

Public Scoping Meetings April 14, 16, & 30 2015



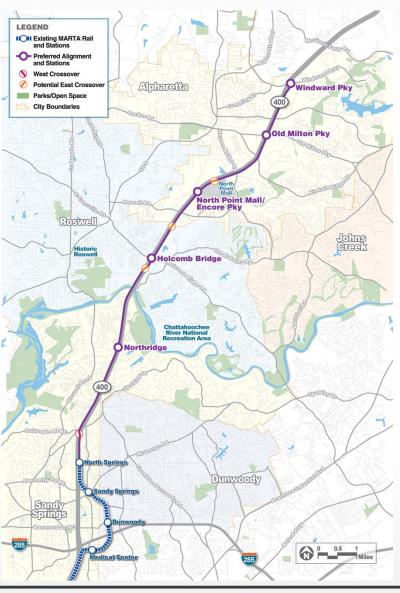
# Agenda

- Project Background and Schedule
- Purpose of Scoping
- Project Need and Purpose
- Alternatives Under Consideration
- Resources
- Stakeholder and Public Involvement
- Next Steps





## **Project Location and Background**



- Study Initiated in 2011
- 12 miles along GA 400
- Locally Preferred Alternative:
  - Heavy Rail Extension
  - East-West-East Alignment
  - 5 stations
    - Northridge Rd
    - Holcomb Bridge Rd
    - Encore Pkwy
    - Old Milton Pkwy
    - Windward Pkwy





### **Environmental Schedule**

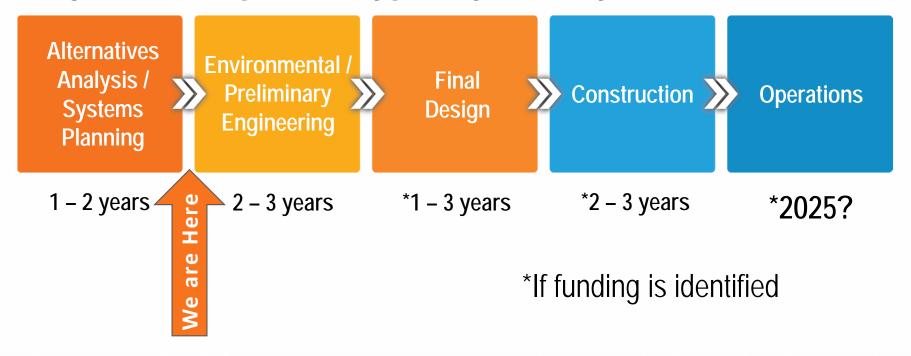
**Prepare Draft** Prepare **Environmental Notice of Public** Final EIS / **FTA Signs** Intent / **Impact** Review of Record of ROD Scoping Statement **DEIS Decision (ROD)** (DEIS) May 2015 -Spring 2016 Spring 2017 March -Summer 2016 -Spring 2017 May 2015 Spring 2016





## **Federal Project Development Process**

### **Project Development: Typically 6 – 12 years**







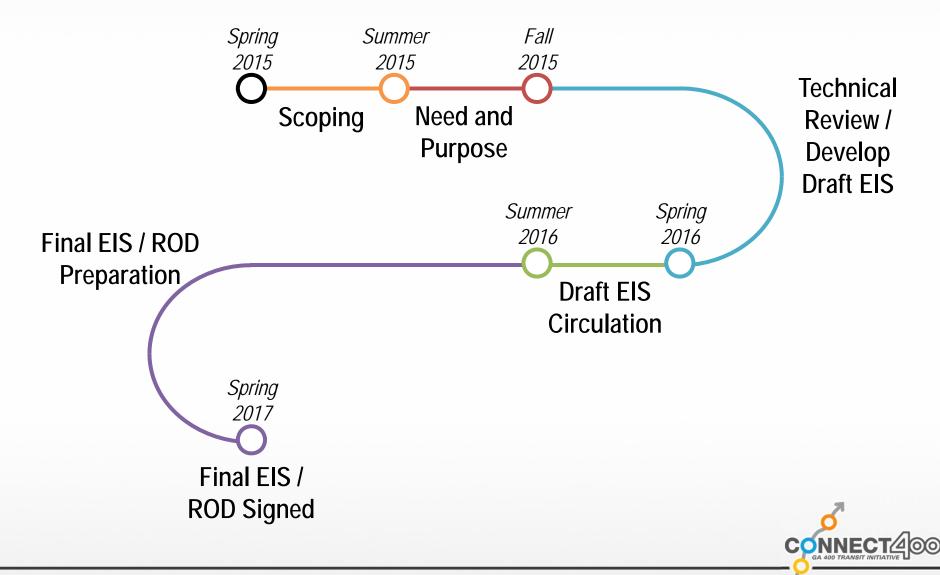
### What is Scoping?

- Confirm the Need and Purpose
- Identify suitable alternatives
- Identify significant issues
- Eliminate issues not significant or already addressed as part of earlier studies





# **Anticipated Milestones**





## **Draft Project Need and Purpose**

# The Draft **Needs** of the Project are Based on:

- Increased Travel Demand and Congestion
- Limited Transit Mobility
- Transit Travel Times not Competitive with Auto Travel
- Congestion May Impact
   Future Economic
   Development Opportunities

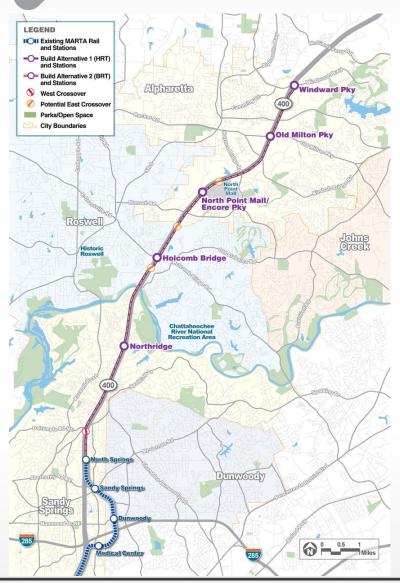
# The Proposed Project Purpose is to:

- Provide High Capacity Transit
- Expand Transit Coverage
- Improve Transit Connectivity
- Enhance Transit Accessibility
- Provide a Reliable Alternative to Automobile Travel





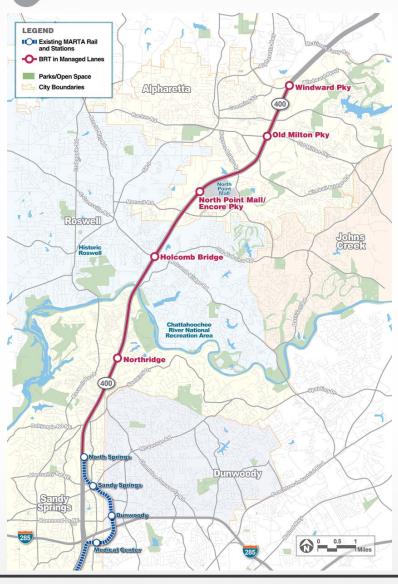
#### **Alternatives Under Consideration**



- Build Alternative 1 Heavy Rail (LPA)
- Build Alternative 2 BRT in same alignment as LPA
- West crossover south of Spalding Drive
- East crossover north of Chattahoochee River
  - → Location to be determined as part of Draft EIS



#### **Alternatives Under Consideration**



- Build Alternative 3 BRT in Future GA 400 Managed Lanes
- Enter managed lanes north of North Springs station
- Exit managed lanes near Windward Parkway





### **Resource Considerations**

■ Transportation	■ Parks and Recreation Areas
■ Land Use / Zoning	■ Air Quality
Neighborhoods and Communities	<ul> <li>Water Resources and Water Quality</li> </ul>
Acquisitions and Displacements	■ Floodplains
■ Environmental Justice	■ Soils / Geology
■ Economics	■ Farmland
<ul><li>Visual and Aesthetics</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hazardous Materials</li></ul>
■ Cultural Resources	■ Energy
<ul><li>Noise and Vibration</li></ul>	<ul><li>Utilities</li></ul>
■ Natural Resources	■ Construction Impacts
■ Safety and Security	■ Other Impacts





## **Public Involvement / Agency Participation**

- Meetings with Resource Agencies and Stakeholders
- Public Meetings
- Kiosks at Corridor Locations
- MARTA Community Bus
- Website Information
- Newsletters
- Social Media







## **Looking for Your Input**

- Resource concerns in the study area
- Input to inform the development of the:
  - Need and Purpose
  - Alternatives to be Considered
  - Goals and Objectives
  - Evaluation Criteria
  - Contents of the DEIS
- Provide Scoping Comments by May 11, 2015!





### **Public Scoping Meetings**

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 6:30-8:00 PM
North Fulton Service Center – Community Room
7741 Roswell Road #104, Sandy Springs, GA 30350

Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 6:30-8:00 PM Georgia State University – Alpharetta Center 3775 Brookside Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30022

Thursday, April 30, 2015 – 6:30-8:00 PM East Roswell Park – Recreation Center 9000 Fouts Road, Roswell, GA 30076





- Document Scoping Input
- Finalize Need and Purpose and Alternatives
- Begin Environmental Studies
- Explore Funding Opportunities
- Continued Outreach during the DEIS Phase





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