Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority 245 Peachtree Center Ave., Suite 2300 Atlanta, GA 30303

Board Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Buyers
Ricky Clark
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Marlene Fosque
Andy Macke
Howard Mosby
Russell McMurry (non-voting)
Marci Collier Overstreet
Robb Pitts
Todd Ver Steeg
Alex Wan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Brock
Paul Radford
Teddy Russell

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Howard Mosby called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. A quorum was confirmed for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chair Howard Mosby called for a motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting held on June 5, 2025. Mr. Ricky Clark made the motion to approve, and Ms. Marci Collier Overstreet seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA

Vice Chair Howard Mosby called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Andy Macke made the motion to approve, and Mr. Alex Wan seconded. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Mr. Joel Edwards made public comments.

Executive Director's Report

Eve Massie announced \$480 million in grants for transportation infrastructure, including transit, funding around 30 projects nationwide. She highlighted the appointment of Mr. Marc Molinaro as the new FTA administrator, emphasizing his strong background in public transit and support for connecting communities and economic development. She noted that both chambers of Congress are in recess, with the Senate's budget package for public transit pending, including over \$21 billion in funding.

Executive Director Jannine Miller gave an update on the Function of Planning report required by the state budget appropriations act for fiscal 2026. ATL must evaluate the function of planning considering low post-pandemic transit ridership and minimal transit SPLOST adoption. Miller noted that as required, findings will be reported by September 1st to OPB and the General Assembly. In her report, Miller highlighted the anticipated population and employment growth for the region as well as the increase in traffic congestion over pre-pandemic levels.

Miller pointed to ATL's Strategic Blueprint as an important turning point in the way ATL's planning will be done going forward and emphasized the importance of this planning to proactively address the challenges presented by the anticipated growth in the region's population and employment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Andy Macke provided the Board with a report summarizing the Regional Technology Committee meeting held on August 7, 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Dan Buyers provided the Board with a report summarizing the Administrative Committee meeting held on August 7, 2025. The following resolution was presented in the Administrative Committee in preparation for Board consideration.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE POWDER SPRINGS PARK-AND-RIDE LOT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

Vice Chair Howard Mosby called for a motion adopting the Powder Springs Parkand-Ride Lot Real Estate Transfer. Mr. Robb Pitts made the motion to approve the resolution, and Mr. Alex Wan seconded. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

REGIONAL TRANSIT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Howard Mosby provided the Board with a report summarizing the Regional Transit Planning Committee meeting held on August 7, 2025. The following resolution was presented in the Regional Transit Planning Committee in preparation for Board consideration.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF THE FY27 BOND LIST

Vice Chair Howard Mosby called for a motion to approve the allocation of the FY27 Bond List. Mr. Andy Macke made the motion to approve the resolution, and Mr. Robb Pitts seconded. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

Redefine the Ride

Gail Franklin provided an update on the Redefine the Ride service implementation, which took place on June 16, 2025. In the first five weeks, ridership exceeded projections by 41%, with 10% of trips carrying more passengers than available seats. Standby buses have been deployed to address overcrowding. Colleges resuming classes later this month are expected to increase ridership by 15%.

Ridership performance is strong across nearly all corridors, with only one slightly below projections. Customer service feedback highlighted concerns about overcrowding, driver punctuality, and overall customer experience. Data shows that overcrowding occurs on 11 of 95 Monday trips and 9 of 111 Tuesday–Thursday trips, with higher than expected ridership on Mondays and Fridays due to shifts in return-to-office patterns.

To address these trends, an additional 12 buses will be deployed at an estimated annual cost of \$1.2 million, with service changes targeted for September 15, 2025. The planned service change will equalize service levels across all weekdays, add trips in peak overcrowding windows, and reduce headways. Changes will be classified as temporary under FTA guidelines, with final adoption expected within a year. Monthly data review and

customer feedback collection will continue, with capacity to adjust service again if necessary.

The Transit Report

Eve Massie provided an update on The Transit Report, initially discussed in January. The report, previously the ATL Annual Report and Audit, is mandated to cover transit planning, funding, and operations. In years past, the report focused on operational and financial data and it faced timeline issues due to varying fiscal years and reporting schedules for the region's transit operators.

A new schedule for report production has been implemented to align better with federal processes, reduce the burden on operators, and shorten the data gathering timeline by about three months. The new report will balance planning, funding, and operations, aligning with the ATL strategic blueprint's "3C's" framework: Customer Focus, Competitiveness, and Cross-County Connectivity.

The upcoming report will be a condensed version with a more in-depth document published in October of future years. Massie emphasized the importance of the new schedule and balanced focus to improve the report's effectiveness and compliance with statutory requirements.

New Business

Vice Chair Howard Mosby congratulated Board Member Ricky Clark on his 20-year public service career and his transition into the private sector.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Chris Brunson, Board Secretary

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: