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**ATL BOARD MEETING**

8:30 AM

April 1, 2021

# ATL Board Meeting

## April 1, 2021

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call
- II. Approval of the Board Minutes for March 11, 2021
- III. Approval of the Agenda for April 1, 2021
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Marketing and Communications Committee – Chair Mark Toro
  - b. Regional Transit Planning – Chair Charlie Sutlive
- VI. Xpress Proposed Northwest Corridor Routes – **Action Item**
- VII. Resolution in Support of Xpress Low/No Emission Grant Application – **Action Item**
- VIII. FFY 2021 Suballocation Review
- IX. Executive Director's Report
- X. New Business
- XI. Call to Adjourn



# **Public Comment**



# **Marketing and Communications Committee Report**



# **Regional Transit Planning Committee Report**



*A Regional Transit Operator within the* ATL 

Northwest Corridor Project

Proposed Hickory Grove Service

Dionne Kirksey  
April 1, 2021



## OUTLINE

- ☐ Background
- ☐ Title VI Equity Analysis
- ☐ Mitigation Measures
- ☐ Public Comment and Outreach
- ☐ Conclusion/Next Steps





## BACKGROUND

- ❑ Comprehensive Operations Analysis of the Xpress bus system in 2016 resulted in recommendations to improve service in the Northwest corridor
  
- ❑ \*Part of the recommendations included the following:
  - Expansion of Xpress service in the Northwest corridor to meet existing demand and future growth
  - Construction of two new park and ride lots (Hickory Grove and Roswell Road), and the expansion of the Town Center (Big Shanty) park and ride lot

*\*Note: Efforts to implement recommendations were underway prior to Covid-19 pandemic*

- ❑ Updated analysis resulted in a proposed recommendation for new routes:
  - Route 484 (Hickory Grove Park and Ride – Midtown)
  - Route 485 (Hickory Grove Park and Ride – Downtown)







## TITLE VI EQUITY ANALYSIS RESULTS

☐ Purpose of the analysis is to determine if proposed changes result in adverse impacts to minority and low-income groups

☐ New routes will result in a disparate impact for minority groups

Percent of Minority Population	
Title VI Threshold (13-County Region)	41
Hickory Grove Catchment Area	32

☐ No disproportionate burden to low-income groups



## MITIGATION MEASURES

- Outreach and education to community groups, serving minority populations, in the areas served by the new routes
- Increase coordination with other area transit providers, such as Bartow County Transit and Cherokee Area Transit Service (CATS)
- Ongoing discussions with Cobb County Communications Department to disseminate information about new service plans.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS AND OUTREACH



## ☐ Public Comment Period

- March 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021
- 4 comments received





## CONCLUSION

- ☐ Staff is requesting Board approval for implementation of new Xpress Routes 484 and 485
- ☐ Notify the public of New Service Implementation
- ☐ Proposed service would begin on May 3, 2021





# QUESTIONS?

## BOARD ACTION



## **Resolution to Support Xpress's FY2021 Low or No Emission Grant Application**

Daniel Walls – Transit Funding Administrator

April 1, 2021

## FTA Low or No Emission Grant Program- 5339(c)

- ▶ FTA's Low or No Emission (Low-No) competitive grant program provides funding for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low emission transit buses as well as for the acquisition, construction or leasing of supporting facilities and equipment.
  - To date, FTA has awarded \$409 million to 203 projects across the country
  - Program is not for pilot projects or prototype vehicles; it is for fleet replacements/expansions
- ▶ Notice of Funding Opportunity issued on February 11, 2021, making \$180 million available in FY2021
- ▶ Program funds the incremental cost of low-no vehicle over a conventional vehicle
- ▶ Applicants may name partners (i.e. vendors) and satisfy competitive procurement requirements



## FY 2021 NOFO Timeline

Important Dates	
Notice of Funding Opportunity	February 11, 2021
Applications Due	11:59pm EST April 12, 2021
Project Evaluations	April-May, 2021
Award Announcement	Summer 2021
Pre-Award Authority	Starts on date of project announcement
Available for Obligation	The year of award plus 3 years



# Eligibility and Cost Sharing

- ▶ Eligible applicants include designated recipients, States, local government authorities, and Indian Tribes
  
- ▶ Eligible projects include:
  - Purchase or lease of low or no emission buses
  - Construction or leasing of facilities and related equipment
  - Rehabilitating or improving existing facilities to accommodate low-no buses
  - Workforce development/training and project administration activities
  
- ▶ Eligible cost sharing include:
  - Vehicles – maximum 85% Federal / 15% Local
  - Equipment and Facilities – maximum 90% Federal / 10% Local
  - Workforce Development – maximum 80% Federal / 20% Local

# Evaluation Criteria

- ▶ Demonstration of need and benefits
- ▶ Consistency with local/regional prioritization
  - Included in local planning documents (i.e. ARTP & TAM Plan)
  - Consistent with local government priorities
- ▶ Local financial commitment
- ▶ Project implementation strategy (timeline and method)
- ▶ Air quality benefits (NAAQS)
- ▶ Environmental Justice populations to be served



## Program with a High Level of Competition

- ▶ In FY2020 147 applicants from 42 states requested \$513 million
  - 116 projects were rated “Highly Recommended”
  - Only 41 projects were funded for a total of \$130 million
- ▶ In FY2020, no single applicant received more than \$7 million and no single state received more than 5.4 percent of overall program funds
  - 5.4 percent of available FY2021 funding is \$9.72 million



# ATL's Application

- ▶ Seeking federal assistance for ten battery electric commuter coaches and 11 chargers (includes one maintenance facility charger)
- ▶ ATL is partnering with MCI, CTE, and Atkins on application
  - MCI manufactures the D45 CRTe LE (the only Federally tested/approved electric commuter coach currently on the market)
  - CTE to provide project management, modeling, performance validation, and other technical assistance
  - Atkins to assist with charger install
- ▶ EV coaches to be based out of South Ops Facility
  - To replace ten model year 2004 diesel buses



# Project Benefits

- ▶ Enhances customer experience
  - Low floor – faster, more reliable and easier boarding for wheelchair users
  - Modern and updated vehicles
  - Quieter and more comfortable ride
- ▶ Improves fleet reliability
- ▶ Improves air quality and reduced noise pollution for communities served
  - Annually eliminate 87,000 gallons of fuel used
  - Reduce emissions by 901 tons, including 212 lbs of particulate matter
- ▶ Reduces long-term maintenance needs





**Questions/Open Discussion**

**Board Action – Resolution to Support  
Application**



**FTA FORMULA FUNDS SUBALLOCATION**  
*FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021*

**Jon Ravenelle**





# 5307 LARGE URBAN FORMULA FUND PROGRAM





# 5307 & 5340 Urbanized Area Formula Program

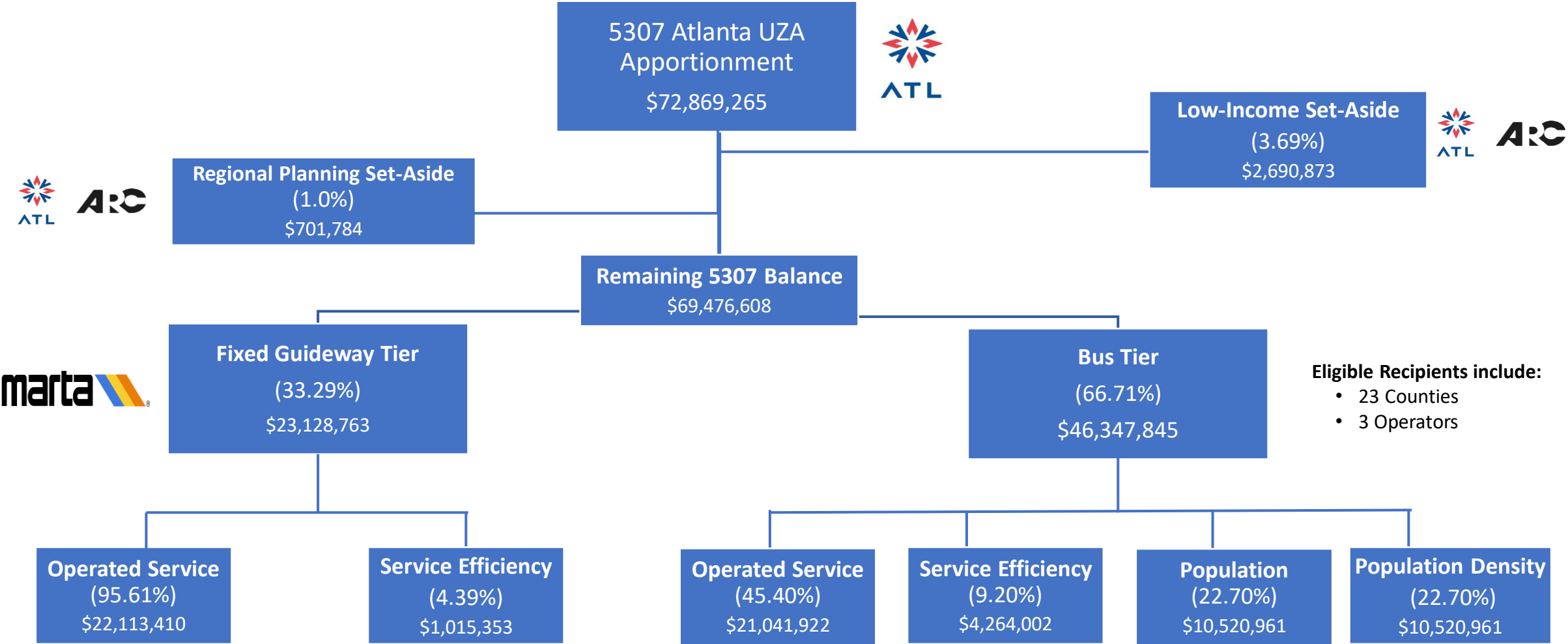
## Section 5307: Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program

- ▶ Funding distributed based on population & operating stats reported to National Transit Database (NTD).
- ▶ Total FFY 2021 Section 5307 Funding: **\$72,869,265**

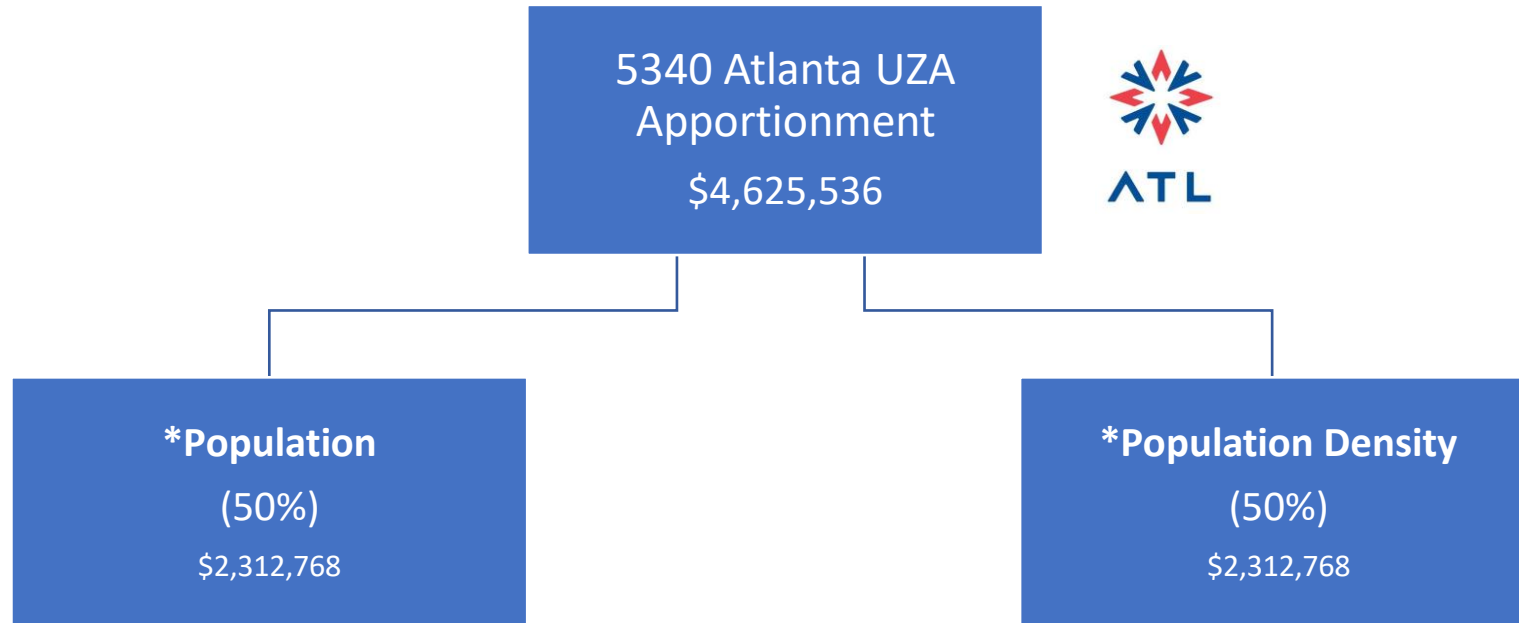
## Section 5340: Growing States and High-Density States Formula Program

- ▶ Population based only, no operating statistics are used in the suballocation of 5340 funding.
- ▶ FTA administers Section 5340 program under the Section 5307 grant guidance.
- ▶ Total FFY 2021 Section 5340 Funding: **\$4,625,536**

# 5307 URBANIZED AREA FORMULA FUND PROGRAM – CALCULATION FLOW



## 5340 HIGH DENSITY AND GROWING STATES - SUBALLOCATION



### Eligible Recipients include:

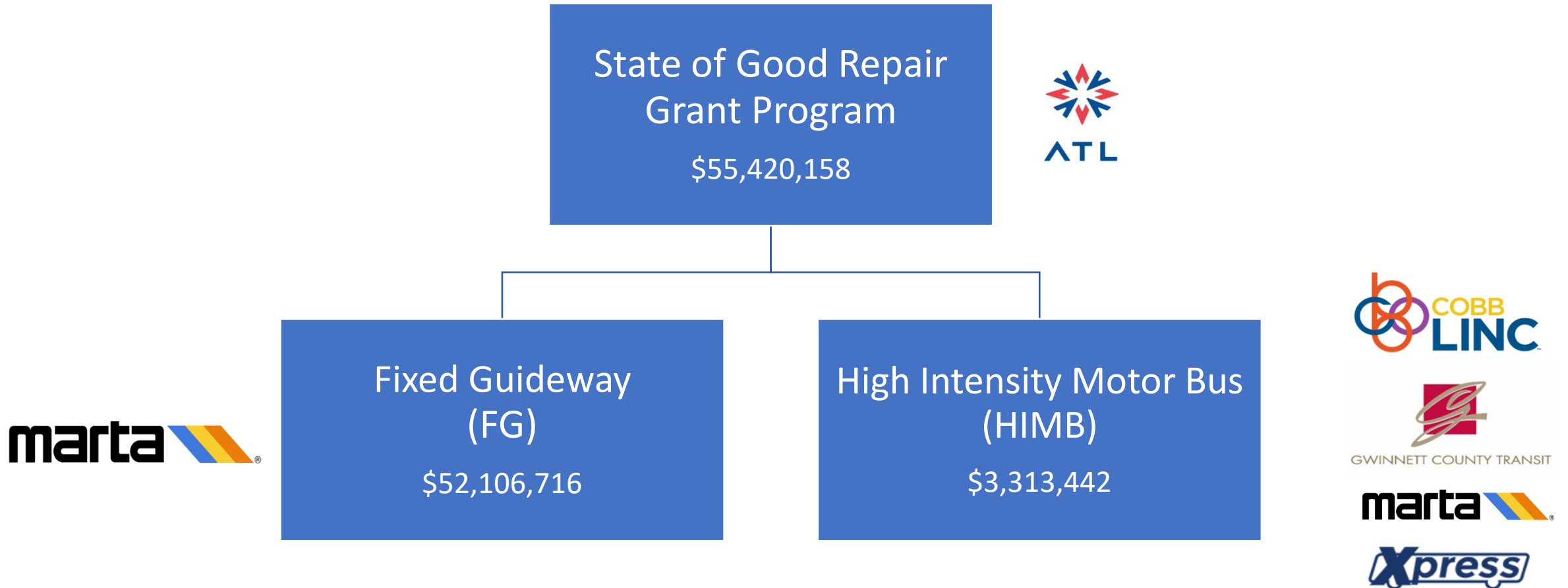
- 23 Counties
- 1 Operator





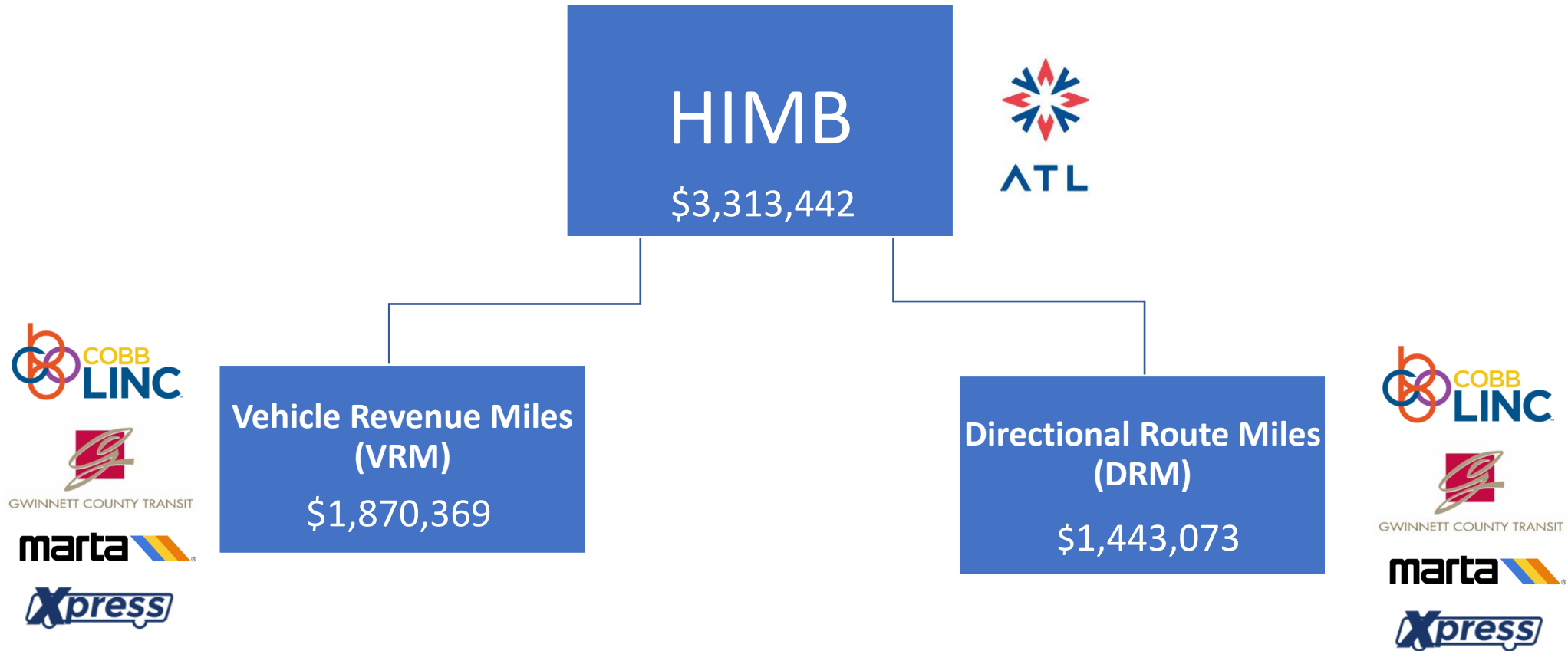
# 5337 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR GRANT PROGRAM

# 5337 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM - CALCULATION FLOW CHART



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## *High Intensity Motor Bus (HIMB) Component*





# 5339 BUS AND BUS FACILITIES FORMULA PROGRAM

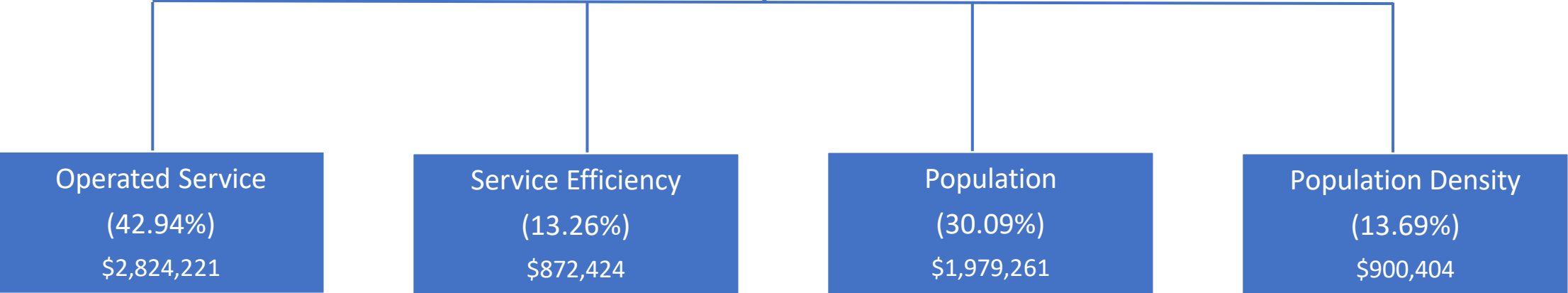


5339 BUS & BUS FACILITIES FORMULA FUND PROGRAM  
CALCULATION FLOW CHART

Eligible Recipients include:

- 10 Counties
- 3 Operators

5339 Atlanta UZA  
Apportionment  
\$6,576,310







# **FFY 2021 FTA Formula Funding Suballocation**

# FY 2021 REGIONAL FORMULA FUND SUBALLOCATION BREAKDOWN

	5307 Suballocation		5337 Suballocation		5339	Total
Eligible Recipient	5307	5340	Fixed Guideway	HIMB	Suballocation	Suballocation
ARC	\$ 175,446	\$ -				\$ 175,446
ATL	\$ 526,338	\$ -				\$ 526,338
Cherokee	\$ 811,492	\$ 149,601			\$ 118,671	\$ 1,079,764
Cobb	\$ 4,979,306	\$ 729,470		\$ 365,995	\$ 688,973	\$ 6,763,744
Coweta	\$ 290,440	\$ 63,846				\$ 354,286
CPACS	\$ 63,600	\$ -			\$ 8,972	\$ 72,572
Douglas	\$ 827,941	\$ 96,670			\$ 120,246	\$ 1,044,857
Fayette	\$ 309,517	\$ 68,040				\$ 377,557
Forsyth	\$ 553,282	\$ 121,625				\$ 674,907
Gwinnett	\$ 5,004,206	\$ 830,386		\$ 931,623	\$ 699,911	\$ 7,466,126
Henry	\$ 812,986	\$ 137,323			\$ 121,997	\$ 1,072,306
MARTA	\$ 49,405,100	\$ 2,127,327	\$ 52,106,716	\$ 564,514	\$ 3,736,727	\$ 107,940,384
Clayton	\$ 1,254,319	\$ 275,730			\$ 168,780	\$ 1,698,829
DeKalb	\$ 3,886,380	\$ 854,323			\$ 497,481	\$ 5,238,184
Fulton	\$ 4,536,677	\$ 997,274			\$ 605,839	\$ 6,139,790
MARTA Service	\$ 39,727,724	\$ -	\$ 52,106,716	\$ 564,514	\$ 2,759,937	\$ 95,158,891
Paulding	\$ 391,694	\$ 86,104				\$ 477,798
Rockdale	\$ 275,743	\$ 60,615				\$ 336,358
Xpress	\$ 5,017,092	\$ -		\$ 1,451,310	\$ 1,065,355	\$ 7,533,757
Low Income Comp.	\$ 2,690,873	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 2,690,873
<b>Total*</b>	<b>\$72,135,058</b>	<b>\$4,471,007</b>	<b>\$52,106,716</b>	<b>\$3,313,442</b>	<b>\$ 6,560,852</b>	<b>\$138,587,075</b>

\* Totals in this slide will not match previous slide totals for each program because they do not include jurisdictions outside of ATL 13 County Region. For suballocation table of full 23-county UZA please refer to the handout in your Board Notebook.

# Thank You.



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# **Executive Director's Report**

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- ▶ Branding Architecture
- ▶ Xpress Driver Shields
- ▶ Fare Policy Workshop Update
- ▶ American Rescue Plan Funding
- ▶ State, Local and Federal Legislative Update



## STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Scott Haggard, Director of Government and External Affairs

April 1, 2021

## 2021 STATE & LOCAL LEGISLATIVE ITEMS RELEVANT TO ATL

- ▶ FY 2022 Budget: Ride Share Fee Revenue Allocation
- ▶ HB 511: Transportation and Transit Trust Funds
- ▶ HB 317: Including Private Home Rentals in Transportation Fees
- ▶ Bond List: No Funding for FY 2022
- ▶ 5 ATL Board Elections Held in Early March
- ▶ Fulton County Commission Meeting (April 2)



## CURRENT FEDERAL OVERVIEW

- ▶ USDOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg Emphasis: Multi-modal focus, sustainability
- ▶ Likely infrastructure bill in next few weeks
- ▶ Members gathering info on projects and priorities for Transportation Reauthorization
- ▶ Members will again employ “earmarks” for specific projects
- ▶ Positive dialogue with Congressional delegation offices thus far

