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#### AACIDs and APRTS Announce Exciting New Transit Initiative for South Metro Atlanta

**City of College Park**, **GA** — The ATL Airport Community Improvement Districts (AACIDs) are thrilled to announce the selection of Atlanta Personal Rapid Transit Solutions (APRTS) as the preferred proponent for the Automated Transit Network (ATN) Demonstration Pilot project. "This project has immense potential to revolutionize future mobility options in the airport area." stated Steve Berman, Airport South Board Chair. APRTS is a partnership between ACS Infrastructure as the Developer, Flatiron Construction as the contractor, ICE Engineering as the designer, and Glydways as the technology provider with a priority to include Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation. APRTS will implement Glydways' industry leading personal rapid transit (PRT) system for this innovative project.

The Demonstration Pilot will be strategically situated at the Gateway Center Arena in the City of College Park. This prime location will provide a mobility link between the ATL SkyTrain and the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC), extending to the Gateway Center Arena. "We are honored and very excited to be the location for the Automated Transit Network Pilot." shared Joe Carn, City of College Park Councilman Ward II. "College Park is the global gateway to Georgia and this type of showcase technology gives our communities a glimpse into the future of transportation and smart growth."

The Gateway Center Campus location ensures that local transportation officials, residents, visitors and the millions of travelers passing through Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport—the world's busiest and most efficient airport—will be able to experience this innovative transit solution. "This project represents a cutting-edge mobility solution for the 21st century, setting the stage for the expansion of public transportation as a viable option for a wider range of riders." shared Dan Halpern, Airport West Board Chair.

Funding for the nearly half-mile Demonstration Pilot will be supported by a significant contribution from MARTA, along with co-investments from APRTS. "They really thought about the customer experience. They thought about various considerations like safety and operations." said Collie Greenwood, General Manager/CEO at MARTA.

"I am very excited about the selection of APRTS and Glydways, who will implement the next phase of the AACIDs ATN-Personal Rapid Transit Pilot Program, which will be located in Clayton County." stated Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman of Clayton County. "In the months ahead, we will see the formation of a pilot program system that will truly be transformative not only for the airport area but for the State of Georgia."

### **Understanding ATN and PRT:**

- Automated Transit Network (ATN): A transit system featuring automated vehicles in a dedicated guideway designed to provide ondemand services and connect passengers to key urban locations with efficiency and flexibility.
- Personal Rapid Transit (PRT): A specific form of ATN involving small, autonomous vehicles that transport passengers individually or in small groups directly to their destinations without stops just like a fully automated taxi service but at a public transit cost. The benefits of the ATN and PRT lie in their flexible and customer-centric approach aimed at improving mobility while reducing costs and minimizing environmental impact. This project is a "game changer." stated Robb Pitts, Chairman of Fulton County. It is a key component of AACIDs' broader effort to enhance transportation mobility throughout South Metro Atlanta.



## About Atlanta Personal Rapid Transit Solutions (APRTS):

APRTS is a vertically-integrated team that brings local knowledge and international expertise in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of innovative transit systems. APRTS's vested interest in the technology, delivery and long-term maintenance fosters an environment that will optimize the ATN system integration while ensuring delivery of a high-quality solution for AACIDs.

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