

**Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority
245 Peachtree Center Ave., Suite 2300
Atlanta, GA 30303**

**Regional Transit Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes**

October 3, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Buyers
Ricky Clark
Marlene Fosque
Andy Macke
Howard Mosby
Marci Collier Overstreet
Teddy Russell
Robb Pitts
Todd Ver Steeg
Tom Weyandt

Absent

Steve Brock
Russell McMurry
Charolette Nash
Paul Radford
Michael Thurmond

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Howard Mosby, Board Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:51 a.m. A quorum was confirmed for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 1, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Mosby called for a motion to approve the minutes from August 1, 2024 meeting. Mr. Robb Pitts made the motion, and Mr. Teddy Russell seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Vice Chair Mosby called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dan Buyers made the motion and Mr. Tom Weyandt seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

ATLANTA REGIONAL RESERVE

Ms. Abby Marinelli made a presentation on the Atlanta Regional Reserve. ATL is the Designated Recipient for FTA formula funds for the Atlanta Urbanized Area. After a reconciliation effort with the FTA, ATL staff identified approximately \$17M in federal formula funding that had previously been unaccounted for on the region's balance sheets. ATL staff hired a third-party accounting firm to review and confirm the \$17M amount. The firm, Milligan and Co., confirmed the amount. FTA and ATL decided to create a new line item on the regional balance sheet to hold these funds separate from any other eligible recipient's funds in the region. ATL, as the Designated Recipient, intends to spend these funds on regional projects, such as ATL RIDES and AFC2.0., in collaboration with regional partners.

TRANSIT TRUST FUND FY24 ACTION ITEM

Ms. Abby Marinelli gave an update on the FY24 Transit Trust Fund. ATL has a remaining balance from the FY24 TTF allocation of just over \$3.6 million. Staff proposed at the last meeting that \$120,000 be used to provide the matching funds for two additional years of ATL RIDES operations and maintenance. A vote on this proposal will be taken at the Board meeting today. Staff also proposed today that \$1,004,000 of the remaining balance of the FY24 funds be used to fund the regional implementation cost of the upcoming AFC2.0 project. A vote on that proposal will be held at the December board meeting. With approval of both of these expenditures, the FY24 balance of TTF funds will stand at just over \$2.5 million

AUTOMATED FARE COLLECTION 2.0. SYSTEM (AFC 2.0.)

Mr. Nipendra Kayastha gave a presentation on the implementation of the new MARTA led Automated Fare Collection System 2.0 or AFC 2.0. The proposed AFC 2.0. will replace the existing legacy Breeze and Breeze Mobile 2.0. fare collection system. The new system is designed to provide a range of benefits to both agencies and their customers.

AFC 2.0 will be regionally ready from the beginning and will support different regional fares, transfer between participating agencies and will support development of a future regional fare product. It will have enhanced backoffice features, a website and a mobile app for agencies and customers.

AFC 2.0 will be an account-based system, meaning that transit users can manage their transit account just like any banking account in which they could load funds to their account, perform auto loads, check balance, look at usage history and link various fare media or payment methods to a single account.

The new AFC 2.0 vendor, INIT will bring additional retail networks where banked and unbanked customers can load value to their transit account. This will enable customers to purchase or reload fare media, while they are shopping, or running errands, at retail partners.

Mr. Kayastha concluded his presentation by providing a projected timeline of completion.

STRTEGIC BLUEPRINT UPDATE

Ms. Abby Marinelli gave a presentation on the Strategic Blueprint, which included an updated vision for the ATL's long-range plan (the ATL Regional Transit Plan, or ARTP). Abby outlined three pillars for the plan, which are Cross-County Connectivity, Customer Focus, and Competitiveness. Abby concluded her presentation with the next steps for the Strategic Blueprint

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Howard Mosby
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Howard Mosby, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Chris Brunson

Chris Brunson, Board Secretary

DATE MINUTES APPROVED:

12/5/2024
