

The Transit Report

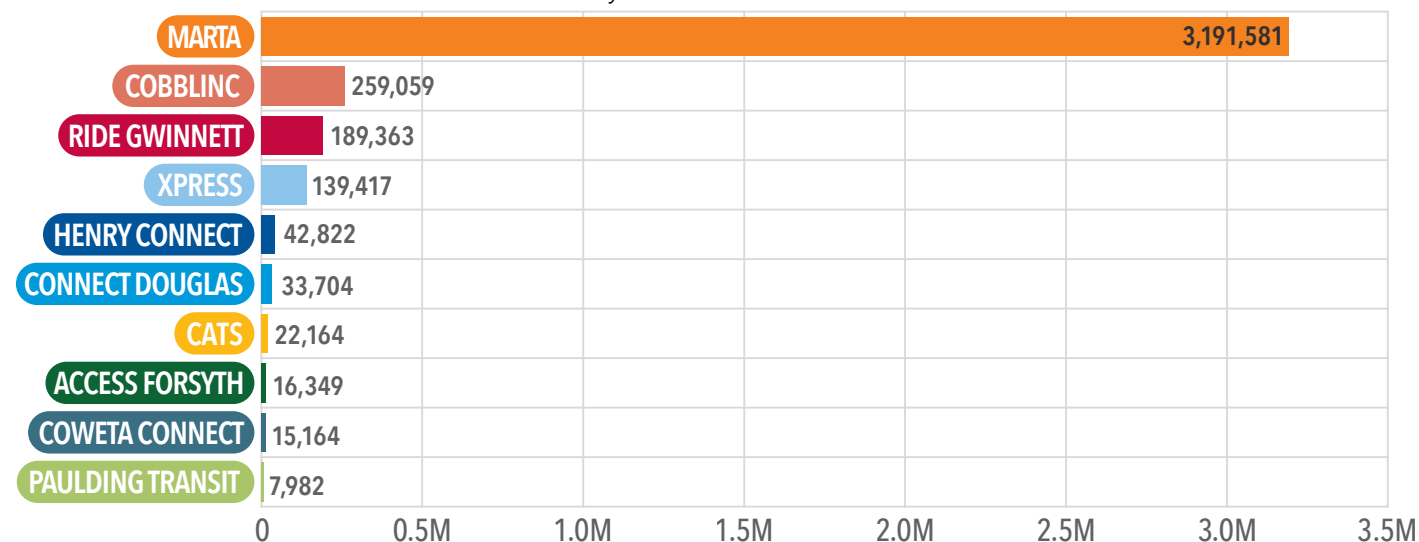
2024 | Annual Investment Review

What is the Transit Report?

As directed by state law, the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority “shall formulate an annual report and audit of all transit planning, funding, and operations within the jurisdiction of the authority.” The Transit Report captures activities in the ATL's 13-county jurisdiction for the year 2024.

Vehicle Revenue Hours by Operator in 2024

The total hours that vehicles are scheduled to or actually travel while in revenue service.



What's new this year?

The ATL is implementing structural changes to the Transit Report (previously known as the Annual Report and Audit). Previously, data collection deadlines were burdensome for the region's transit operators to report data from the most recent year.

This Transit Report, published in November 2025, covers data from the five-year period from FY 2020 through FY 2024. Future Transit Reports will follow a similar timeline, pulling most data from the National Transit Database (NTD), streamlining administrative efforts.

This year's report is therefore an abbreviated version as the Authority and the region's transit providers adopt the new data reporting timeline.



OPERATIONS

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safest year for transit incidents in the last decade

In 2024, transit was the safest it's been in at least the last 10 years. Each mode at each of the region's transit agencies saw fewer than four safety incidents per 10,000 hours that vehicles were in service. (NTD, 2020-24)

3 Million

additional transit trips

Demand for transit increased by 3 million trips year over year regionwide, representing a 4.8 percent growth in demand. (NTD, 2023-24)

427 Million

passenger miles traveled

That's a 7.5 percent increase from 2023. With passenger miles traveled increasing at a greater rate than ridership, customers are using transit to go even farther across the region. (NTD, 2023-24)

FUNDING

\$2 per \$1

The region sees \$2 in regional business sales for every \$1 invested in transit.

(ATL analysis using TREDTransit™ calculator, <https://tredis.com/products/tredtransit>)

\$1.2 Billion

Amount of total funding regionwide in 2024. (NTD, 2024)

Fund sources include: \$798 million generated from MARTA's dedicated sales tax, \$172 million in Federal funds, \$164 million from passenger fares, \$45 million contributed from local sources, and \$17 million State funds.

PLANNING

Redefine the Ride**\$4.4 million saved by more efficient commuter service**

Xpress' Redefine the Ride effort rightsized service to address the drop in ridership from 1.9 million in 2019 to 500,000 in 2024. The planning effort resulted in Xpress assuming the operation of commuter service previously provided by CobbLinc and Ride Gwinnett, the region saving millions in operational expenses, and Xpress realizing an all-time high 52 percent systemwide utilization rate (percent of seats filled). (Xpress, 2025)

NextGen Bus Network**MARTA's bus network redesign will make travel smarter, faster, and better**

The NextGen Bus Network is MARTA's new, transformative bus network. With more frequent buses, optimized routes, and flexible, on-demand options, the new network will make transit faster and more reliable, better meeting the needs of riders. The MARTA Board adopted the plan in June 2025. (<https://itsmarta.com/nextgen.aspx>)

I-285 Transit**Invested \$16.2 million**

In 2022, ATL and its regional agency partners signed an MOU committing funding to study transit options on the upcoming I-285 Express Lanes. This collaboration explores how new express lanes on I-285 could provide a premium transit service, enhancing connectivity and cost effective transportation options. With direct access to express lanes, transit vehicles would have access to more reliable and predictable trip times.

Strategic Blueprint

Putting Competitiveness, Customer Focus, and Cross-County services at the forefront of regional transit

ATL's new Strategic Blueprint, a guide for how we prioritize and invest in regional transit, now sets the foundation for the upcoming Atlanta Regional Transit Plan, our long-range, fiscally constrained plan that shapes future transit projects across metro Atlanta.