



Rural and Human Services Transportation Committee Update

December 8, 2010

Today's Agenda

- Takeaways from November stakeholder outreach
- Next Steps
- Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Coordination Model

Stakeholder Outreach Takeaways

- **Each region is unique**
- **Unclear picture of RHST in many regions**
 - **Problem not always well understood**
- **No clear champion in many regions**
 - **Who takes leadership in early coordination efforts?**
 - **Need for State to be the catalyst for local coordination efforts**
- **Each major agency has its own procedures, reporting requirements**
 - **Three separate procurement processes for providers/brokers**
 - **Provider may have contract for only one funding stream**
 - **Inhibits potential economies of scale, vehicle utilization rates and operating efficiencies for providers**

Stakeholder Outreach Takeaways

- **Excess Demand**
 - **Vehicles full at peak hours**
 - **Some trip requests refused**
 - **Demand in counties without transit**
- **Lack of Funding**
- **Opportunities to deploy more cost-effective technologies (e.g., scheduling software, AVL)**
- **Minimal engagement of elected officials to date**
- **Long trips (e.g., outside of region)**

Next Steps

- **Meetings w/technical staff of Advisory Subcommittee through December**
- **February 9, 2011**
 - **Joint meeting of RHST Committee & Advisory Subcommittee**
 - **Review of Phase I report – existing conditions**
 - **Report to be provided to both entities ahead of time**
 - **Report topics:**
 - **Financial analysis**
 - **Existing coordination**
 - **Areas of duplication**
 - **Federal funding limitations**
 - **Best practices**