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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
COLLIER B. GLADIN, Director

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Mr. Charles Davis, Comptroller
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Charles:

Re: Visit of Toronto and Montreal
Transit Systems.

In my efforts to seek involvement on the part of many of the aldermen as it relates to rapid transit planning, I am continually confronted with the feeling that rapid transit is seven to ten years away and there is no need for immediate concern. While this system has been in various stages of planning since 1962 the planning phase will soon be over and the citizens of Atlanta will be faced with a decision to approve or disapprove a bond issue for construction. By Spring of 1968, most of the planning will be complete, at least the detail alignment and station locations. By that time many of our policy makers should have seriously evaluated the system and the impact on the corridor through which it passes. Atlanta has the most to gain or lose through the proper planning of a total transportation system. The policy makers of this city will shoulder a large part of the responsibility to insure the passage of a bond issue to pay the city's share for transit which is to be held thirteen months from now, in November 1968.

The Planning and Development Committee has been reviewing the progress of MARTA and their consultants. They have ridden the entire alignment and discussed the possible impact on adjacent properties, station locations and their accessibility. Alderman Cook has attended transit meetings in Washington and visited the west coast system, which brings me to the point of this request. Alderman Cook, after discussing the Toronto and Montreal transit systems with consultants and others who have visited these systems, has asked that I request funds for he and I to visit both of these cities in order to have a first hand knowledge of their planning programs and transit system design. Both of these cities transit programs are unique in design and represents some of the best

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examples in the world of the tremendous development attracted to transit corridors and the controls that have been used to guide this development. For these reasons, I would like to request that funds be made available in the amount of \$665.00 to visit these two Canadian cities between the 10th of October and 15th of October. (See attached Schedule F).

Sincerely,



Collier B. Gladin
Planning Director

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cc.. Rodney Cook
Earl Landers

Attachment