

DeKalb County 2025 Q4 Update

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Agenda

Ridership

Capital Program

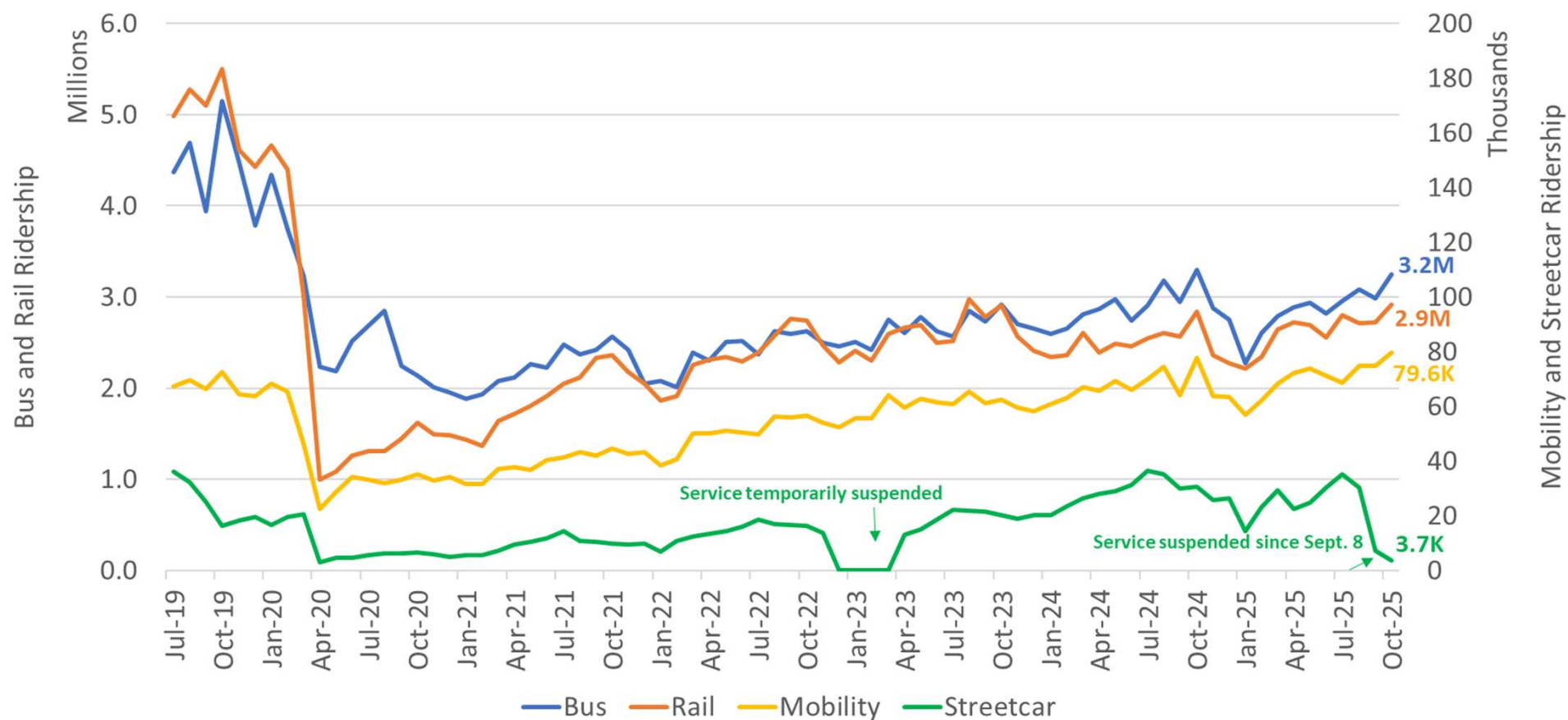
Preliminary Planning

Station Rehab & TOD

Other News

Ridership

MARTA Monthly Ridership by Mode July 2019 - October 2025





Capital Program

Buford Highway ART

Steps to Construction

- 30% design complete
- Final design RFP posted: June 26
- Anticipated contract award: Q1 2026
- Final design timeline: Approx. 18 to 24 months
- Construction procurement timeline: Approx. 6 months
- Estimated construction start: Late 2027

Goals

- Projected annual ridership: 1,859,400
- Investment: \$52M



Candler Road ART

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Goals

- Projected annual ridership: 784,500
- Investment: \$54M

Engagement

- Avondale and Decatur Station pop-ups
- Senior Lunch & Learns at South Candler Senior Center and New Life Baptist Church



South DeKalb & Stonecrest Transit Hubs



South DeKalb Transit Hub Rendering

Design Process

- 30% design complete
- Real estate process ongoing
- Final design initiated

Next Steps

- Real estate acquisition
- Construction
- Project Completion Date



Stonecrest Transit Hub Rendering

Design Process

- 30% design complete
- Real estate acquisition Postponed
- Postponing final design consultant solicitation

Next Steps

- *Construction commencing in 2030

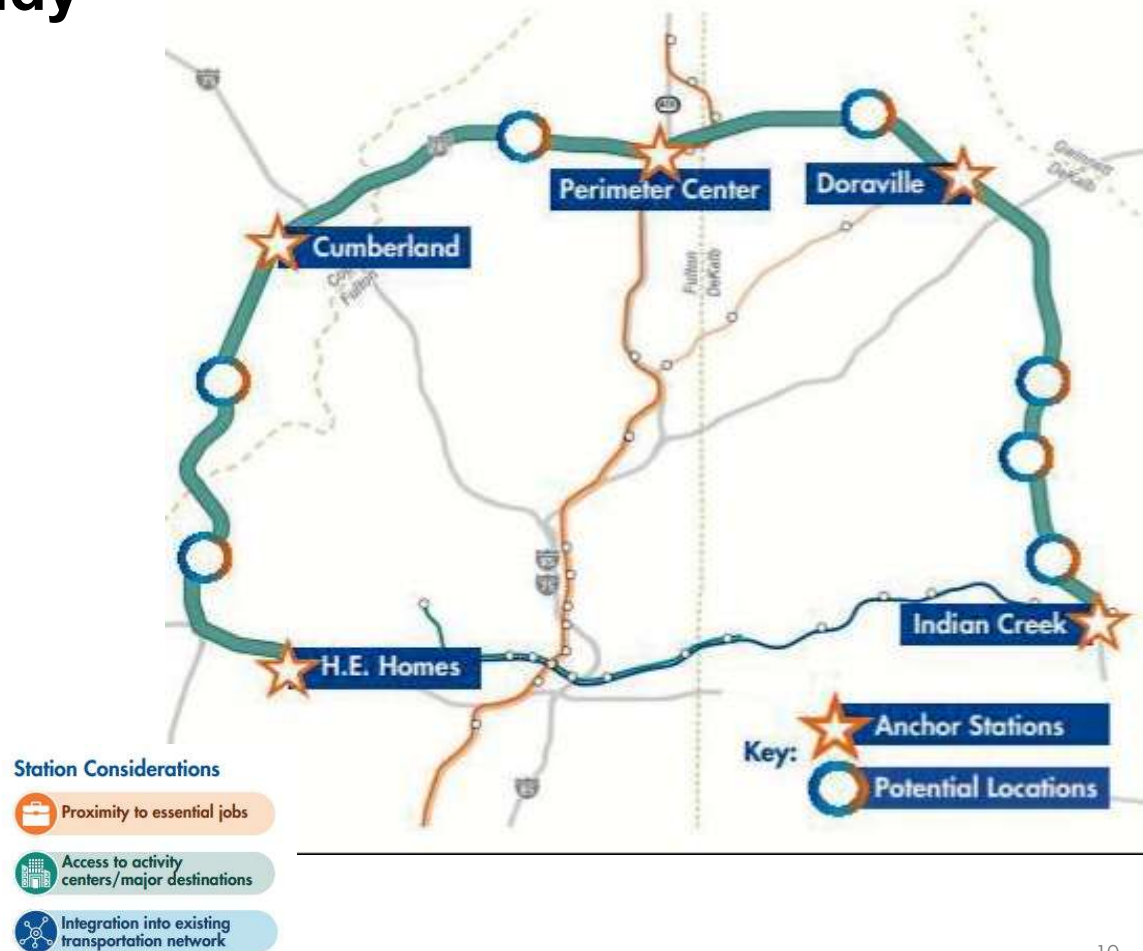
**Pending available resources*



Preliminary Planning

I-285 Express Lane Transit Study

- Ongoing coordination with GDOT's I-285 Top End Express Lanes program
- Findings have been presented to
 - ✓ MARTA PCP Committee: May 22
 - ✓ ATL: June 5
 - ✓ Top End Mayors Meeting: June 25
- Next Steps
 - ✓ Closeout documents online Q4



MARTA *RAPID* Clifton BRT



Environmental Review & Design

- Ongoing technical tasks and environmental review
- Completed Armour Yards Feasibility study
- Preparation for upcoming engagement with CSX Rail
- LPA target: Q2 2026

South DeKalb Transit Initiative

Planning Status

- Started with 10 alternatives
- Narrowed to 2 BRT alternatives
 - ✓ Interstate 20 (Stonecrest to Five Points Station)
 - ✓ Covington Highway (Stonecrest to Kensington Station)

Q3 Engagement

- Open House - In person (June 25, 2025)
- Open House - Virtual (June 26, 2025)

Next Steps

- Continue refining top 2 alternatives
- Finalize and adopt Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)





Station Rehab & TOD

East Lake Station Rehab

- North pedestrian bridge replacement complete
- New north elevator is open
- South bridge is being mostly completed in parking lot
 - ✓ Bridge spans freight railroad, which requires coordination with CSX. Still awaiting firm construction date.
- Installation of new bridge will require closure of south entrance for several weeks.
 - ✓ Currently planned for fall 2025
- Brief closure of College Avenue
 - ✓ Anticipate for 2-3 days
- Community engagement



Decatur Square Renovation

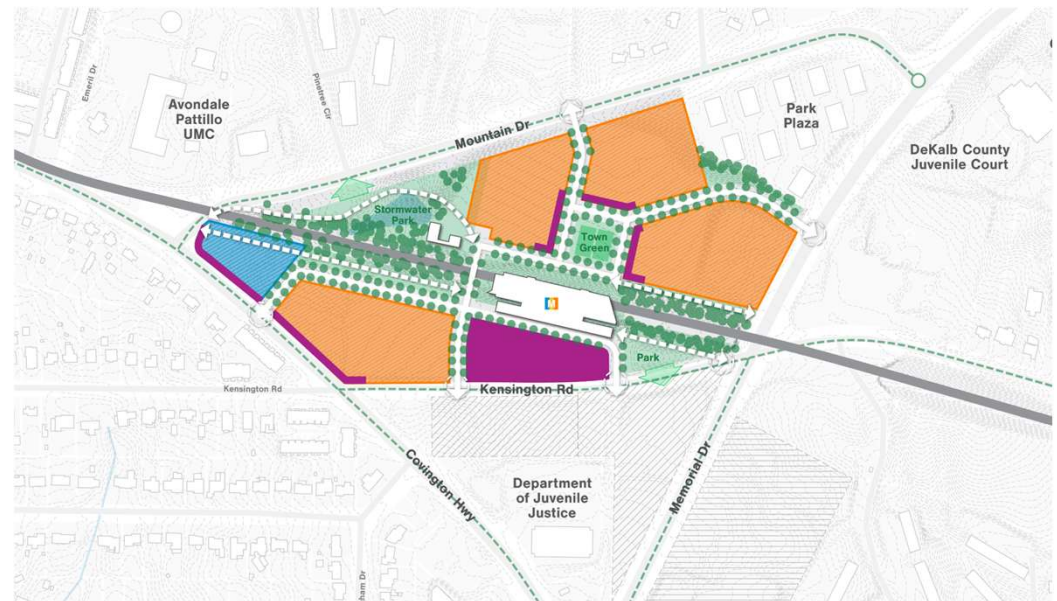
- City of Decatur is renovating the Square above the MARTA Station
- Work included improvements to MARTA canopy between bus loop and west faregates
- Two brief closures of west entrance were completed
 - ✓ Mobility shuttle provided between bus loop and east entrance
 - ✓ Customers informed by social media, apps, station announcements
 - ✓ Wayfinding signage placed on pedestrian detour



Kensington Station TOD

Kensington Master Plan

- MARTA re-releasing Kensington TOD RFP with revised terms to seek a private developer for Phase I of the Master Plan
- \$10 million Atlanta Regional Commission funding is secured for adjacent MARTA infrastructure, including:
 - ✓ A new Station parking deck to replace the surface lots.
 - ✓ Reconfigured bus bays to fit within the new development.





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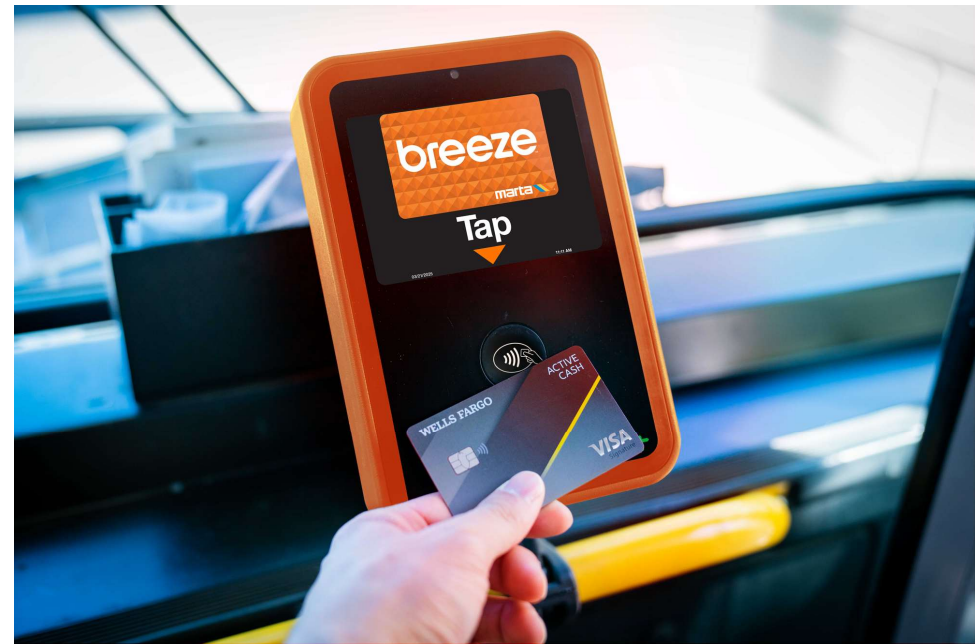
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Better Breeze (AFC 2.0)

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- New Fare Collection System
 - ✓ New Faregates
 - ✓ New App
 - ✓ New Breeze Vending Machines
 - ✓ New Breeze Cards
 - ✓ New Virtual Wallet Option
- Faregate installation has begun
- Launching Q2 2026



Updates

- 👍 Approved by MARTA Board on June 12, 2025
- 🚀 Launch preparations in progress

Outreach focus:

- Current riders whose routes will change
- General public awareness
- Seniors and other disadvantaged groups
- Future On Demand riders



Safety

Marked decrease in the violent crime rate year to date:

- Homicide 0%
- Aggravated Assaults down 26%
- Robbery down 36%
- Overall crime down 27%

	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	% Change
12-hour suspensions	5434	1046	420%
365-day suspensions	302	326	60%
Permanent bans	302	129	134%
Arrests	9195	4142	122%
Calls for service	58788	61425	-4%
Reports generated	14029	7758	81%



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DeKalb County Solicitor-General Donna Coleman-Stribling PRESENTS

YOUTH SAFE DRIVING SUMMIT

FREE FOOD
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

FEATURING
DRIVER SAFETY
INSURANCE INFORMATION
CDL KNOWLEDGE
YOUTH ACTIVITIES & MORE

SOLICITOR-GENERAL
DONNA COLEMAN-STIBLING

STUDENTS AGAINST
DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (SADD)

BIG WHEEL RELAY
REGISTRATION & WAIVER REQUIRED
DEKALBSOLICITORGGENERAL.COM/YOUTH-SUMMIT

**Saturday
August 9, 2025
10 AM - 2 PM**

REDAN RECREATION CENTER | 1839 PHILLIPS RD. | LITHONIA, GA 30058

DeKalb County Solicitor General Office Youth Safe Driving Summit



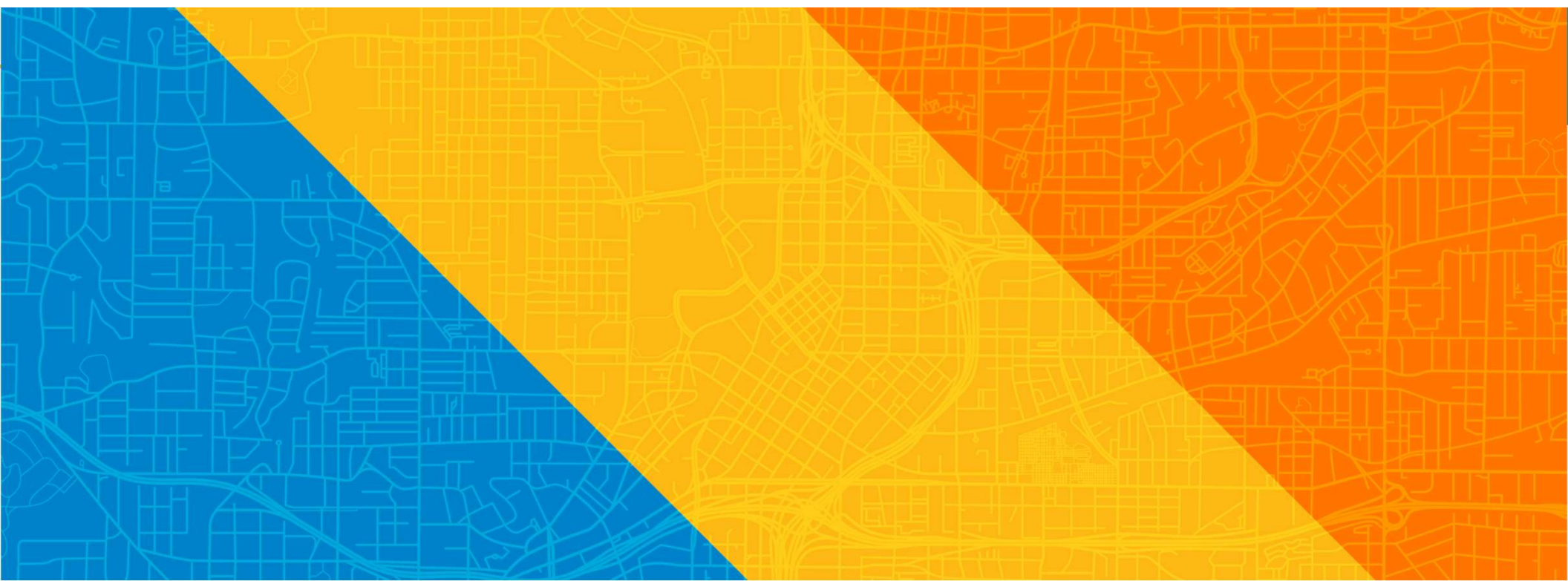
Dekalb Legislative Community Cabinet in South Dekalb



Abolish the Litter Challenge at the Doraville MARTA Station



Lt. Governor's DeKalb and Fulton Constituent Services Day



Thank You

