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Happy New Years Everyone!

As we continue building the region's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, we're excited to share the latest project updates and highlights. Please read on for construction updates, and stay connected through our project website,

newsletter, MARTA social media channels, and community meetings for more information about this next phase of work.

Please note:

- Starting immediately there is no on-street parking allowed along Hank Aaron between Ormond Street and Haygood Avenue. Any vehicles parked on-street in these areas will be towed at the owner's expense.

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Monthly Station Feature

Intended to improve rider confidence and efficiency, the Monthly Station Feature aims to ensure a smoother, more informed transit experience for all passengers. Please check out this month's station feature below!

Bus Only Lanes

- 85% of the route has dedicated bus only lanes
- Reduced travel time and increased efficiency
 - Buses can bypass traffic congestion
 - Faster and more reliable service
- Encourages public transit use and decreases traffic congestion
- First Responders and local commuter bus systems will be allowed to use the bus only lanes



Construction Impacts:



Please be aware of traffic lane closures and detours for pedestrians and cyclists due to essential road work at the following locations:

- **Hank Aaron Drive south of Ormond Street:** Local traffic only allowed during lane closures. All other traffic will be detoured according to phase of work.
- **Along Mitchell Street and along MLK Jr Drive:** Lane closures, sidewalk closures, and pedestrian detours.

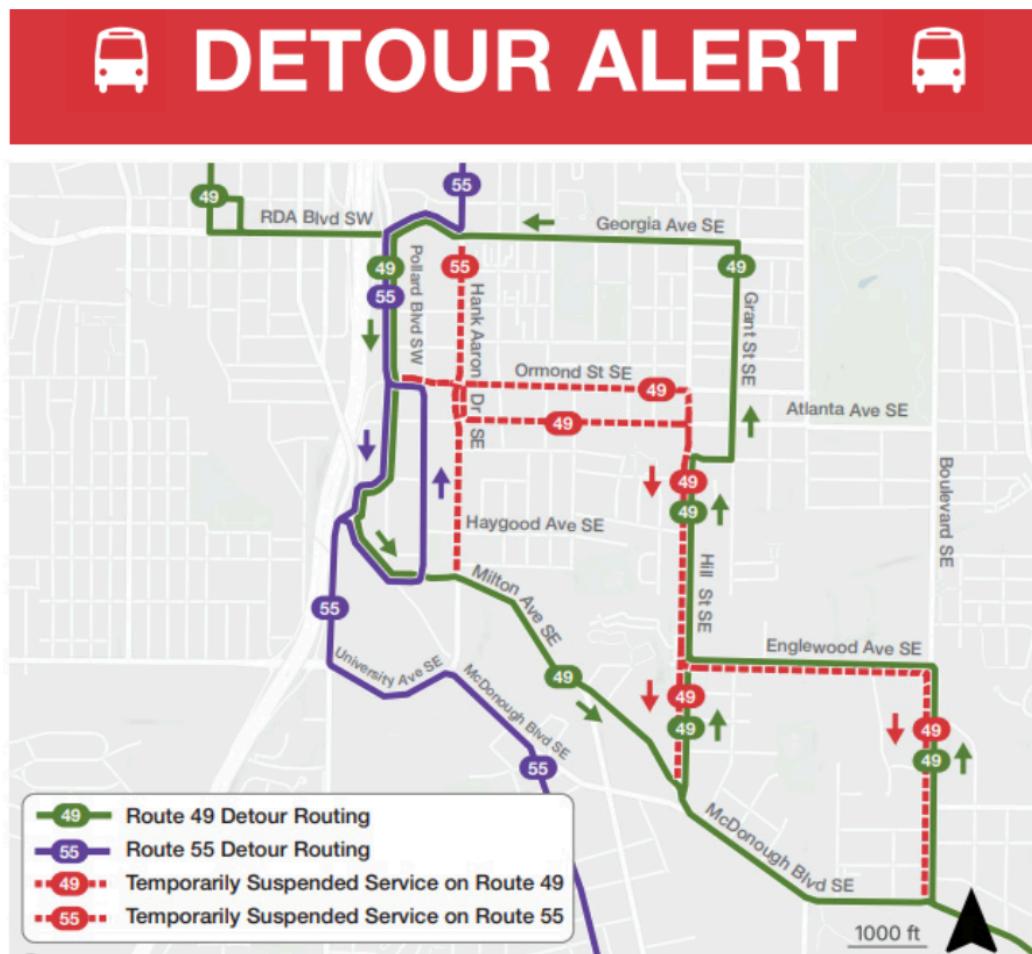
Plan accordingly, as these lane closures may cause some delays. Please view traffic plans below and monitor our website at itsmarta.com/aline for more information.

Full Traffic Detours: Hank Aaron Drive south of Ormond Street

Traffic Detours: Mitchell Street and MLK Jr Drive



Bus Stop Impacts



Effective until Spring 2026, bus routes 49 and 55 are detoured due to construction. Please refer to the map above for the locations of the detoured routes. We appreciate your continued cooperation and understanding. You can view the details of the specific detour routes at <https://itsmarta.com/bus-reroutes.aspx>



RIDER ALERT



Bus stops that are covered with a red bag are temporarily closed due to construction of MARTA Rapid A-Line and will not be served. If your bus stop is closed, please use the nearest open bus stop.

BUS STOP CLOSED

Please use nearest open bus stop

BUS STOP OPEN



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Several existing bus stops along the corridor will be intermittently impacted by construction. Please refer to the rider alert above for more information on how to identify open or closed bus stops. If you are in need of assistance at bus stops, [please contact the Customer Service number printed on the bus stop closed bags at \(404\) 848-5000](#), visit MARTA's [Plan a Trip web page](#), or download the MARTA On the Go app. For information about MARTA's ADA complementary paratransit service, visit the [MARTA Mobility web page](#) or call (404) 848-4037.

On-Street Parking Impacts:

On-street parking will be closed in locations along the route during the next phase of construction as the team continues to prepare for future *Rapid* station installations and road widening. All drivers along the route should adhere to posted signage such as the restricting parking access signs. **Please refrain from blocking vehicles parked in prohibited on-street parking spots. Any vehicles that obscure construction activity will be towed at the owner's expense.**

On-street parking spots are closed in the following locations:

- Hank Aaron Drive from Ormond Street to McDonough Boulevard intersection.
- Along Mitchell Street and MLK Jr Drive at various locations near future BRT stations.

Businesses on the BRT:





[@cratesatl](https://www.instagram.com/cratesatl/)

CratesATL is a new all vinyl shop in South Downtown Atlanta at 215 Mitchell Street SW. We carry new & used Soul, Pop, Jazz, Latin, Hip Hop & Dance music. We also carry stereo equipment, incense, candles, plants and stuff for the home. CratesATL is also the sister store of Soul Village Moods Music Records located in Little 5 Points Atlanta.

If you would like your business featured in our future newsletters, [please fill out this short survey](#) for a free marketing opportunity.

Find Us in the Community:

The project team will be at the following events next month to hear from the community and share more information about MARTA *Rapid A-Line*. If you would like the team to join your community event, please reach out with the details of your event to RapidAline@itsmarta.com.

- 1/13/2026: Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association
- 1/21/2026: Peoplestown Neighborhood Association
- 2/2/2026: Organized Neighbors of Summerhill
- 2/2/2026: South Atlanta Civic League

Additional Information:

There are several ways to find more information about the project!

[Visit our website](#) | Email the Rapid Response Team at RapidAline@itsmarta.com | Call our recorded hotline at [\(404\) 848-3006](tel:(404)848-3006) | Follow MARTA Social Media accounts below

Sincerely,

The MARTA *Rapid A-Line* Response Team





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