Agenda

- Project Background and Schedule
- Agency Coordination
- Project Need and Purpose
- Alternatives
- Resources
- Stakeholder and Public Involvement
- Next Steps
Project Location and Background

- Study Initiated in 2011
- 12 miles along GA 400
- Locally Preferred Alternative:
  - Heavy Rail Extension
  - East-West-East Alignment
  - Proposed 5 stations
    - Northridge Rd
    - Holcomb Bridge Rd
    - Encore Pkwy
    - Old Milton Pkwy
    - Windward Pkwy
Environmental Schedule

- **Notice of Intent / Scoping**: March – May 2015
- **Public Review of DEIS**: Spring 2016
- **Prepare Final EIS / Record of Decision (ROD)**: Summer 2016 – Spring 2017
- **FTA Signs ROD**: Spring 2017
Federal Project Development Process

Project Development: Typically 6 – 12 years

Alternatives Analysis / Systems Planning → Environmental / Preliminary Engineering → Final Design → Construction → Operations

We are Here

1 – 2 years → 2 – 3 years → *1 – 3 years → *2 – 3 years → *2025?

*If funding is identified
## Agency Roles

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Anticipated Milestones

- **Spring 2015**: Scoping
- **Summer 2015**: Need and Purpose
- **Fall 2015**: Technical Review / Develop Draft EIS
- **Spring 2016**: Draft EIS Circulation
- **Summer 2016**: Final EIS / ROD Preparation
- **Spring 2017**: Final EIS / ROD Signed
- **Final EIS / ROD Signed**
### Draft Project Need and Purpose

#### The Draft Needs of the Project are Based on:
- Increased Travel Demand and Congestion
- Limited Transit Mobility
- Transit Travel Times not Competitive with Auto Travel
- Congestion May Impact Future Economic Development Opportunities

#### The Proposed Project Purpose is to:
- Provide High Capacity Transit
- Expand Transit Coverage
- Improve Transit Connectivity
- Enhance Transit Accessibility
- Provide a Reliable Alternative to Automobile Travel
Alternatives Under Consideration

- Build Alternative 1 – Heavy Rail (LPA)
- Build Alternative 2 – BRT in same alignment as LPA
- West crossover south of Spalding Drive
- East crossover north of Chattahoochee River
  ➔ Location to be determined as part of Draft EIS
Alternatives Under Consideration

- Build Alternative 3 – BRT in Future GA 400 Managed Lanes
- Enter managed lanes north of North Springs station
- Exit managed lanes near Windward Parkway
What will the EIS Include?

- Positive and negative environmental impacts of each alternative
- Mitigation strategies to address potential impacts
- Evidence of how each alternative can meet the purpose and need of the project
- Evaluation criteria to compare the performance of each alternative as they relate to goals and objectives
## Resource Considerations

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Meetings with Resource Agencies and Stakeholders

Public Meetings

Kiosks at Corridor Locations

MARTA Community Bus

Website Information

Newsletters

Social Media
Looking for Your Input

- Resource concerns in the study area
- Input to inform the development of the:
  - Need and Purpose
  - Alternatives to be Considered
  - Goals and Objectives
  - Evaluation Criteria
  - Contents of the DEIS

- Provide Scoping Comments by May 11, 2015!
Public Scoping Meetings

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 6:30-8:00 PM
North Fulton Service Center – Community Room
7741 Roswell Road #104, Sandy Springs, GA 30350

Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 6:30-8:00 PM
Georgia State University – Alpharetta Center
3775 Brookside Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30022

Thursday, April 30, 2015 – 6:30-8:00 PM
East Roswell Park – Recreation Center
9000 Fouts Road, Roswell, GA 30076
Next Steps

- Document Scoping Input
- Finalize Need and Purpose and Alternatives
- Begin Environmental Studies
- Explore Funding Opportunities
- Continued Outreach during the DEIS Phase
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