

Transit Planning Committee

Steve Brock, Chair October 2, 2025

Regional Transit Planning Committee Meeting Thursday, October 2, 2025 Proposed Agenda

- I. Call to Order Steve Brock, Chair
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2025
- III. Approval of the Agenda for October 2, 2025
- IV. FY25 Transit Trust Fund Project Recommendations
- V. Adjournment





FY25 Transit Trust Fund Project Recommendations

Abby Marinelli

Director of Planning

October 2, 2025

2025

Application Submission		Initial Application	Initial Application Evaluation		Final Award Recommendations	
Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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2025 Initial **Final** Award Recommendations Application Submission Application Evaluation **Contracts** Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Jun **Application Review** First Read Action

- Project Evaluation consisted of filters and scoring criteria:
 - Filter 1: Sponsor eligibility and Project Type eligibility
 - Filter 2: 3C's (Competitiveness, Customer Focus, Cross-County Connectivity)
 - Scoring Criteria: Project readiness, Delivery timeline, Plan inclusion, and Other funding sources
- During the Initial Project Evaluation phase, we reviewed applications with project sponsors to ensure local and regional priority goals were met



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21	Applications Received
(4)	(Reduction after Filter 1: Sponsor and Project Eligibility)
(3)	(Reduction after Filter 2: ATL's 3C's)
(0)	(Reduction after Evaluation Criteria)
(1)	(Application still under review)
13	Recommended Projects



Staff Recommendations

Applicant Organization Name*	Project Name	Competitive	Customer Focus	Cross-County Connectivity
AACIDs	AV Demonstration Pilot with Glydways			
ARC	2027 Transit On-Board Survey			
Cherokee Area Transit Service (CATS)	Admin/ Ops Building Construction			
Clayton County BOC	Southern Crescent Regional Transit Plan - 2026 Update			
CobbLinc	Microtransit Pilot Project - Acworth/ Kennesaw area			
Connect Douglas	Fare Elasticity and Future Transit Funding Study			
Cumberland CID	Cumberland Sweep – Segment D Transit Improvements			
DeKalb County	DeKalb County Master Transit Plan			
Henry County	AFC2.0 Implementation - Join Regional			
Henry County	Bus Purchase to support new fixed route service			
MARTA	AFC2.0 Implementation - MARTA Only			
Perimeter CID	Last Mile Transit Connectivity Feasibility Study			
True North 400 CID	Last Mile Feasibility Study and Design			



Staff Recommendations

Applicant Organization Name	ne Project Name		TTF Amount Requested	TTF Award	Regional Reserve*	TOTAL AWARD	Sponsor Contribution	% of Total Project Cost Supported by TTF
AACIDs	AV Demonstration Pilot with Glydways		\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 17,000,000	6%
ARC	2027 Transit On-Board Survey	\$2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,600,000	20%
Cherokee Area Transit Service (CATS)	Admin/ Ops Building Construction	\$ 6,625,925	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 5,625,925	15%
Clayton County BOC	Southern Crescent Regional Transit Plan - 2026 Update	\$3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 700,000	\$2,800,000	\$3,500,000	\$ `-	100%
CobbLinc	Microtransit Pilot Project - Acworth/ Kennesaw area	\$6,400,000	\$ 5,120,000	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 3,840,000	\$ 2,560,000	60%
Connect Douglas	Fare Elasticity and Future Transit Funding Study	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$80,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	100%
Cumberland CID	Cumberland Sweep – Segment D Transit Improvements	\$ 1,890,000	\$ 1,890,000	\$ 1,890,000	\$ -	\$ 1,890,000	\$ -	100%
DeKalb County	DeKalb County Master Transit Plan	\$ 1,125,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 625,000	44%
Henry County	AFC2.0 Implementation - Join Regional	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 192,000	\$ 240,000	\$ -	100%
Henry County	Bus Purchase to support new fixed route service	\$ 243,000	\$ 48,600	\$ 48,600	\$ -	\$ 48,600	\$ 194,400	20%
MARTA	AFC2.0 Implementation - MARTA Only		\$6,000,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 206,036,828	1%
Perimeter CID	Last Mile Transit Connectivity Feasibility Study	\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	100%
True North 400 CID	Last Mile Feasibility Study and Design	\$2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	100%
TOTAL		\$ 249,860,753	\$ 26,073,600	\$ 8,386,600	\$ 7,832,000	\$ 16,218,600	\$ 233,642,153	59% (Avg.)



Project Spotlight - Southern Crescent Study

- ➤ Clayton County BOC Southern Crescent Regional Transit Plan (2026)
 - ATL would conduct the project

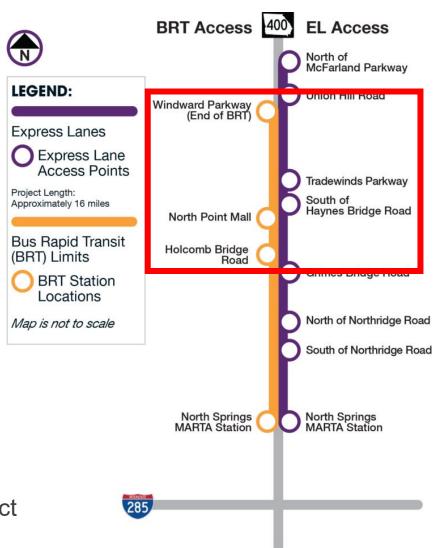
► Phased Approach:

- Phase One would focus on the development of a master plan, including robust stakeholder engagement, technical analysis, and the identification of priority corridors.
- Phase Two would advance select corridors into detailed alternatives analysis, addressing operational considerations, capital requirements, and implementation strategies.
- ➤ Total Project Cost: \$3.5M
- ► Local Contribution: \$0
- Award Recommendation: \$700K in TTF funding, \$2.8M in Regional Reserve federal funding
 - TTF and Regional Reserve award would contribute 100% of total project cost



Project Spotlight - True North 400 Study

- ► True North 400 CID Last Mile Transit Feasibility Study
- ▶ In partnership with MARTA, this study will review and make recommendations for first and last mile connectivity to MARTA's proposed Express Lane Transit Stations
- ► Total Project Cost: \$2M
- ► True North 400 Contribution: \$0
- Award Recommendation: \$400K in TTF funding, \$1.6M in Regional Reserve federal funding
 - TTF and Regional Reserve award would contribute 100% of total project cost





Project Spotlight - ARC's Transit On-Board Survey

- ► ARC Transit On-Board Study
- ► Regional survey of transit customers across all operators
 - Fixed route (Bus and Rail)
 - Last completed in 2019 (pre-pandemic)
 - Input for travel demand modeling including FTA's STOPS model for federal grant applications
- ➤ Total Project Cost: \$2M
- ► ARC Contribution: \$1.5M
- ► Award Recommendation: \$400K in TTF funding
 - TTF and Regional Reserve award would contribute 25% of total project cost
- ➤ TTF award will allow the survey to be completed earlier than anticipated to improve regional travel demand models and grant applications competitiveness



Transit Trust Fund Balance Sheet

► If awarded as recommended:

	FY25
TTF Appropriation to ATL	\$20,012,973
Recommended Awards	(\$8,386,600)
Balance for the Atlanta region	\$11,626,373



ATL Regional Project Recommendations

Project Name	Competitiveness	Customer Focus	Cross-County Connectivity
 IPECs Study (Phase 2 – Service Planning) TTF as 20% on federal funds \$150,000 TTF 			
 New Front End for ATL Rides TTF as 20% on federal funds \$524,805 TTF ATL RIDES back-end data warehouse will remain 			
 Regional Remix Software License Renewal TTF as 20% on federal funds \$200,000 TTF 			



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ATL Regional Projects	(\$874,805)		
New Balance for the Atlanta region	\$10,751,568		



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► Next Steps

- ATL Staff refine recommendations as necessary
- Board action to be requested in December
- Contracts signed with awardees after December Board meeting



