



2021 Legislative Outlook

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Transportation

- H.B. 105
 - LC # Clerical Error – Hurricane Relief + Dedicated Transit Funding
 - Special Session?
 - Transit appropriations
- Joint Freight & Logistics Commission
 - Commission Recommendations
 - Revenue Legislation
 - ARC Winter Policy Breakfast
- Go! Transit Capital Program



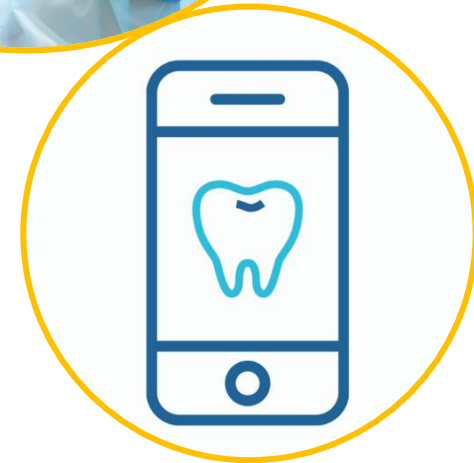
Aging Services

- Partnering with Georgia Council on Aging
- Home and Community Based Services
 - Increase HCBS annual funding with a goal of \$10M in appropriations statewide
- Affordable Housing/Behavioral Health Coaching
 - Service expansion
 - Currently under service thru ARC in select area
 - Request to add 3 – 4 new service locations around the region and state



Aging Services continued...

- Access to PPE for AAAs and providers
- Telehealth accommodations for dentistry
- Coroner notification of suspicious deaths in nursing homes
- H.B. 607 (2017) – Psychiatric Advance Directive
 - Patient-directed mental health care treatment preferences through instructions written in advance
 - Bill failed to move in 2017
 - Multiple partners/stakeholders (e.g., GA Psychiatric Physicians Assoc. (GPPA), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI))



Workforce Development

- Georgia Open Meetings Act
 - Monitor any proposed changes
- Workforce Board Meeting Options
 - H.B. 810 – failed in 2018
 - Would have brought Georgia code in line with federal code by allowing for Board meetings to be held by teleconference
 - Impact of COVID-19 on need for virtual meeting flexibility
 - New House State Planning & Community Affairs Committee Chair in 2021

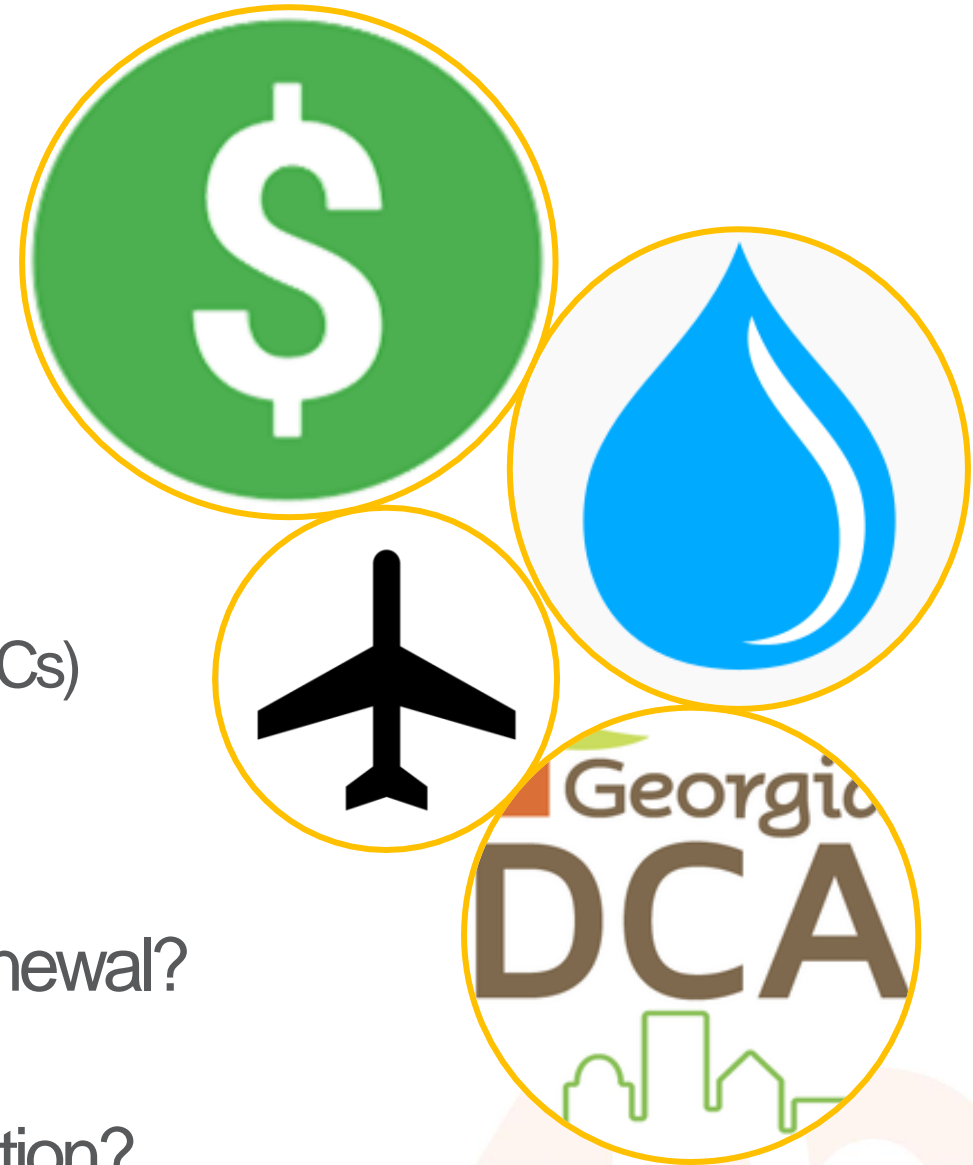


Budget

- Reinstatement of full annual state funding within the DCA Budget

Other

- Dept. of Community Affairs-related legislation
 - Forsyth County
 - Reconfiguration of Board compositions (non-ARC RCs)
- Housing
- Natural Resources: monitor legislation
- S.B. 359 – Pandemic Business Safety Act renewal?
 - Sunsets July 14, 2021
- Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport legislation?



Federal Outlook

- Immediate concerns:
 - Election results and potential shifts in Federal priorities
 - Pending expiration of the Continuing Resolution passed 9/30
 - Expires 12/11
 - FY 21 Federal Budget vs. Second CR
 - Water Resources & Defense Act?
- Major federal reauthorizations on the horizon
 - WIOA (2020)
 - FAST Act (2020) – **S. 2302**
 - FAST extended thru 9/30/21 per first CR in September 2020
 - Impact of Elections on new legislative package



Questions?

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