

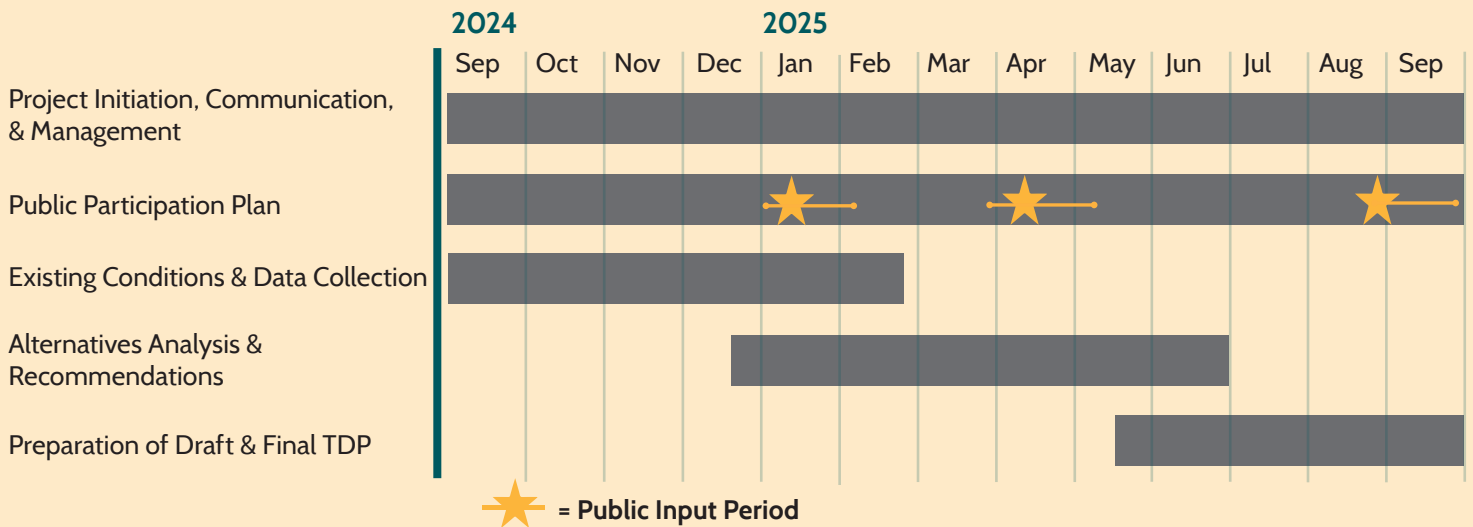
REGIONAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) received a grant through the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Areas of Persistent Poverty Program to study and assess the region’s transit opportunities, with a focus on expanding equitable access to transit for essential services. SGRC completed a Regional Transit Development Plan in 2019 that resulted in regional consolidation of transit service across 15 of the 18 counties in the region. The new Southern Georgia Regional Transit Development Plan (Regional TDP), being developed over 2024 and 2025, will build upon the 2019 plan, while identifying new initiatives and actions to help the region’s transit services achieve increased efficiencies and better serve the needs of transit-dependent populations through 2050. The Regional TDP will document current conditions, define a regional transit vision and goals, and establish a multi-year implementation program.

Regional Transit Development Plan Elements



PROJECT SCHEDULE



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The Southern Georgia Region includes 18 counties in south, central Georgia and abuts the northern border of Florida. While the region mainly consists of rural areas, the City of Valdosta, located in Lowndes County, has a significant population that serves as the largest, urbanized center of the region. Other populous areas within the region include Douglas (Coffee County), Fitzgerald (Ben Hill County) Tifton (Tift County), and Waycross (Ware County).

The Decennial U.S. Census recorded the region's 2020 population at 416,874 residents. The Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget projects the region's population will increase by 9 percent to 454,475 residents by 2050.

Transit Context in Southern Georgia



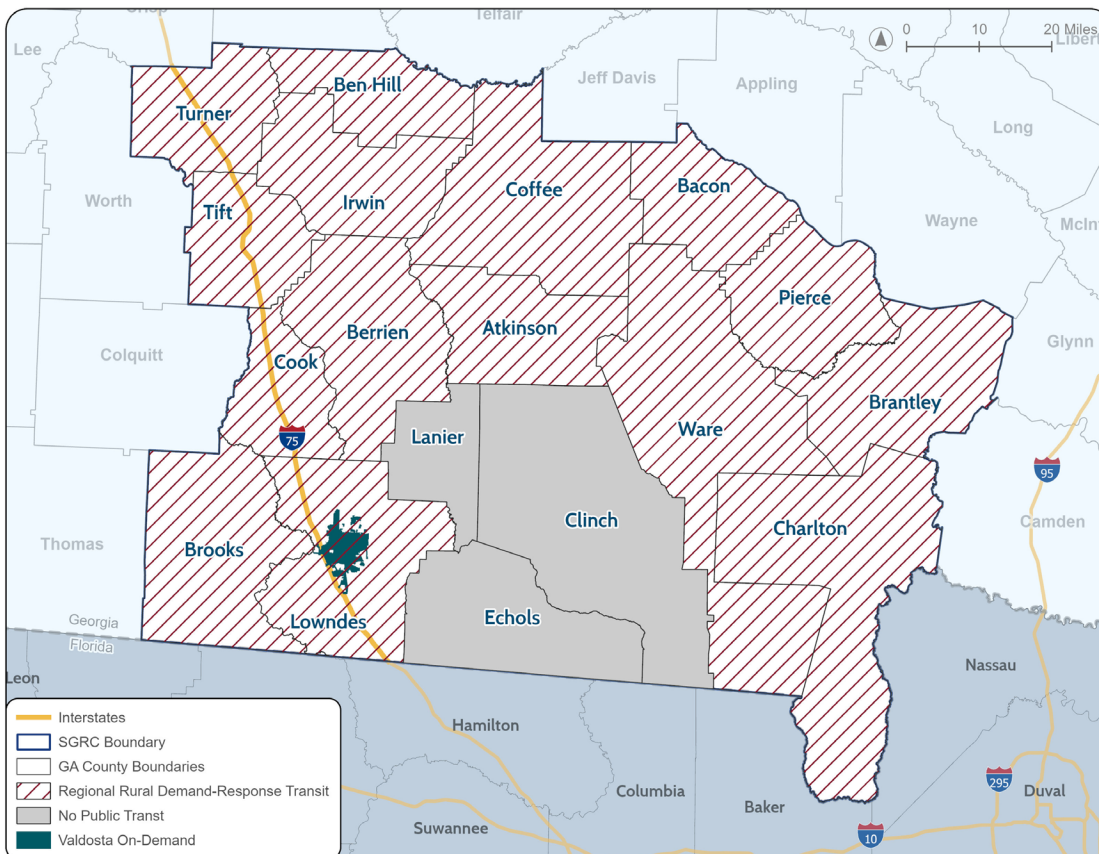
SGRC Regional Transit receives annual funding allocations through the FTA 5311 Rural Area Formula Funding Program, and Valdosta On-Demand receives annual funding through the FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program



Both services are on-demand and can be booked through a mobile phone application



SGRC Regional Transit operates 44 vehicles, and Valdosta On-Demand operates 12 vehicles



Current Transit Service in Southern Georgia Region

- 1) **SGRC Regional Transit:** a 15-county rural transit system administered by SGRC
- 2) **Valdosta On-Demand:** a microtransit system administered by City of Valdosta



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