



# U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration

## FTA Update

**GAMPO Meeting  
November 30, 2010**

*Keith Melton, Community Planner  
Parris Orr, Community Planner*





# Overview

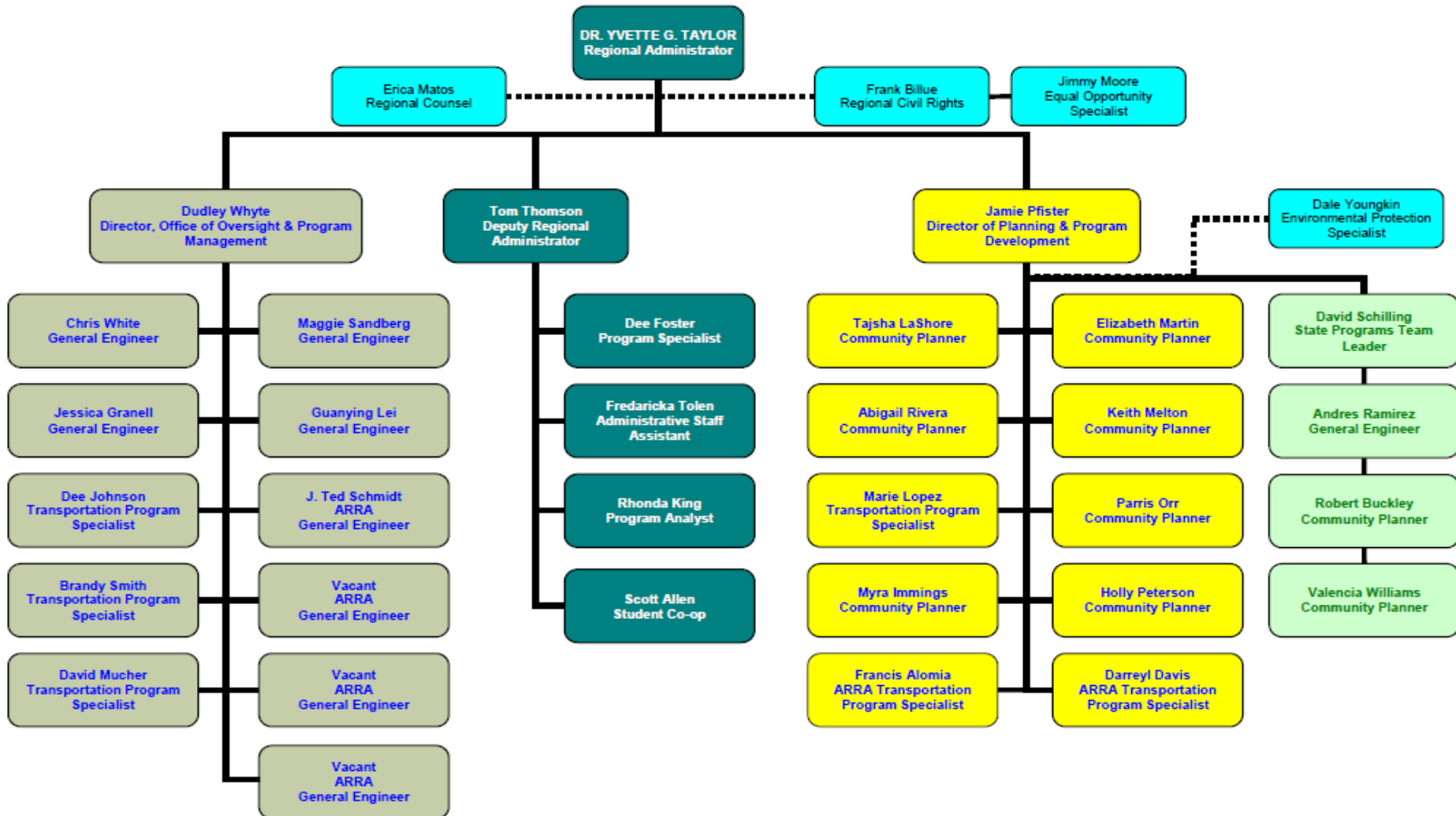
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# FTA Organizational Update

## Federal Transit Administration – Region IV Organizational Chart





# FTA Organizational Update

## FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – REGION IV

### Geographic Assignments

State	Planning & Development	Management & Oversight	ARRA Management & Oversight
Alabama	Holly Peterson**	Guanying Lei	Guanying Lei***
Kentucky	Robert Buckley	David Mucher	J. Ted Schmidt
Mississippi	Valencia Williams	David Mucher	J. Ted Schmidt
North Carolina*	Myra Immings	Guanying Lei	Guanying Lei***
Puerto Rico	Abigail Rivera	Jessica Granell	Francis Alomia***
South Carolina	Holly Peterson**	Brandy Smith	J. Ted Schmidt
Tennessee (except Memphis & Nashville) (Memphis & Nashville only)	Elizabeth Martin	Brandy Smith	J. Ted Schmidt
	Elizabeth Martin	David Mucher	J. Ted Schmidt

\*Charlotte, NC has been included on the Large TMA team for planning and grants (see below)

\*\*From 11/1 - 2/1, while Holly is on leave, Andres Ramirez will be assigned to AL and Abigail Rivera to SC.

\*\*\*ARRA Oversight Temporary Assignments

Pilot Team (GA, FL, Charlotte)	Planning & Environment	Grant Development & Management	Engineering & Oversight	Additional Grant & Oversight Support
Larger TMAs Atlanta, Charlotte, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	Keith Melton	Tajsha Lashore	Margarita Sandberg (except Charlotte)	Francis Alomia
Smaller TMAs and Small UZAs Augusta, Columbus Savannah, all other FL TMAs, Small UZAs	Parris Orr	Darreyl Davis	Christopher White	Francis Alomia
ARRA Management & Oversight	Florida Districts 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6		Francis Alomia***	
	Florida Districts 1 & 7 Georgia		J. Ted Schmidt J. Ted Schmidt***	

State DOT Team	Planning / Development & Management / Oversight	ARRA Management & Oversight
ALDOT / ADSS	Andres Ramirez	Guanying Lei***
FDOT	Andres Ramirez	Francis Alomia
GDOT, GDHR	Robert Buckley	Francis Alomia
KYTC	Robert Buckley	J. Ted Schmidt
MSDOT	Valencia Williams	J. Ted Schmidt
NCDOT	David Schilling	Guanying Lei***
SCDOT	David Schilling	J. Ted Schmidt
TDOT	Valencia Williams	J. Ted Schmidt
Virgin Islands	David Schilling	Francis Alomia

### Regional Resources

Regional Counsel (Legal)	Erica Matos	
Regional Civil Rights Officer	Frank Billue	Jimmy Moore
Environmental Protection Specialist	Dale Youngkin	(vacant)
Financial (Reservations, Obligations)	Marie Lopez	
ECHO, Oversight Reviews	Dee Johnson	



# GA-FL Pilot "Team A"

- Georgia Urbanized Area (Over 200K) – Atlanta
  - Planning & NEPA – Keith Melton
    - 404-865-5614, keith.melton@dot.gov
  - Grant Development & Management - Tajsha LaShore
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  - Engineering, Oversight & Construction Grants Management – Maggie Sandberg
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# GA-FL Pilot "Team B"

- Georgia Urbanized Area (Over 200K) - Augusta, Columbus & Savannah
  - Planning & NEPA - Elizabeth "Parris" Orr
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  - Grants Development & Management - Darreyl Davis
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  - Engineering, Oversight & Construction Grants Management - Chris White
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# GDOT

- Georgia DOT (Rural and Urbanized Areas < 200K) Representatives
  - Planning, NEPA, Program and Grant Development (Pre-award) and Program Management (Post-award)
    - Robert Buckley, 404-865-5618, [robert.buckley@dot.gov](mailto:robert.buckley@dot.gov)
- ARRA
  - Francis Alomia, 404-865-5638, [francis.alomia@dot.gov](mailto:francis.alomia@dot.gov)





# GA-FL Grants Managers

- Coordination of all available and lapsing funds
- Pre-Award Grant Application Reviews and Development
- Manage and provide oversight to grants that contain:
  1. Operating Assistance or Planning Only (5307)
  2. Capital Equipment Purchases
  3. Non-Construction activities
- Qtrly/Annual Reports (FFR/MPR) in TEAM
- Grant Amendments
- Budget Revisions
- Inactive Grants
- Grant Closeouts





# GA-FL Planners

- Capital Project Development
- New Starts, Small Starts, Very Small Starts (Fixed Guideway Projects) Project Development and Associated Grants
- Feasibility Studies
- AA Studies and Associated Grants
- TIP/STIP Review, Approval, Amendments
- UPWPs
- LRTPs
- TMA Planning Certification Reviews
- Air Quality Conformity
- NEPA
- MPOs





# GA-FL Engineers

Manage and Provide Oversight to Grants (and projects) that contain:

1. Engineering, Design, and Construction
  2. Preventive Maintenance
  3. Real Estate / ROW Acquisition
  4. Rail Vehicle Acquisition and Track Maintenance
  5. Vehicle Procurement
- Pre-Award Technical Review of Grant Applications
  - New Starts, Small Starts, Very Small Starts (Fixed Guideway Projects) Project Management and Oversight
  - Task Order Managers for Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC)
  - Technical Reviews of Design & Construction, PE, FD
  - Qtrly/Annual Reports (FFR/MPR) in TEAM
  - Procurement issues / Buy America compliance
  - Oversight Reviews – Triennials, Specialized Reviews (as needed)
  - Annual Grantee Assessments
  - Budget Revisions, Inactive Grants, Grant Closeouts





# Georgia FY 2010 Funding

## FY 2010 Grant Awards – Georgia

<b>FY 2010 Grant Awards – Region IV</b> (Table does not include ARRA awards)		
<b>UZA</b>	<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>Total Obligations</b>
Alabama	21	\$38,613,119
Florida	82	\$344,475,774
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$184,155,452</b>
Kentucky	24	\$39,546,574
Mississippi	7	\$25,347,054
North Carolina	49	\$120,513,686
Puerto Rico	16	\$48,979,560
South Carolina	29	\$40,215,106
Tennessee	47	\$79,135,319
Virgin Islands	0	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>\$920,981,644</b>

Formula and Discretionary - 36 Grants - \$184M





# Planning and Program Development

<b>October 29, 2010</b>	<p>TEAM reopens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Execute FY 2010 Awards</li> <li>• Pin FY 2011 Certifications and Assurances</li> <li>• Update Recipient Information Screen, which includes contact info for agency personnel</li> <li>• Check the Civil Rights screen to prevent delays from lapsed/expired programs</li> <li>• Begin entering Draft Grants for carryover balances, if known</li> </ul>
<b>November 5, 2010</b>	Carryover notifications emailed by FTA to grantees and cc to MPOs
<b>December 1, 2010</b>	<p>Response due to FTA regarding carryover and lapsing fund applications;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response should include a schedule for your applications and if you intend to lapse any funding</li> </ul>
<b>April 29, 2011</b>	<p>Region IV lapsing grant deadline for all draft grants requiring DOL certification to be entered in TEAM and under FTA to review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After you have ensured that the draft application has been entered accurately and completely, please notify your FTA representative to review the application.</li> </ul>
<b>May 31, 2011</b>	<p>Region IV lapsing grant deadline for submission to DOL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant submissions for lapsing funds after this date will be handled on a case-by-base basis and may not make it through the grant review process in sufficient time to obligate during the FY.</li> <li>• DOL can take up to 30-60 days.</li> <li>• Following DOL certification, discretionary grants will be sent for Congressional Release (which can take 30-60 days).</li> </ul>
<b>June – July, 2011</b>	<p>Review and processing of current year and non-lapsing Grant Applications and non-DOL grant applications; Discretionary Grants in Release</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will prioritize the carryover and new FY apportionment application reviews during this period, particularly if the apportionment notice is late (FY 2010 was published in May 2010).</li> </ul>
<b>July 31, 2011</b>	Review IV grant deadline for non-DOL grant applications.
<b>August – September, 2011</b>	<p>Obligations, Awards, and Execution of Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During this time, we expect to obligate and award the funding that has been in process since May. This will include grants returning from DOL and if discretionary funding, following their release.</li> </ul>





# Planning and Program Development

- LAPSING Deadlines
- Region IV lapsing grant deadline for all draft grants requiring DOL certification to be entered in TEAM and under FTA review:
  - April 29, 2011
- Region IV lapsing grant deadline for submission to DOL:
  - May 31, 2011





# Planning and Program Development

## FY 2010 Lessons Learned

- Annual apportionment notice published later and later – start working on carryover lapsing NOW
- Eligibility: Confirm for JARC/NF and Earmarks
- TIP/STIP
  - Properly program projects in current approved TIP/STIPs
  - Ensure projects carryover with any TIP/STIP updates
  - Ensure Flex funds in STIP
  - Ensure JARC/NF lump sums included in TIPs
- Grant Amendments
  - When possible add to existing applications





# Planning and Program Development

## FY 2010 Lessons Learned

- NEPA – Work in consultation with FTA to determine appropriate class of action
- Submit NEPA documents for FTA review early (don't wait until grant is submitted in TEAM)
- If NEPA services are procured, grantee must review, concur with environmental finding and request appropriate FTA review/approval





# Six Partnership Principles



Provide more **transportation choices**



Expand location- and energy-efficient **housing choices**



Improve **economic competitiveness** of neighborhoods by giving people reliable access to employment centers, educational opportunities, and other basic services.



Target Federal funding toward **existing communities** – through transit-oriented development and place-based policies



**Align federal policies** and funding to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding and increase the effectiveness of existing programs.



Enhance the **unique characteristics** of all communities, whether rural, suburban or urban.





# FY 2010 Livability Funding Opportunities



## US HUD

- Sustainable Community Planning Grants (\$100 m)
- Sustainable Community Challenge Grants (\$40 m)



## US DOT

- TIGER I (\$1.2b)
- TIGER II
  - Capital (\$570m)
  - Planning (\$30m)
- Urban Circulator (\$135 m)
- Bus Livability (\$150+ m)
- TIGGER & Clean Fuels (\$156+ m)
- TCSP (\$3.5 m)



## US EPA

- Smart Growth Technical Assistance
- Sustainable Communities Brownfields Pilots
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund Pilots
- Targeted Watershed Grants (\$600 m)





# Programmatic Updates

## SAFETEA-LU/Continuing Resolution (CR)

- CR enacted on September 30, 2010
- Good through December 3, 2010
- Funding at FY2010 levels
- Surface Transportation Authorization expires on December 31, 2010





# Programmatic Updates

## New Starts/Small Starts/Very Small Starts

- Alternative Analysis
- Identify corridor problems, project purpose and need, and goals and objectives
- Develop a range of alternative that address causes of transportation problems
- Analyze cost, benefits, and impacts of alternatives
- Refine/Evaluate Alternative
- Select locally preferred alternative (LPA)





# Program Management and Oversight

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

- All ARRA dollars have been obligated!
- No amendments currently allowed (September 30, 2010)
- Budget Revisions are limited to those not requiring prior FTA approval per 5010.1D
- Timely and accurate reporting





# Discretionary Programs

- In Fiscal Year 2010, FTA provided over **\$1.25B** in discretionary funding.
- To date, the Urban Circulator, Bus and Bus Facility Livability, State of Good Repair, Clean Fuels, TIGGER II and TIGER2 Program awards have been announced.
- The State of Good Repair Program is the largest single allocation of discretionary funding in FTA's history.





# Discretionary Programs

## PROGRAMS AWARDED

- Urban Circulator Program - \$150M
- Bus/Bus Facility Livability Program - \$150M
- State of Good Repair - \$775M
- Clean Fuels/Bus and Bus Facilities - \$81M
- TIGGER II - \$75M
- TIGER2 - \$600M – USDOT

## PROGRAMS UNDER REVIEW

- Alternatives Analysis Program - \$150M
- Transit in the Parks - \$15M





# Discretionary Programs

## Discretionary Funding for Georgia:

- *State of Good Repair*
  - Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) – Brady Mobility Facility: \$18.3M
  - Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) – Transit Asset Management: \$1.4M
- *TIGER 2*
  - City of Atlanta Streetcar: \$47.7M
- *Clean Fuels*
  - Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) – Retrofit Buses with Lithium-Ion Batteries: \$840,000





# Planning and Program Development

## TEAM Training

- New and Improved TEAM Training is here!
- Will be utilizing webinar technology for more consistent training throughout Region IV
- First Dates:
  - Grant Development Webinar:
    - Tuesday, December 14 @ 10am
  - Program Management Webinar:
    - Thursday, December 16 @ 10am





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# Questions and Answers

