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GRTA BOARD ELECTS ANDERSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Atlanta – Richard A. Anderson was elected executive director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) by the GRTA Board of Directors during their meeting today.

Anderson, a BellSouth and AT&T Executive and current member of the GRTA Board, was recommended for the position by Governor Perdue.

“GRTA has made great strides in the last year,” said Anderson. “I look forward to working even more closely with the GRTA staff as we help our region improve our mobility, air quality and land use practices.”

“Dick Anderson has served effectively on the GRTA board and I look forward to working with him as GRTA’s Executive Director,” said Walter M. Deriso, chairman of the GRTA board of directors. “His business experience and the respect our region’s leaders have for him will enhance GRTA’s ability to effectively address our congestion and air quality challenges.”

Anderson graduated magna cum laude with his Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing in 1980 and his Master of Business Administration degree in 1981 from Murray State University and was elected the MSU outstanding Alumni in 1994.

He joined South Central Bell as an Account Executive in June, 1981. He held sales and operations management positions of increasing responsibility with BellSouth and AT&T in the cities of Memphis, Birmingham, Louisville, and Nashville before being named Chief Operating Officer of BellSouth Communication Systems.

Effective December, 1993, Anderson was appointed President-Interconnection Services. He held subsequent positions as President-BellSouth Business Systems, Group President-BellSouth Business, Vice President-Marketing, and President of Customer Markets where he was responsible for all local, broadband, and long distance retail operations. Effective January, 2005, Anderson was named Vice Chairman-Planning & Administration for BellSouth and had responsibility for all corporate level staff functions. With closure of the merger of AT&T and BellSouth, he was named Group President – Global Business Services.

Anderson is very involved in the local community and serves on the boards of Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce – 2007 Chairman, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Clark Atlanta University, Camp Twin Lakes, and Chick-fil-A Bowl. He is also on the board of advisors for Kennesaw State University and Murray State University. In addition, Anderson led Atlanta’s bid for Super Bowl 2009.

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