Frank Billue, Regional Civil Rights Officer, FTA Region IV



Thursday, May 28, 2008, continued

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Concurrent Breakout Sessions V

Va: Coordinated Planning, JARC And New Freedom Programs – from the State and MPO Experience

Duke

Moderator: David Schilling, Community Planner, FTA Region IV

This session will start with the SAFETEA-LU coordinated planning requirements to utilize the Section 5310, 5316 and 5317 program funds. This will include some differences between the requirements in the different areas (rural, small urban and urban). Next, best practices and lessons learned for meeting these requirements will be presented from Region IV grantees. This will include a rural, small urban and urban perspective. In addition, these grantees will describe what projects have been selected as part of their coordinated planning process for each program.

Doug Frate, Chief Transit Planner, South Carolina Department of Transportation
David Haynes, Short Range Programming Manager, Atlanta Regional Commission

Vb: FTA Oversight Programs

Cramer

The presentation will address specific requirements for oversight of grant management, and specifically focus on the Oversight Program which FTA has established to meet its responsibility for overseeing FTA's capital investment programs: the new starts, fixed guideway modernization, bus and bus facilities programs, and the urban and rural formula assistance programs – as well as the transit safety and security program. The presentation will highlight the roles and responsibilities of regional Program Managers in an effort to ensure grantees are aware of the technical assistance, guidance and support resources that are available to them.

Christopher White, Program Manager, FTA Region IV
Jessica Granell, Program Manager, FTA Region IV

Vc: University Transit

Pope

Moderator: Jeffery Anoka, Community Planner, FTA Region IV

Are you interested in establishing a university transit system or partnering with a local University or college to provide transit? This session will feature speakers that share their experience with creating a University Transportation system, partnering with universities to provide transit, and funding university transit systems. The presentations will also highlight the positive impact these systems can have on ridership.

Emmitt Crockett, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS
Libby James, Higher Education Area Transit (HEAT), Greensboro, NC
Jesus Gomez, Transit Director, Regional Transit System, Gainesville, FL

**Thursday, May 29, 2008, continued****11:00 am - 12:15 pm****Concurrent Breakout Sessions V (continued)****Vd: Going Green: Public Transit and Sustainability****Young**

Moderator: Elizabeth Martin, Community Planner, FTA Region IV

Learn how transit organizations can lessen environmental impacts and promote land use strategies that encourage viable public transit use. This session will focus on the contribution of public transit to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and will feature presentations from our Federal partner at the US Environmental Protection Agency, and from “New Urbanism” experts with the firm of Duany Plater-Zyberk and Company.

Alan Powell, Diesel and Mobile Source, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV
Thomas E. Low, AIA CNU LEED, Director, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company, Charlotte, NC
Guy Pearlman, RLA CNU, Project Manager, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company, Charlotte, NC

12:15 pm - 1:45 pm**FTA Region IV STAR Awards Luncheon****Ballroom**

Luncheon sponsored by National Bus Sales

Moderator: Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, FTA Region IV

We will honor the recipients of the first annual **S**outheast **T**ransit **A**chievements and **R**ecognition awards, the 2008 **STAR** Awards, during this luncheon. This triumphant occasion celebrates the public transportation industry, and will showcase the excellent and outstanding success demonstrated throughout Region IV.

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm**Break and Opportunity to Meet the Vendors****Foyer**

Please take the time to visit with the vendors displaying products and services at this year's FTA Region IV meeting.

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**Transit Security and Emergency Preparedness****Ballroom**

Moderator: Christopher White, Program Manager, FTA Region IV

In recent years, the Southeast has suffered from many devastating natural disasters – all of which impacted transportation before, during and after the event. Since 9/11, emergency response and recovery – for any type of threat – has been a focus of FTA. Transit plays a critical role in these events. This session will provide an overview of FTA's Security Initiatives, with a focus on emergency preparedness and the Connecting Communities program, and FTA's role and responsibility before, during and after all hazards that impact the transportation industry.

You'll also hear about the National Response Framework (NRF) and its impacts on transit industry; Federal, State and local agencies' emergency preparedness efforts, and emergency response lessons learned from past events and funding issues and resources.

Leah Russell, Regional Emergency Transportation Representative, USDOT
Anthony Tisdale, Security & Emergency Management Specialist, FTA Office of Safety & Security
Frank Venezaile, Senior Program Coordinator, National Transit Institute

**Thursday, May 28, 2008, continued****4:00 pm - 5:30 pm****Table Top Exercise: Connecting Communities –
Emergency Preparedness Exercise****Ballroom**

You don't want to miss this interactive exercise! Our NTI facilitators will lead a table top exercise in which all participants will engage in a real-life emergency scenario.

Frank Venezaile, Senior Program Coordinator, National Transit Institute
Bucky Buchanan, Senior Program Coordinator, National Transit Institute

5:30 pm**Day 2 Concludes**

**Friday, May 30, 2008****7:00 am - 8:00 am****Continental Breakfast****Ballroom****8:00 am - 11:30 am****TEAM Training****Amphitheater**

We are offering a special TEAM training session on Friday morning, which will run concurrently with the Friday panel discussions. The session will provide a general overview of the TEAM web system. Participants will be provided with information pertaining to key areas involving the TEAM system. Participants will also be able to ask questions pertaining to their specific situation, and have answers provided by the FTA Regional staff. This is a great session for new TEAM users and grants managers!

Leonard Tennessee, Program Manager, FTA Region IV
Jeffery Anoka, Community Planner, FTA Region IV

8:00 am - 9:30 am**Panel Discussion: Coordinating Council
on Access and Mobility (CCAM)****Ballroom**

Moderator: James McLary, United We Ride Ambassador, CTAA

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the lead agency for the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM). This Council was established by Executive Order in February 2004 to enhance access to transportation to improve mobility, employment opportunities, and access to community services for persons who are transportation-disadvantaged – older adults, persons with disabilities and lower income individuals. This session will include regional representatives from our federal CCAM partners and to have a panel discussion on what the different federal agencies are doing to accomplish the goals and functions of CCAM and how we can better coordinate human services transportation on a regional level.

Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, FTA Region IV
Lloyd Fleming, Director, Office of State Systems, Employment & Training Administration,
Department of Labor (DOL)
Costas Miskis, Regional Administrator, Administration on Aging, Department of Health &
Human Services (HHS)
Joyce Robinson-Wright, Aging Services Program Specialist, Administration on Aging,
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Vickie Bourne, Executive Director, Office of Transportation Delivery, Kentucky Transportation
Cabinet
Rich Devine, Manager, Transportation Services, Georgia Department of Human Resources

**Friday, May 30, 2008, continued****9:30 am - 10:30 am****Mobility Management****Ballroom**

Mobility management has many definitions. This session will inform attendees of these definitions and spotlight mobility managers in Region IV. The session will start with a general overview of mobility management and the steps necessary in developing mobility management activities. The session will also describe what mobility management activities are eligible for funding under the FTA 5307, 5310, 5311, 5316 and 5317 programs.

James McLary, United We Ride Ambassador, Washington D.C.

Barry Barker, Executive Director, Transit Authority of River City (TARC), Louisville, KY

Cathy Brown, Executive Director, St. Johns County Council on Aging, St. Augustine, FL

10:30 am - 10:45 am**Break****Ballroom****10:45 am – 11:30 am****The Route to Success... Today and Beyond****Ballroom**

We will conclude the conference with an interactive recap and hear remarks from Regional Administrator Yvette Taylor about future partnering opportunities. Participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the conference and suggestions for continuing the route to success!

11:30 am – 3:00 pm**MARTA Tour****MARTA HQ**

MARTA has planned a tour to visit the Lindbergh MARTA Station Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and the Armour Yard Maintenance and Storage Facility. Tour participants will be led to the Peachtree Center MARTA station, where they will board the train and ride to the Lindbergh Station.

Lindbergh TOD is a live, work and play community build around the MARTA Lindbergh Station. While there, MARTA will discuss the TOD development and showcase their new state-of-the-art fare collection system, called Breeze.

After lunch (provided) at Lindbergh, tour participants will be shuttled to the Armour Yard Maintenance and Storage Facility. This 33 acre facility includes a 208,000 sq. ft. Maintenance and Overhaul Facility, Control Tower, Traction Power Substation, Gap Breaker Building, Train Wash, Cleaner Building, Blow Down Pit, Maintenance of Way Building, and Petroleum Oils and Lubricants Building.

Participants headed to the airport can board the train at Lindbergh Station immediately following the tour. Luggage storage will be provided during the tour.



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Special Guest

Sherry E. Little
Deputy Administrator
Federal Transit Administration



Ms. Sherry E. Little was sworn in as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration on February 20, 2007. Little joins Administrator James S. Simpson in leading the 500-member agency that administers and oversees the \$9 billion federal assistance program to the nation's public transportation operators. She will help the Administrator oversee the FTA's \$1.4 billion New Starts program, which ensures that American citizens get the greatest return on their investment in major capital transit projects.

Prior to joining the Bush Administration, Little served as Senior Professional Staff Member to Chairman Richard Shelby on the United States Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. As the Chairman's primary advisor on public transportation, she authored the Senate's version of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) which authorized the Nation's \$53 billion public transportation program that President Bush signed into law in August 2005.

While serving on the Chairman's staff, Little played a leading role in several International Study Missions to Europe, South America, Asia, and New Zealand to examine issues related to the private sector's role in transit, public-private partnerships, innovative technologies, and the role of government in building and maintaining transit systems. Additionally, she lent her expertise to the Committee on issues related to housing and community development, community development banking, and financial literacy.

Little has also served former Chairmen Ted Stevens (R-AK) and John Warner (R-VA) at the Senate Rules Committee from 1995 to 1999, working on issues related to campaign fraud and abuse, and in 1999 she served as the Senate's chief protocol officer.

Her civic roles include having served as Vice Chairman on the executive board of directors of Covenant House, Washington, D.C., a privately held child care agency providing shelter and service to homeless and runaway youth.

She holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master's Degree in Political Science and Governing from the American University in Washington, DC.

Little and her husband, Robert Lloyd, live in Alexandria, Virginia.



Conference Hosts

**Yvette G. Taylor, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration, Region IV**

Dr. Yvette G. Taylor joined the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration on October 30, 2005 as the Regional Administrator in Region 4. She has served in prior senior positions at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

While at EPA, Dr. Taylor held the position of Director of the Superfund / RCRA Regional Procurement Operations Division in the Office of Administration and Resource Management. She had oversight of all the major Superfund contracts and served as the Chief Contracting Officer for ten regional offices.

During her tenure at OMB, Dr. Taylor served as a Deputy Associate Administrator in the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, responsible for providing leadership and management direction of government-wide policies and procedures for the procurement of property and services by the Executive Branch. Her primary areas of expertise included major systems acquisitions, capital programming / capital planning and investment control processes for acquiring capital assets across the government, including information technology. She served as a liaison to the Procurement Executive Council, Civilian Agency Acquisition Council, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council.

Prior to joining the staff of OFPP, Dr. Taylor served as a senior acquisition official at NASA where she managed the Joint U.S. / Russian Space Agency Program at the Johnson Space Center and provided leadership to numerous multi-million dollar procurement programs in support of the International Space Station Program. Dr. Taylor began her career at the Marshall Space Flight Center where she worked in the Shuttle Division, R&D and Operations Division, and Advanced Flight Systems Division.

Dr. Taylor holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, a Master of Science in Business Administration, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Management.

Conference Hosts

Michael D. Meyer, Ph.D
Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology
Director, Georgia Transportation Institute
University Transportation Center

Dr. Michael D. Meyer is a Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and former Chair of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology. From 1983 to 1988, Dr. Meyer was Director of Transportation Planning and Development for Massachusetts where he was responsible for statewide planning, project development, traffic engineering, and transportation research. Prior to this, he was a professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at M.I.T.

Dr. Meyer has written over 160 technical articles and has authored or co-authored numerous texts on transportation systems, planning and policy, including a college textbook for McGraw Hill entitled *Urban Transportation Planning: A Decision Oriented Approach*. He was the author of *Transportation Congestion and Mobility: A Toolbox for Transportation Officials*, a book sponsored by the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Federal Highway Administration that focuses on transportation actions that can be implemented to enhance mobility. He is an active member of numerous professional organizations, and has chaired committees relating to transportation systems engineering and planning, public transportation, environmental impact analysis, transportation policy, transportation education, and intermodal transportation.

Dr. Meyer is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2006 Wilbur Smith Distinguished Educator Award from the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the 2000 Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award in recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of transportation engineering; the 1995 Pyke Johnson Award of the Transportation Research Board for best paper in planning and administration delivered at the TRB Annual Meeting; and the 1988 Harland Bartholomew Award of the American Society of Civil Engineers for contribution to the enhancement of the role of the civil engineer in urban planning and development. He was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board.

Keynote Speakers

Gena Lester Abraham, Ph.D. Commissioner, Georgia Department of Transportation

Gena Lester Abraham (pronounced “Abram”) earned a bachelor’s degree (1992) and doctorate (2001) in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Abraham was an assistant professor in Georgia Tech’s School of Civil and Environmental Engineering when Governor Sonny Perdue named her Executive Secretary and Construction Director of the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) in 2003 and then placed her in charge of all functions of the State Property Office in 2006.

As State Property Officer, she served as executive director of the Georgia Building Authority (GBA), continued her GSFIC responsibilities, was Executive Director of the State Properties Commission and chairman of the Georgia Land Conservation Council. She was charged with consolidating the management of all real estate assets owned and leased by the State of Georgia. She also worked closely with public and private sector representatives to develop best practices for space utilization and cost-efficient management to effectively oversee the State’s capital assets. Dr. Abraham was also responsible for negotiating multi-year leases and contracts for properties across the state. Previously she also served as chief engineer for the GBA and managed construction across the U.S. for LaSalle Partners.

In October 2007, Dr. Abraham was selected by the State Transportation Board as the first woman Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, overseeing nearly 6,000 employees and a \$2.1 billion operating budget.

Dr. Abraham has served on numerous boards including: the Sapelo Island Heritage Authority, MARTA Board, State Board of Equalization and the Capital Asset Management Advisory Council.

In 2002, as part of its observance of the 50th anniversary of female students being admitted to Georgia Tech, the Alumni Magazine spotlighted her among 50 women as representative of the thousands who had attended since the first two coeds were admitted. She was also recognized by Georgia Trend magazine as one of their “Top 40 under 40” for the State of Georgia.

Dr. Abraham lives in Sharpsburg with her son, Wil.

Keynote Speakers

Beverly A. Scott, Ph.D.
General Manager/Chief Executive Officer,
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)

Beverly A. Scott became General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) in October 2007, bringing strong vision and leadership to the Authority's ongoing implementation of system improvements and its work with the region to develop a comprehensive regional transportation plan. Dr. Scott is highly regarded throughout the transit industry and currently serves as the First Vice-Chair of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

With over 30 years of experience in the transportation industry, Dr. Scott has held leadership positions with some of the nation's largest transit agencies. Prior to joining MARTA, Dr. Scott served as General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Sacramento Regional Transit District. Prior to that, she served as the General Manager of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, one of only four statewide public transit systems in the United States.

Dr. Scott also held executive management positions with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), New Jersey Transit Corporation, and the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, including being the first woman appointed as Vice President of Surface Transit with responsibility for the daily operation of all bus service in the five boroughs of New York City as well as Staten Island rail service.

Dr. Scott began her public transportation career in 1977 in the State of Texas through Texas Southern University, as one of four national recipients of a Carnegie Foundation Fellowship. In 1979, with the creation of the Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority, she was the regional transit authority's first Director of Affirmative Action. In addition to her professional transportation positions, she has served as Executive Director of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA), Assistant Professor of Government and Public Affairs at Tennessee State University and also taught graduate courses at Howard University (Washington, DC).

Dr. Scott has received numerous national and local awards, including citations from the U.S. Department of Transportation, American Public Transportation Association, American Society of Public Administrators, National Business League, Women's Transportation Seminar, Rhode Island Professional Engineers Society, Sierra Club, Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, the Urban League, and City Year.

She holds a doctorate in Political Science with a specialization in public administration from Howard University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Fisk University (magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa).

Keynote Speakers

Samuel S. Olens **Chairman, Cobb County Board of Commissioners**

Sam Olens is Chairman of the five-member Cobb County Board of Commissioners. He was elected countywide in August 2002 and re-elected to a four-year term beginning January 2005. He previously served as Cobb County District 3 Commissioner from 1999 through June 2002.

In December 2004, Olens was elected as Chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). He is the second ARC Chairman from Cobb County. He is also Vice-Chair of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, a 16-county planning entity dedicated to developing comprehensive regional and watershed-specific plans for the district.

Chairman Olens was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to represent the 6th Congressional District on Georgia's Department of Community Affairs Board in August 2003. He also serves on the boards of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority, Cobb Board of Health, Cobb Community Services Board, Downtown Marietta Development Authority, Metropolitan Atlanta Arts and Culture Coalition, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Board of Advisors, Regional Commission on Homelessness, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, and NACo Transportation Steering Committee.

Active in various non-profit organizations, Olens serves on the boards of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Cobb County United Way Campaign Cabinet, The Atlanta Opera, U.S. 10K Classic, WellStar Institute for Better Health, Friends of the Strand, and The Georgian Club.

Sam Olens is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, to include the 2007 "Excellence in Public Service Award" [county-elected category] by the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute. For the past four years, he has been selected in Georgia Trend magazine's "100 Most Influential Georgians." Other awards and honors include the National Guard Association's Patrick Henry Award, the 2008 Blacks United for Youth-Cobb Justice Benham Award for Community Service, the September 2007 Public Broadcasting Atlanta "Lexus Leader of the Arts," the 2007 Cobb Community Leader of the Year by the Senior Citizen Council of Cobb County, Cobb's "Citizen of the Year" by the Marietta Daily Journal in 2006, the 2007 [1st Annual] MUST Ministries Ginger Kaney Servant Leader Award, the 2006 Flourish Award presented by the College of the Arts, Kennesaw State University, and the 2005 Liberty Bell Award for outstanding community service by the Cobb County Bar Association. In May 2005, the southeast's oldest and largest non-profit environmental learning center, the Chattahoochee Nature Center, presented its Partners in Environmental Education Award to Olens. He received the 2004 Executive Director's Award from the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust for his assistance in bringing the Anne Frank exhibit to Kennesaw State University. In 1997, Olens was recognized as East Cobb Citizen of the Year by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate of Emory University Law School, Olens received his bachelor's and master's degree from the American University in Washington, D.C. He is a registered mediator/arbitrator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Olens has been a member of Zero & Olens, P.C. since 1983.

Olens and his wife Lisa have two children, Lauren and Jonathan.



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Bonnie Arnold. *Director of Marketing and Customer Service, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA/Tri-Rail), Pompano Beach, FL.*

Bonnie Arnold was named Director of Marketing and Customer Service for Tri-Rail in October 2000 and transitioned to that same position for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) on July 1, 2003. She brings more than 25 years of experience in the communications industry to her position, which includes responsibility for all facets of the Authority's public relations, image development, ridership growth, passenger relations, and local, regional, national and international marketing initiatives. Prior to joining SFRTA's senior management team, Ms. Arnold worked in the Northeast for a series of arts organizations and real estate entities including Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall, The Rockefeller Group, Rockefeller Center and The Philadelphia Orchestra. After moving to Florida in 1990, she served as Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Ballet Florida and the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra. A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Ms. Arnold attended Carnegie-Mellon University and holds a BFA with honors from Chatham College.

Paul Ballard. *Chief Executive Officer, Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority, Nashville, TN.*

Paul Ballard began his seventh year as CEO of the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority in January of this year. Since his start in 2002, ridership of MTA's buses has increased from 6.4 million annual riders to 9.4 million in the current year, and is estimated to break the 10 million annual riders mark during the next fiscal year beginning on July 1st. Paul is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Business where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business, Transportation and Public Utilities Management. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration (With Distinction) from Webster University in St. Louis. One hundred new buses have been added to the MTA fleet during his tenure. The AccessRide program for persons with disabilities has expanded to be the largest service of its kind in the State of Tennessee with 300,000 trips being provided to residents of Nashville/Davidson County this year. His volunteer work with the Regional Transportation Authority as Chair of its Commuter Rail Committee resulted in the successful construction and start up of the Music City Star commuter rail train. Paul resides in Nashville with his wife Susan, and son John, who is a graduate student at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education and Human Development. His older son Chris is a computer science graduate of Mars Hill College and resides in Asheville, NC where he is employed by Walgreens in inventory management.

J. Barry Barker. *Executive Director, Transit Authority of River City (TARC), Louisville, KY.*

Barry Barker has been Executive Director of the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) since 1994. Barry has initiated many training and employee support programs at TARC, including a Domestic Violence Awareness program, hiring interns from the Jefferson County Public Schools' Teenage Parenting Program, establishing TARC buses as Safe Place and Safe Haven sites and cooperating with the Kentucky State Police's Amber Alert program. A 30-year veteran of transit, Barry has been honored for his work to ensure diversity in the workplace and accessible transportation by the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Easter Seals, and the NAACP. TARC received the 2004 Labor Management award, 2004 KentuckianaWorks Education-Friendly Employer of the Year award and the Kentucky Psychological Association's Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award in 2002 and 2003. He serves on the Executive Committee for the Transportation Research Board and is the Chairman of the National Transit Institute Board. Barry served as an At-Large Delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Barry was named Outstanding Public Transportation Manager by APTA in 2007. Barry holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Case Western Reserve University and a Masters of Public Administration from Cleveland State University.

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Lynnda Bassham. *Director of Human Services, Lower Savannah Council of Governments, Aiken, SC.*

Lynnda Bassham is currently Director of Human Services at the Lower Savannah Council of Governments (LSCOG) in Aiken, SC. She supervises the department which includes the Area Agency on Aging, South Carolina's first Aging and Disability Resource Center and works closely with LSCOG's pioneering work in the area of development and coordination of regional public, human service and private transportation systems. She is project director for two national grant programs that are helping the Lower Savannah Council of Governments design and develop a model travel management coordination center. This center will provide transportation information and assistance to individuals as they seek transportation, offer a web-based resource data-base, and take calls from the public for rides. This center will also serve transit operators, employers, and human service and health agencies by offering technology to facilitate coordination of the regional transportation network. Lynnda graduated from Queens College, in Charlotte, NC, and did graduate study at UNC Chapel Hill, University of South Carolina Aiken and New York University. She is former Executive Director of a coordinated public and human service transportation providing organization. She has served on two United We Ride expert panels, is currently a member of the advisory committee for the National Center on Transportation Coordination and a board member of the Transportation Association of South Carolina.

Thay Bishop. *Team Leader, National Innovative Finance Technical Expert Team, National Resource Center, Federal Highway Administration, Atlanta, GA.*

Thay Bishop serves as the Team Leader of the National Innovative Finance Technical Expert Team at the US Department of Transportation, FHWA's Resource Center. She joined the USDOT in April 2003. She has built up the Team to be the premier innovative transportation finance services to states and local governments throughout the US and US Mexican and Canadian Borders. Prior to joining USDOT, she held numerous Senior Management positions including the Director of Budget and the Director of Corporate Finance and Treasurer with Metropolitan Atlanta Transit Authority, the seventh largest transit system in the nation for 14 years and 10 years with a blue chip fortune 100 corporation as Assistant Controller. Her areas of expertise include Municipal Finance, State and Federal Credit Assistance, Leveraging Leases, Financial and Energy Risk Management, and Public-Private-Partnerships concessions in Transit and Highway Concessions. Thay's education includes a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management from Georgia Institute of Technology. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Treasury Professional (CTP).

Vickie S. Bourne. *Executive Director, Office of Transportation Delivery, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Lexington, KY.*

Vickie S. Bourne is the Executive Director of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Transportation Delivery. As Executive Director, Vickie manages Kentucky's Public Transportation programs as well as the Human Service Transportation Delivery Program. Vickie has worked with the Cabinet for over 36 years. The first 15 years, Vickie worked on the Highway side in the Construction, Contracting, and the Civil Rights fields. The last 21 years, Vickie has been devoted to bringing Public Transit to a new level within the Cabinet and the Commonwealth. Working with partners from the Health Services Cabinet, Families & Children Cabinet, Department for Workforce Development, the Human Service Transportation Delivery program became a reality. Her Human Service Coordination Program has been noted nationally including on C-Span. Under this program, the State has saved millions of dollars and improved services and safety. In 1999, Vickie was one of the first two inductees into the KY Public Transit Hall of Fame.

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Cathy Brown. *Executive Director, St. Johns County Council on Aging, St. Augustine, Fl; Community Transportation Coordinator and CTAA Peer; Member of the CTAA Human Service Coordination Council.*

Cathy Brown is a 1968 graduate of Florida State University School of Social Work; she served in Viet Nam with the American Red Cross 1968-1969 and was a Disaster Relief Caseworker for the American Red Cross on Hurricane Camille in 1969-1970. She held professional positions with the Red Cross Blood Services and leadership volunteer posts with the Stamford, CT, Dallas, TX, and Los Angeles, CA Chapters. She worked as an executive in the real estate industry in Southern California for fifteen years. Since 1999 she has led the St. Johns County Council on Aging, lead agency for elder services as well as the Community Transportation Coordinator for the county. She is past president of the Florida Association of Senior Centers and has been a board member of Florida Association of Aging Service Providers. She was a 2005 delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. She is a member of the Florida Council on Aging and the American Society on Aging. Cathy has numerous community affiliations including serving on the boards of United Way, Salvation Army, St. Johns Housing Partnership, St. Augustine-Baracoa Friendship Association, United Way Agency Directors Association, St. Johns County Planning and Zoning Agency, St. Augustine Code Enforcement Board, Inter-Agency Council, and FSU Alumni Association. She is a member of Rotary, International and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Cathy was appointed to the Committee on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation by Robert E. Skinner, Jr., Executive Director of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies (TRB), Washington, D.C. in 2004. Cathy is a fifth generation Florida native and the mother of two grown daughters. She lives in historic St. Augustine with her husband, Warren E. Butler.

Howard “Bucky” Buchanan. *Senior Program Coordinator, Workplace Safety and Security at the National Transit Institute.*

Howard “Bucky” Buchanan is a Senior Program Coordinator for Workplace Safety and Security at the National Transit Institute at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey where he assists in facilitating the Connecting Communities Workshop. Bucky is a lifetime member of the Branchburg Rescue Squad and the Whitehouse Rescue Squad, both of New Jersey, and the State Lead Staging Officer with the New Jersey EMS Task Force. In 2007, he was appointed to the State of NJ's EMS Advisory Council, where he represents the 21 county EMS coordinators as a delegate. Also in his background he has served the American Red Cross as a Disaster Services Volunteer, responding to multiple presidentially declared disasters, and most recently served as Chairman of the Board for the Hunterdon County Chapter. His certifications include: EMT-B, Vehicle Rescue Technician, Rope Rescue Technician, Confined Space Technician, Swiftwater Rescue Technician, Rescue Boat Operator, Trench Rescue Operator, along with multiple other incident command, awareness, FEMA and technique classifications. Bucky is a member of National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE), American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI), NSC and is Managing Partner for an Emergency Services Consulting Firm based in NJ.

Conference Speakers

Emmett J. Crockett, Jr. *Special Assistant to the President of Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi.*

Emmett J. Crockett, Jr. is the Special Assistant to the President of Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. His principal responsibilities are design, planning and implementing transportation and mobility initiatives for the University and the Mississippi Capital region. Prior to becoming Special Assistant to the President, Emmett served as the University's Vice President of Institutional Advancement with responsibilities for fundraising, public relations, alumni affairs and university communications. Prior to his current tenure at Jackson State, Emmett held several progressively responsible positions with mass transit agencies, including Vice President for Business Development with the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) in Columbus, Ohio; Associate Director of the Office of Business Development and Manager of Bus and Rail Service Planning at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in Washington D.C; Manager of Bus and Rail Scheduling with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) in Atlanta; and Director of Operations Planning and Scheduling with the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) in New Orleans. Emmett received a Bachelors degree in Political Science from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He received a Masters degree in Urban Planning from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Beth Day. *Director, Office of Project Planning, Office of Planning and Environment, Federal Transit Administration, Headquarters, Washington D.C.*

Beth Day works in the Office of Project Planning within the Office of Planning and Environment at FTA Headquarters. She serves as the New Starts Team Leader for projects seeking New and Small Starts funding in FTA Regions II, IV, and VIII. In addition, she oversees the financial evaluations and ratings for all projects seeking Section 5309 New/Small Starts funding. Beth has over 17 years of experience in the transit industry including more than seven years at FTA. Prior to joining FTA she worked at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, as a transit consultant, and at the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Beth holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Transportation and Logistics from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Master of Science Degree in Transportation from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

Richard P. Devine. *Manager, Transportation Services, Georgia Department of Human Resources, Atlanta, GA.*

Born in New York City. Attended Columbia College in Missouri receiving a Bachelor's in Business Administration and Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri where he received a Masters in Business Administration. Entered the military in 1966 and served for 22 years in the Corps of Engineers, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1988. Entered service with the State of Georgia in 1990 and held positions as a Construction and Real Property Specialist, Budget Officer, Budget Planner, Senior Budget Planner and currently serves as the Manager, Transportation Services Section, Office of Facilities and Support Services.

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Lloyd E. “Pete” Fleming. *Director, Office of State Systems, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Atlanta, GA.*

Pete Fleming is the Director of the Office of State Systems in ETA’s Atlanta Regional Office. He has oversight responsibility for approximately \$1.6 billion of federal formula grants to states to operate employment and training programs under the Workforce Investment Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the Trade Act and related programs. He has worked for ETA for over 35 years in various staff and management capacities including serving for 4 years as the Unemployment Insurance Budget Officer in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the Department of Labor, he served for 3 years as a management analyst for the Kentucky Department of Employment Security. Pete has a BA in English and a Masters degree in American History from Tennessee Technological University. He has done post graduate work at the University of North Carolina and has completed other coursework at Georgia State University. He is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia. Pete and his wife Ann reside in Duluth, Georgia. They have three grown children and 5 grandchildren. His hobbies include contract bridge, golf, reading and running. He is an active member of Duluth United Methodist Church where he has been a teacher of the Disciple Bible study series for the past 16 years.

Doug Frate. *Chief Transit Planner, South Carolina Department of Transportation, Columbia, SC.*

Doug Frate received both his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and master’s degree in Public Administration from USC. He also pursued a second graduate degree in Urban Development & Design from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. Doug started his career at a regional planning agency in SC in a variety of roles in both the planning and human services fields. Doug moved from the COG to a transportation engineering, planning and consulting firm based as a transportation planner, and from there to the Federal Transit Administration in Atlanta as a Community Planner. After 3.5 years with FTA, Doug moved back to Columbia to take a job with SCDOT as Chief Transit Planner. Doug and his wife, Anne, have a 3-year-old daughter named Maisie and a 6-month-old son named Will.

Jesus Gomez. *Director, City of Gainesville Regional Transit System, Gainesville, FL.*

Jesus Gomez became City of Gainesville Regional Transit System Director January 5, 2006. He was hired by the City in 1998 as a Chief Transit Planner. In 2000, he was appointed RTS Operations Manager and continued in that position throughout most of his term as Interim Transit Director which began in March 2005. He graduated from the University of South Florida in 1998 with a Master of Science in Civil Engineering and received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Zulia in Venezuela.

James Harper, Jr., *Director, Office of Procurement, Federal Transit Administration, Headquarters, Washington D.C.*

James Harper, Jr. is the Director for FTA’s Office of Procurement in Washington, DC. Prior to joining the federal government in 2004, James worked for the Government of the District of Columbia as a Agency Chief Contracting Officer for 4 years; 8 years as the Executive Vice President for a Woman Owned Business in Fairfax, VA, and prior to that spend 21 years in the U. S. Air Force as a Contracting Officer/Course Director/Associated Professor for Acquisition Management at the Air Force Institute of Technology. James earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University and a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from the NC A&T State University.

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David Haynes. *Short Range Programming Manager, Transportation Planning Division, Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, GA.*

David Haynes has been the Short Range Programming Manager for the Transportation Planning Division of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) since June 2001. In this role, he is responsible for overseeing development of the Atlanta region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and coordinating those efforts with the long range transportation plan and other agency initiatives, including transit and human services transportation (HST) planning. The most recent FY 2008-2013 TIP was adopted in September 2007 and represents over \$10 billion of transportation investments in an 18 county area with a population of nearly 4 million. Prior to joining ARC, he worked in the private sector as a consultant for nine years. David earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering, with an emphasis on transportation, from Auburn University.

John Humeston. *Senior Community Planner, Office of Metropolitan Planning, Federal Highway Administration, Atlanta, GA.*

John Humeston is a 1974 graduate of the University of Connecticut with a degree in Civil Engineering. John has been with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for over thirty years, serving time in a variety of offices, including the Virginia and Georgia Divisions, Region 4 as the Director of Planning and Program Development, and two stays in the Headquarters' Office managing transportation planning and environmental programs. Since 1999, John has been with FHWA's Office of Metropolitan Planning serving as the Senior Planner. In particular, he is actively involved in developing policies and guidance associated with all aspects of transportation planning, including fiscal constraint, the integration of NEPA and Air Quality while providing program and technical assistance to areas facing planning and related integrated issues.

Elizabeth (Libby) James. *Public Transportation Division Manager, Greensboro Transit Authority.*

Linda Lasley. *Assistant Chief Counsel, Legislation and Regulations Division, Federal Transit Administration, Headquarters, Washington D.C.*

Linda Lasley currently serves as the Assistant Chief Counsel for the Legislation and Regulations Division in the FTA Chief Counsel's Office. In this capacity, Linda provides advice in a number of areas including Congressional meetings and testimony, drafting assistance for legislation and regulations, and the development of guidance documents, circulars, and policy statements. Before taking that position in 2005, Linda was a senior attorney in the Office of Regulation and Enforcement, DOT Office of the General Counsel, where she handled regulations on commercial space transportation, hazardous materials, pipeline safety, and railroad safety. Before moving to Washington, D.C. in May 2001, Linda served as an Environmental Law Judge for the Office of Environmental Adjudication in Indianapolis, Indiana. She also served as a Deputy Attorney General handling environmental litigation for the Indiana Attorney General's Office and worked as an attorney for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management handling hazardous waste issues. Linda received her J.D. from Indiana University and a B.S. from Purdue University. She is a member of the Indiana Bar and is the Chair of the Transportation Committee of the Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section of the American Bar Association. Linda resides in Washington, D.C. with her husband Deon H. Ford.

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Ream Lazaro. *Senior Consultant, Boyd, Caton & Grant Transportation Group, Inc. (BCG), Charlottesville, VA.*

Ream Lazaro has worked in bus and rail public transit for thirty years. Ream is presently a Senior Consultant with Boyd, Caton & Grant Transportation Group, Inc (BCG). In that capacity he is actively involved with the development and delivery of the re-energized and re-engineered Federal Transit Administration *Transit Bus Safety and Security Program*. Ream served as a non-commissioned officer in the US Army and afterwards went to undergraduate and graduate school on the GI bill in Colorado. He then spent twelve years managing safety, security, skills training and leadership development in bus and rail public transit operations located in Washington D.C. (WMATA), New Jersey (NJ Transit) and Utah (Utah Transit Authority). After working inside these large urban transit agencies and prior to joining BCG, Ream spent eighteen years as an independent consultant and then a partner of Lazaro & Noel, LLC providing a wide range of consulting and training support to national and state associations, federal and state government agencies and urban, rural, and community transportation systems. He is nationally recognized in the areas of transit security, operational safety, human resource management and organizational development. Ream presently resides in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is a part-time employee of Rutgers University where he develops and delivers security awareness training courses for the National Transit Institute (NTI). Ream is also a trainer and consultant for the Community Transportation Association (CTAA) and in that role assists in the management and delivery of their Training and Safety Review and Certification Program.

Thomas E. Low, AIA CNU LEED. *Director, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company, Charlotte, NC.*

Thomas Low is an expert on town planning and traditional neighborhood development, light imprint urbanism, and school campus design. Tom has managed and completed more than 150 New Urbanism projects across the U.S. Recently Tom published the “*Light Imprint Handbook*” and is pursuing publishing the book “*Civic By Design: John Nolen’s Lesson for New Urbanism.*”

Caroline A. Mays, AICP. *Principal Transportation Planner, Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, GA.*

Caroline Mays has over 10 years of professional transportation planning experience. She is currently a Principal Transportation Planner in the Transportation Planning Division of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) the MPO for the Atlanta Region. In this position, Caroline manages the Freight Planning Program, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Planning Program, Management and Operations Planning Program including Incident Management. Specific freight responsibilities include overseeing and coordinating work efforts of the Regional Freight Mobility Advisory Council. Caroline was instrumental in the initiation and creation of the Freight Mobility Advisory Council to address freight transportation needs in the regional transportation planning process. Most recently she managed the development of the 1st Regional Freight Mobility Plan for the Atlanta Region. Currently, Caroline is the project manager for the Atlanta Regional Commission’s HST Technology Feasibility Study funded by FTA under the UWR/MSAA Program. Prior to joining the ARC in late 2001, Caroline was a Transportation Planner with the Rockland County Department of Planning and Transportation in New York and also was an Intern with the United Nations in New York. Caroline is an active member of several professional organizations including the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners. She is also an active member of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Society of Georgia, a State Chapter of ITS America. Additionally, Caroline is a member of the TRB’s Urban Freight Committee as well as a friend of the TRB Intermodal Freight and TRB RSTMO Committees and a member of CSCMP and WTS. Caroline received her Bachelors degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Waterloo Canada and a Masters degree of Science in Planning from the University of Toronto Canada.

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James J. McLary. *United We Ride Ambassador, Community Transportation Association of America.*

James McLary has performed most of his private professional work in small urban and rural transit systems for both fixed route and paratransit services. He is keenly aware of the needs of demand response and paratransit systems and is capable of finding and implementing innovative solutions. James is the CTAA/FTA Coordination Ambassador for Region II, is on the Board of Directors of the Taxicab, Limousine, and Paratransit Association (TLPA) since 1995, with the exception of two one-year periods that is required by the TLPA by-laws, and is also on the steering committee for Project Action, Easter Seals. James is Past-President of the Washington Private Operators Council and past-chairman of the Washington DC Council of Governments Private Providers Task Force, which was charged with implementing the FTA Private Sector guidelines. He owned and operated a 125 vehicle paratransit company providing services along the eastern seaboard from 1992 - 2002. James has worked extensively in small urban areas and has conducted numerous Studies and Management Performance Reviews (MPR) throughout the United States. He has performed work in 35 states, Moscow, Russia, Adelaide, South Australia, San Juan, Puerto Rico and has advised a large taxi company in Singapore on accessibility issues. He was also the transit Administrator in Madison, Wisconsin from 1970 to 1978. Some of his current assignments are: Region II FTA Ambassador for United We Ride; Developing a Mobility Management Coordination program in South Carolina; Working with Westat in developing a strategic plan to implement Mobility Management in Transit Authorities; Developed and Teaching a Coordinated Mobility course for NTI; Helped TARC (Louisville, Kentucky) procure ADA complementary services; Wrote a proposal for ADA services for a private operator in Kansas City, MO.

Katherine A. (Kate) Mattice. *Chief, Policy Review and Development Division
Office of Budget and Policy, Federal Transit Administration, Headquarters, Washington D.C.*

Kate Mattice is the Chief of the Policy Review and Development Division in FTA's Office of Budget and Policy, where she manages a staff of policy analysts and economists working on issues ranging from transit-oriented development to innovative financing. Kate is currently the lead for FTA's legislative reauthorization efforts helping to facilitate new policy proposals for all of FTA's programs. Since 2005, she has also been the managing director for the implementation of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for all Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation, helping to facilitate the development of new regulations, reports, and guidance documents. From 2001 to 2005, she was a program analyst in the Office of Policy Development working primarily on New Starts and several initiatives for the Administrator, including a nine-month assignment to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs to work on drafting the SAFETEA-LU legislation. Before working at FTA, Kate spent eight years as a management consultant working on several major environmental and technology programs for the U.S. Department of Energy. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego, and a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

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Costas Miskis. *Regional Administrator, Administration on Aging/Atlanta Regional Office, Department of Health and Human Services, Atlanta, GA.*

Constantinos I. Miskis (Costas) is the Regional Administrator for Region IV of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration on Aging (AOA). He joined HHS in 2002 when he was appointed by the President of the United States to serve as the Secretary's Regional Director. In 2005 he became Regional Administrator for the Administration on Aging as direct representative of Assistant Secretary for Aging Josephina Carbonell. The region includes the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. He has chaired the Region IV Senior Staff Committee including the Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Administration on Aging, Administration for Children and Families, Office for Civil Rights, Office of the Inspector General, Office of the General Counsel and Office of Public Health and Science. He has also served as regional liaison to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and held lead responsibility for coordinating human services support under the Region IV Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF-8) plan to provide for the organization, mobilization, coordination and direction of emergency medical services, hospital services, crisis response and mental health services. Prior to joining the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Costas Miskis served as General Counsel and Director of Legislative Affairs for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, as well as Deputy General Counsel and Chief Medicaid Counsel for the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). He served in an advisory capacity to the AHCA Secretary and served on the AHCA advisory team to Governor Jeb Bush on Medicaid and HHS issues. Costas Miskis authored the seminal authority on the Florida Medicaid program, the Florida Master Medicaid Guide, and co-authored *Enforcing Quality Standards in Long-Term Care: The False Claims Act and Other Remedies*, The Florida Bar Journal, June 1999. He has presented on Florida Medicaid in a number of forums including the Florida Medicaid Policy Conference, and has contributed extensively to Florida Medicaid training and guidance. Costas Miskis received his B.A. from Florida International University, and his J.D. from the University of Florida, where he was Executive Research Editor for the Florida Journal of International Law.

John M. Muth, P.E. *Chief Development Officer / Deputy Director for Development, Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS), Charlotte, NC.*

John Muth is the Chief Development Officer / Deputy Director for Development for the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS). In that capacity, John is responsible for the planning and implementation of rapid transit projects, as well as transit centers, park and ride facilities, and passenger projects and programs. Major projects include the 2030 Corridor System Plan (adopted in November 2002 and updated in 2006), which includes light rail, commuter rail, streetcar, and bus rapid transit in five rapid transit corridors. The South Corridor portion of the Lynx Blue Line Light Rail project opened in late November 2007 and is already exceeding first year ridership projections. The extension of the Lynx Blue Line to the Northeast Corridor is currently in preliminary engineering. The North, Southeast, West, and Streetcar Corridors completed conceptual engineering and environmental analysis in late 2006. Several transit centers and park-and-ride lots are in various stages of planning and development. A project to replace almost 4000 bus stop signs with route and schedule information was completed in early 2002. Prior to joining CATS in March 2000, John spent 11 1/2 years with the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT). While at CDOT, John worked on a variety of transportation projects. Major projects included the planning and public involvement process for the 2025 Transit/Land Use Plan for Charlotte-Mecklenburg, and the preparation of the Traffic Management Plan for Ericsson Stadium. Prior to joining CDOT in 1988, John was employed for 4 1/2 years by the consulting firm of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin in Boston, MA. John is a graduate of West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering (Transportation emphasis). John is a registered professional engineer in North Carolina. John is a graduate of the 2001-2002 class of Leadership APTA and is active in several professional committees. John and his wife Patty live in Matthews with their three children Brian (20), Lauren (18), and Kristen (16).

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Steve Myers. *General Manager, Lee Tran, Ft. Myers, FL.*

Steve Myers is a native of Indiana, raised in a rural area north of Indianapolis. He is a graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance. Steve began his public transit career after college, first as the Controller of a small transit authority in Indiana, where he was later appointed as the General Manager. He was hired by ATE Management & Service Co (currently First Group America), a private transit management company, where he worked for 17 years, taking on various assignments in finance, administration, & general management. Those assignments included: Indianapolis, IN, Assistant General Manager of Administration & Finance for a 200 bus fixed route transit authority; Houston, TX, Interim General Manager for 100 bus commuter express bus service; Haverhill, MA, General Manager of a 62 bus fixed route and paratransit service; Seattle, WA, General Manager of 100 bus commuter express bus service, and regional oversight of multiple operating contracts in Seattle and Northern California; Dallas, TX, General Manager of 300 bus suburban fixed route and commuter express service. Steve moved to Fort Myers, Florida in September 2000 to accept his current position of Transit Director for Lee County Transit. Lee Tran operates 51 peak hour vehicles on 18 fixed routes, ADA paratransit service, and a small van pool program. In 2007, Lee Tran carried just over 3 million fixed route passengers and 130,000 paratransit trips. Steve maintains active participation in the American Public Transportation Association, Small Operations Steering Committee, and serves as the Chairman of the Florida Public Transportation Association Board of Directors and on the Board of the Florida Transportation Association Finance Corporation.

Guy Pearlman, *RLA CNU. Project Manager, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company's Charlotte, NC.*

Guy Pearlman has extensive experience in town planning and traditional neighborhood development with a focus on the Light Imprint Initiative. Guy is a registered Landscape Architect in North and South Carolina having over a dozen years of experience in planning, permitting and implementation.

Alan Powell. *Mobile Source Team, Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, Atlanta, GA.*

Alan Powell is a native Atlantan and except for a brief stint in working in West Texas for CONOCO oil, he has lived in Metro Atlanta his entire life. He graduated from Georgia Tech in 1985 with a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering and began his federal career in 1987 after spending a year backpacking and rock climbing throughout the US. Alan has spent 20 plus years working for the US EPA in a variety of jobs. He started out in Air Enforcement as a compliance officer and moved to manage the Asbestos NESHAP program in 1989. He was moved to help develop a program and address the poor marks that the program received from the Office of Inspector General. In 1991 he was assigned to the Mobile Source Task Force and has been working in mobile sources in some fashion for the past 16 years. Alan was the designated Federal Official for the Automotive Sector of the Common Sense Initiative which was a FACA subcommittee. He coordinated voluntary efforts and managed several voluntary efforts to address air, water and waste pollution in key areas. One project, the Bartow EMS, received the President's award for Cooperative Collaboration. The other project serves as the model for new communities trying to develop effective environmental strategies to reduce the impacts that urban life has on the environment through economically feasible solutions. He is currently helping coordinate the Southeast Diesel Collaborative (SEDC) focusing on reducing diesel emissions by creating voluntary cost effective programs that address energy, environment and economics in a sustainable manner. Alan's outside activities generally revolve around his wife and 17 year old daughter. He enjoys baseball, college football, and hockey, but still hasn't gotten over the sale of the Atlanta Flames to Calgary. In addition, he helps run a local theater that has put on 4 shows a year for the past 27 years.

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Leah Russell. *Regional Emergency Transportation Representative, United States Department of Transportation, Southeast Region, Atlanta, GA.*

Prior to coming to the Atlanta area, Leah’s career was in the Federal Transit Administration. Over twenty years of her career were spent serving the needs of grantees and transit customers in the Midwest. She has been responsible for various phases of major capital projects including environmental review. In 1997, she was selected for the Director, Office of Operations and Program Management position responsible for grant administration and management, and oversight. Her duties included project leadership for the St. Louis Metrolink Light Rail \$350 Million extension. The project was delivered on time and \$12 million under budget. In 2002, Leah was selected for an executive training program and spent six months in FTA headquarters working as Deputy of the Oversight Office and as a Special Assistant in the Procurement Office. Among her accomplishments there was development and recommendation of the policy that requires FTA review and limitations of the number of oversight visits to a particular grantee during a fiscal year. As an FTA employee in 2005, Ms. Russell spent many months working in FEMA’s post-Katrina Jackson, Mississippi Joint Field Office where she led disaster response coordination for the U.S. Department of Transportation. Working side by side with the Mississippi Department of Transportation and Coast Transit, Ms. Russell helped to establish the first interagency agreement for “recovery phase” transit services in FEMA history and pushed for reimbursement to rural transit systems that performed work during initial response efforts. Ms. Russell arrived in Atlanta in November of 2006 to coordinate disaster response efforts in the region on behalf of the Secretary of Transportation. She works closely with FEMA, State Emergency Management Agencies and the DOT Regional Modal Administration in preparation for a coordinated effort should our assistance be needed.

Nancy Snow. *Mobility Manager, Transit Authority of River City (TARC), Louisville, KY.*

Nancy Snow joined the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) as Mobility Manager in September 2006. In her current role, Nancy guides activities of the Regional Mobility Council, participates in the development and provision of human service transportation enhancements, and conducts outreach in the community to promote services and encourage participation in the coordination and expansion of the community’s transportation resources. Prior to this Nancy was a Planning Associate for a local non-profit agency, where her responsibilities included work on older adult issues. Nancy also worked for the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children for many years in various capacities including as an Adult Protective Services Social Worker, which provided insight into human service needs that she brings to her current role with the transit agency.

Steve Spade. *Transit Director, Chapel Hill Transit, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.*

Steve Spade is the Transit Director for Chapel Hill Transit of the town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Chapel Hill Transit is the public transit system serving the towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and the University of North Carolina. The system is best known for their community-wide fare free system that has more than doubled ridership since 2002. Chapel Hill Transit provides over 6 million rides annually to a service area of 90,000 persons. Steve joined Chapel Hill Transit in April of 2006 after retiring as the general manager of the Des Moines Metropolitan Transit Authority. In his 1½ years at Chapel Hill he has seen the fleet grow from 83 to 99 buses, introduced hybrid and articulated buses in the community and completed construction of a \$22 million maintenance facility. Prior to coming to Chapel Hill Steve was one of the longest tenured managers in the country having spent 32 years in Des Moines before his retirement last year. Prior to that he worked for transit systems in Burlington, Iowa and Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Steve is an active member and participant in APTA and the North Carolina Public Transit Association currently serving as a member of the NCPTA legislative committee and state rodeo committee. Steve is a graduate of Indiana University. He, his wife Amber Wagner and their 3 year old daughter are enjoying their new surroundings in North Carolina.

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Anthony (Tony) Tisdale. *Security and Emergency Management Specialist - Emergency Coordinator, Federal Transit Administration, Headquarters, Washington, D.C.*

Tony Tisdale is the lead Emergency Coordinator for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). His duties and responsibilities entail maintaining a 24/7 vigil for anything significantly impacting or having the potential to impact the transit industry anywhere in the U.S. - and then managing the information as appropriate. Accordingly, with a focus on Transit issues; Tony networks daily with Transit, Federal, State, and local agencies nationwide - as well as a few abroad - regarding all hazards - including homeland security information/intelligence. Tony's transit industry career began in 1978 with the WMATA Metro Transit Police (D.C.). His assignments have varied throughout his career, culminating with him serving as the Commander of the Criminal and Internal Affairs Divisions. He ultimately, retired from the Metro Transit Police at the rank of Captain after 25 years of service. Tony is a graduate of the FBI National Academy - 153rd Session; holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice/Pre-law from the University of Maryland and earned a Master of Science in Management from the Johns Hopkins University. Over the course of his career with the FTA for the past five years he's been awarded the US DOT "Homeland Security Ribbon" and the US DOT "Gold Medal" - the Agency's highest award for its employees.

Frank M. Venezia. *Senior Program Coordinator, Workplace Safety and Security Program, National Transit Institute.*

Frank M. Venezia is a Senior Program Coordinator for Workplace Safety and Security Program at the National Transit Institute (NTI). He is currently working on delivering a workshop entitled "Connecting Communities" throughout the United States. This workshop brings Emergency Managers, Police and Fire Departments along with Transit and Public Transportation agencies together for a two-day workshop on how to improve interoperability and response, during and after times of disaster. Frank currently serves as a member on the Emergency Management Working Group of the APTA Security Standards Program. He assists with a variety of training and outreach projects within NTI. Frank is also the Deputy County Emergency Management Coordinator for the County of Hunterdon in Central New Jersey. During his tenure with Hunterdon he has helped oversee response and recovery in four Presidential declared disasters. Prior to joining NTI, Frank worked as a 9-1-1 operator, then in County Emergency Management, and as the Coordinator of the Hunterdon County Emergency Services Training Center. In addition, he has 19 years volunteer experience in Emergency Services as an Emergency Medical Technician, Firefighter and later as Chief of a combination volunteer/career rescue squad in Flemington, New Jersey. Frank is a member of National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) and International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM).

Joel Volinski. *Director of the National Center for Transit Research, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.*

Joel Volinski is the Director of the National Center for Transit Research at the University of South Florida where he manages the largest university-based transit research program in the country. His reports have been published and distributed nationally by the USDOT and the Transit Cooperative Research Program, and he is a frequent speaker at state and national transit conferences. He is also a "TRIP Ambassador Emeritus" for TCRP. Prior to joining the research faculty at the University of South Florida, Joel was the Director of Broward County Transit in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and he currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Public Transportation Association. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Albany and his Master's Degree from Columbia University in Urban Planning. Joel is a graduate of the very first Leadership APTA class and the chairman of its Alumni Association, and a member of numerous TRB and APTA committees.

Tina M. Votaw. *Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Specialist, City of Charlotte/Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS), Charlotte, NC.*

Tina Votaw has been working in the field of public transportation for the last 18 years. She spent 14 of those years with the Bi-State Development Agency (now known as Metro) in St. Louis, the operator of public transportation in the metro St. Louis area. Tina was the head of Real Estate for most of those years and acquired all of the real estate needed for the MetroLink light rail projects. She was the Vice President of Economic Development for Metro during the last 2 years in St. Louis, working on transit oriented development and joint development projects throughout the 45+ mile light rail system. Tina joined the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) in 2005 and has been using her real estate experience as she works with developers in Charlotte on a day to day basis to implement transit supportive development along the rapid transit corridors in Charlotte. She is the “go to” person at CATS for the development community working to create transit friendly communities. Tina serves on two (2) Committees for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) - the Land Use and Economic Development Committee of APTA, as well as the Sustainability and Urban Design Standards Policy Committee of APTA. Prior to entering the public transportation field in 1990, Tina was in the private sector -- in commercial real estate development and later in banking and finance. She is a licensed real estate broker in the State of Missouri as well as the State of North Carolina. Tina has a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) from St. Louis University.

Norman Whitaker. *Operations Manager, Lakeland Area Mass Transit District, Lakeland, FL.*

Norman Whitaker began his career in mass transit as a bus operator in 1982, after relocating to Lakeland, FL. Norman has been employed by the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District dba the Citrus Connection since December 2, 1982. He has won five consecutive local bus rodeos and competed in four consecutive State bus rodeos, and became a Lead Bus Operator and Trainer. In 1987, he was promoted to Operations Supervisor. In 1995, he was promoted to Operations Manager. In 1995, he was promoted to Operations Manager. In 2005, he served as the Acting Transit Director from April through June. He later served as the Interim Executive Director from July to November 2005. He holds over 20 transit-related certifications. Some of his favorite areas of working in transit have been designing/planning, developing new bus routes, run cutting, safety/security, accident investigation, and training new bus Operators. Norman is originally from Danville, Indiana.

Joyce Robinson Wright. *Aging Services Program Specialist, Administration on Aging/ Regional Office Atlanta, Department of Health and Human Services.*

Joyce R. Wright is employed as an Aging Services Program Specialist with the Administration on Aging (AOA) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Regional Office in Atlanta. In this capacity, she serves as Regional Program Manager for three of the eight States in AOA Region IV. As a Regional Program Manager she provides technical assistance and guidance to State and local agencies which include State Units on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging staff who administer programs under the Older Americans Act as well as other aging related programs and services. Joyce has worked in the field of aging since 1980. She has served in a broad range of areas related to aging programs under the Older Americans Act. She serves as Project Officer for grant related programs awarded to State and local agencies to establish community based programs and services for the elderly; worked with State Units on Aging to coordinate and collaborate with the Native American nutrition programs of the Older Americans Act; provided guidance in the collaborative efforts to spear head initiatives on aging and housing issues; redefining retirement with a focus on women issues; on intergenerational programs; Faith Based program related to aging programs and issues; effective programs for senior volunteers. In addition to serving as Regional Program Manager, Joyce’s roles and responsibilities also include: Project Liaison for Disaster program grants awarded by AoA to States in Region IV; and for Native American programs in this region. Joyce has also worked as a Community Services Program Specialist managing and reviewing grants related to social services programs administered by State agencies under Title XX of the Social Security Act. These programs included adult day care, Child Welfare programs and Title XX day care programs for children. Joyce earned a B.S. Degree in Urban Life/Social Welfare from Georgia State University and has taken advanced courses in Business Administration Program at Mercer University.



FTA REGION IV



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION REGION IV

ROUTE TO SUCCESS...TODAY AND BEYOND



FTA Region IV

About Us

Who Are We?

The FTA Region IV Office located in Atlanta, GA is one of the largest regions. We are proud of providing technical assistance and excellent customer service, because service is always our number one priority. Our grantees represent our most important concern.

We have a staff of 24, which make up the Office of the Regional Administrator, the Office of Planning and Program Development and the Office of Operations and Program Management. Our Office of Planning and Program Development is comprised of Transportation Program Specialists and Community Planners who are responsible for assisting our customers with project planning, reviewing and approving environmental documentation responsive to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and developing project applications. Also included within the Office of Planning and Program Development is our State Programs Team, which works directly with each of the State DOTs in Region IV. The Office of Operations and Program Management is comprised of Transportation Program Specialists and General Engineers, who are responsible for providing technical assistance and oversight to our customers and FTA oversight consultants.

What Do We Do?

The Southeast is a growing rapidly and suffers increasingly from congested roadways. Therefore, the demand for new or larger public transportation is continually increasing in the Southeast.

In FY 2006, Region IV awarded 373 grants totaling \$943,951,944. In FY 2007, Region IV awarded 338 grants totaling \$1,010,323,864.

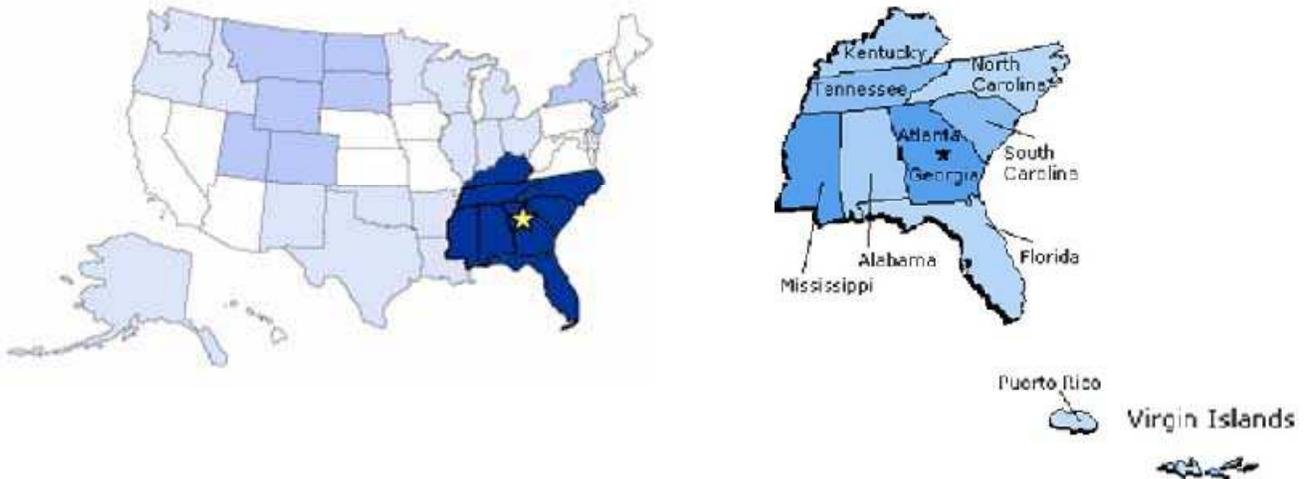
The funds provided by FTA grants to our Region IV customers helped hundreds of our grantees to build or improve transit systems throughout the Region. We have 174 active grantees and manage over 1,000 active grants, which provide Federal funding amounting to more than \$5.0 billion.

In FY 2008 and beyond, we look forward to working together with our grantees to provide improved mobility options for the citizens of Region IV.

Who Do We Serve?

Grantees in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Region IV Overview



Areas Served:

8 States: Alabama, Florida , Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

2 Territories: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands

40 Large Urbanized Areas; 75 Small Urbanized Areas (50,000 - 200,000)

Grantees: 174 agencies

State/Territory	No. of Grantee Organizations
Florida	41
North Carolina	26
Puerto Rico	26
Alabama	22
Tennessee	17
South Carolina	15
Georgia	11
Mississippi	10
Kentucky	5
U.S. Virgin Islands	1
TOTALS:	174

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FTA Funds Obligated and Appropriated by State

State/Territory	Amount Obligated in grants in FY 2007	Amount Appropriated in FY 2008
Florida	\$ 350,605,703	\$ 325,381,813
Georgia	\$ 214,253,183	\$ 154,136,989
North Carolina	\$ 162,094,805	\$ 107,104,009
Tennessee	\$ 73,551,020	\$ 69,876,265
Puerto Rico	\$ 36,059,062	\$ 69,291,643
Alabama	\$ 72,711,454	\$ 58,578,179
Kentucky*	\$ 38,878,407	\$ 39,357,950
South Carolina	\$ 26,884,015	\$ 37,210,235
Mississippi	\$35,286,215	\$ 29,799,526
U.S. Virgin Islands	N/A	\$ 1,189,231
TOTALS:	\$1,010,323,864	\$ 891,925,840

*Amount obligated and appropriated to areas of Kentucky in Region IV.

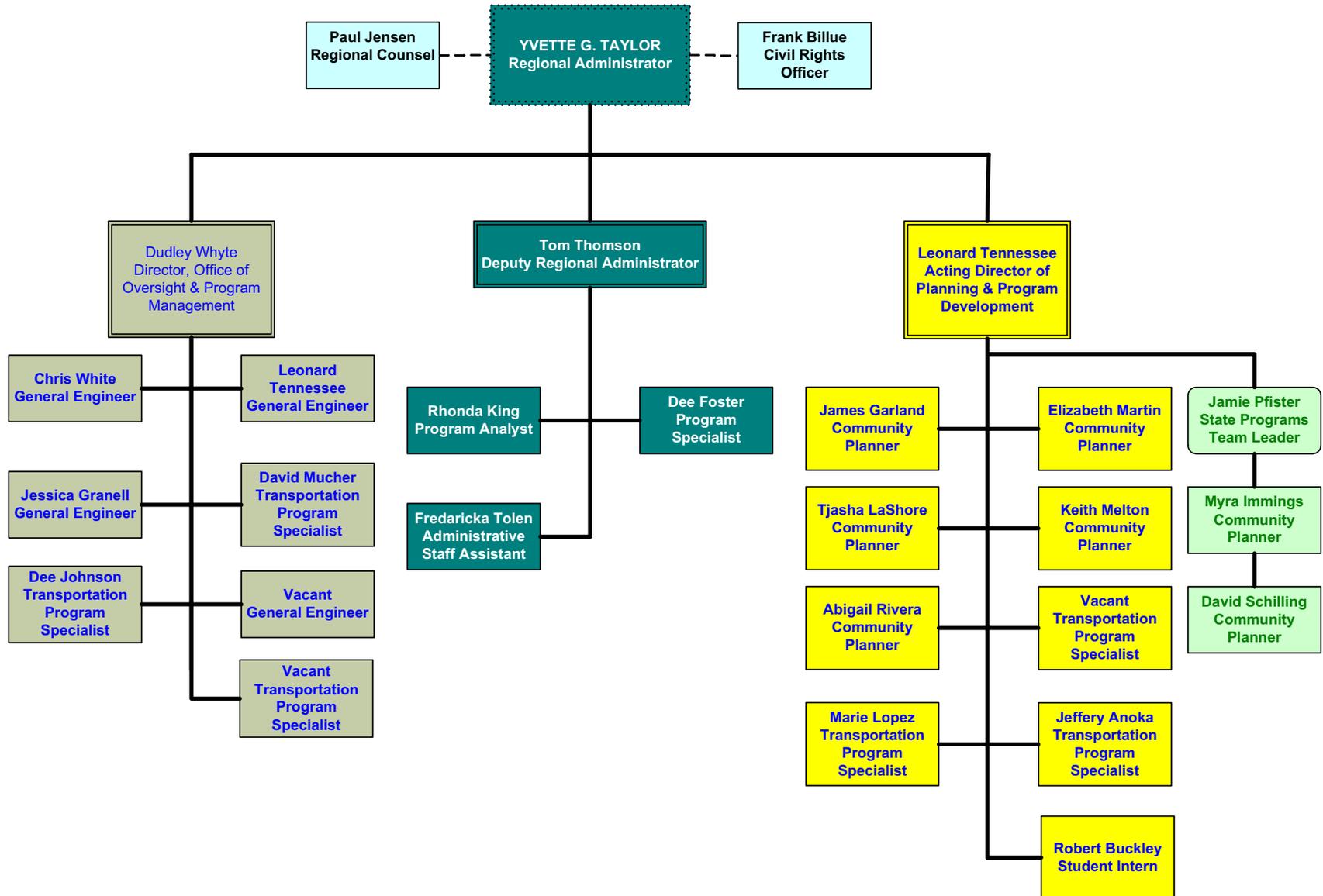
Active Grants by Program

- 1004 total grants
- \$5,425,493,563; 77% Disbursed

Program	Amount Obligated	% of Total
Section 5307 - Urbanized Area	3,023,645,114	55.7%
Section 5309 - Bus and Bus Facility and New Starts	1,667,983,245	30.7%
Section 5309 - Fixed Guideway	114,573,243	7.3%
Section 5311 - Nonurbanized Area	394,960,719	2.1%
Section 5310 - Elderly and Disabled	47,778,771	1.5%
Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute	47,150,043	0.9%
Section 5303/04 - Planning	46,737,735	0.9%
Other (i.e. UWR, OTRB, Research, FHWA transfers)	82,664,693	0.9%

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Regional Office Organizational Structure



Regional Staff Biographies

Jeffery Anoka. *Community Planner, Office of Planning and Program Development, Federal Transit Administration, Region IV.*

Jeffery Anoka is the Community Planner responsible for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IV programs in the states of Alabama and Mississippi. Along with his planning duties, Jeffery is the Regional Emergency Coordinator, FTA Team-Web Local Security Manager, and the Regional Over-the-Road Bus program coordinator. Jeffery began his FTA career as a Student Intern in 2005. Prior to FTA, Jeffery worked as an elementary school teacher. Jeffery holds a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resources/Urban Public Policy from Georgia State University and is currently working on his Masters in Business Administration.

Frank Billue. *Regional Civil Rights Officer, Office of Civil Rights, Federal Transit Administration, Region IV.*

Frank Billue is the Regional Civil Rights Officer responsible for the Civil Rights Programs compliance and oversight. These programs include, Equal Employment Opportunity, (EEO), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans with Disability Act of 1990, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. Frank began his career with the FTA in July 1995. Frank received his Bachelor of Science degree from Regents College, Frank also is a graduate of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Patrick Air-force Base, Cocoa Beach, Florida. Prior to arriving at FTA, Frank was employed with the State of Georgia, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the Equal Employment Opportunity Manager.

Robert Buckley. *Student Intern, Office of Planning and Program Development, Federal Transit Administration, Region IV.*

Robert is the newest member of FTA after joining the team as a Student Intern in May of 2008. He previously worked with the President Pro Tempore of the Georgia State Senate as an Aide, during the 2008 Legislative Session. Robert graduated from Georgia College & State University in May of 2007 with a Bachelors of Science in Economics and is currently pursuing a Masters in Public Administration concentrating in Planning and Economic Development at Georgia State University.

Doretha (Dee) Foster. *Program Management Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Region IV.*

Dee Foster is employed with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IV as a Program Management Specialist since August 2000. Dee currently serves as the Local Area Network Manager, Records Management Office, Knowledge Management Coordinator and also the main point of connect for Human Resources and Professional Development. Additionally, Dee provides support for all special projects and events.

James Garland. *Community Planner, Office of Planning and Program Development, Federal Transit Administration, Region IV.*

James Garland is employed with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IV as a senior Community Planner for the Office of Planning and Program Development, and is the lead planner for Districts 4 and 6 in South Florida. Among many duties, James manages all planning-related and grant making activities for the Miami Urbanized Area. He has worked on the New Starts Metrorail Extensions for the North Corridor and East/West Corridor in Miami. James is also the recent recipient of two major awards from the United States Secretary of Transportation for his leadership and role within the Miami Urban Partnership Project for Interstate 95 in South Florida. He was recognized in 2003 as one of the “Young Feds on the Cutting Edge” by the Partnership for Public Service in Washington, D.C. James received his Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Public Policy from Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, and a Masters of Science in Urban Planning from Columbia University in New York, New York. Prior to arriving at FTA, James was employed with the Federal Highway Administration as a Community Planner.

Regional Staff Biographies

Jessica Granell. *General Engineer/Program Manager, Office of Operations and Program Management, Federal Transit Administration, Region IV.*

Jessica Granell has been a Program Manager/General Engineer with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IV since August 2007. She is responsible for program management activities for Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and North Florida. She came to the FTA after having been a Transportation Engineer with the Federal Highway Administration for over 5 years. She also worked with engineering consulting firms, and taught at several Universities prior to beginning her career with the federal government. Jessica holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico, a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a Doctor of Philosophy from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Marie Lopez. *Transportation Program Specialist/Regional Team-Web Local Security Manager/Financial Coordinator for Grants, Office of Planning and Program Development, Federal Transit Administration, Region IV.*

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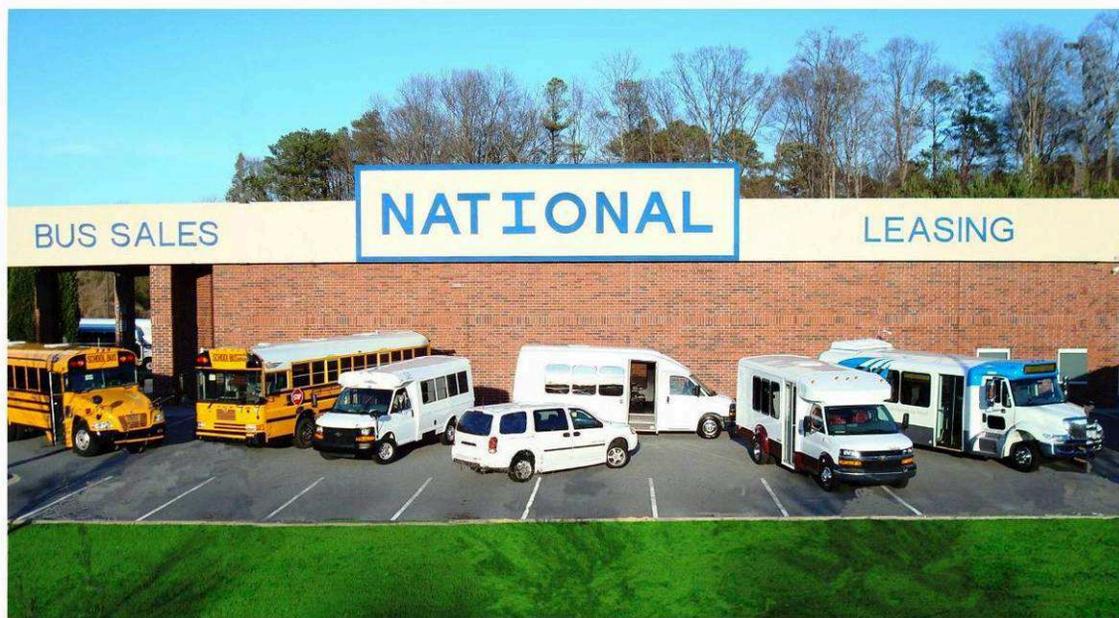
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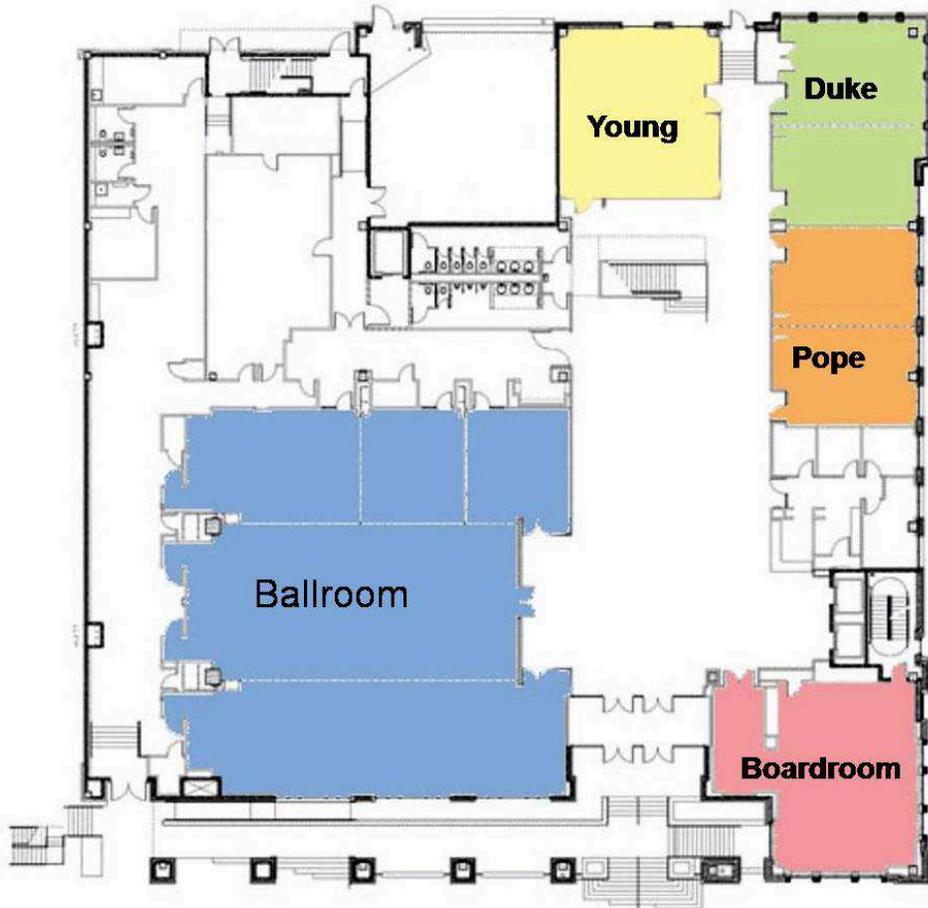
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