ATL COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BEGIN MOMENTARILY



Specially Called Administrative Committee

Earl Ehrhart, Chair

December 7, 2023

Specially Called Administrative Committee Thursday, December 7, 2023 Proposed Agenda

- I. Call to Order Earl Ehrhart, Chair
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2023
- III. Approval of the Agenda for December 7, 2023
- IV. Georgia State University FTA Low-No Emission Grant Application and Subgrant Agreement – Jonathan Ravenelle – Action Item
- V. Adjournment





Georgia State University Low-No Emission Grant Application and Subgrant Agreement

Jonathan Ravenelle, Transit Funding Director December 7, 2023

Overview of Georgia State University's Panther Express Last-Mile Service

- ► Based on student population Georgia State University (GSU) is largest university in Georgia and in the top 10 in U.S.
- ➤ Provides last-mile service between downtown Atlanta, the Fairlie Poplar Business District, Sweet Auburn, and Summerhill



- ➤ Operates 5 routes each weekday
 - Stops along Piedmont Avenue, Forsyth Street, Decatur Street, and Hank Aaron Drive
 - Buses run 7:00am to midnight 5 days a week
 - Delivering over one million rides annually¹
- No fees or IDs required to Board, service is open to the General Public



¹Data self reported by GSU



GSU's Fed. FY23 Low-No Emission Grant Award

- ►GSU was awarded \$22.28M in FTA funding to support the replacement of 21 diesel buses with 18 Zero Emission Buses (ZEB's)
 - · Opportunity for GSU to shift entire fleet to ZEB
- ▶ Buses are currently leased through purchased transportation contract with MV Transit
 - Ten-year lease term ended June 2023
 - GSU now on year-to-year contract with MV Transit
- ➤ GSU requires the support of an FTA Direct Recipient and has requested ATL to serve in this role for the FTA Low-No grant
- ► ATL will be **reimbursed \$42,500** in non-federal funds annually for its support services on the award
- ➤ Supports Governor's initiative for Georgia to be the E-Mobility Capital of the United States

GSU Panther Express Last-Mile Service Route Map





Estimated Project Timeline

Activity	Target Completion Date
FTA Low-No Discretionary Grant Award	June 26, 2023
GSU/ATL MOU and Subgrant Agreement Execution	January 1, 2024
Bus Purchase Order Execution	~April 2024
Bus Delivery + Deployment	~July 2026
Project Closeout	October 2026



GSU's Fed. FY23 Low-No Emission Grant Award

FTA Grant Application	Federal Amount	Funding Type
GA-2024-TBD	\$22,286,745	Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Low-No Emission Discretionary Grant Award

- ► ATL would pass through FTA Low-No award funding to GSU for
 - Purchase of ZEB buses
 - Purchase of charging equipment
 - Project management support
 - Workforce development activities
- ► Match for the FTA award and project is being provided by GSU
- ➤ Pending Board approval, ATL will enter into a Subgrant Agreement with GSU and then submit FTA grant for approval



Committee Action Items

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For approval of the \$22,286,745 –

- Requesting the Committee recommend Board approval for negotiation of Subgrant Agreement with Georgia State University for an amount not to exceed
- 2. Requesting the Committee recommend Board approval for **application** of Federal Transit Administration grant on behalf of Georgia State University







The Xpress Operations Committee Meeting Will Begin Momentarily