

ATL BOARD MEETING WILL BEGIN MOMENTARILY



ATL Board of Directors Meeting

Steve Brock, Chair

April 3, 2025

ATL Board Meeting

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Proposed Agenda

- I. Call to Order - Steve Brock, Board Chair
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2025
- III. Approval of the Agenda for April 3, 2025
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Executive Director's Report
- VI. Committee Reports
 1. Administrative Committee
 - Authorization of FTA Grant Submittal Staff - **Action Item**
 - Xpress 5337 Grant Submittal - **Action Item**
 2. Xpress Operations Committee
 - Redefine the Ride Adoption - **Action Item**
 - Xpress Operations Contract Renewal - **Action Item**
 - Fuel Contract Renewal - **Action Item**
- VII. Transit Trust Fund - Abby Marinelli
- VIII. Transit Report - Abby Marinelli
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjournment





Public Comment



Executive Director's Report

Outline

- I. Board Elections & Service Recognition
- II. State Policy Update
- III. Federal Policy Update

ATL Board Elections

- Board Elections for Districts 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 were held on March 18th and 20th
- Tom Weyandt from District 5 and Former CEO Thurmond from District 7 did not seek re-election
- City Councilmember Alex Wan was elected to the District 5 seat and CEO Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was elected to serve District 7
- Andy Macke, Chairman Rob Pitts, and Vice Chair Howard Mosby were all re-elected to serve Districts 1, 3, & 9 respectively
- Thank you to Charlotte Nash, Tom Weyandt, and Former CEO Thurmond for their service



2025 Policy Updates

• STATE

• Legislative Session:

- Convened: January 13th
- Crossover Day: March 6th
- Sine Die: April 4th

• Governor Kemp's AFY25 budget was signed into law on March 6th and the FY26 budget will be finalized by Sine Die

- FY26 Budget in both House and Senate was consistent with the Governor's recommendation of \$9,210,331, with additional direction for the ATL:
 - “Evaluate the function of planning, as transit ridership remains below pre-pandemic levels and transit SPLOST adoption in the region is minimal, and report the findings to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by September 1, 2025.”

• Additional Highlights:

- HB 164: Truck Weight Legislation
- HB 575: GDOT Housekeeping Legislation
- HB 638: MARTA BRT Lane Enforcement Legislation
- SB 68, SB 69: Governor Kemp's Tort Reform Legislation



2025 Policy Updates

FEDERAL

FTA Administrator Nominee Marc Molinaro completed confirmation last week at joint hearing in Senate Banking, Housing, Urban Affairs Committees

Sean McMaster nominated to serve as Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

- Confirmation hearing pending in the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee



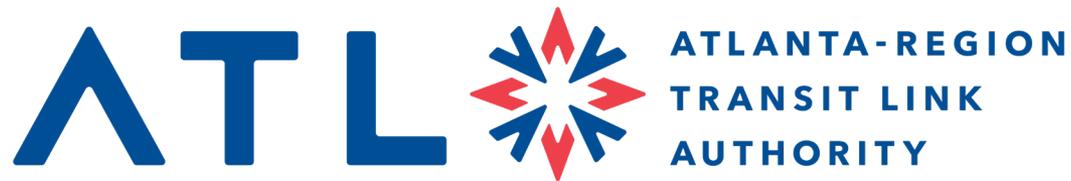
Federal Budget

- FY25 Continuing Resolution passed March 15, funding U.S. Government through September 30
- **\$20.9 billion for public transit**, an increase of <1% from the FY 2024, or **95%** of the amount authorized in the IIJA
- Includes **\$1.05 billion in 5339c Low & No Emissions grants**
- **\$3.8 billion for Capital Investment Grants (CIG)**, equal to the FY 2024 enacted level



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Committee Reports



Transit Trust Fund

Abby Marinelli

Director Of Planning

April 3, 2025

Transit Trust Fund (TTF) FY24 and FY25

	FY24	FY25
TTF Appropriation to ATL	\$12,597,313	\$20,012,973
Allocations by the ATL Board to date	\$10,383,708	\$0
Balance for the Atlanta region	\$2,213,605	\$20,012,973

Transit Trust Fund (TTF)

Previous Allocation Process

- Selected projects from the ARTP that met both the criteria set out by the Trustee and the spend down requirements
- Meet with project sponsors to assess their interest in use of TTF to support identified projects
- Brought mutually agreed upon projects to the Board for review and approval

Proposed Future Process

- Open application process
 - Focus on key project types identified by ATL
 - Provide all details that project sponsors will need to determine if TTF funds are an option for their projects
- Bring recommended projects to the Board for review and approval

Notice of Funding Opportunity

- ▶ June 5, 2025: Release a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- ▶ Examples of project types
 - Technology Projects, such as
 - Cameras
 - Automation
 - Planning Projects, such as
 - Regional Plans
 - County Transit Plans
 - Regional Capital Projects, such as
 - Facilities
 - Vehicles
 - Capital Cost of Contracting

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- ▶ The NOFO will include:
 - Eligibility information
 - Recipients
 - Projects
 - Application Review Information
 - Criteria
 - Process and timeline
 - Award information
 - Maximum dollar amounts to each selected project
 - Cost sharing requirements
 - Award Administration Information
 - Reimbursement procedures
 - Post-award reporting requirements

Transit Trust Fund in the ATL Region

► FY25 Transit Trust Fund Award Timeline

2025

February	ATL-GDOT MOU signed to receive funds
April	Introduce conceptual NOFO approach
June	Final NOFO presented to board Staff releases NOFO to eligible applicants
August	Staff present projects under considerations for TTF awards
October	ATL Board votes to approve TTF project awards, Contracts are signed with project sponsors
Late Fall	Projects kick off and begin drawing funds
December	First project progress reports are due

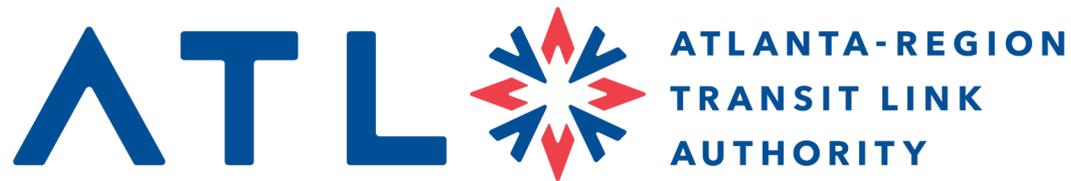


Next Steps

- ▶ The NOFO will open on June 5, 2025
- ▶ ATL staff will report back to the Board on project selection at the August meeting.



Thank you.
Questions?



Transit Report

Abby Marinelli
Director Of Planning
April 3, 2025

Transit Report

- ▶ Previously, the report was known as the “Annual Report and Audit” or “ARA” and was delivered on December 1st
- ▶ Transit Operators and ATL faced challenges with this schedule
 - Transit operators use different fiscal years and federal reporting schedules from each other and from ATL
 - This resulted in difficulty collecting data accurately and efficiently
 - Bottlenecks in data collection resulted in compressed document development schedules

The Transit Report - New Process

- ▶ HB 930: “The authority shall formulate an annual report and audit of all transit planning, funding, and operations within the jurisdiction of the authority”
- ▶ Moving forward, report will be published in October and will contain three sections
 - Transit Planning
 - Transit Funding
 - Transit Operations
- ▶ The Transit Report will reflect the same priorities as the ARTP and the Strategic Blueprint
 - Cross-county Connection
 - Competitiveness
 - Customer Experience
- ▶ New timeline to ease strain on operators and mirror data collection for federal reporting requirements

New Timeline and Next Steps

April 1, 2025	Deadline for transit operators to submit data to National Transit Database for FY24
June 1, 2025	Deadline for transit operators to submit data to ATL
July 1, 2025	First Draft of Transit Report
October 1, 2025	Publication of Final Transit Report

- ▶ ATL will publish a truncated version of the report in October 2025 and fully updated version of the report in October 2026



Thank you.
Questions?



New Business



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