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Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL) Announces Fiscal Year 2025 Trust Fund Awardees—Putting Competitiveness, Customer Focus, and Cross-County Services at the Forefront of Regional Transit

Today, the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL) Board approved \$16.4 million in fiscal year 2025 (FY25) awards today from the State of Georgia's Transit Trust Fund (TTF), supporting 16 transit capital, technology, and planning projects across the 13-county ATL region. These awards will leverage an additional \$239 million in local and federal contributions.

ATL managed a new competitive process for the award of these Transit Trust Funds. ATL solicited project proposals from eligible applicants and evaluated them using ATL's Strategic Blueprint. The ATL Board prioritized projects that advance capital improvements, regional planning, and technology initiatives.

"For the first time, these funds were competitively awarded based on ATL's Strategic Blueprint guideposts of competitiveness, customer focus, and cross-county service," said Executive Director Jannine Miller. "Selected projects will optimize public funding to attract and retain businesses, deliver customer-focused transit options, and connecting residents to their work locations across county lines."

ATL Board Chairman Steven M. Brock emphasized the impact of this year's awards. "The Transit Trust Fund continues to deliver meaningful, measurable benefits," said Brock. "We are proud to fund initiatives that move our region forward."

Included in the award package is the Southern Crescent Regional Transit Study, an ambitious planning initiative covering eight counties. "The Southern Crescent is one of the state's growing economic drivers," stated Ricky Clark Jr., ATL Board Member for District 10. The study aims to

identify essential transit routes, prioritize expansion with public input, and merge local and county plans into a cohesive regional vision.

To support Henry County's growing transit system, the ATL Board approved funding for the purchase of an additional bus for the county's new fixed-route service. This investment strengthens cross-county connections, including linking to the MARTA and Xpress park-and-ride lot in Stockbridge. "This is a critical connection and innovative approach for economic development in Henry County," said Howard Mosby, ATL Board Member for District 9.

Additionally, the Board approved to advance award winning design and construction work for the Cumberland Sweep, including infrastructure upgrades for autonomous transit deployment. "The Cumberland CID continues to be forward thinking and a regional leader," said Todd VerSteeg, ATL Board Member for District 4. "This investment ensures the new FTA-funded autonomous buses will have the infrastructure to operate safely and reliably."

This year, the ATL introduced a new competitive process in which applicants were evaluated on how well their proposals aligned with the three pillars outlined in the ATL's Strategic Blueprint: competitiveness, customer focus, and cross-county connections.

Complete List of Awardees

<u>Awardee</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>TTF Funding</u>
Atlanta Airport CIDs	Glydways Autonomous Vehicle Pilot	\$3,000,000
Atlanta Regional Commission	2027 Regional Transit On-Board Survey	\$400,000
Cherokee Area Transit Service	Operations Building Construction	\$1,000,000
Clayton County	Southern Crescent Regional Transit Plan	\$700,000
CobbLinc	Microtransit Pilot Project (Acworth/Kennesaw)	\$3,840,000
Connect Douglas	Fare Elasticity and Future Transit Funding Study	\$400,000
Cumberland CID	Cumberland Sweep Segment D Transit Improvements	\$1,890,000
DeKalb County	DeKalb County Master Transit Plan	\$625,000
Henry County	Automated Fare Collection 2.0 Implementation	\$240,000
Henry County	Fleet Acquisition for New Fixed Route Service	\$48,600
MARTA	Automated Fare Collection 2.0 Implementation	\$1,250,000
Perimeter CIDs	First/Last Mile Area Transit Connectivity Study	\$150,000
True North 400	First/Last Mile Corridor Feasibility Study and Design	\$2,000,000
ATL	In Person Employment Center Transit Study	\$150,000
ATL	Modernize ATL Rides Mobile App	\$524,805
ATL	Regional Transit Planning Software	\$200,000
Total		\$16,418,405

This table includes the funding made available through the transit trust fund. Additional federal and local resources may also be supporting these projects. To explore additional details visit <https://atltransit.ga.gov/planning>

About the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority

The ATL is an authority of the state of Georgia, legislatively authorized to operate the state's Xpress regional commuter transit system and the Atlanta region's vanpool system. ATL also produces the Atlanta Region Transit Plan for the 13-county ATL region. For more information on Xpress and the ATL, visit <https://atltransit.ga.gov/> and follow us on X and Facebook. ###

