

# **Administrative Committee**

Dan Buyers, Chair

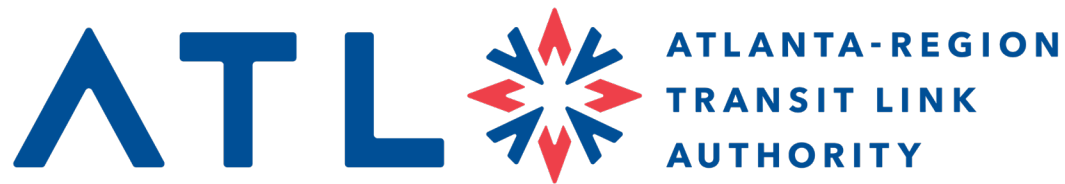
June 5, 2025

# Administrative Committee Meeting

## Thursday, June 5, 2025

### Proposed Agenda

- I. Call to Order - Dan Buyers, Chair
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2025
- III. Approval of the Agenda for June 5, 2025
- IV. FY26 Budget Adoption - Jonathan Ravenelle - **Action Item**
- V. Formula Grant Submittal Approval - Chrislyn Turner - **Action Item**
- VI. Adjournment



# **FY26 Budget Adoption**

Jonathan Ravenelle

Director of Program Implementation

June 5, 2025

# FY26 ATL Budget Highlights

## ► FY25 budget review

- \$4M reduction in State Appropriations for Xpress Commuter Service
  - *“Reduce funds to reflect efficiencies in commuter bus services in metro Atlanta, including coordination with local transit providers and streamlined options for riders”*
  - *“The Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority shall develop an operational plan to downsize Xpress commuter service commensurate with multi-county transit demand, and begin enacting new service levels in FY 2025”*

## ► FY26 ATL budget

- **Implements direction from FY25 budget** by reflecting **cost efficiency reductions in Xpress service** from Redefine the Ride service changes
- Increases Planning Program to support studies and initiatives to be **completed over multiple years**
- Capital investments into state-owned park-and-ride lots and to ensure quality customer experience as part of Redefine the Ride implementation

## ► Leverages new fund sources

- Contributions from Cobb and Gwinnett Counties to Xpress Service
- Transit Trust Fund (TTF) interest to support administration of the TTF Program



# FY26 Budget Highlights – Xpress Program

## Operations Budget Highlights

- ▶ **32% decrease in FY26 Xpress service contracts (Transdev and Cobb)**  
due to upcoming Redefine the Ride Service changes
  - \$14.6M in FY25 to \$10.0M in FY26
- ▶ **15% decrease in total Xpress operating budget**
  - \$25M in FY25 to \$21.2M in FY26
- ▶ **Receiving new fund sources** to support streamlined Regional Commuter Service (*pending Board Approval*)
  - Gwinnett County Xpress Contribution - \$2.6M
  - Cobb County Xpress Contribution - \$393K

## Capital Budget Highlights

- ▶ Capital budget is for park-and-ride maintenance and South Operations Facility Bus Wash replacement
  - Current leased lots need to be repaired to level at which they were first leased
  - State-owned lots require State of Good Repair updates in FY26
  - South Operations Facility Bus Wash Replacement



# FY26 Budget Highlights – Planning Program

## ► Increase in FY26 budget due to obligation of funds for **several multi-year planning contracts** beginning in and being **fully budgeted within FY26**

- 2026 ATL Regional Transit Plan (ARTP) (*State requirement*)
- Xpress In-Person Employment Center (IPEC) Transit Study Phase 1 & 2
- Regional Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan Update (*Federal requirement*)
- ATL Transit Report (*State requirement*)
- Regional Vanpool Program Analysis
- Regional Technology Program Study

## ► **Funded with 80% federal funds**

# FY26 Base Budget – Agency Overview

Expenditure by Class	Planning	Xpress		FY26 Total Program Expenditures Budget
		Operating	Capital	
Personal Services	\$ 2,267,904	\$ 3,407,162	\$ -	\$ 5,675,067
Regular Operating Expenses	\$ 123,879	\$ 2,306,363	\$ -	\$ 2,430,242
IT Expenditures	\$ 603,614	\$ 1,354,079	\$ -	\$ 1,957,693
Real Estate Rentals	\$ 180,855	\$ 180,855	\$ -	\$ 361,710
Telecommunications	\$ 137,037	\$ 97,100	\$ -	\$ 234,137
Contracts	\$ 6,483,619	\$ 13,948,858	\$ 8,300,000	\$ 28,732,477
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 9,796,908</b>	<b>\$ 21,294,418</b>	<b>\$ 8,300,000</b>	<b>\$ 39,391,326</b>
Revenues by Source	Planning	Xpress		FY26 Total Program Revenue Budget
		Operating	Capital	
State Appropriations <sup>1</sup>	\$ 2,319,165	\$ 6,891,166	\$ -	\$ 9,210,331
Federal Funds	\$ 5,208,168	\$ 7,451,983	\$ 6,640,000	\$ 19,300,151
Fare Revenue	\$ -	\$ 1,216,000	\$ -	\$ 1,216,000
County Contributions	\$ -	\$ 3,010,715	\$ -	\$ 3,010,715
Other Funds	\$ 2,269,575	\$ 2,724,554	\$ 1,660,000	\$ 6,654,129
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 9,796,908</b>	<b>\$ 21,294,418</b>	<b>\$ 8,300,000</b>	<b>\$ 39,391,326</b>

<sup>1</sup>State Appropriations funding source is Transportation Trust Funds

# FY26 Budget Approval

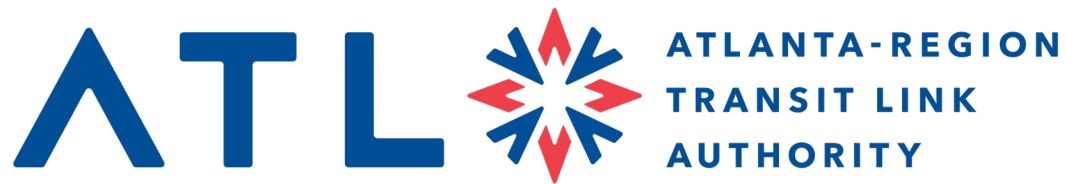


Staff requests the Administrative Committee recommend Board approval of the FY26 Budget resolution





**Thank you**  
**Questions?**



# Formula Grant Submittal

Chrislyn Turner

Director of Administration

June 5, 2025

# ATL's Formula Grant Submission

- ▶ Federal formula funds are allocated annually through federal programs from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
  - Urbanized Area Formula Program: Section 5307
  - Bus Facilities Formula Grants: Section 5339(a)
- ▶ ATL will submit a new grant application for FY26 5307 and 5339(a) formula funds
- ▶ If ATL does not draw down funds in a timely manner, they may lapse to be reallocated to other regions or agencies

# ATL FY26 Grant Application - 5307

- ▶ Section 5307 eligible uses include regional planning, capital cost of contracting, preventive maintenance, mobility management, project administration, and capital needs
  
- ▶ ATL will submit a request for \$8.7M, to FTA which will support
  - \$4.9M will support Xpress Services
    - Preventive maintenance
    - Capital Cost of Contracting for Vanpool and Xpress service delivery (Transdev and Enterprise contracts)
  
  - \$3.8M will support multi-year Regional Planning contracts
    - In-Person Employment Center (IPEC) Study
    - Atlanta Regional Transit Plan (ARTP)

# ATL FY26 Grant Application - 5339(a)

- ▶ Section 5339(a) eligible uses include vehicle replacements, equipment, technology upgrades, and capital expenditures
- ▶ ATL will submit a request to FTA in the amount of \$1,036,000 to support Xpress operations and maintenance

# ATL FY26 Grant Application

ATL FY26 FTA Grant Application	Amount	Purpose
GA-2025-TBD	\$8,700,000	New application with Section 5307 funding for FY 2026 Xpress and Vanpool operations including capital cost of contracting, preventive maintenance, and mobility management, as well as regional planning activities
GA-2025-TBD	\$1,036,000	New application with Section 5339(a) funding for FY 2026 Xpress capital cost of contracting to support Transdev contract

# ATL FY26 Grant Application Submittal



ACTION ITEM

- ▶ Staff requests the Administrative Committee recommend Board approve submission of the FTA grant for Xpress 5307 Formula Funds totaling \$8,700,000
- ▶ Staff requests the Administrative Committee recommend Board approve submission of the FTA grant for Xpress 5339(a) Formula Funds totaling \$1,036,000



**Thank you**  
**Questions?**





**ADJOURN**

**The Transit Planning Committee Meeting  
Will Begin Momentarily**