



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

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

Committee Chair Valencia Williamson called the meeting to order at 11:31 A.M.

**Board Members**

**Present:**

Al Pond  
Roderick Frierson  
Valencia Williamson  
Jennifer Ide  
Sarah Galica  
Elizabeth Bolton-Harris  
Shayna Pollock  
DeVon Hudson

**Board Members**

**Absent:**

Freda Hardage  
Kathryn Powers  
Russell McMurry  
Jacob Tzegaegbe  
Jannine Miller  
Sagirah Jones  
Ryan Loke

**Staff Members Present:**

Rhonda Allen  
Paul Lopes  
Ralph McKinney  
Steven Parker  
Larry Prescott  
Duane Pritchett

**Also in Attendance:**

Peter Crofton, Jacqueline Holland, Paula Nash, Stephany Fisher, Phyllis Bryant, Kenya Hammond and Tyrene Huff

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Minutes from March 26, 2026 Planning and Capital Programs Committee Meeting.**

Approval of the Minutes from March 26, 2026, Planning and Capital Programs Committee meeting. On a motion by Board Member Galica, seconded by Board Member Ide, the motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with 8 members present.

**3. RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Infrastructure Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services, AE50575**

Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Infrastructure Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services, AE50575. On a motion by Board Member Hudson, seconded by Board Member Galica, the resolution passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with 8 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Direct Fixation Rail Fastener Replacement, IFB B50629-A**

Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Direct Fixation Rail Fastener Replacement, IFB B50629-A. On a motion by Board Member Ide, seconded by Board Member Hudson, the resolution passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with 8 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Planning Study for a Top End 285 BRT Design Project**

Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Planning Study for a Top End 285 BRT Design Project. On a motion by Board Member Hudson, seconded by Board Member Galica, the resolution passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with 8 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing a Modification in Contractual Authorization for I-285 Top End BRT Planning Study, RFP P50012**

Approval of the Resolution Authorizing a Modification in Contractual Authorization for I-285 Top End BRT Planning Study, RFP P50012. On a motion by Board Member Bolton-Harris, seconded by Board Member Galica, the resolution passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with 8 members present.

**4. OTHER MATTERS**

None

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee meeting adjourned at 11:51 A.M.

YouTube link: <https://youtube.com/live/YeU2nD3-VJs?feature=share>



# **Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for Infrastructure Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services, AE50575**

Larry Prescott  
Interim Chief Capital Officer

Planning and Capital Programs Committee  
May 28, 2026



# PURPOSE

The current A&E On-call program expires this year.

The purpose of the Infrastructure Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services contract is to provide continued on-call technical architectural and engineering support of the Capital Improvement Program with the following scope:

- Architecture and Landscape Architecture
- Engineering for Civil, Structural, Electrical, Communications, Mechanical, Plumbing and Industrial
- Standard Operating Procedure Development
- Current/New Facility Assessment
- Start-Up and Testing Review
- Asset Management
- Operational Enhancements
- Inspection Services





## Status

- On July 25, 2024 the Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Qualification Statements was presented to the Planning & Capital Programs Committee and approved on August 8, 2024, by the Board.
- On October 8, 2025, qualification statements were received from seven (7) Architecture & Engineering firms which the Source Evaluation Committee (SEC) members independently reviewed and scored to determine a shortlist of five firms.
- Oral presentations were held on December 15-16, 2025 with the top five (5) proponents.
- The SEC reconvened on January 6, 2026 and recommended for the award three proponents based on most qualified qualification statements.
- The Consultant rate negotiations and internal audit have been completed.

# Recommendation

- The SEC recommends the Approval of a Resolution authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to enter into Contracts for the Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services, REI AE50575 with HNTB Corporation, Pond and Co. and WSP USA, Inc.

## HNTB

*Accura*  
*Facet Engineering*  
*Good Van Slyke*  
*Chau Wall & Assoc.*  
*Niti Systems*  
*Siva Corrosion*  
 RKUA, LLC  
*Keville Enterprises*  
*Sykes Consulting*  
*Siva Corrosion Services*

## POND

*Accura*  
*TCF*  
 GFT  
*Sykes Consulting*  
*Facet Engineering*  
*GMG*  
*PCS*  
*SL King*  
 Lea+Elliott  
*TSSS*  
 VHB

## WSP

*Desmear Systems*  
*Cincar Consulting Group*  
*Facet Engineering*  
*Accura*  
*DSI*  
*Jeezny*  
*Khafra*  
*Luster*  
*Niti Systems*  
*S.L. King & Assoc.*  
*The Creative Eye*

- The program will consist of a Five (5) year Term.
- The Total Contract Award is \$30M.
- This procurement is being funded with Local Capital funds from the approved Fiscal Year annual budgets.

**Requesting the Resolution Authorizing  
Award of a Contract for Infrastructure  
Architectural and Engineering Consulting  
Services, AE50575 with HNTB Corporation,  
Pond and Co. and WSP USA, Inc. with a  
Contract Award of \$30M**

Thank You



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES, AE50575**

**WHEREAS**, The Authority Department of Infrastructure has identified a need for Infrastructure Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority conducted a qualifications-based selection process in accordance with its established policy and procedure for the Procurement of Infrastructure Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services and;

**WHEREAS**, notice of the Qualification Based solicitation was advertised on MARTA's website; and

**WHEREAS**, all offerors were given an opportunity to protest the instructions, specification and/or procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority Staff has determined that the proposals submitted by HNTB Corporation, Pond & Company and WSP USA, Inc. represent the most advantageous offer.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the Interim General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is authorized to enter into contracts with three (3) Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Consultant firms: HNTB Corporation, Pond & Company and WSP USA Inc. to

provide Infrastructure Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services and is authorized to assign tasks by negotiated work orders that will not exceed the amount of \$30,000,000.00.

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

Signed by:

*Duane Pritchett*

**Interim Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta  
Rapid Transit Authority**



**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a  
Contract for Direct Fixation Rail  
Fastener Replacement  
IFB B50629-A**

Larry Prescott  
Interim Chief Capital Officer

Planning and Capital Programs Committee  
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## DIRECT FIXATION RAIL FASTENER REPLACEMENT PROJECT DETAILS

The Track Renovation Program is an on-going state of repair of our trackway system. The direct fixation rail fasteners are a component of this program that connects the rails to the trackway.

### Scope of Work:

- ❑ Replacing approximately 7,900 Hixson H-10 fasteners on the North Line
- ❑ Replacing approximately 13,300 L.B. Foster F-10 fasteners on the South, and North Lines
- ❑ Install approximately 21,200 standard direct fixation rail fasteners
- ❑ Core drilling and grouting anchor insert holes, shimming, concrete grinding/smoothing
- ❑ Loading, transporting, and disposing of materials removed from track
- ❑ Handling materials furnished and stored at the Authority's or Contractor's storage facilities.
- ❑ Wayside Clearing: In preparation ahead of the Direct Fixation Replacement Work, clear all trash, debris, and vegetation that has cropped up on the wayside .



## Invitation for Bid (IFB) Process

- The IFB was originally posted in April 2025
- May 2025: One bid received; deemed non-responsive
- The second IFB was posted November 13, 2025
- The bids were opened on February 05, 2026
- One bid received
- The single bid was considered responsive and responsible

## Award Recommendation:

The award recommendation is for Delta/GW Peoples JV. in the amount of \$29,652,161.

Delta/GW Peoples JV- Bid: \$26,956,510  
Contract Contingency: \$2,695,651  
Total Amount Not-to-Exceed: \$29,652,161



**Requesting Board approval of a contract award for Direct Fixation Rail Fastener Replacement (IFB B50629-A) to Delta/GW Peoples JV in the amount of \$29,652,161**

**Thank You**



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR DIRECT FIXATION RAIL  
FASTENER REPLACEMENT, IFB B50629-A**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority's Department of Capital Programs has identified the need for Direct Fixation Rail Fastener Replacement, Invitation for Bids Number B50629-A; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 2025, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority duly sent Notice of the Invitation for Bids to potential Bidders; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the said Invitation for Bids was advertised in the local newspaper of the largest circulation in the Atlanta metropolitan area, once in each of the two weeks prior to opening bids; and

**WHEREAS**, all Bidders were given an opportunity to protest the bid instructions, specifications, and/or procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., local time, one (1) bid was publicly opened and read aloud; and

**WHEREAS**, the single bid submitted by Delta/Peoples Joint Venture, is responsive and responsible and the bidder is capable of performing the Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Internal Audit conducted a price analysis and determined that the prices are fair and reasonable.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the Interim General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to execute a Contract on substantially the same terms and conditions as contained in the Invitation for Bids Number B50629-A, Direct Fixation Rail Fastener Replacement between the Authority and Delta/Peoples Joint Venture, in the amount of \$29,652,161.00.

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

Signed by:  
  
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**Interim Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta  
Rapid Transit Authority**



# ***I-285 EXPRESS LANES TRANSIT***



## **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATIFICATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE PLANNING STUDY FOR A TOP END I-285 BRT DESIGN PROJECT**

Planning and Capital Programs  
Committee Meeting

May 28, 2026



# ABOUT THE PROJECTS



## GDOT I-285 Express Lanes

## I-285 Express Lanes Transit Study

### GDOT WILL BUILD THE LANES

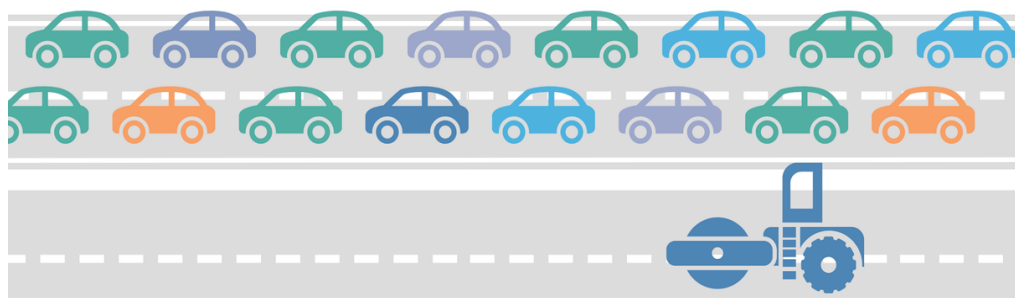
### WE'LL LEVERAGE THEM TO ENHANCE TRANSIT

#### What is the project?

I-285 Express Lanes focuses on adding **two new, barrier-separated express lanes in both directions of I-285** alongside the existing general purpose lanes.

#### What are express lanes?

- Designated highway lanes that offer drivers a choice to bypass traffic congestion.
- Provide more reliable trip times.
- Drivers pay to use, no extra cost for transit.

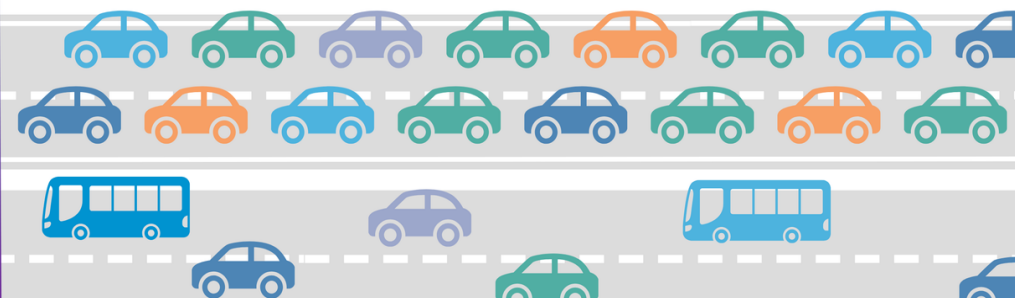


#### What is the study?

- Identify how to leverage the GDOT I-285 express lanes for transit.
- Determine **improvements needed to better accommodate transit access to I-285, such as ramps, stations, etc.**
- Inform approaches for funding and implementation.

#### What is express lanes transit?

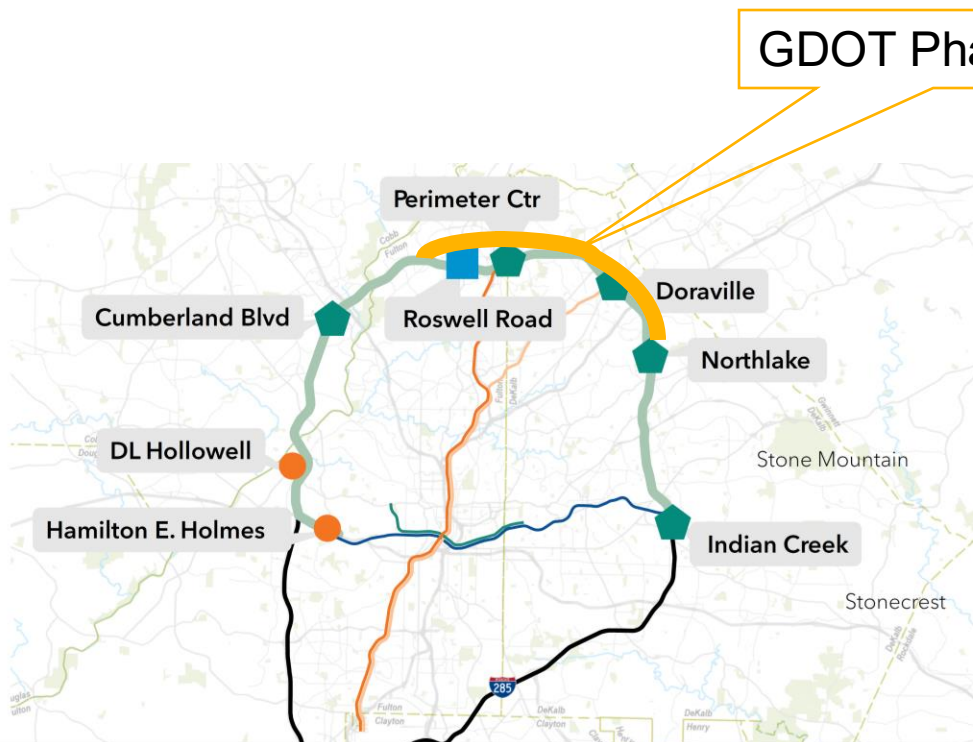
- Service that allows transit vehicles to use the I-285 express lanes to bypass traffic congestion.
- A sustainable, equitable, premium transit service.



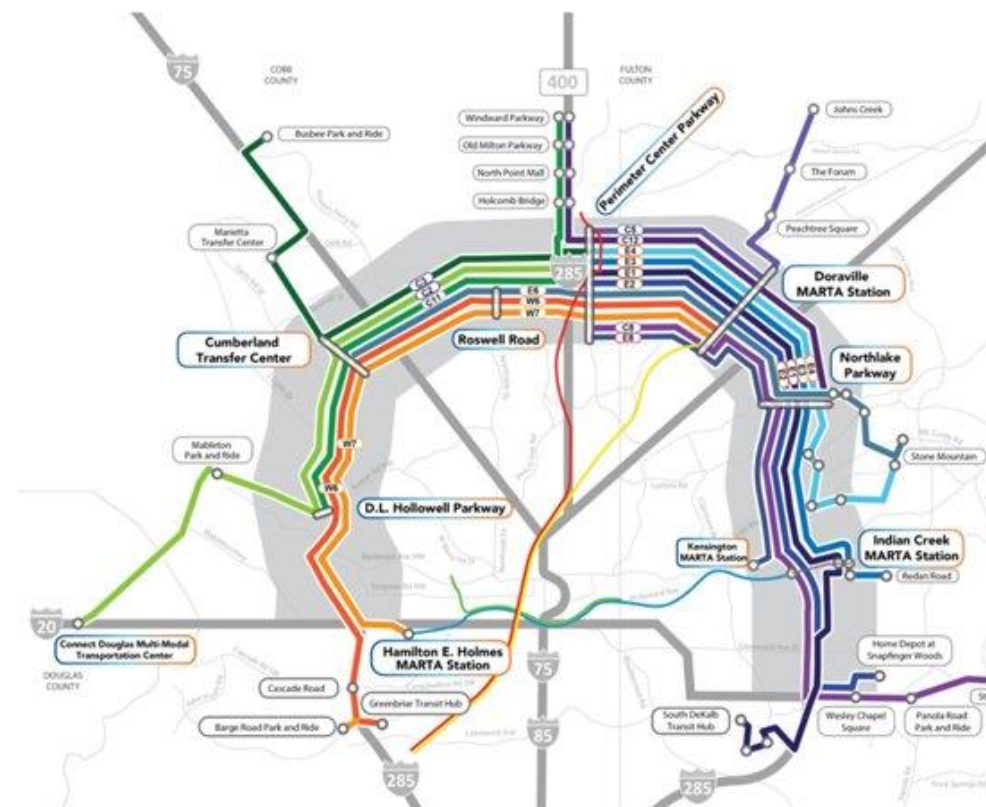
# Proposed Infrastructure Improvements

## Key

- **Tier 1 Improvements**  
*Queue jumps, pier locations, station location, signal & operational improvements*
- **Tier 2 Improvements**  
*Dedicated bus lanes, enhanced stops, queue jumps, bridge widening, station location, signal & operational improvements, coordination*
- ◆ **Both Tier 1 & 2 Improvements**

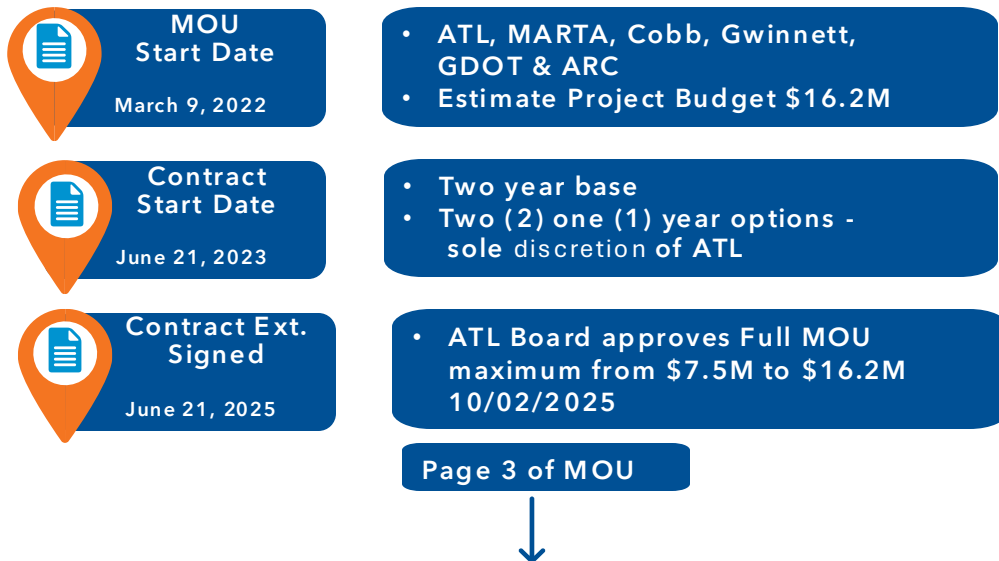


GDOT Phase 1, WB



Alternatives Analysis

# Project History



v. Contribute up to fourteen million two hundred eighty-four thousand three hundred seven dollars (\$14,284,307.00) of MARTA's local or other funds for the Project and provide its portion of the funds to the ATL within 30 calendar days after the Project Agreement amount is known ; and

## MOU Provisions

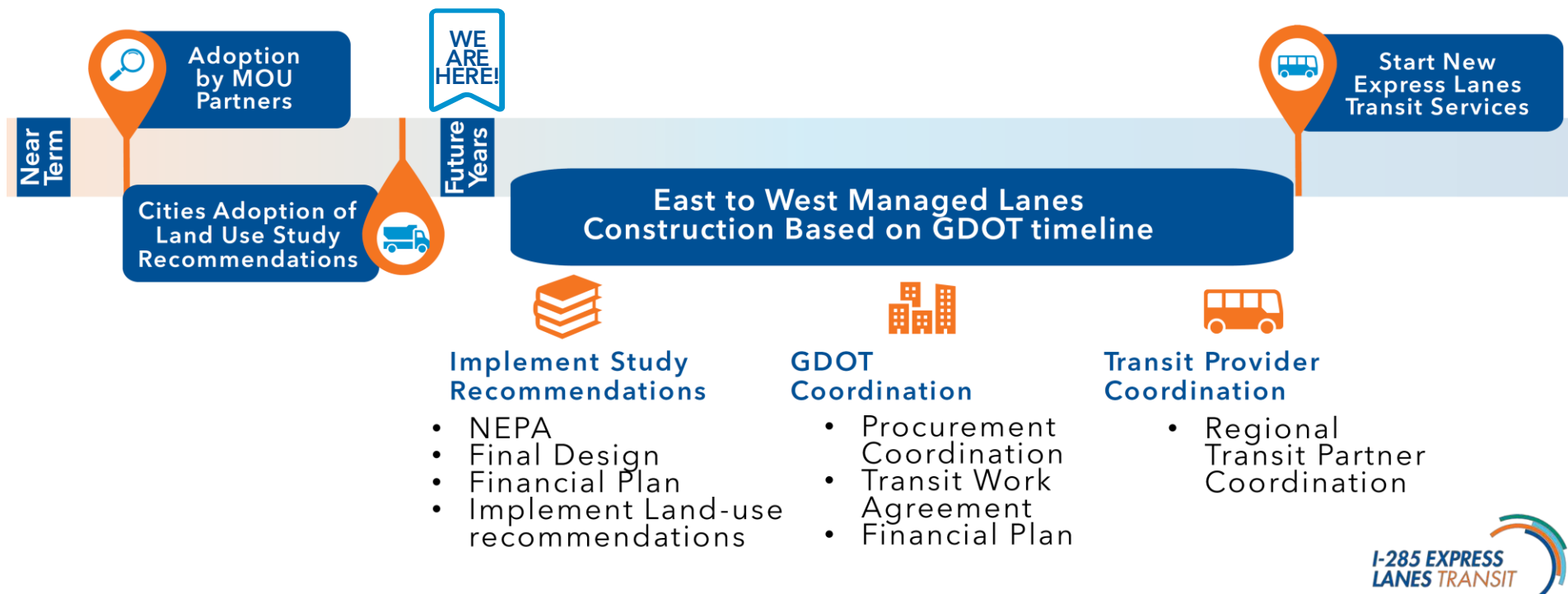
- | <u>Project Administration</u>   | <u>Project Funding</u>   | <u>Project Governance</u>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ MARTA manages procurement process and selected consultants</li> <li>▶ MARTA manages procurement process and selected consultants</li> <li>▶ ATL holds contract and acts as fiscal agent</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Federal, local, state dollars contributed by ATL, MARTA, Cobb and Gwinnett</li> <li>▶ Up to \$16.2M available for planning, partner engagement, and preliminary environmental work</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Policy Group: elected officials and board members of MOU signatories and corridor jurisdictions</li> <li>▶ Technical Group: professional/technical staff from signatories</li> <li>▶ CID Group*: representatives from CIDs in the corridor</li> </ul> |



*\*not initially included in the MOU, but add after project initiation*

# Next Steps

- MARTA Board approval of the MOU to fund the remaining maximum obligation of \$14,284,307 to:
  - Continue coordination with GDOT on the I-285 Express Lanes Project
  - Advance **I-285 Express Lanes Transit Project** to 30% design
  - Continue stakeholder engagement & identify capital and operational cost solutions



# Upcoming Activities

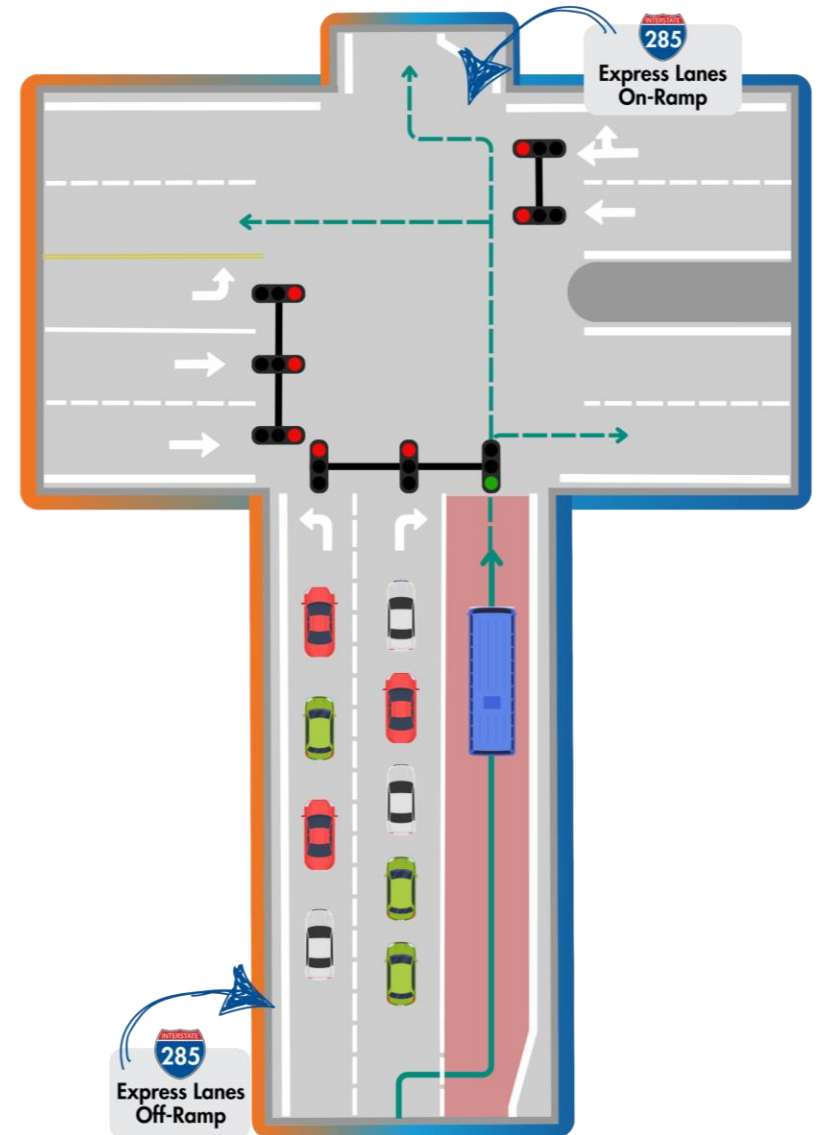
Ongoing coordination with GDOT I-285 Express Lanes and I-285 Top End Stations Land Use Study project teams

Advance project plans to 30% design

Engage and gather input from stakeholders and public on recommended service plan and station locations

Finalize Service Plan, Conceptual Station Designs and Cost Estimates

Conduct Funding and Financial Analysis



## **Recommended Board Action**

**Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Planning Study for the Top End I-285 BRT Design Project**

Thank You



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATIFICATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
FOR THE PLANNING STUDY FOR A TOP END 285 BRT DESIGN PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2022, the General Manager entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority, Cobb County, Gwinnett County, Georgia Department of Transportation and Atlanta Regional Commission, for the Planning Study for a Top End 285 BRT Design Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority solicited proposals for the Top End 285 BRT Design Project and award a Contract to CDM Smith, Inc. during the April 2023 MARTA Board meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, all contractual changes and additions for this ratification will follow the Authority's procurement policies and guidelines; and

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the Interim General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into agreements and modification under the executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Planning Study for a Top End 285 BRT Design Project in the amount of \$14,284,307.

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

Signed by:

*Duane Pritchett*

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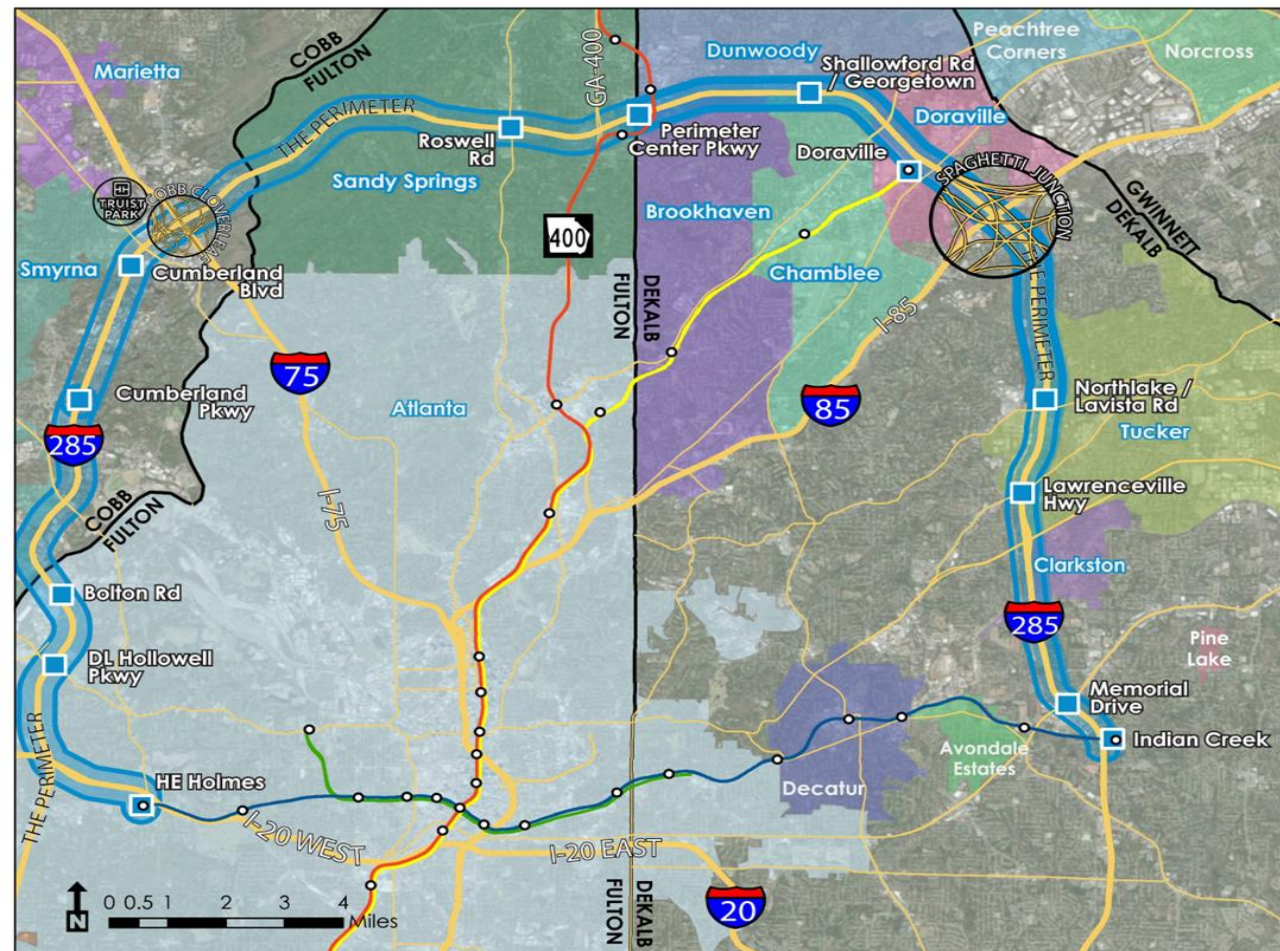
**Interim Chief Counsel,  
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority**



# Request for a Resolution Authorizing a Contract Modification of the I-285 Top End BRT Planning Study/Preliminary Design, RFP P50012

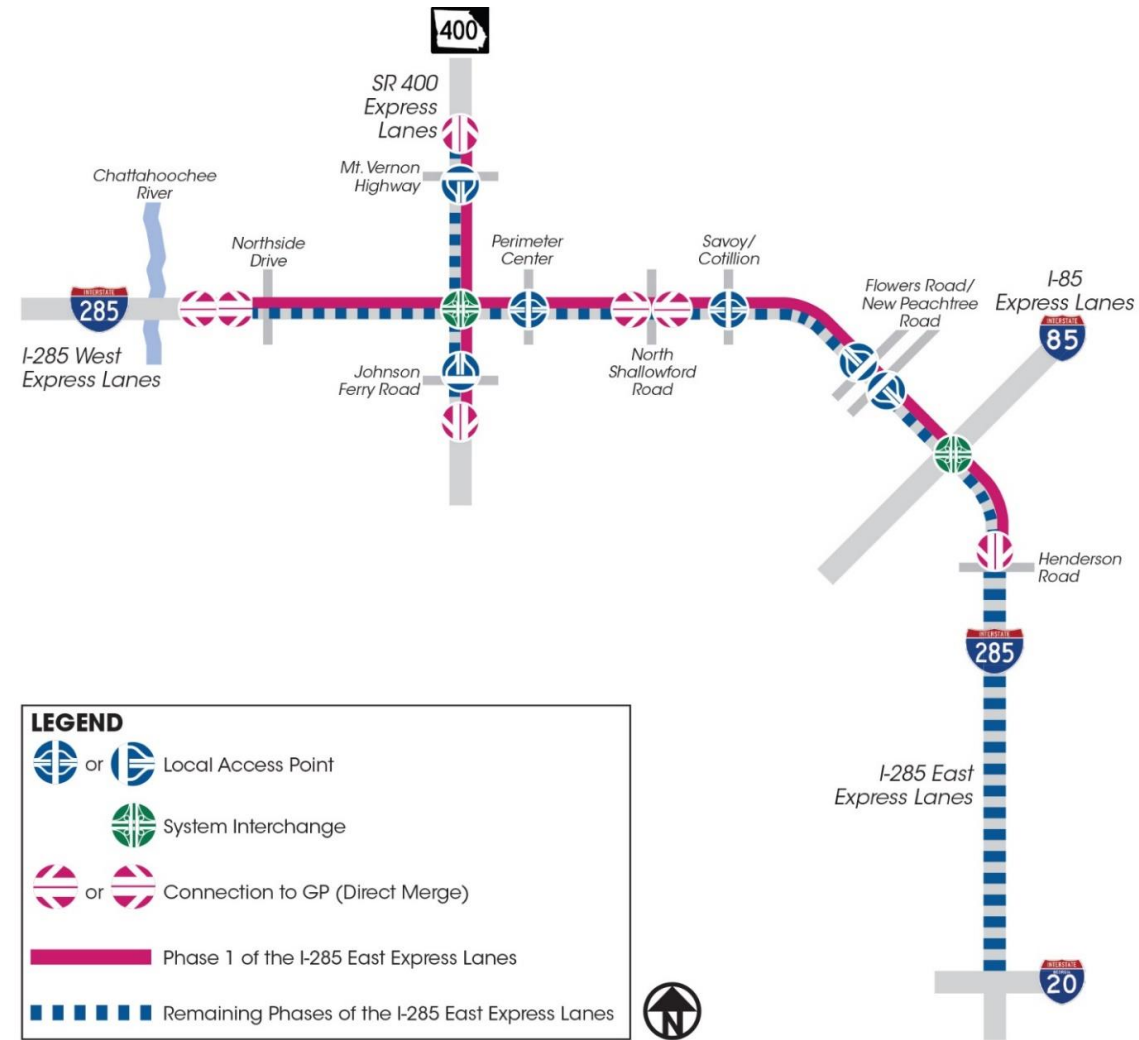
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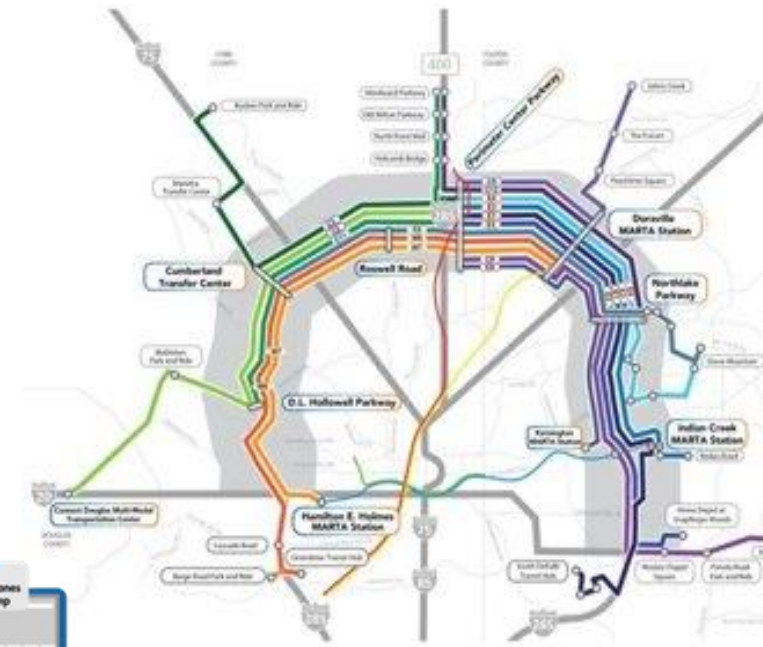
# Overview

- Georgia DOT has solicited a new P3 private revenue procurement process for the I-285 Express Lane Phase 1
- ATL provided sponsor funds for this I-285 Top End Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Planning Study & Preliminary Design to include ATL, MARTA, GDOT, ARC, Cobb and Gwinnett Counties

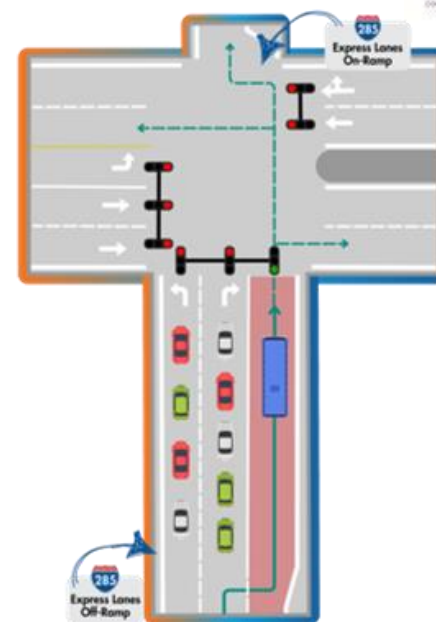


# Planning Preliminary Design Services

- Management for Transit Corridor Framework
- Preliminary design for BRT
- Continued Coordination with GDOT for components that will coincide with the I-285 Top End Express Lanes MMIP Initiative
- Public engagement and stakeholder communications
- Capital cost estimates



Alternatives Analysis



## Recommendation

- The ATL Board approved the maximum MOU contract amount of \$16.2M
- MARTA obligation was up to \$14,284,307
- The CDM Smith Planning Study initial contract award amount was \$6,709,993

The requested authorization is for the remaining amount of \$7,574,314 for the CDM Smith Preliminary Design

**CDM  
Smith**



**Request for approval of the Resolution  
Authorizing a Contract Modification of  
the I-285 Top End BRT Planning Study/  
Preliminary Design, RFP P50012 in the  
amount of \$7,574,314 for the CDM Smith  
Preliminary Design Services**

**Thank You**



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION IN CONTRACTUAL  
AUTHORIZATION FOR I-285 TOP END BRT PLANNING STUDY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NUMBER P50012**

**WHEREAS**, on June 21, 2023, the General Manager entered into a Contract with CDM Smith, Inc. for I-285 Top End BRT Planning Study, Request for Proposals P50012; and


**WHEREAS**, MARTA staff has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to increase the contract value to provide for known changes and additions to the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, all contractual changes and additions for this modification will follow the Authority's procurement policies and guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Internal Audit will conduct a cost/price analysis and determine the pricing to be fair and reasonable; and

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the Interim General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to increase the authorization for Contract No. P50012 I-285 Top End BRT Planning Study from \$6,709,993 to \$14,284,307.

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

Signed by:  
  
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**Interim Chief Counsel  
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority**