



ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

March 4, 2021

Earl Ehrhart, Chair

Administrative Committee
Thursday, March 4, 2021
Proposed Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Earl Ehrhart, Chair
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2020
- III. Approval of Agenda for March 4, 2021
- IV. AFY 2021 Final Budget – Monique Simmons – **Action Item**
- V. FY 2022 Governor’s Recommended Budget Overview – Monique Simmons
- VI. Update on ATL Subrecipient Shared Services Program – Jonathan Ravenelle
- VII. Adjournment



Monique Simmons

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AFY 2021 FINAL BUDGET

FY 2021 ATL ORIGINAL BASE BUDGET – PROGRAM OVERVIEW

EXPENDITURES BY CLASS	ATL PLANNING PROGRAM	ATL XPRESS PROGRAM	FY 2021 TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENDITURES BUDGET
Personal Services	\$1,623,435	\$2,445,175	\$4,068,610
Regular Operating	31,666	5,950,260	5,981,926
Computer Charges	26,099	1,271,459	1,297,558
Rent	124,932	124,932	249,864
Telecommunications	4,560	264,800	269,360
Contracts	2,685,184	24,032,718	26,717,902
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,495,876	\$34,089,344	\$38,585,220

REVENUES BY SOURCE	ATL PLANNING PROGRAM	ATL XPRESS PROGRAM	FY 2021 TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES BUDGET
State Appropriations	\$2,138,925	\$10,685,520	\$12,824,445
Federal Funds	1,956,951	20,244,534	22,201,485
Other Funds	400,000	3,159,290	3,559,290
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,495,876	\$34,089,344	\$38,585,220

AFY 2021 ATL ONE-TIME BUDGET CHANGES

- ▶ State Appropriations increase of \$16,148
- ▶ One-time salary supplement of \$1,000 for full-time State employees with current salaries less than \$80,000
- ▶ \$8,412 allocated to ATL Planning Program (7 positions)
- ▶ \$7,736 allocated to ATL Xpress Program (11 positions)

AFY 2021 FINAL BUDGET – PROGRAM OVERVIEW

EXPENDITURES BY CLASS	ATL PLANNING PROGRAM	ATL XPRESS PROGRAM	FY 2021 TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENDITURES BUDGET
Personal Services	\$1,631,847	\$2,452,911	\$4,084,758
Regular Operating	31,666	5,950,260	5,981,926
Computer Charges	26,099	1,271,459	1,297,558
Rent	124,932	124,932	249,864
Telecommunications	4,560	264,800	269,360
Contracts	2,685,184	24,032,718	26,717,902
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,504,288	\$34,097,080	\$38,601,368

REVENUES BY SOURCE	ATL PLANNING PROGRAM	ATL XPRESS PROGRAM	FY 2021 TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES BUDGET
State Appropriations	\$2,147,337	\$10,693,256	\$12,840,593
Federal Funds	1,956,951	20,244,534	22,201,485
Other Funds	400,000	3,159,290	3,559,290
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,504,288	\$34,097,080	\$38,601,368



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FY 2022 GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET OVERVIEW

FY 2022 ATL TOTAL RECOMMENDED BASE BUDGET – PROGRAM OVERVIEW

EXPENDITURES BY CLASS	ATL PLANNING PROGRAM	ATL XPRESS PROGRAM	FY 2022 TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENDITURES BUDGET
Personal Services	\$1,581,700	\$2,465,794	\$4,047,494
Regular Operating	42,239	5,752,510	5,794,749
Computer Charges	50,999	1,271,459	1,322,458
Rent	124,932	124,932	249,864
Telecommunications	3,660	264,800	268,460
Contracts	2,289,192	22,500,060	24,789,252
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,092,722	\$32,379,555	\$36,472,277

REVENUES BY SOURCE	ATL PLANNING PROGRAM	ATL XPRESS PROGRAM	FY 2022 TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES BUDGET
State Appropriations	\$2,138,925	\$10,685,520	\$12,824,445
Federal Funds	1,659,356	20,469,663	22,129,019
Other Funds	294,441	1,224,372	1,518,813
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,092,722	\$32,379,555	\$36,472,277

FY 2022 ATL TOTAL RECOMMENDED BASE BUDGET – KEY ASSUMPTIONS

- ▶ State Appropriations remain flat at FY 2021 base budget funding levels
- ▶ Assumes Federal Formula Funds for ATL Xpress of \$10,678,487
- ▶ Assumes FY 2022 Federal CARES Act Funds (one-time) for ATL Xpress of \$9,791,176
- ▶ Assumes FY 2022 Fare Revenue remains flat
- ▶ Assumes 11 ATL Planning Program funded positions
- ▶ Assumes 20 ATL Xpress Program funded positions
- ▶ Note: Numbers within funding sources may shift as FY 2022 budget makes its way through legislative process





Jonathan Ravenelle

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ATL SUBRECEPIENT SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM OVERVIEW



DIRECT + ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

OVERVIEW

DESIGNATED RECIPIENT OVERVIEW

- **ATL's responsibilities as the Designated Recipient include:**
 - Suballocation of formula funds to eligible recipients in Atlanta UZA in accordance with national apportionment formula
 - Coordination with ARC as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Atlanta UZA
 - Communication and coordination with FTA
 - Analysis of federal transit funding
 - **Providing regional technical support to Eligible Recipients**

DIRECT RECIPIENT vs. ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

Designated Recipient

- Receives and suballocates formula funding from FTA to direct recipients
- Can also be a direct recipient

Eligible Recipients

- Receive a suballocation from the Designated Recipient
- Can apply for use of suballocated federal funds **through subrecipient relationship** with Direct Recipient
- Direct Recipient responsible for FTA grant administration, and ensuring proper compliance/management of FTA requirements of subrecipient

Direct Recipients

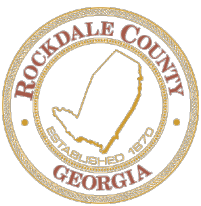
- Receive a suballocation from the Designated Recipient
- Can apply for use of suballocated federal funds **directly** from FTA
- Responsible directly for FTA grant administration, compliance, and management of FTA requirements

ATL REGION DIRECT vs. ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

Designated Recipient



Eligible Recipients



COWETA COUNTY

Direct Recipients



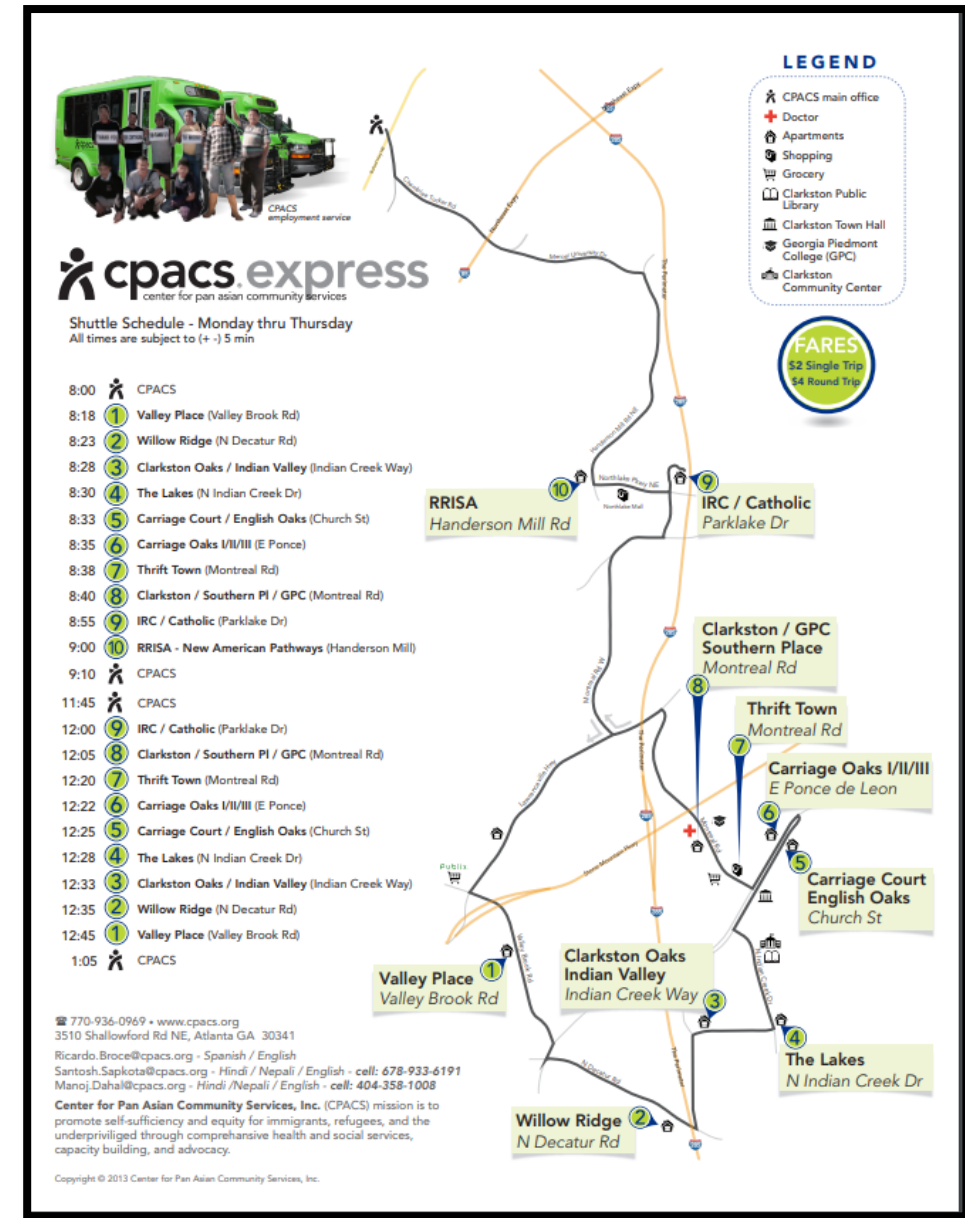


NEED FOR SUBRECIPIENT SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM

CPACS + Rural Trending Urban

CENTER FOR PAN ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CPACS)

- Private nonprofit located in Atlanta. Mission is to promote self-sufficiency and equity for immigrants, refugees, and the underprivileged
- Directly serves over 44,000 unique individuals each year through its programs and holds regular transit rider training and education events
- Operating FTA funded transit service since 2012 as a subrecipient of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)
- Operates fixed route services in Clarkston Community in DeKalb up into Gwinnett County, as well as demand response mobility program

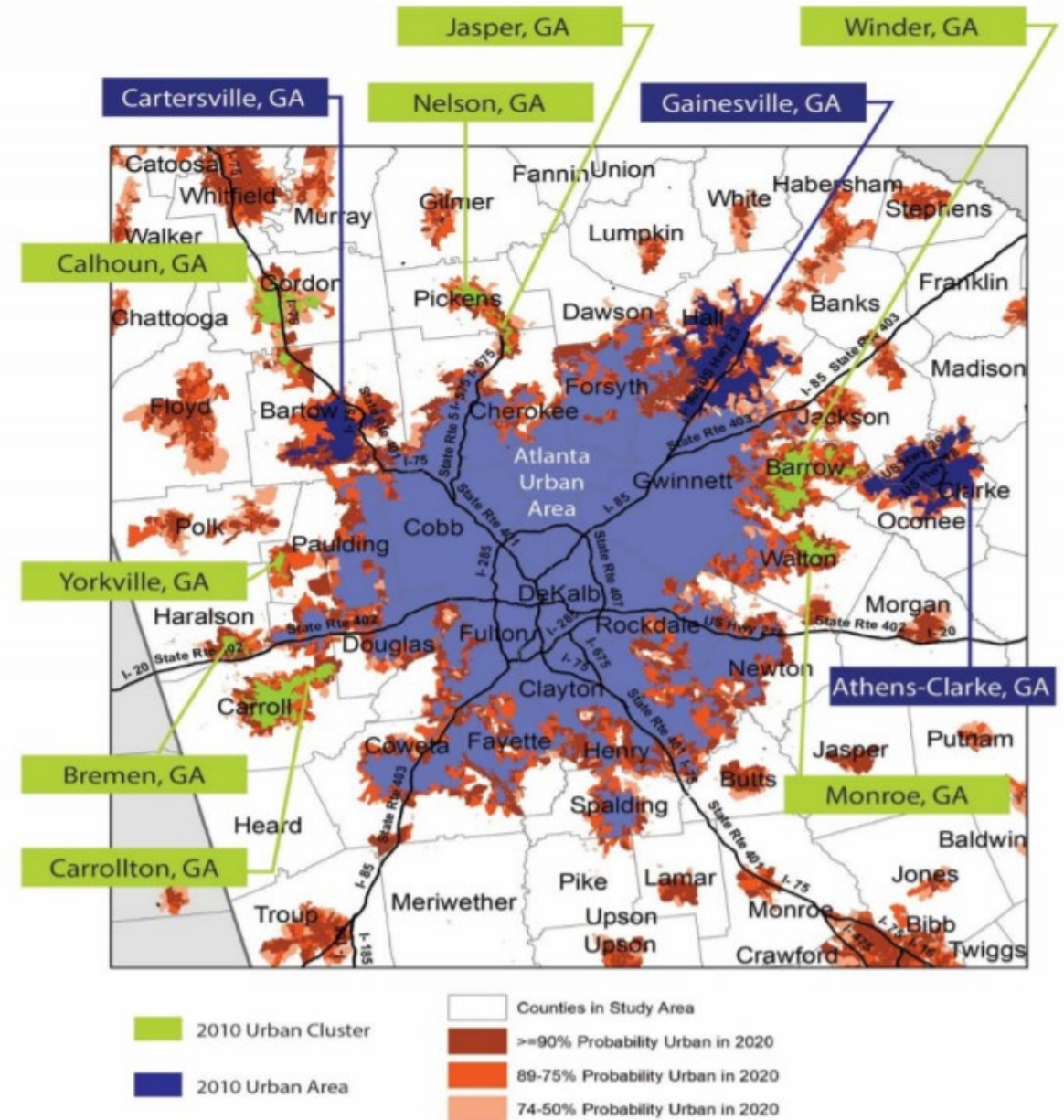


CENTER FOR PAN ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CPACS)

- Receives 5307 funding through the Low-Income/Job Access Program, as well as its own 5307 suballocation based on direct National Transit Database reporting
- ARC with the creation of ATL has requested to transition the role of Direct Recipient responsibilities for CPACS over to ATL
- ARC and ATL will gradually transition responsibilities over as remaining funding for CPACS in ARC FTA grants is spent down over next 12-18 months
- CPACS would serve as the first entity to join ATL's Subrecipient Shared Services Program

RURAL TRENDING URBAN IMPLICATIONS FOR ATLANTA REGION

- The majority of Eligible Recipients currently receive funding through FTA 5311 Rural Program administered by GDOT
- 2020 Census will largely push applicable ATL Region counties out of FTA 5311 program and more fully into FTA 5307 Large Urban Program
- Will result in reduction/potential loss of 5311 funding currently supporting transit services of several Eligible and Direct recipients
- Eligible Recipients will then have immediate need to access 5307 funding in order to continue to maintain existing services
- **Impact likely to occur in 2023**



PROGRESS ON RURAL TRENDING URBAN TO DATE

- ATL has developed a comprehensive strategy that will support successful transition from 5311 program to 5307 program:
 - Adj. to NTD Reporting
 - Leverage specific funding provisions
 - Sub. Shared Services Program
- ATL has been coordinating directly with partners projected to be impacted as well as FTA and GDOT:
 - Coweta County
 - Forsyth County
 - Henry County
 - Cherokee County
 - Paulding County
 - Rockdale County
- ATL has identified and projected funding benefits of each recipient transitioning to 5307 Urban program:
 - FY 2021 Bus Revenue Vehicle Mile Federal Reimbursement Rate
 - Large Urban: \$0.434/mile
 - Rural Program: \$0.055/mile
 - Net increase of \$0.379/mile for transitioning to Large Urban or **projected increase of \$400,000 in potential net new funding**



SUBRECIPIENT SHARED SERVICES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SUBRECIPIENT SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM

- Eligible Recipients have previously been **unable to access their Large Urban 5307 funding** due to the Direct Recipient requirements
- Process to become a Direct Recipient is **complex** and usually **takes at least one year**
- Also **requires additional administrative staffing support for the County/Agency** to manage/administer FTA grants programs and compliance
- Creates **additional requirements and hurdles for Eligible Recipients to access FTA 5307 Urban funding**, once Direct Recipient Process is completed:
 - Grants Management and Administration Technical Capacity
 - Title VI Compliance
 - Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Compliance
 - Drug & Alcohol Compliance
 - Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act Compliance

SUBRECIPIENT SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM

- ATL as an existing Direct Recipient is **already staffed to manage FTA funding and compliance** for large and complex transit operations
- ATL will leverage these existing resources to **gradually implement** Subrecipient Shared Services Program for CPACS and remaining Trending Urban counties in 13-county region
- By having shared services across multiple Eligible Recipients, it allows for greater **economies of scale** and **efficient utilization of resources** in the region
- As program grows there's potential for future cost sharing elements from 5307 program to support additional resources required

ATL FTA GRANT + COMPLIANCE PROGRAM UMBRELLA



FTA Grant Administration + Compliance Services

Direct Operations + FTA Compliance
Oversight of ATL Board



Independent Operations with
Direct FTA Compliance Oversight of ATL Board



Potential Future Participants





SUBRECIPIENT SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM

Next Steps

SUBRECIPIENT SHARED SERVICES – PLANNED NEXT STEPS

Spring 2021:

- ▶ ATL begins onboarding of CPACS as subrecipient
- ▶ ATL continues heavy coordination with ARC to begin formal transition of CPACS' subrecipient responsibilities (*MOU with ARC documenting transfer*)
- ▶ Continue planning studies with Forsyth County, Henry County, and kickoff planning resources partnership with Rockdale County

Late Summer/Fall 2021:

- ▶ ATL begins onboarding first Trending Urban County as subrecipient (*pending county request*)
- ▶ ATL continues coordination with GDOT to transition 5311 program elements to 5307 program as necessary

Winter/Spring 2022:

- ▶ Make Subrecipient Shared Services Program available to remaining Eligible Recipients

Thank You.



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