



## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Earl Ehrhart, Chair

November 4, 2021

# Administrative Committee

## Thursday, November 4, 2021

### Proposed Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Earl Ehrhart, Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes for October 7, 2021
- III. Approval of Agenda for November 4, 2021
- IV. Top End MOU – **Action Item**
- V. Grant Recommendations – Jonathan Ravenelle
  - ARP FTA Grant Application Approval – **Action Item**
- V. Adjournment



## I-285 Top End Express Lanes Transit *Regional Preliminary Engineering Initiative*

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# ARP Actions Following FTA Guidance Release

- ▶ **ATL initiated coordination of MOU/IGA with partners** at MARTA, Gwinnett, Cobb, GDOT, and ARC for **I-285 Top End Express Lanes Transit initiative**
- ▶ Initiative seeks to **regionally embark on initial preliminary design for project**
- ▶ **Issued split letter on 9/30/21** suballocating funds to eligible ARP recipients and reserving funds for I-285 Top End Express Lanes Transit initiative

# I-285 Top End Express Lanes Transit

## *Regional Preliminary Engineering Initiative*

- ▶ **MOU details funding and collaboration** between ATL, regional operators of MARTA, Gwinnett, and Cobb, as well as critical project partners at GDOT and ARC
- ▶ Operators to jointly **provide funding** to support project costs; mix of ARP and local funds
- ▶ **Each operator to have direct engagement** in visioning, scoping, planning, and conceptual engineering of proposed station locations
- ▶ Efforts will **directly support engagement of developer community** as GDOT proceeds through its planning and project development process for I-285 Top End Express Lanes project(s)
- ▶ **Regionalized I-285 Top End Express Lanes Transit design initiative is a critical component for consideration in the I-285 Top End Express Lanes project**

# I-285 Top End Express Lanes Transit

## *Regional Preliminary Engineering Initiative*

- ▶ Updated breakdown of funding contribution across partners for Regional I-285 Express Lanes Transit Engineering + Design Initiative:

Operator	Top End Eng./Design Funding Contribution
MARTA	\$ 14.28
Cobb	\$ 0.55
Gwinnett	\$ 0.21
Xpress	\$ 1.16
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 16.20</b>

- ▶ MARTA to conduct the procurement and to lead project management on behalf of the regional partners
- ▶ ATL to hold contract for work associated with the project
- ▶ Each regional partner will have direct input and provide direction in deliverables for the project

# I-285 Top End Express Lanes Transit

Regional Preliminary Engineering Initiative

- Staff recommendation:
  - Committee approve recommendation to full Board for approval of Executive Director to negotiate and execute MOU with regional partners

# Thank You.



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## FTA Grant Application Approvals

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# ATL ARP FTA GRANT APPLICATIONS

- ARP suballocation distributed funding to eligible recipients in the region
- Xpress suballocated \$2.20 million in funding that will be used to support ongoing operations of the commuter service
- ATL Planning suballocated \$2.20 million through the regional planning set-aside
  - Funding may be used for regional planning initiatives such as:
    - *Regional Bus Fleet Electrification Strategic Plan*
    - *Future ATL RIDES operational costs*
    - *Other initiatives identified through 2022 ARTP process*
- ATL will be obligating \$1.98 million of ARP funding in a grant for the Regional I-285 Top End Initiative Funding to support activities outlined in MOU

# ATL ARP FTA GRANT APPLICATIONS

<b>Additional ATL FY 22 FTA Grant Applications</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
<b>Xpress ARP Operating Assistance Grant</b>	<b>\$2,204,094</b>
<b>ATL ARP Regional Planning Activities Grant</b>	<b>\$2,406,087</b>
<i>ATL Regional Planning Activities</i>	<i>\$2,202,170</i>
<i>CPACS Transit Strategic Plan</i>	<i>\$203,917</i>
<b>Regional I-285 Top End Initiative Grant</b>	<b>\$1,918,738</b>
<i>Cobb County</i>	<i>\$546,888</i>
<i>Gwinnett County</i>	<i>\$213,645</i>
<i>Xpress Commuter Bus Service</i>	<i>\$1,158,205</i>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,528,919</b>

- Applications will be submitted to allow for distinct tracking of each of the three activities identified in the table
- Any contracts using ARP funding would follow standard contract procedures for Board approval based on dollar threshold

# ATL ARP FTA GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Staff recommendation:
  - Committee approve recommendation to full Board for adoption of the resolution to submit grant applications to FTA



**Thank you | Questions**



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The Regional Transit Planning Committee Meeting  
Will Begin Momentarily