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Get a Move On:
A 10-County Town Hall on Transportation, Growth & the Future

Atlanta, GA - The Civic League for Regional Atlanta will launch a yearlong, grassroots conversation on July 23 with Get a Move On, a ground-breaking gathering of residents from throughout the 10-county metro area.

This first-ever regional town hall meeting will bring together hundreds of diverse participants in an innovative format designed to get feedback on topics central to the debate about the July 2012 penny sales tax referendum for transportation. What are our top priorities in this fast-growing region? What do we do about environmental sustainability and economic growth? What kind of investments makes a positive difference in the region’s future? Where do we stand with accountability and governance?

The session is free and open to the public. All attendees are asked, however, to register online or by calling (404) 221-1553.

Through its work during the last few years, the Civic League has visited communities throughout the region, collecting feedback on regional plans and transportation. Now, it is pulling that experience together to host a truly regional exchange - using instant feedback technology - where residents can all learn, share opinions and discuss the same information in a neutral forum.

Next summer’s vote isn’t only about adding a one percent tax for transportation improvements. It’s an opportunity for residents to look at regional issues affecting all 10 counties and 64 cities in a regional way.

So, the town hall is just the beginning.

The Civic League plans to continue the conversation throughout the year, going back into communities to host interactive forums that discuss, along with transportation, issues such as the economy; environmental stewardship; quality of life; growth; and equity.

The Civic League neither supports nor opposes the 2012 tax referendum for transportation. It supports knowledgeable involvement. The League’s Get a Move On Steering Committee reflects this, including a wide range of interests critical for a true, regional conversation: AARP-Georgia, Atlanta Planning Advisory Board, Atlanta Regional Commission, Citizens for
Progressive Transit, Cobb Community Foundation, Cobb County Young Republicans, Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Faith and the City, Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation, Georgia Conservancy, Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gwinnett Neighborhood Leadership Institute, League of Women Voters, Libertarian Party of Georgia, Livable Communities Coalition, Mothers and Others for Clean Air, Northeast Georgia Community Foundation, Partnership for Community Action, Partnership for Southern Equity, PEDS, Regional Council of Churches of Atlanta, Safe Routes to School, Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta and Young Democrats of Georgia - Metro Atlanta.

The Get a Move On town hall is focused on these counties: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale.

The gathering will be 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 23, at the Loudermilk Center, 40 Courtland St. NE, Atlanta. It's close to I-85 and the Five Points MARTA Station. Please register online for the free, open session or by calling (404) 221-1553. Visit www.getamoveonATL.com for more details. And remember to follow the Civic League for Regional Atlanta on Facebook and Twitter.

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The Civic League for Regional Atlanta is an independent nonprofit working to give residents a true voice in the plans and policies that affect their shared economy, environment and quality of life. The Civic League engages everyday people in critical issues through education and consensus-building; and it conveys their insights, preferences and priorities to elected officials and policy makers. The League envisions a region where citizens speak and leaders listen.

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