COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Smith/Kathryn Lawler
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, September 1, 2010	Type of Request:	Report

Wording for the Agenda:

Kathryn Lawler, External Affairs Manager for the Atlanta Regional Commission will provide an overview Georgia House Bill 277 which was passed in this year's General Assembly and signed by the Governor on June 2, 2010.

Background/History/Details:

The following is an overview of House Bill 277:

1) Creates 12 Special tax districts based on Regional Commission boundaries, 2) Each district can levy 1% sales tax for 10 years, 3) Individual counties cannot opt out, 4) Money raised in District stays in district, 5) Money is not subject to congressional balancing, 6) Criteria set by Director of Planning (finalized in November, 2010), 7) Roundtables ultimately select projects, 8) Vote will be held during the Primary Election of 2012, 9) Funds start flowing in 1st quarter of 2013.

Concerning Marta: 1) Eliminates 50/50 requirement, 2) Changes Board Make-up, 3) Allows MARTA expansion to other counties.

The Bill requires the Preliminary Report by the Transit Governance Study Commission to be due by December 31, 2010.

The Bill would create the Georgia Coordinating Committee for Rural and Human Services Transportation with the Department of Transportation Commissioner serving as Chair and reporting ultimately to the Georgia General Assembly.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

No action is expected. Ms. Lawler and Tad Leithead, Chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission, will be present. They have invited Mayors and other officials from the County to attend.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	No

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Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes: