

# **Transit Planning Committee**

Steve Brock, Chair

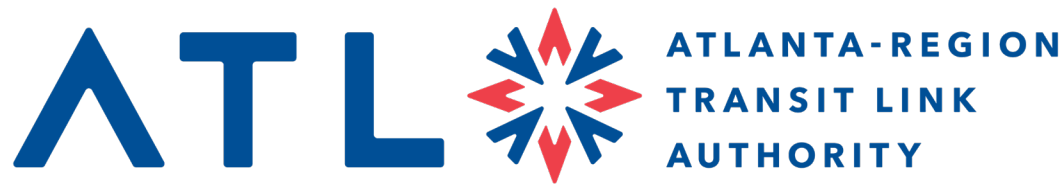
June 5, 2025

# Transit Planning Committee Meeting

## Thursday, June 5, 2025

### Proposed Agenda

- I. Call to Order - Steve Brock, Chair
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2025
- III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2025
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for June 5, 2025
- V. Proposal for Award of Remaining FY24 Transit Trust Fund - **Action Item**
- VI. FY25 Transit Trust Fund Competitive Process
- VII. Bond List - First Read
- VIII. Adjournment



# **Proposal for Award of Remaining FY24 Transit Trust Fund**

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# FY24 TTF Balance

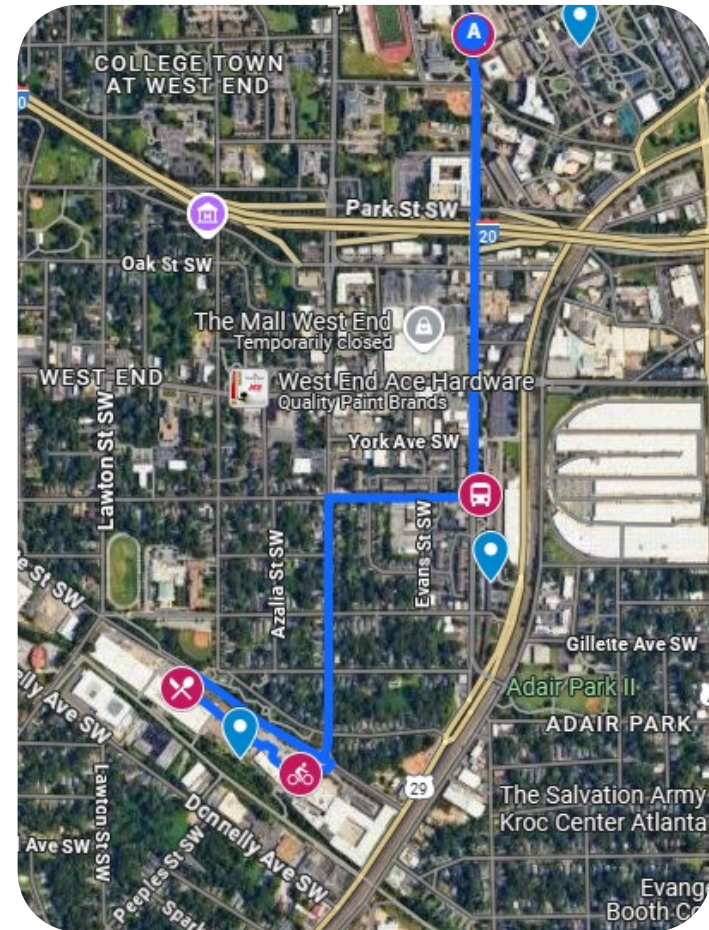
- ▶ TTF Trustee requires FY24 funds be “utilized by FY27”

	<b>FY24</b>
TTF Appropriation to ATL	\$12,597,313
Allocations by the ATL Board to date	\$10,383,708
<b>Balance for the Atlanta region</b>	<b>\$2,213,605</b>

- ▶ ATL staff recommend two projects for the spend down of FY24 TTF funds:
  - Atlanta Beltline, Inc. Automated Vehicle – World Cup Pilot Connecting to the Westside Trail
  - Xpress In-Person Employment Center Transit Study

# Beltline/Beep Pilot Project

- ▶ The Beltline is requesting funds to support the deployment of a Beep automated shuttle pilot project during the 2026 World Cup, connecting to the Westside Trail
- ▶ The pilot would operate for 1 year
  - 4 vehicles operating 10 hours per day over a 2-mile route
  - Key destinations include Atlanta University Center, MARTA's West End Station, Atlanta Beltline Southwest Trail

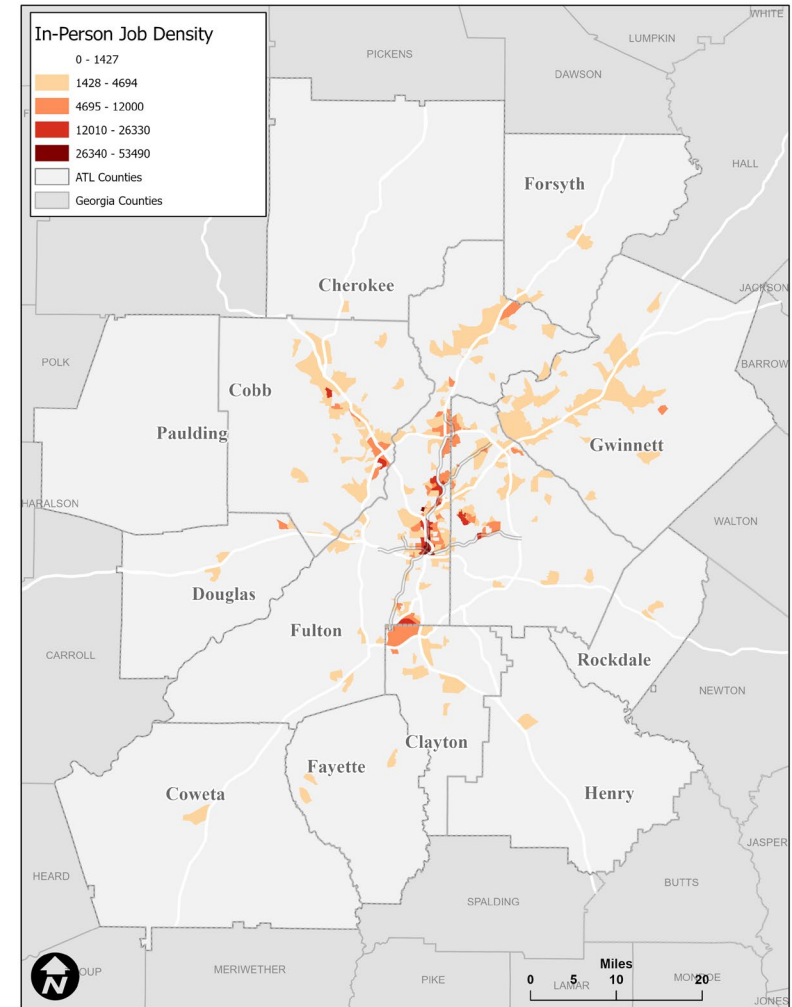


# Beltline Award

- ▶ Total project cost is estimated at \$3 million
- ▶ ATL staff recommend a TTF award of **\$1.75 million**
  - \$1.75M for a \$3M total project cost represents **58%** of the total project cost
- ▶ ATL staff are developing project metrics that will be required to be reported semi-annually by ABI starting in December 2025, such as
  - Ridership data (how many passengers, origins, destinations)
  - Service data (trips, how many vehicles, operating hours)
  - Safety data (incidents inside and outside the vehicle)
  - Details of interventions by human operators
  - Other metrics

# Xpress In-Person Employment Center Transit Study

- ▶ The Strategic Blueprint and RtR have identified In-Person Employment Centers (IPECs) as potential future destinations for Xpress service
- ▶ ATL staff recommend an IPEC Study completed in two phases
  - Phase 1: Identification of IPECs, Customers, and Potential Transit Services
  - Phase 2: Service-level study with detailed costs and routes (*to be proposed for funding at a later date*)



# Xpress IPECs Transit Study (Phase 1) Award

- ▶ Based on previous studies recently completed, ATL staff expect Phase 1 of the Xpress IPECs Transit Study to cost \$800,000
- ▶ ATL staff recommend a TTF Award of \$463,605 to be matched with federal funds
  - \$463k contributes **58%** towards the total project cost.
- ▶ All TTF-funded planning studies will report metrics related to progress of plan development
- ▶ Scope elements include the identification of IPEC locations, a supply and demand analysis, corridor selection, and a financial analysis



# Current TTF Balances

	<b>FY24</b>
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Allocations by the ATL Board to-date	(\$10,383,708)
<b>Balance for the Atlanta region</b>	<b>\$2,213,605</b>
ABI World Cup Pilot Award	(\$1,750,000)
Xpress IPECs Study (Phase 1) Award	(\$463,605)
<b>New Balance for the Atlanta region</b>	<b>\$0</b>

# Action at the Board Meeting

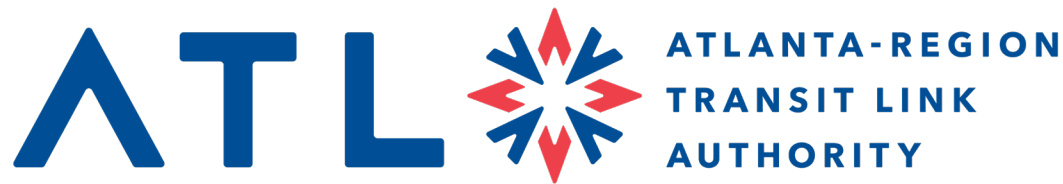
► **At the ATL Board Meeting, staff will request Board approval of two awards from the FY24 Transit Trust Fund:**

- \$1,750,000 for the Atlanta Beltline, Inc. Automated Vehicle – World Cup Pilot Connecting to the Westside Trail
- \$463,605 for the Xpress In-Person Employment Center Transit Study



**Questions?**

**Thank you**



# **FY25 Transit Trust Fund Competitive Process**

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# Transit Trust Fund (TTF) FY25

	<b>FY25</b>
TTF Appropriation to ATL	\$20,012,973
Allocations by the ATL Board to date	(\$0)
<b>Balance for the Atlanta region</b>	<b>\$20,012,973</b>



# Transit Trust Fund (TTF)

## Prior Years' Process

- Selected projects from the ARTP that met both the criteria set out by the Trustee and the spend down requirements
- Met 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

## This Year's Process

- Competitive Awards
- Publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- 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
- Strategic Blueprint's 3C's:
  - Competitiveness
  - Customer focus
  - Cross-County Connections

# NOFO Released Today

- ▶ June 5, 2025: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released today
- ▶ August 1, 2025: Deadline to submit application
  
- ▶ Eligible Project Types
  - Technology Projects, such as
    - Cameras
    - Automation
  - Planning Projects, such as
    - Regional Plans
    - County Transit Plans
  - Small Regional Capital Projects, such as
    - Facilities
    - Vehicles
    - Capital Cost of Contracting

# Summary of FY25 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- ▶ Eligible applicants include existing transit providers, local governments, CIDs, and others
- ▶ No minimums or maximums of awards
- ▶ Cost sharing is highly encouraged and will make applications more competitive
- ▶ Funds will be available on a reimbursement basis
- ▶ Project selection criteria includes
  - Comports with the Strategic Blueprint's 3C's:
    - Competitiveness
    - Customer focus
    - Cross-County Connections
  - Project readiness
  - Alignment with existing plans (local or regional)
  - Availability of matching funds
  - Alignment with the Trustee's FY25 Letter



# FY25 Outreach Plan for Transit Trust Funds

- ▶ NOFO will be directly distributed to eligible recipients via the region's Transit Operators Group
- ▶ ATL will issue a press release and post the NOFO on ATL's website

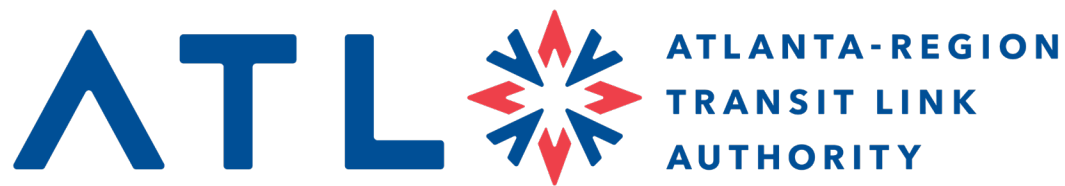
# Transit Trust Fund in the ATL Region

## ► FY25 Transit Trust Fund Award Timeline

2025	
June	Final NOFO presented to Board Staff releases NOFO to eligible applicants
August	Staff presents summary of applications received
October	Staff presents projects recommended for TTF awards
December	ATL Board votes to approve TTF project awards and contracts are signed with project sponsors
Winter/Spring 2026	Projects kick off and begin drawing funds
June 2026	First project progress reports are due



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



# Bond List-First Read

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# ATL's Bond List Requirement

► Per OCGA § 50-39-4(j), ATL is required to submit a bond list

**“The authority shall annually submit a report of projects of regional and state significance from the regional transit plan to the Office of Planning and Budget, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for consideration by such parties for inclusion in the bond package for the upcoming fiscal year budget...”**

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- ▶ Per Ga. Const. Art. VII, § IV, general obligation bonds require:
  - State ownership of the bonded asset
  - Spend down of bond funds within 5 years

# Eligible Bond Projects FY27

- ▶ No eligible projects identified

# ARTP will guide Bond List development

- ▶ ARTP's 6-year list may identify projects that can meet the state's spend down requirement and would form the basis of project selection



# Next Steps

- ▶ ATL Board will review and consider staff's final recommendations at the August Board meeting
- ▶ Submission to OPB due September
- ▶ ATL staff will submit the Board's decision from the August Board meeting



**Thank you**  
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**The ATL Board Of Directors Meeting Will  
Begin Momentarily**