#### ATL COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BEGIN MOMENTARILY



## **Xpress Operations Committee**

Charlotte Nash, Chair October 5, 2023

# Xpress Operations Committee Thursday, October 5, 2023 Proposed Agenda

- I. Call to Order Charlotte Nash, Chair
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2023
- III. Approval of the Agenda for October 5, 2023
- IV. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update Gail Franklin –Action Item
- V. Redefining the Ride Xpress 2.0 Cain Williamson
- VI. Adjournment





## 2024 Update of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Gail Franklin Chief Transit Officer October 5, 2023

#### WHAT IS THE PTASP?

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) is required by Federal regulation for certain operators of public transportation systems that receive federal funds under the FTA <u>Urbanized Area Formula Grants</u> to develop an Agency Safety Plan (ASP) that includes the processes and procedures to implement a Safety Management System (SMS), a comprehensive, collaborative, and systematic approach to managing safety. (49 CFR Part 673)



#### PLAN UPDATE

- ATL Xpress is considered a Small Public Transportation Provider
- Updates Transit Business Unit Org Chart and the SRTA/ATL Organizational Chart
- Sets 2024 Safety Performance Targets
- Revises membership of the PTASP Joint Management/Labor Safety Committee to include:
  - 3 ATL Xpress Managers
  - 3 frontline employees (selected by the Labor Union)

#### 2023 TARGETS AND PERFORMANCE

	Fatalitie s (Total)	Fatalities (per 100,000 VRM)	Injuries (Total)	Injuries per (100,000 VRM)	Safety Events (Total)	Safety Events per 100,000 (VRM)	System Reliability (VRM between failures)
CY Targets	0	0.00	7	0.35	36	1.7	18,000 miles
FY Performance	0	0.00	5	0.25	45	3.19	37,069 miles

### **2024 TARGETS**

	Fatalities (Total)	Fatalities (per 100,000 VRM)	Injuries (Total)	Injuries per (100,000 VRM)	Safety Events (Total)	Safety Events per 100,000 (VRM)	System Reliability (VRM between failures)
CY Targets	0	0.00	7	0.47	36	2.4	20,000 miles



<sup>\*</sup> Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)

## **XPRESS FLEET**

Contractor	Location	ATL Routes	Peak in Buses 2023
Transdev	South Ops	14	48
Transdev	North Ops	11	25
Cobb County	CobbLinc	2	6
Total		27	79



#### **SCHEDULE**

#### April to August

- Plan review and update
- Calculate and update targets

#### September

- PTASP Joint Labor/Management Safety Committee plan approval
- Accountable Executive signs the plan

#### October

- Plan presented to the ATL Xpress Operations Committee
- ATL Board action on the updated ATL Xpress PTASP
- Certification of the plan to FTA



### **ACTION ITEM**



Requesting the Committee recommend Board approval of the 2024 ATL Xpress Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

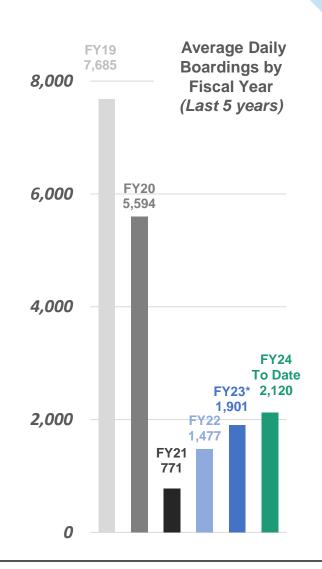




#### **Problem Statement**



- Xpress Ridership has not recovered post-pandemic
- Return to work in traditional office markets is slow
- In-Person Employment Centers (IPECs) not well served by Xpress





## **Project Purpose**

- Improve system efficiency & increase ridership
- Address post-pandemic travel demand and commute patterns
- Be a good steward of public funding
- Address all potential express bus markets and new customers





## Project Scope

- Operational Analysis & Implementation Plan
  - Existing system assessment
  - Park-and-ride lot assessment
  - New market analysis/identification
  - Costing and implementation plan
- Gwinnett & Cobb County Commuter
  Service & Xpress Efficiency Evaluation\*
- 3. Stakeholder and Public Engagement
- 4. Service Change Education Campaign



<sup>\*</sup>Included at the request of Cobb and Gwinnett who will make local decisions based on analysis provided.

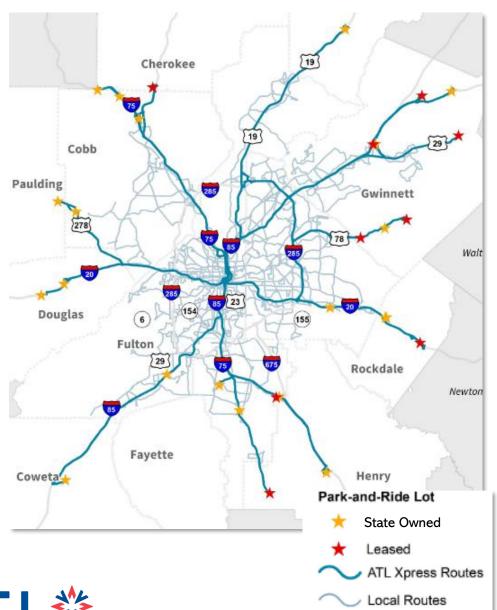
## Operational Analysis: Existing System Assessment

#### **Route/Service Assessment**

- ► Operational Assessment
  - Assess potential route redundancies
  - Examine peak-period on-time performance
  - Consider reverse commute opportunities
  - Examine network/regional connections
  - Includes Xpress, CobbLinc, and Ride Gwinnett
- ➤ System Efficiency Strategies
  - Possible route consolidation
  - Increase efficiency of schedules
  - Potential for reverse commute

#### Park-and-Ride Assessment

- ► Examine lot ownership and costs
- ► Evaluate lot location and relation to other lots
- ► Assess lot utilization, condition, accessibility
- ➤ Viability of route(s) served





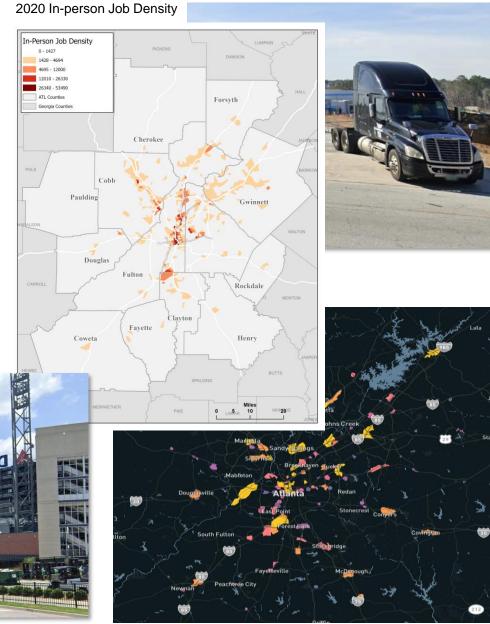
### Operational Analysis: New Market Identification

#### ► In-Person Employment Centers (IPECs)

- Centers with concentration of in-person jobs
  - Healthcare Pill Hill
  - Logistics Fulton Industrial Blvd
  - Transport hubs Airport
- Assess number and density of jobs
  - Density support efficient service delivery
- Analyze which centers may be good candidates for service

#### ► Travel Demand Assessment

- · Assess origins associated with the IPECs
- Focus on cross-jurisdictional trip patterns
- Consider potential new routes



## Operational Analysis: Costing and Implementation Plan

#### **Financial Impact Assessment**

- ► Potential savings from enhanced efficiency
- ► Costs of strategic investment in new IPEC markets
- ► Remaining federal interest in capital assets
- ► Potential impacts to federal formula funding
- ► Committed to cost neutrality or savings

#### **Implementation Plan Development**

- ► Required public engagement
- ► Title VI Analysis of proposed changes
- ► Proposed schedule for any service alterations
- ► Measure Success
  - Increased ridership systemwide
  - Efficiency measures such as: cost per trip and cost per rider
  - Effectiveness measures such as: trips per revenue mile and hour



## Stakeholder and Public Engagement

- ► Changes to service offering require public engagement and Title VI analysis
- ► Initial engagement effort is ongoing
  - Surveys for riders, general public, and employers closed on Oct 1
    - Employer responses 40+
    - Individual responses 1200+
  - Stakeholder meetings with employers
- Additional engagement will be required once draft recommendations are ready



## **Next Steps**

- ► Finalize Initial Recommendations
- ► Conduct Public Engagement
- ► Prepare Draft Study Documentation
- ► Finalize Report
- ► Prepare Draft Education Program Plan





#### Questions & Discussion







## The Administrative Committee Meeting Will Begin Momentarily