



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Committee Vice-Chair DeVon Hudson called the meeting to order at 9:44 A.M.

Board Members

Present:

Freda Hardage
Roderick Frierson
Jennifer Ide
Jacob Tzegaegbe
Sagira Jones
Elizabeth Bolton-Harris
Shayna Pollock
DeVon Hudson

Board Members

Absent:

Al Pond
Kathryn Powers
Russell McMurry
Valencia Williamson
Jannine Miller
Ryan Loke
Sarah Galica

Staff Members Present:

Jonathan Hunt
LaShanda Dawkins
Kevin Hurley
Paul Lopes
Ralph McKinney
Steven Parker
Paula Nash

Also in Attendance:

Jacqueline Holland, Phyllis Bryant, Payson Schwin, Jena Barnett, Tyrene Huff, Larry Prescott, Nevin Grinnell and Ryan Van Sickle.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from July 23, 2026

Approval of July 23, 2026, Planning and Capital Programs minutes. On a motion by Board Member Hudson, seconded by Board Member Tzegaegbe, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with 5 members present.

3. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Final Design Services of the Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit - AE50557

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Final Design Services of the Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit - AE50557. On a motion by Board Member Tzegaegbe, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the resolution passed by a vote of 6 to 0 with 6 members present.

Resolution to Adopt the FY27 Service Standard Report

Resolution to Adopt the FY27 Service Standard Report. On a motion by Board Member Tzegaegbe, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the resolution passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with 7 members present.

4. BRIEFING

Better Breeze Update

Nevin Grinnell, AGM, Customer Experience and Strategy provided the Committee with an update on Better Breeze.

5. OTHER MATTERS

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:44 A.M.

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Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Final Design Services for Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit (ART), AE50557

Larry Prescott
AGM of Design, Engineering & Infrastructure

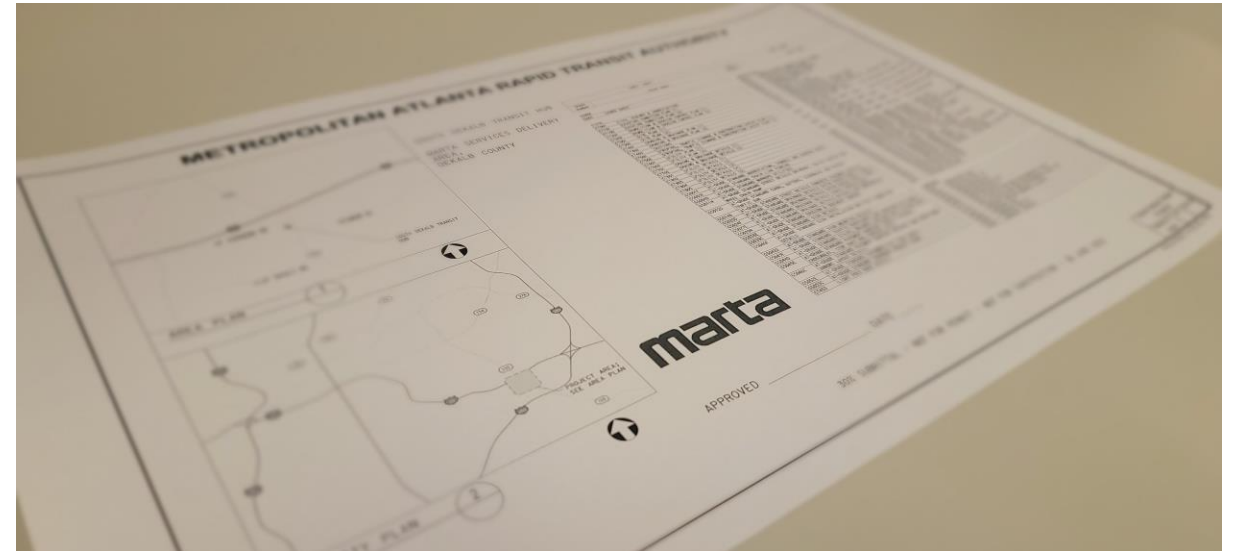
Planning and Capital Programs Committee
August 27, 2026

PURPOSE

Candler Road ART design is at 30% and requires Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services to complete Final Design and Implementation. The purpose of these services is to provide technical architectural and engineering design for the Capital Improvement Program.

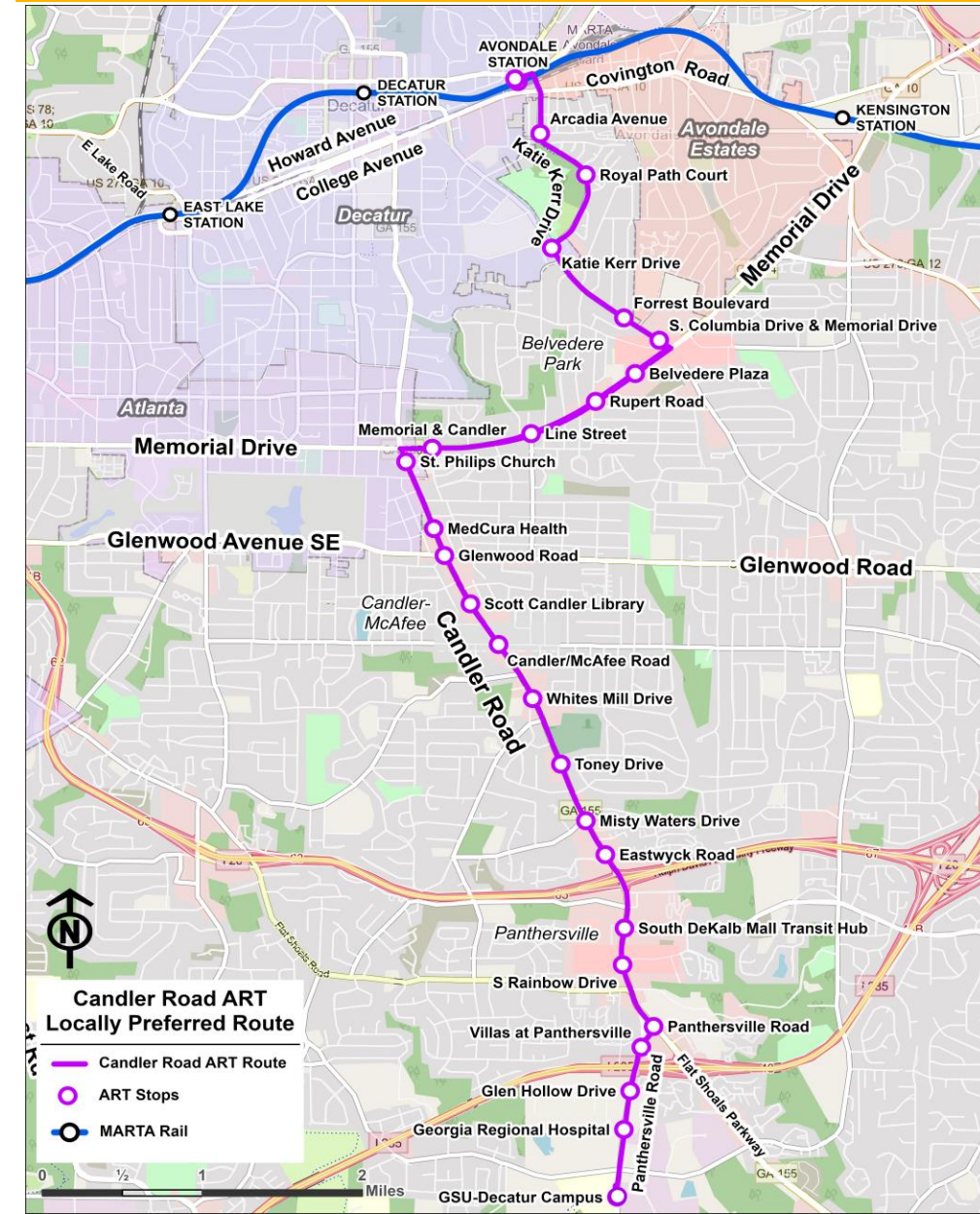
The recommended vendor would provide:

- Project Management and Project Controls
- Public Outreach, Communications, & Branding
- Professional Design and Permitting
- Constructability and Value Engineering
- ITS integration and Signal Design
- Project-Specific Safety and Security Certification
- Design Services During Construction



Candler Road ART Project Details

- Connects the Georgia State University (GSU) Perimeter College - Decatur Campus to Avondale Station on the MARTA Blue Line.
- Runs through multiple jurisdictions:
 - DeKalb County
 - Decatur
 - GDOT ROW
 - Atlanta
- The alignment will include:
 - Transit Signal Priority (TSP)
 - Average stop distance of 1/3 mile
 - 23 proposed stations/stop pairs
 - 1 Rail Station Bus bay Kiosk installation



Statement of Qualification (AE) Process Timeline

- ~~June 2024~~ – Planning & Capital Programs Committee solicitation brief
- **May 2025** - Notice of Advertisement
- **July 2025** – Three Qualification Statements were received and deemed responsive
- **September 2025** – The Source Evaluation Committee (SEC) reviewed, shortlisted two firms, conducted oral interviews and scored the most qualified firm.
- **May 2026** Contract scope/rate Negotiations completed



Award Recommendation

The Department of Infrastructure 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, AE50557 with VHB Inc., in the amount of \$3,331,607.

Project Team Supported By:



Data Collection & Site Investigation



Transit Bus Stop Design, Traffic Engineering, & ITS



ITS, SSC, and OP54 Services



Project Cost Estimation



Local Public Engagement, Outreach, & Canvassing



Architectural Services



SUE Utilities Coordination

The program will consist of a four (4) year term.

This procurement is being funded with Local Capital funds.

The Department of Infrastructure requests that the Planning & Capital Programs Committee recommend to the full board approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Final Design Services for Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit (ART), AE50557 to VHB with a Contract Award of \$3,331,607

Thank You



CONTRACT AWARD ANALYSIS

Contract Information

- A. Description: Final Design Services of the Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit
- B. Contractor: Vanassee Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
- C. Contract Number: AE50557
- D. Contract Amount: \$3,331,607.00
- E. Contract Type: Various
- F. Performance Period/Term of Contract: Four (4) year base term
- G. Options Available: N/A
- H. Bond Requirement: N/A
- I. Liquidated Damages:N/A
- J. Funding Source:100% with Local Capital funds
- K. Recurring Contract:Yes

Solicitation Information

- A. Issue Date: May 8, 2025
- B. Number of Firms Retrieving the online Solicitation and/or Purchasing a CD: Thirty-four (34)
- C. Date and Time for Bid Receipt: June 24, 2025
- D. Bids/Proposals Received:

PROPONENTS
HNTB Corporation
KCI Technologies, Inc.
Vanessee Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

- E. Discussion of Nonresponsive/Nonresponsible Bids/Proposals: N/A
- F. Bid/Proposal Evaluation: Yes
- G. Price Considerations: No
- H. Determination of Responsibility:
Yes

- I. Protests received:None
- J. Determinations Required:Yes
- K. Sole Source:N/A
- L. Single Bid/Proposal:No
- M. Non-Response to IFB/RFP:

Description	Number of Firms
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Clearinghouse/Plan-rooms	1
Too busy to review and complete 2	2
Unable to perform the Work required	4
Did not respond to survey request	24

Determination and Recommendation

The Authority's Staff recommends award of the Contract to Vanassee Hangen Brustlin, Inc. Vanassee Hangen Brustlin, Inc. was determined to be responsive and responsible.
Score Sheet Attached: yes

RE-Scoring Evaluation for Architect-Engineer (A&E)

Review Date 9/15/2025

Contract Specialist Name:

Marcia Siméon

Contract#: AE50557

Contract Title:

Final Design Services of the Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit

		1st	2nd	
		74.20	71.20	
Evaluation Criteria:		VANASSEE HANGEN	HNTB CORPORATION	
1	Team Composition and Technical Capabilities: The prime firm, subcontractor, or joint venture partner's background, experience, technical capacity, and qualifications will be assessed to determine the likelihood that that proponent can successfully perform the contract requirements and the degree of the risk of non-performance. Attention will be given to the organizational chart, proposed office location, organizational structure, and composition for each of the firm's team and previous projects between the proposed team.	25%	19	18
2	Experience In Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services: The Proponent's past performance with related Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services with similar requirements for regulatory compliance with federal, state, and local laws will be evaluated to determine, as appropriate, successful performance of contract requirements, quality and timeliness of delivery of goods and services, effective management of subcontractors, cost management, level of communication between the contracting parties, proactive management and customer satisfaction.	25%	18	19
3	Professional Qualifications and Experience of Key Personnel: The education, experience, and accomplishments of key personnel (as specified in the Part II, Qualification Statement Requirements/Submittals of this solicitation) will be evaluated to determine the degree to which they possess the qualifications to perform their proposed duties outlined in the Scope of Services (or Exhibit A).	25%	20	17
4	Organizational/Management Concept and Project Execution: The Proponent's response will be evaluated on how the firm intends to organize, staff and manage the contract and the means that will be used to accomplish the contract requirements. The degree to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the requirements will be evaluated, as well as the Respondent's planned management of consultants and subcontractors, if applicable.	10%	7	7
5	Quality Assurance and Configuration Management Program: Proponents will be evaluated on their demonstrated understanding and proposed execution of Quality Assurance requirements largely based on current International Organization for Standardization or ISO 9001 Standard, and the Configuration Management requirements or ISO 10007 Standard	10%	7	6
6	Project Monitoring and Control: An evaluation of the method(s) Proponent plans to use to monitor and control the cost and schedule aspects of the project scope. Evaluate how Proponent prevented delays and cost overruns on past projects. Responses will also be evaluated on how proponent prevented delays and cost overruns on past projects.	5%	4	4
7	Financial Stability and Capabilities: An evaluation of the Proponent's financial stability and capacity to support the project.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass
8	Diversity and Inclusion Requirements: An evaluation of the response to information requested in Appendix A regarding Equal Employment Opportunity and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT
FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES OF THE CANDLER ROAD ARTERIAL RAPID TRANSIT,
AE50557**

WHEREAS, The Authority Department of Infrastructure has identified a need for Final Design Services of the Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit; and

WHEREAS, the Authority conducted a qualifications-based selection process in accordance with its established policy and procedure for the Procurement of Final Design Services of the Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Qualification Based solicitation was advertised in the Georgia Procurement Registry, the Georgia Local Government Access Marketplace, and 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 proposal submitted by Vanassee Hangen Brustlin, Inc. represents the most advantageous offer; and

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is authorized to enter into contract with Vanassee Hangen Brustlin, Inc. to provide Final

Design Services of the Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit and is authorized to assign tasks by negotiated work orders that will not exceed the amount of \$3,331,607.00.

Approved as to Legal Form:

DocuSigned by:
Paula Nash
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**Interim Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta
Rapid Transit Authority**



Resolution to Adopt the FY27 Service Standards Report

Planning and Capital Programs Committee
August 27, 2026

Ryan VanSickle, Director of Technical
Services & Service Planning





What are Service Standards?

MARTA's Service Standards achieve the following goals:



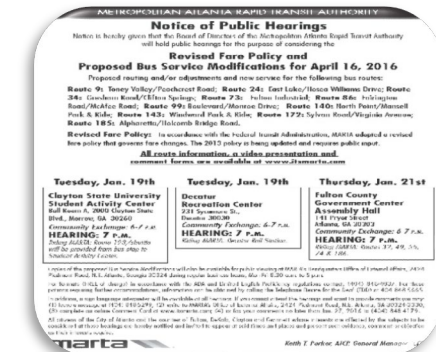
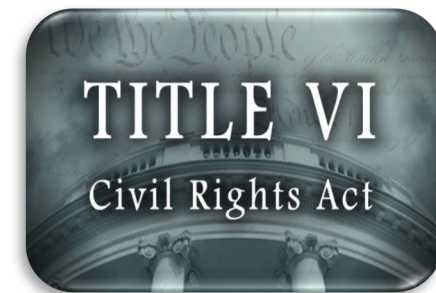
Establish criteria and processes for evaluating existing services and planning changes to the transit system



Adopt a more equitable and fiscally responsible approach to maximize service effectiveness



Ensure that MARTA provides transit services in compliance with Federal and State mandates (MARTA Act, Title VI, LEP, seniors, etc.)





Service Change Guiding Principles

- Maximize **ridership** levels
- Maintain service **equity**
- Minimize impacts to **MARTA Mobility** services
- Improve network **connectivity**
- Improve systemwide **productivity and performance**

The Standards Also Provide Guidance On:



Route design and scheduling



Vehicle distribution



Stop spacing and amenities



Transit access



Cleanliness



Service Standards



Hours of Service – what hours does service run?



Service Frequency – how often does service run?



Service Capacity – how full are vehicles?



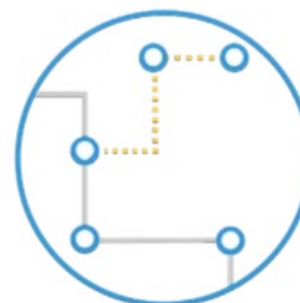
On-Time Performance – is service running on time?



Fare Changes



**Change in Number
of Daily Trips**



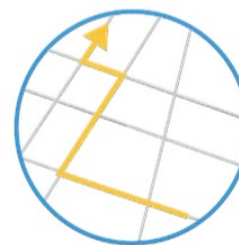
Route Alteration



**Discontinued
Routes**



New Service



New Routes

Public Hearing Requirements

- Implementation of New Services
- Major Route Alterations
- Greater than 25% Change in Daily Number of Trips
- Non-Emergency Discontinuation of Service
- Fare Changes

FY27 Changes





Summary of Changes

1

Updates language about service classifications and modes to reflect the new bus network and new services such as MARTA Rapid and MARTA Reach.

2

Revised language and graphics to reflect the updated service modes and recent enhancements to MARTA's Network.

3

Updated methods used to evaluate service to align with the NextGen Bus Network, MARTA Rapid, MARTA Reach and the CQ400 heavy rail fleet.

4

Removed sections that no longer aligned with MARTA's current network or operations.

The Office of Technical Services & Service Planning requests that the Planning & Capital Programs Committee recommend to the full board approval of the adoption of the FY27 Service Standards Report

Thank You





Better Breeze Update

MARTA Board of Directors

August 27, 2026

Nevin Grinnell

Assistant General Manager
Customer Experience and Strategy



Agenda

- Overview
- Ridership & Revenue
- Technology
- Deployment Status
- Financials
- Customers

Overview: Where We Are and Where We Are Headed

Scope

- Full replacement & upgrade of MARTA's fare collection system.
 - Payment options
 - Equipment & back-office
 - App and website
 - Retail distribution
 - Partner Agency alignment

Accomplishments

- World Cup Deployment
 - 76% of entrances complete
 - 99% of TVM's deployed
 - App and Website launched
 - Payment options deployed

Next Steps

- Faregate completion
- Upcoming Deployment
 - Farebox
 - Streetcar
 - BRT
 - Retail
- Full System Testing

Riders Have More Ways Than Ever to **Tap**, **Pay** & **Ride** with Breeze

9.5 MILLION TOTAL RIDES TO DATE (Mar 28 – August 13)

53%



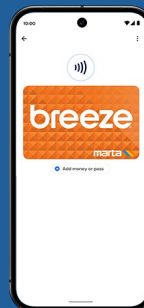
Breeze Cards

38%



Open Payments

5%



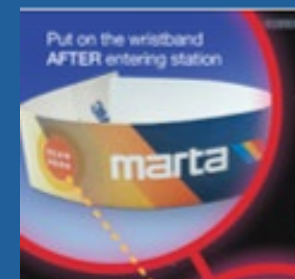
Virtual Cards

4%



Breeze Tickets

<1%



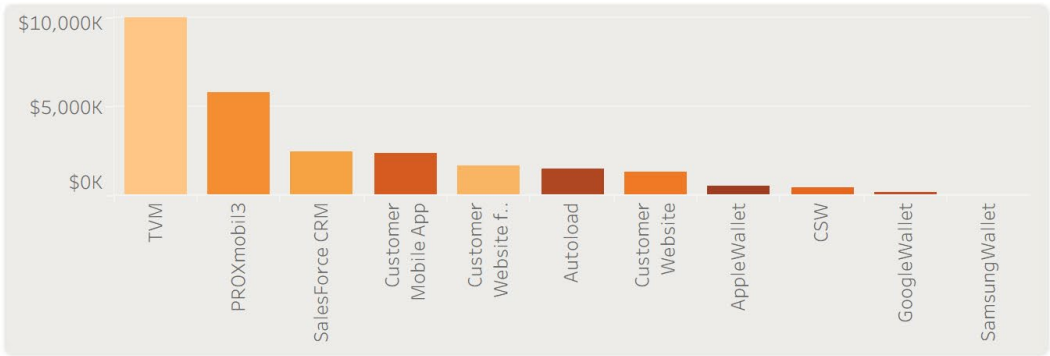
Wristband

OPEN PAYMENTS are changing the way Atlantans Ride

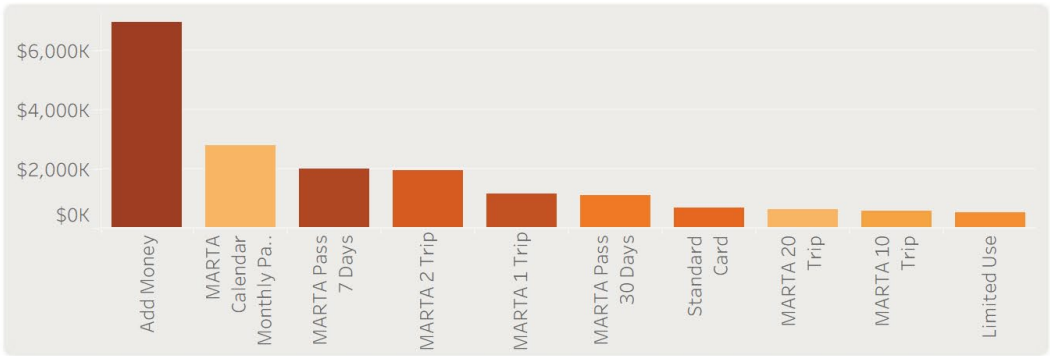
Breeze Sales since Launch

Total Revenue:
\$26,277,826

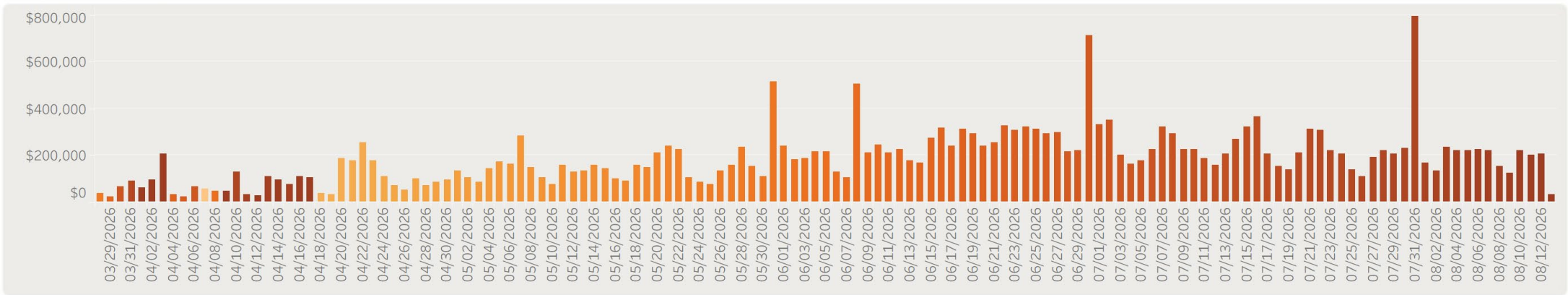
REVENUE BY CHANNEL



TOP PRODUCTS BY REVENUE



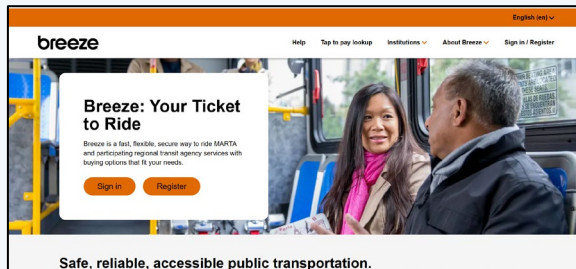
REVENUE BY SALE DATE



Technology

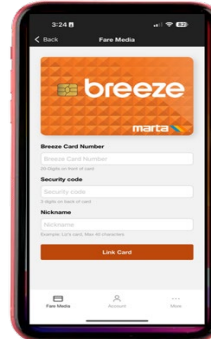
SELF SERVICE

MARTA app + website



Add value
Transfer Balance
Manage Accounts

PAY & ACCESS



Open payment
Digital wallet
Stored value

MANAGE AND MONITORING

BACK OFFICE

- Processing - reconciliation - reporting

INTEGRATION

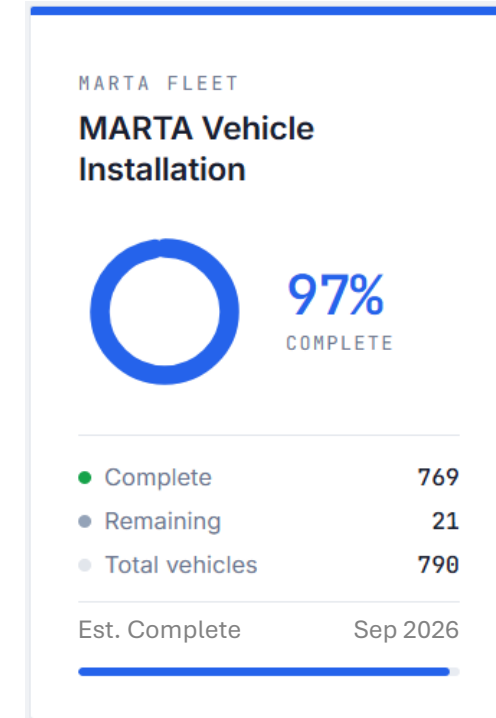
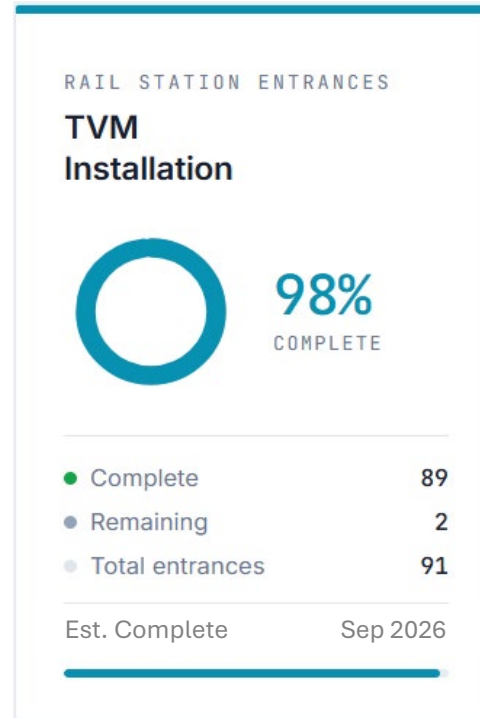
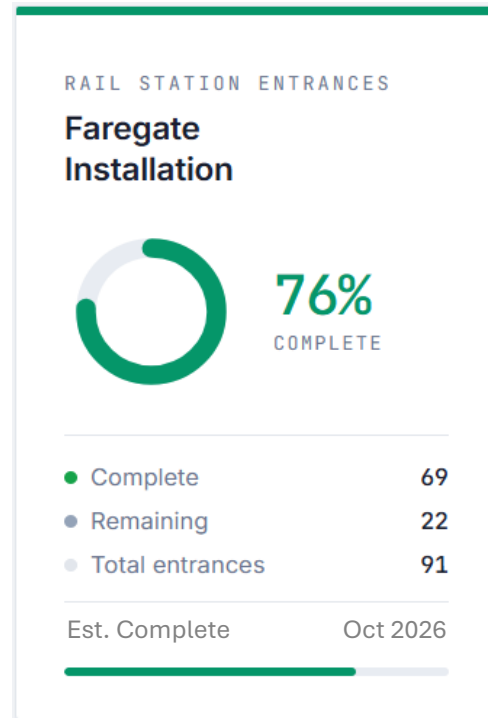
- Equipment interfaces & integration

DATA & INSIGHT

- Data - analytics - monitoring & alerts

One connected technology ecosystem — from the customer to the back office

Fare Equipment Installation Status



- Cash Fareboxes: Farebox installations on vehicles begins in October 2026
- Streetcar: Installations have begun and are expected to be completed in November 2026
- Rapid A Line: Installations are expected to be completed in November 2026

Upcoming Opportunities

Mobile Fare
Inspection and
Payment



Retail Sales and
Distribution Network

New Cash
Fareboxes
on Vehicles



Fare Evasion Control
(Emergency Exits Magnetic Locks)



Contract Financials

Base Contract:	\$193,742,754.60
Options 2-4:	\$413,379.00
O&M Option 5 (1-5 years):	\$60,226,427.00
O&M Option 6 (6-10 years):	\$66,041,984.00
Total Contract Value:	\$320,424,544.56

Invoiced through June 30, 2026: \$156,390,849.80 (48.8%)

**Option 1 – Retail POS Equipment Based Solution was removed from the scope through a Change Order*

Potential Contract Changes under Consideration

- Tempered Faregate Glass with 3M Safety Film - \$2 million
- Additional Breeze and Reduced Fare Cards - \$1.8 million
- Multi-rider Pass – \$550k
- Parking Vendor Integration Costs - \$230k
- Faregate and TVM labelling with Braille- \$200k
- Breeze Mobile App enhancements - \$150k

Customers

DESIGNED FOR ALL OUR RIDERS



Event/Travelers



Reduced Fare



Institutional Riders



Regular Commuters

The process was overall easy and a significant improvement from the previous system. - Tommy

It was very easy. The screens were easy to see and understand. I could choose which system to use, what type of fare I needed (one way, round trip, etc..) and how to pay – JL

At the gate, I could tell how much was cash was left and how many trips were left on my new Breeze card easily. - Ben

This is so easy to use! It's going to make traveling as a family way easier – Jeff

I love the fact that it keeps you informed on how many trips you have left – Georgia

WHAT THE RIDER FEELS

LESS FRICTION

Fewer steps to pay, access and manage the trip.

MORE CONTROL

Customers can monitor and manage their own account

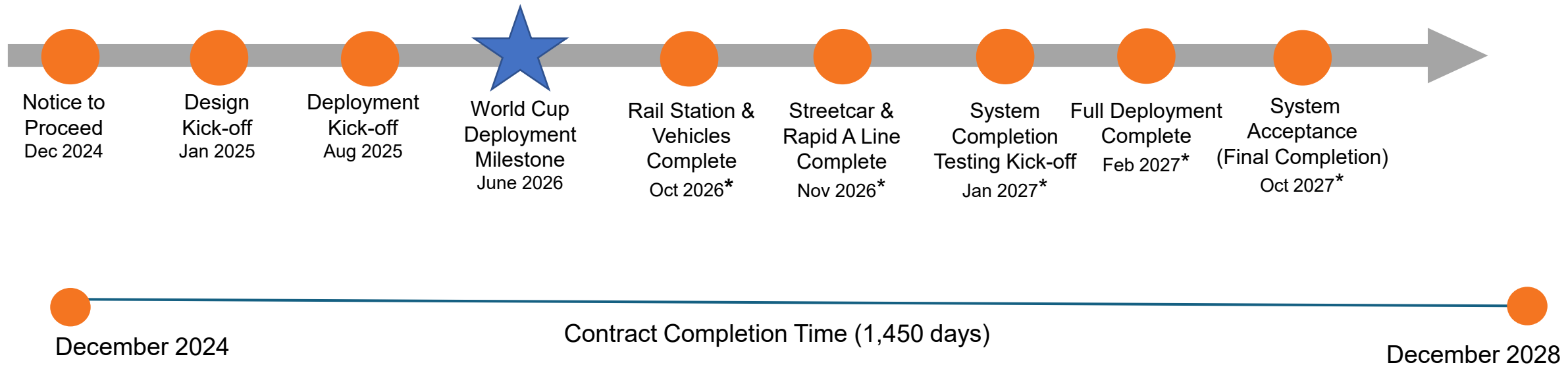
MORE CHOICE

Customer preferred payment method

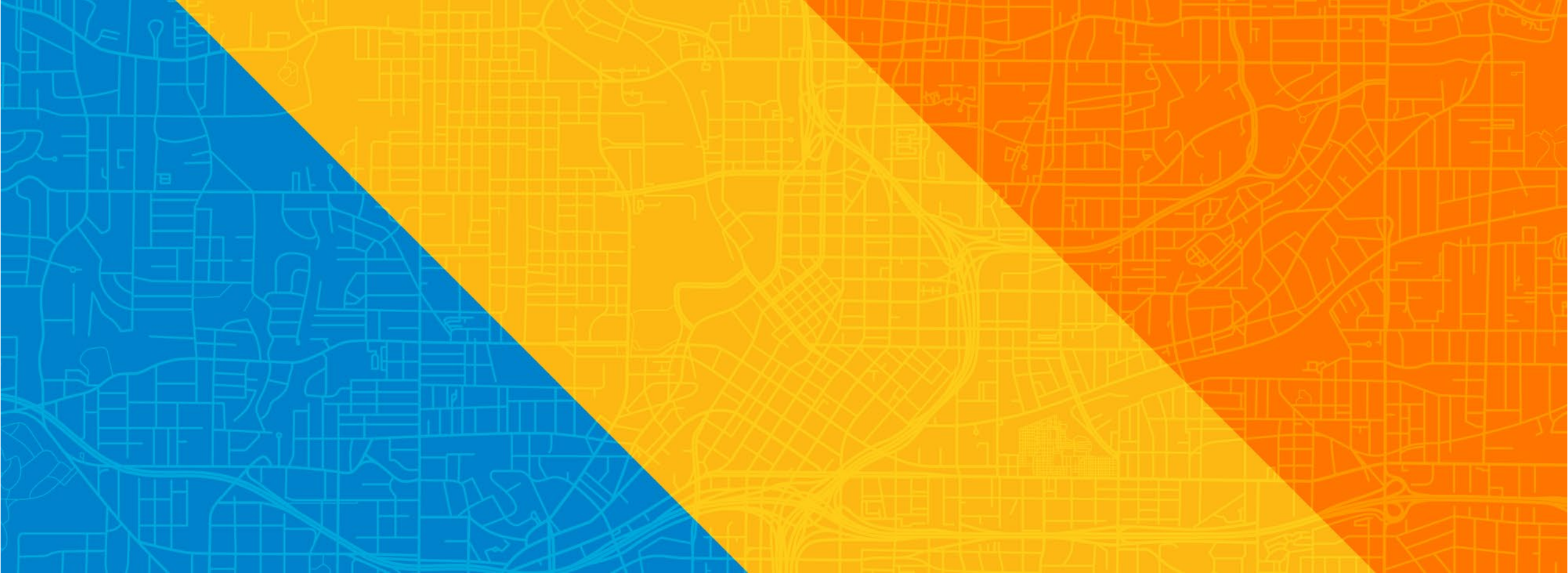
BETTER CONNECTIVITY

Consistent experience across MARTA and the region

Project Road Map to Completion



* indicates future dates



Thank You

