



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**BOARD WORK SESSION**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Rita Scott called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M.

**Board Members**

**Present:**

Al Pond  
Stacy Blakley  
William Floyd  
Freda Hardage  
Russell McMurry<sup>1</sup>  
Kathryn Powers  
Rita Scott  
Reginald Snyder  
Heather Aquino<sup>1</sup>

**Board Members**

**Absent:**

Roberta Abdul-Salaam  
Robert Ashe III  
Jim Durrett  
Roderick Frierson  
Thomas Worthy  
Rod Mullice

**Staff Members Present:**

Collie Greenwood  
Melissa Mullinax  
Ralph McKinney  
Raj Srinath  
Luz Borrero

<sup>1</sup>Russell McMurry is Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Heather Aquino is the Interim Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA). Per the MARTA Act, both are non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

Rhonda Allen  
Manjeet Ranu  
Peter Andrews  
George Wright

**Also in Attendance:**

Justice Leah Ward Sears  
Kirk Talbott  
George Wright  
Jonathan Hunt  
Colleen Kiernan  
Paula Nash  
Keri Lee  
Colleen Kiernan  
Donna DeJesus

**2. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Approval of the August 11, 2022 Work Session minutes**

Approval of the August 11, 2022, Work Session minutes. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Pond, the motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 8 members present.

**Affordable Connectivity Program**

**3. GM/CEO REPORT**

**Employee Town Hall**

**Diversity & Inclusion Briefing**

**Recent Federal Visits**

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Litigation**

**Personnel**

**5. OTHER MATTERS**

Respectfully submitted,



Tyrene L. Huff  
Assistant Secretary to the Board

YouTube link: <https://youtube.com/live/4I6g48K8thc?feature=share>

# Employee Town Hall

**MAKE YOUR  
VOICE HEARD**

**Monday, September 12**

**10 AM - 11:30 AM**

**OR 6 PM - 7:30 PM**

Interim General Manager/CEO Collie Greenwood will be on hand to answer questions and share what's on the horizon at MARTA!

**Join the conversation live in the HQ ATRIUM  
or online, depending on your work availability.**



Share your questions and concerns via email before the meeting at [employeetownhall@itsmarta.com](mailto:employeetownhall@itsmarta.com) or by leaving a message at [404-848-3008](tel:404-848-3008). Please include your name and work location.

Additional town halls to follow in the garages in late September.  
*Check your email for a calendar invite with online access.*





# Diversity & Inclusion Outreach Events

Board Work Session – September 8, 2022

## DBE/Small Business Roundtable

- ❖ Event: Host a Small Group of DBEs or Small Businesses that are doing business with MARTA.
- ❖ Purpose: Give small businesses the opportunity to have an open, candid discussion about issues and/or concerns and to develop resolutions to common concerns within the MARTA small business community.
- ❖ Date: Friday, September 9, 2022 – 1:00 – 4:00
- ❖ 13 DBEs/Small Businesses Invited
- ❖ Will function like a listening session.
- ❖ Limited MARTA staff.
- ❖ Plan to have more Roundtable events in the future.



## Atlanta Transportation Bonding Education Program (BEP)

- ❖ The US Department of Transportation Bonding Education Program (BEP) works with The Surety and Fidelity Association of America and other bond producers to help small businesses become bond ready.
- ❖ Mission: Increase small businesses' economic competitiveness to maximize opportunities by becoming surety bonded and compete for transportation –related contracts through education and resources to understand risk management, safety, workforce development and company capabilities.
- ❖ Purpose: Participants will receive a greater understanding on how to increase their access to capital and their current bond line. (Build Capacity)

## BEP - Benefits

- ❖ Participants will receive information on upcoming transportation construction projects;
- ❖ Meet one on one with SBA bond surety producers;
- ❖ Receive a growth analysis on their business from experienced construction professionals;
- ❖ Obtain information regarding the upcoming bipartisan infrastructure law's federally funded projects.



## **BEP – Small Business Building Big**

- ❖ This program is hosted by the Greater Atlanta Economic Alliance.
- ❖ The USDOT Mid-South Atlantic Small Business Transportation Resource Center funds the BEP.
  
- ❖ **The last time BEP was held in the Atlanta area was 2016.**
  
- ❖ Event: Eight weeks of classes related to bonding and construction projects.
- ❖ Stakeholders: MARTA, Skanska, City of Atlanta, GDOT, SBA, Clayton County, Cobb County, DeKalb County and Fulton County.
- ❖ Date: Kick-off Event September 13, 2022 – 3:00 – 5:00 (MARTA Atrium)
- ❖ Close-out Event - November - Skanska





Thank You





# **New Federal & State Funding 2022 YTD**

September 8, 2022

Collie Greenwood  
Interim GM/CEO

## More than **\$92 Million** in New Funding from Competitive Grants & Congressionally Directed Spending in 2022

Amount	Project	Type
\$15M	Clayton O &M	Bus & Bus Facilities Discretionary
\$5M	Clayton O &M	Senator Warnock earmark
\$3.85M	Electric bus	Senator Ossoff earmark
\$1M	Brookhaven station	Rep. McBath earmark
\$13.8M	Five Points station	GA Transit Trust Fund
\$25M	Five Points	RAISE Grant
\$19.3M	Electric Bus	LowNo Competitive
\$3.2M	MPD	FEMA grant (MPD)
\$851K	Fresh MARTA Markets	USDA Competitive Grant
\$970K	Clayton TOD/Land Use Study	FTA Competitive Grant
\$1M	Stonecrest Transit Hub	Rep. Johnson earmark
\$1M	Safe Routes to Transit	Rep. Johnson earmark
\$1M	Safe Routes to Transit	Rep. Williams earmark
\$1M	Justice Center Transit Hub	Rep. Scott earmark
\$1M	Safe Routes to Transit	Rep. Scott earmark



# Five Points RAISE Grant Announcement with White House Senior Advisor on Infrastructure Mitch Landrieu and Congresswoman Nikema Williams

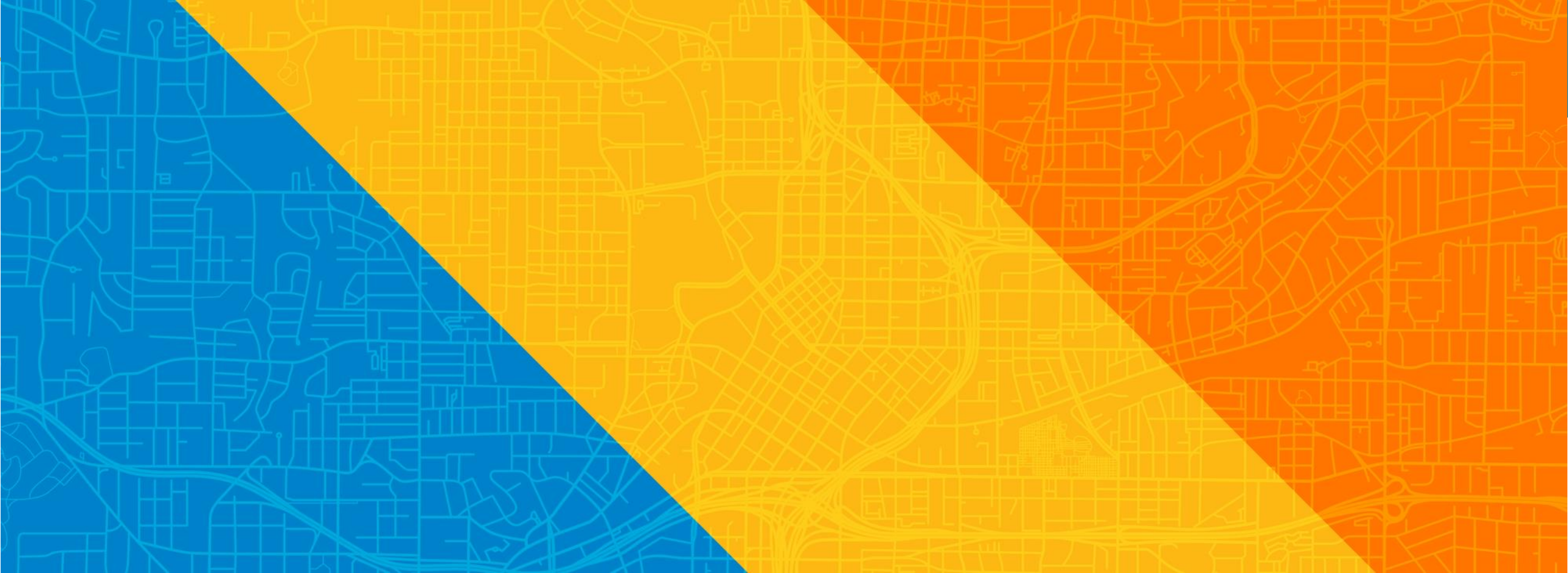
*August 11, 2022*



Low No Grant Award Announcement  
for Electric Buses with FTA  
Administrator Nuria Fernandez,  
Region IV Administrator Yvette  
Taylor and Board Chair Rita Scott

*August 23, 2022*





Thank You

