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### **Statement on the Passing of House Speaker David Ralston**

*From the State Road & Tollway Authority, Georgia Regional  
Transportation Authority, and the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority  
(ATL)*

ATLANTA –We are deeply saddened to hear of the untimely passing of House Speaker David Ralston. The Boards and teams of the State Road & Tollway Authority, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, and the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL) share in the loss and grief with his wife Sheree, their children, his loved ones, and friends, as well as the Speaker's Staff and members of the Georgia Legislature.

Speaker Ralston was a true advocate for transportation and the citizens of Georgia. His leadership led to the creation of the ATL, and his legacy will endure in the countless ways he influenced and improved public policy in our state. His steady hand in guiding the General Assembly will be greatly missed. We will continue to keep his immediate family, his District, and his Capitol family in our thoughts and prayers.

-Heather Aquino, Interim Executive Director

#### **About the State Road and Tollway Authority, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority**

*The State Road & Transportation Authority (SRTA) is a state-level, independent authority created to operate tolled transportation facilities within Georgia and act as the transportation financing arm for the state. SRTA manages the collection of tolls on Georgia's Express Lanes System through the use of Peach Pass. SRTA is combined with the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) to jointly provide the services of both state authorities. The GRTA board oversees developments of regional impact, air quality reporting and regional transportation plan approval. The Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL) provides coordinated transit planning and funding for the metro Atlanta region. The ATL is responsible for developing the ATL Regional Transit Plan, as well as identifying and prioritizing the projects and initiatives required to develop region-wide transit. The ATL also oversees the state's Xpress regional commuter transit system and the Atlanta region's vanpool system.*

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