



DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

File ID: 2026-0813

Substitute

5/12/2026

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Public Works - Transportation

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Districts

Acceptance of Funds from the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (The ATL) for the DeKalb County Transit Master Plan Update

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PURPOSE:

To consider accepting and appropriating \$625,000.00 from the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority into a new CIP account to update the 2019 DeKalb County Transit Master Plan; and

To consider authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents for the completion of the project.

NEED/IMPACT:

The ATL selected the DeKalb County Transit Master Plan update to be funded by the FY 2025 Transit Trust Fund. The DeKalb County Master Transit Plan scope of work seeks to define the current and future (25+ year) needs of both transit dependent and choice riders within and traveling to/from the County; define the types of transportation solutions to meet these needs, identify key, economic and community development (including transit-oriented development) opportunities that would be catalyzed by transit infrastructure investments and make recommendations to amend the MARTA Rapid Transit Cooperative Assistance Agreement (RTCAA) to define DeKalb County's new priority project list.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This grant does not require a local match. This is a companion item for 2026-0814 and will fund the required local match for item 2026-0814. For the plan to proceed, both items need to be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept and appropriate \$625,000.00 from the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (The ATL) into a new CIP account to update the 2019 DeKalb County Transit Master Plan; and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents for the completion of the project.



Steve Brock
Chairman
Jannine Miller
Executive Director

February 25, 2026

The Honorable Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, CEO
Michelle Long Spears, Presiding Officer of the Board of Commissioners
Zach Williams, COO
DeKalb County
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, GA 30030

Dear Madam CEO Cochran-Johnson, Presiding Officer Long Spears, and Mr. Williams,

On behalf of the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (The ATL), we are pleased to inform you that your FY 2025 Transit Trust Fund (TTF) application for the DeKalb County Transit Master Plan has been awarded \$625,000.

This award comes from the State of Georgia's TTF, which directs state fees collected from for-hire ground transportation trips (e.g., rideshare, taxis, and limos) to support transit projects statewide. The TTF was established in 2021 by statute, and the Trustee of the Fund, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Commissioner Russell McMurry, allocates a portion of the Fund to the ATL Board, which then awards funding to projects across the region.

This year, The ATL implemented a new competitive process for awarding Transit Trust Funds (TTF). The ATL solicited project proposals from eligible applicants and evaluated them using the agency's Strategic Blueprint: competitiveness, customer focus, and cross-county connections. The ATL Board prioritized projects that advanced capital improvements, regional planning, and technology initiatives, and voted to approve the FY2025 TTF projects on December 4, 2025.

As part of the Transit Trust Fund award process, awardees are required to submit semi-annual project status reports. The report must be submitted to the ATL by June 15 and December 15 of each calendar year. The reporting template will be provided in the project funding agreement (exhibit D). These semi-annual updates ensure that the ATL Board remains informed throughout the duration of the project.

As a next step, our ATL staff will soon be in contact with your staff to initiate the project funding agreement process. The ATL is pleased to continue our partnership with DeKalb County and look forward to the successful implementation of this project and future collaboration efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jannine Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jannine" being more prominent than the last name "Miller".

Jannine Miller
Executive Director
Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority