

# FACT SHEET

## Candler Road ART

### Fall 2022



### WHAT IS ARTERIAL RAPID TRANSIT (ART)?

ART is a new type of transit service in the Atlanta Region. ART will create a network of fast, frequent routes on existing high-density, mixed-use arterial corridors. ART bus service typically operates in mixed traffic with other vehicles and is characterized by short wait times, traffic signal priority, queue jump lanes, and enhanced amenities.



### HOW DOES ART DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT LOCAL SERVICE?

ART uses technology to improve travel time and reliability. By equipping buses and traffic signals with transponders, the vehicles will get priority which reduces delay time at traffic signals. This, combined with consolidation of stops, allows the bus to provide a more efficient transit experience.



### ABOUT CANDLER ROAD ARTERIAL RAPID TRANSIT (ART)

The Candler Road ART project is an implementation of DeKalb County's goals that were established in the 2019 DeKalb Transit Master Plan. The DeKalb Transit Master Plan addressed mobility challenges, enhancements of future development opportunities, and the necessity for quality-of-life improvements within each region of DeKalb County. In the Plan, Candler Road was identified as a potential Transit improvement within DeKalb County.

### BENEFITS OF ART



-  All-door boarding
-  Reduces travel time
-  Improves traffic safety
-  Increases transit reliability
-  Increased capacity (up to 250 riders per hour)
-  Creates faster connections
-  Reduces Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and local air pollutant emissions



## ART ROUTE

Candler Road is a vital regional transportation corridor connecting south DeKalb County to Atlanta, Decatur, and the MARTA rail system. The ART route will traverse the Candler Road corridor starting at the GSU Panthersville Campus in the south, and terminating at either Decatur or Avondale Rail Station. MARTA will choose one of these two alternatives as the final route.

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### AMENITIES BEING CONSIDERED FOR ART STATIONS

- Seating
- Real-time digital signage
- Station placement near hawk signals and crossings
- Security cameras
- Bicycle racks



### HOW LONG WILL THE PROJECT TAKE TO COMPLETE?

MARTA has begun:

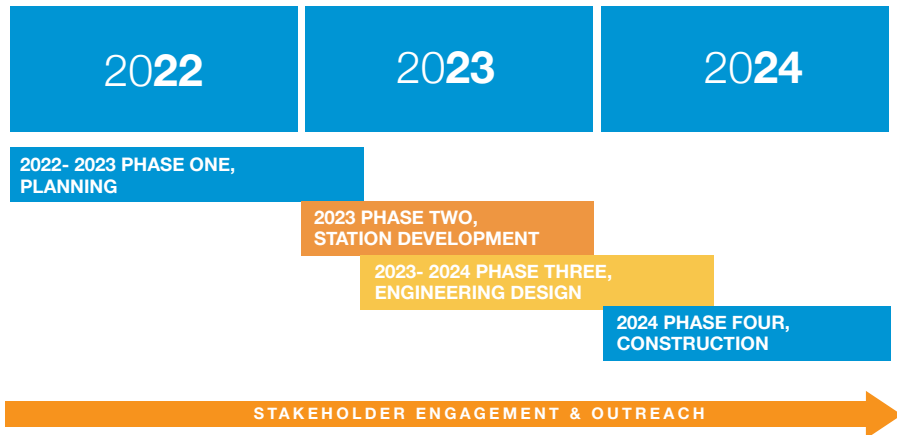
- Developing concept designs for ART stations and amenities
- Analyzing additional right of way locations
- Identifying other projects that impact or enhance the ART project
- Holding public meetings to inform and collect input from the community

The project is anticipated for completion by 2024.



### PROJECT SCHEDULE

The Project Schedule will span from April 2022-December 2024



### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

MARTA is seeking public input throughout the project to ensure the corridor meets the community's current and future needs.

To request information in another language or in an accessible format call 404-848-4037 (Voice) / 404-848-5665 (TTY)

For more information about the Candler Road ART, please visit <https://www.itsmarta.com/candlerART.aspx>.

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