

**Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority  
Virtual Meeting**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 1, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** (Virtual)

Charlie Sutlive, Chair  
Steve Dickerson  
Howard Mosby  
Charlotte Nash  
Paul Radford  
Todd Ver Steeg  
Russell McMurry  
Chuck Warbington  
Teddy Russell  
Felicia Franklin  
Tom Weyandt  
Earl Ehrhart  
Andy Macke  
Mark Toro

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Keisha Lance Bottoms  
Michael Thurmond

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. Kimberly Johnson, Board Secretary, performed the roll call and a quorum was confirmed.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Chairman Sutlive called for a motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting held on March 11, 2021. Mr. Weyandt made the motion, and Mr. Warbington seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA**

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Toro made the motion, and Mr. Radford seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kimberly Johnson reported there were no public comments received for this meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Toro provided the Board with a report summarizing the Marketing and Communications Committee meeting held on March 11, 2021.

### **b. REGIONAL TRANSIT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Sutlive provided the Board with a report summarizing the Regional Transit Planning Committee meeting held on March 11, 2021. Mr. Weyandt made the motion, and Mr. Warbington seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

## **XPRESS PROPOSED NORTHWEST CORRIDOR ROUTES**

Dionne Kirksey presented on the proposed new service recommendations for the recently constructed Hickory Grove Park and Ride lot in Cobb County. Ms. Kirksey discussed the project background, the Title VI equity analysis, the mitigation measures, the public comment and outreach and the next steps. Ms. Kirksey requested Board approval for the implementation of new Xpress Routes 484 and 485. The new service will begin on May 3, 2021.

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the resolution implementing Xpress Routes 484 and 485. Mr. Mosby made the motion, and Ms. Nash seconded. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

## **XPRESS LOW/NO EMISSION GRANT**

Daniel Walls provided an overview of the FTA Low and No Emission Grant Program. Mr. Walls discussed that the competitive grant program provides funding for the purchase or lease of zero-emission transit buses and the acquisition, construction or leasing of supporting facilities and equipment. If the grant is awarded, the funds would be used to purchase ten battery electric commuter buses and supporting chargers. Mr. Walls requested the Board's approval to submit the Low and No Emission Grant application to FTA.

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the resolution in the support of the Xpress Low/No Emission Grant Application. Ms. Nash made the motion, and Mr. Mosby seconded. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

## **FFY 2021 SUBALLOCATION REVIEW**

Jonathan Ravenelle updated the Board on the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Suballocation Review. Mr. Ravenelle reported on the Urbanized Area Funding Program (Section 5307) and the Growing States and High-Density States Formula Program (Section 5340). The Atlanta Region received Section 5307 funds in the amount of \$72,869,265 and Section 5340 funds in the amount of \$4,625,536. He discussed the calculation flow for the

program and eligible recipients. Mr. Ravenelle also reported on the 5337 State of Good Repair Grant Program and 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program. In conclusion, he provided the FY 2021 Regional Formula Fund Suballocation Breakdown for the 13 County Region in the ATL's jurisdiction.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Chris Tomlinson reported on the following:

- Branding Architecture
- Xpress Driver Shields
- Fare Policy Workshop
- American Rescue Plan Funding

Chris then introduced Scott Haggard who provided an overview of local, state and federal legislative issues pertinent to the ATL. Additionally, Scott discussed the USDOT emphasis on multi-modal, sustainability and priorities for transportation reauthorization.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Franklin made the motion, and Mr. Weyandt seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Charlie Sutlive, Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Meryll Mandus, Chief Legal Officer

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Kimberly Johnson, Board Secretary

**DATE MINUTES APPROVED:**

June 3, 2020