



Clayton County 2026 Q1 Update

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Agenda

Ridership

MARTA Capital Expansion

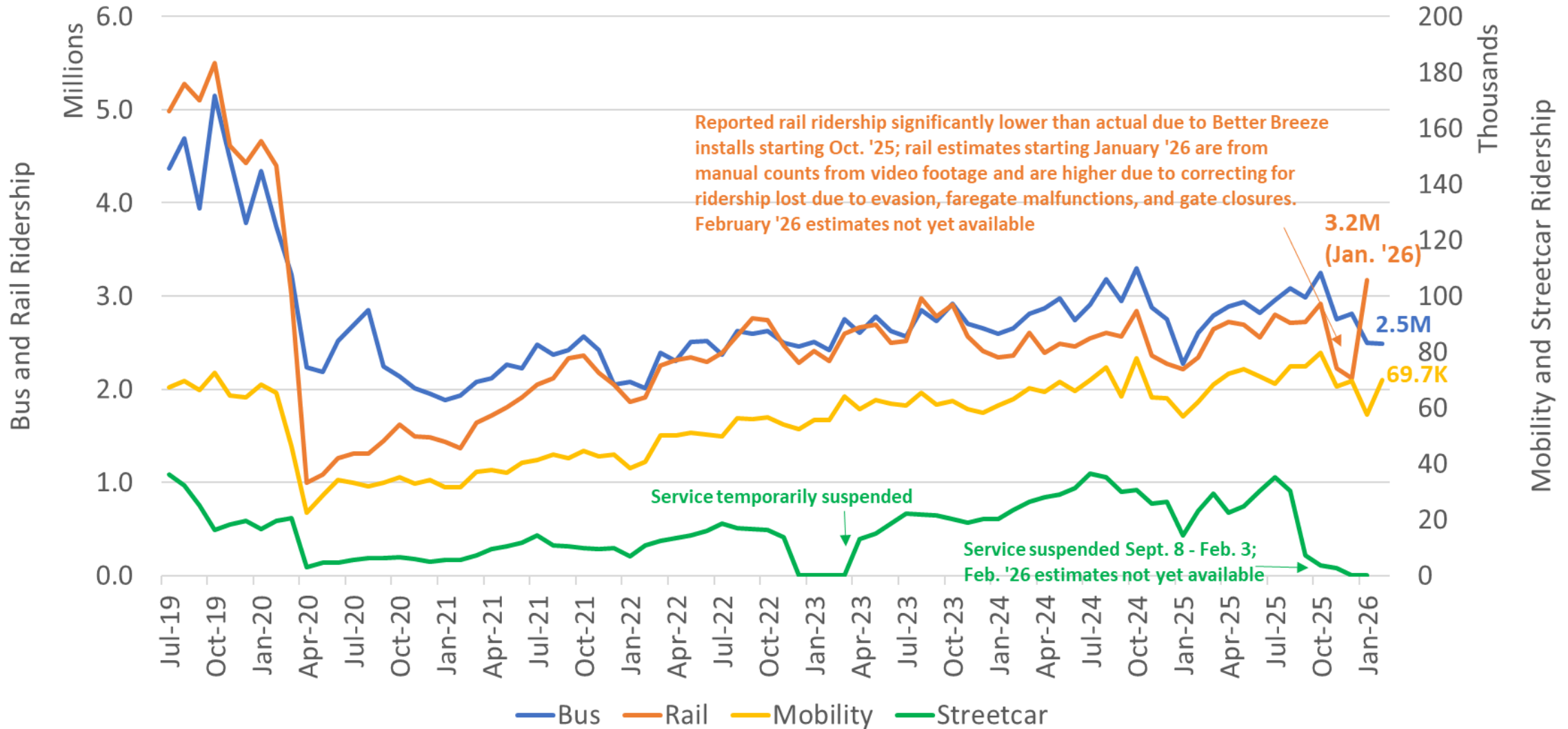
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Ridership

MARTA Monthly Ridership by Mode July 2019 - February 2026





MARTA Capital Expansion

Airport Station

- New floor tile and terrazzo installation
- New second elevator installation
- New RideStore

**Target Completion of FY26 Scope
Prior to World Cup 2026**



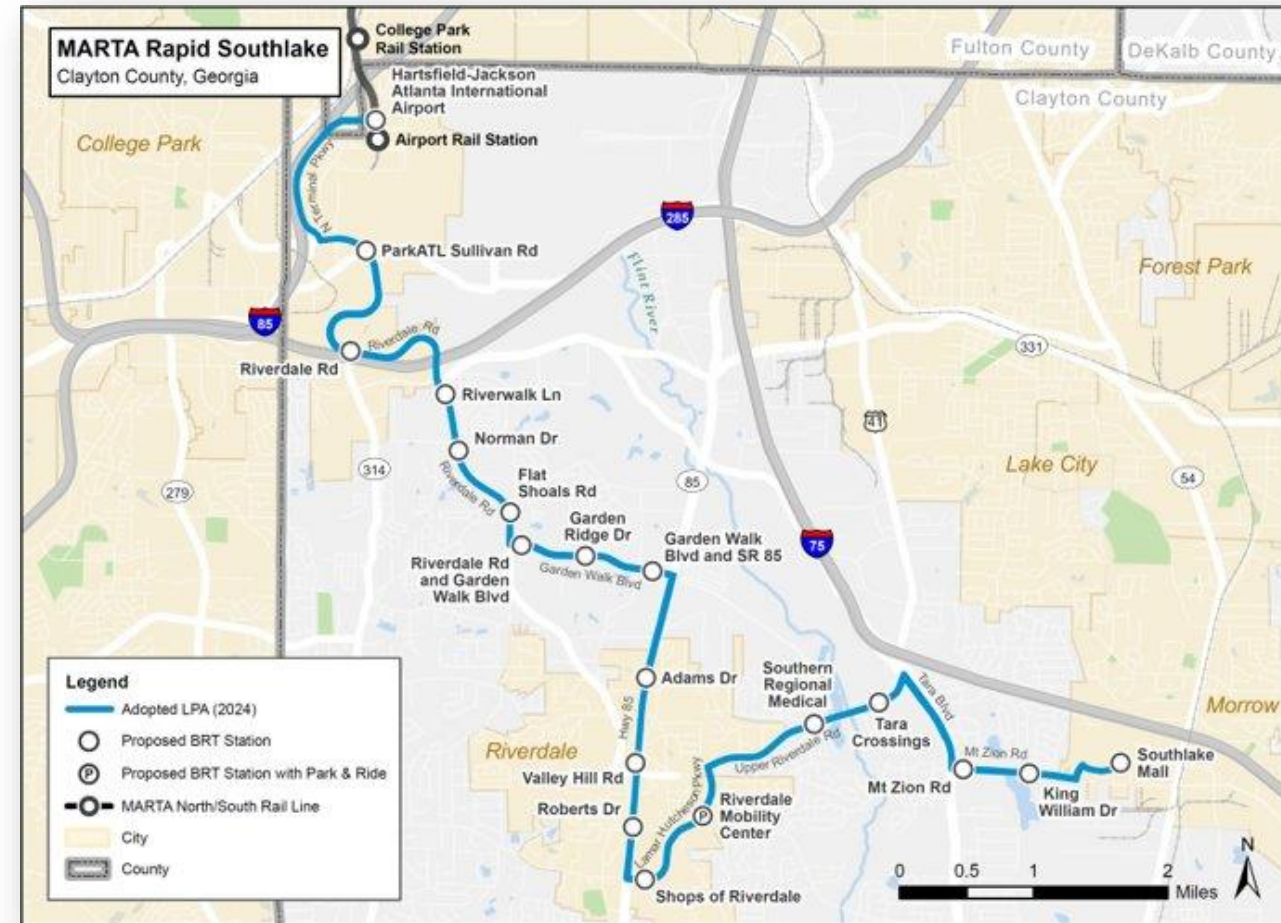
New second elevator



New benches and tiling

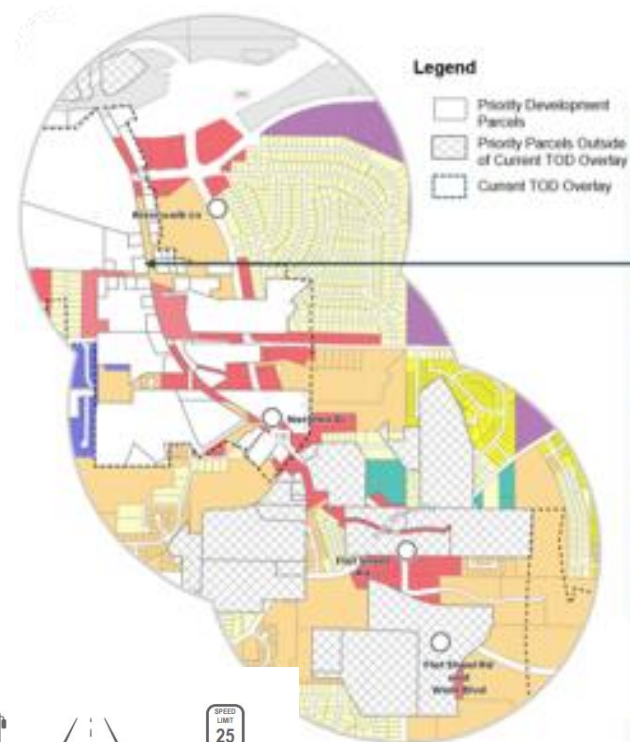
MARTA RAPID B-Line (Southlake BRT)

- Final design consultant, CDM Smith, has started the final design development process
- This project has been earmarked for \$60.9M in federal Capital Investment Grant (CIG) funding – not guaranteed
- The project received a medium-high rating for the MARTA Rapid Southlake Project for FY26 on November 13, 2025
- Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport (HJAIA) General Manager provided an updated letter of support
- Stakeholder coordination continues with Clayton County staff, local cities, GDOT & HJAIA

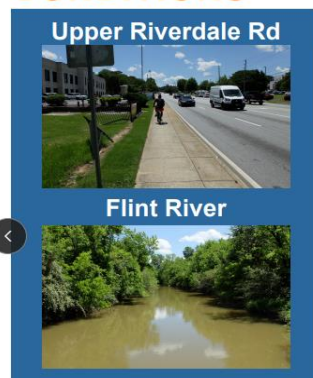


MARTA *RAPID B-Line* (Southlake BRT) TOD Study Update

- Completed stormwater & resilience analyses
- Completed corridor plans
- Conducting Station Area Planning
- Next Steps – Spring/Summer
 - ✓ Finalize draft report
 - ✓ Present to stakeholders



EXISTING CONDITIONS



Length	Stops	ROW	Speed Limit
0.75 mi	2	90' typ. 4+ lanes (2 each way plus center turn lane)	45 mph
Sidewalks	Bike Facilities	Shade	Amenities
4-5'	N/A	25-50%	N/A

Multi-Purpose Operations & Maintenance Facility

- Demolition is 100% complete
- 100% final design is expected in Q4 2026
- Construction bids will be solicited in 2027
- Project completion is expected in 2031
- Project budget is \$289M



Justice Center Transit Hub

- Invitation for construction bid targeted for Q3 2026





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Outreach

- ✓ South Metro Development Outlook Conference (2/11)
- ✓ Goodr events in 2027
- ✓ 1:1 w/ each Commissioner in Q1
- ✓ Monthly Toolkit Communication to Stakeholders

Job Fairs and Recruitment

- ✓ Job Fair in College Park w/ ELEVATE (8/14/2025)
- ✓ MPD Job Fair at South Clayton Recreation Center (1/15/2026)
- ✓ MARTA Human Resources Dept. keynote for STEM classes at CSU (3/26)

Jobs for O&M Facility

- ✓ Drivers (300-500)
 - ✓ CDL license is preferable
- ✓ Maintenance Staff (150-200)
 - ✓ Licensed mechanic/apprentices
- ✓ Administrative Roles (50)
 - ✓ 2-5 years of experience in general administrative duties





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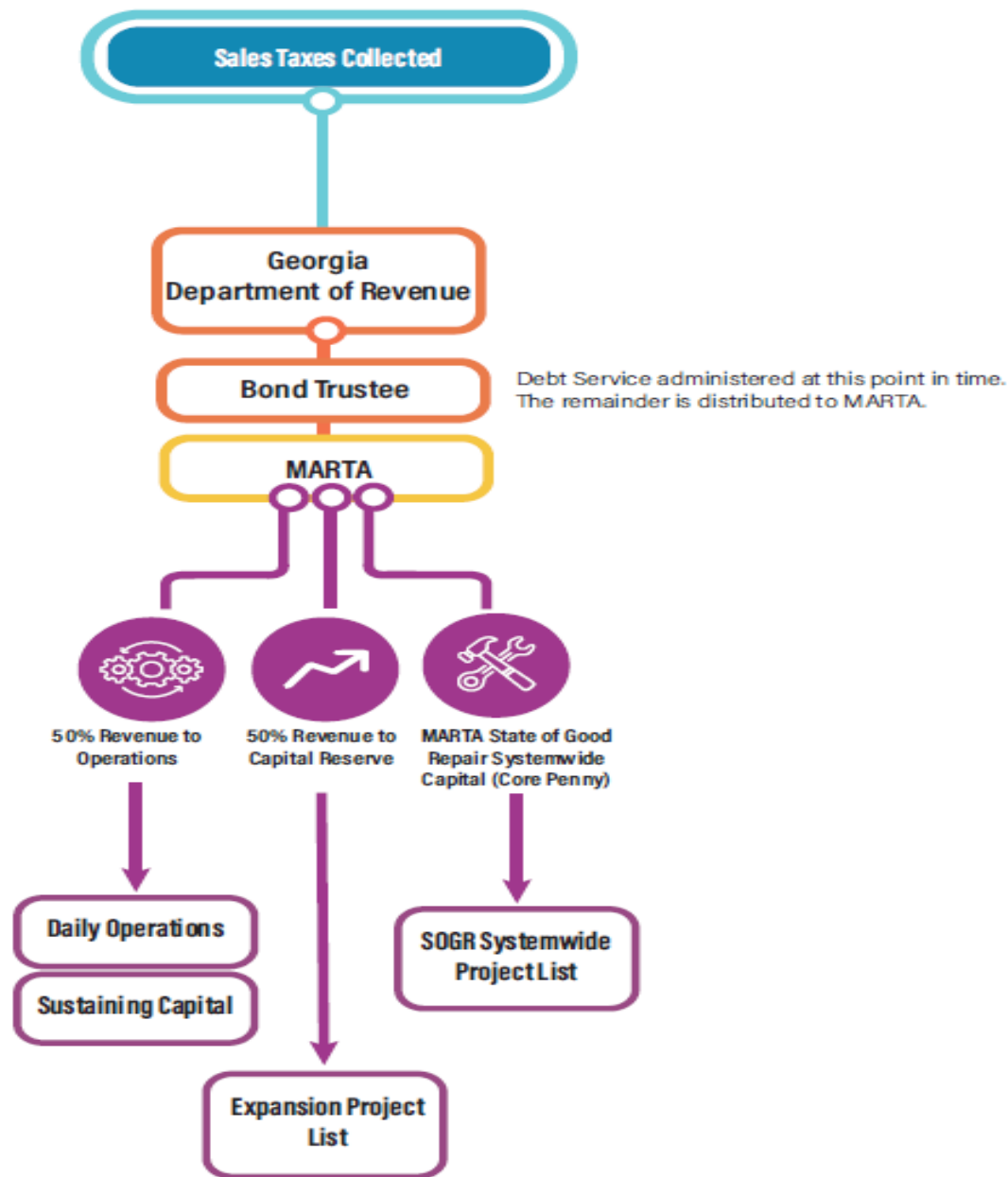
Legislative Priorities

- Presented to Clayton County state delegation in Riverdale (10/28)
- Penny extension (HB1137) passed the House Transportation Committee unanimously on 2/19. Did not Crossover in time.
- Camera enforcement legislation awaits a hearing in the Senate

Rapid Transit Contract & Assistance Agreement (RTC AA)

- The MARTA Board and **Clayton County** agreed on a cadre of capital improvement memorialized in the 15th Amendment to the RTC AA as well as maintaining bus service.

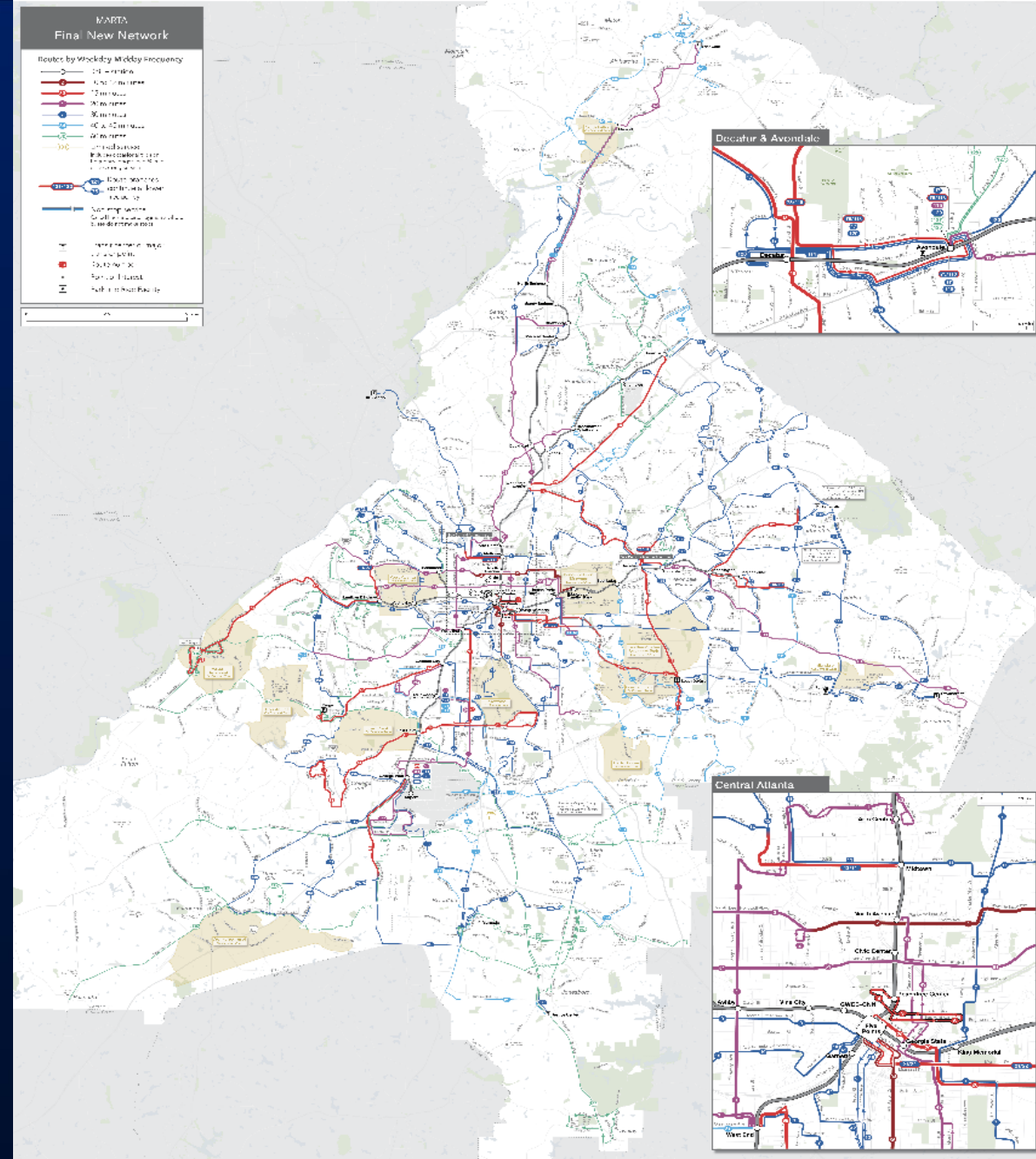
15 TH AMENDMENT	STATUS
Bus stops and amenities upgrades	Completed amenities upgrades at the top 70% ridership stops in 2025
Clayton County Multipurpose Operations and Maintenance Facility	In final design
High-Capacity Transit: South Lake BRT	In final design process
High-Capacity Transit: SR54	In design and finalizing the LPA
Park and Ride infrastructure: Justice Hub	Final design complete and construction is slated to begin in 2026



Sales Tax Penny

NextGen Bus Network

- Launches in 39 days on April 18, 2026
- Hosted 25 Open Houses in February
- 60+ Station Pop-Ups planned for March and April
- Nearly 6,200 temporary signs installed
- www.itsmarta.com/nextgen



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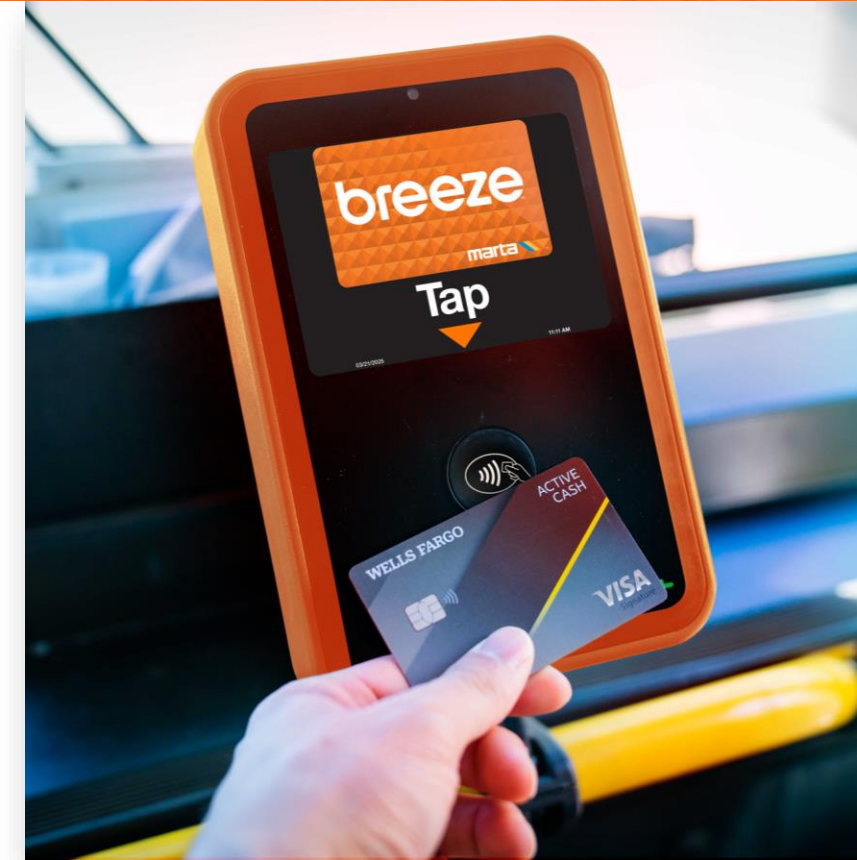


Project Overview

- Replacement of current fare system with all new hardware and software. Highlights include:
 - ✓ Tap and pay with credit/debit cards, Apple/Google pay, or new Breeze cards
 - ✓ New faregates and TVMs at all stations
 - ✓ New fare equipment on all vehicles

Project Status

- Station construction began Q3 2025
 - ✓ Construction underway at 23 of 38 stations.
 - ✓ Better Breeze launch planned for March 28, 2026
 - ✓ Old system deactivates May 2, 2026
 - ✓ Customers may transfer balances May 2 – Oct. 30, 2026



Public Safety

- Year-over-year, overall crime on the MARTA system is down 21%
- Since March 2025
 - ✓ No homicides
 - ✓ No increase in aggravated assaults
- MARTA Police Department exceeded its goal of a 250-member force by the end of 2025 and is currently **278** officers strong





Thank You

