



# Early Scoping Report Appendix

Attachment B-9:

Email Comments Received

GA 400 Expansion Comments (June 25 through September 19, 2014)

Opinion	Count	Common Themes:	Frequency
For	176	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• traffic congestion / commute times (car)</li><li>• concerns about how crime &amp; safety would be addressed</li><li>• environmental issues (pollution reduction, global warming, etc)</li><li>• transit infrastructure outdated / "move Atlanta into 21st century"</li><li>• want a HRT stop at Old Milton (Avalon development)</li><li>• More alternatives/more parking</li><li>• don't want to have to ride bus to rail station(s)</li><li>• need adequate expanded bus service with rail expansion</li><li>• improve property values</li><li>• economic advantage / competition with other Southern cities</li><li>• interim bus service for area while expansion is constructed</li><li>• No reason / other reason mentioned -- general support</li><li>• Better accessibility (Downtown, airport, inner-city events, suburb jobs)</li><li>• Support -- want more information on project</li><li>• Will help attract young (professional) demographic to area</li><li>• Do <b>NOT</b> want a Northridge station</li><li>• More transportation options beyond automobile travel</li><li>• Support, but do not want GA 400 to interfere with other expansion projects' progress</li><li>• would like express train service to airport considered</li><li>• Encourage density/TOD near proposed stations</li><li>• Support, but prefer in-town transit focus</li><li>• Want a bus-only option / expanded bus service instead of rail</li><li>• Want alignment on <b>EAST</b> side of GA 400</li><li>• Want alignment on <b>WEST</b> side of GA 400</li></ul>	<div>48</div> <div>1</div> <div>3</div> <div>4</div> <div>6</div> <div>1</div> <div>3</div> <div>3</div> <div>15</div> <div>9</div> <div>4</div> <div>28</div> <div>53</div> <div>5</div> <div>4</div> <div>9</div> <div>11</div> <div>1</div> <div>3</div> <div>41</div> <div>3</div> <div>3</div> <div>3</div> <div>73</div>
Against	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• added traffic congestion</li><li>• commute times (transit)</li><li>• concerns about crime &amp; safety</li><li>• don't want to transfer to bus to finish trip once in the city</li><li>• focus on intown transportation options instead/first</li><li>• not enough ridership</li><li>• cost is too high</li><li>• lose the character of the community</li><li>• overall negative perception of MARTA</li><li>• concerns about MARTA expansion bringing more multi-family housing to the area</li></ul>	<div>1</div> <div>0</div> <div>2</div> <div>0</div> <div>5</div> <div>1</div> <div>1</div> <div>1</div> <div>1</div> <div>1</div>
Unsure / No Firm Answer	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• questions pertaining to the types of stations of each location</li><li>• concerns about crime &amp; safety</li><li>• Want more information on project</li></ul>	<div>0</div> <div>0</div> <div>2</div>
TOTAL	188		

Origin of Comments	
City	Frequency
Alpharetta	29
Cumming	3
Roswell	7
Atlanta	14
Forest Park	0
Sandy Springs	60
N. Fulton - unspecified	23
Other	4
Unknown	20
Milton	8
Johns Creek	1
Dunwoody	6
Decatur	1

Origin of Comments	
City	Frequency
Alpharetta	0
Unknown	2
Atlanta	3
N. Fulton - unspecified	4
Roswell	1

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City	Frequency
Alpharetta	0
Unknown	1
Atlanta	1

Connect 400 Facebook Page - Likes (as of September 19, 2014)

page created October 11, 2011

Current Number of Likes:	463
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTA GO WEST  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 3:09:24 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[MARTA GO WEST LETTER - 072114.docx](#)  
[ATT00001.txt](#)

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Dear Marta Representatives:

Attached please find a letter that shows our preference to expand the MARTA rail line north of North Springs Station on the West side of GA 400. We sincerely hope that you make the right decision.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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July 21, 2014

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in Sandy Springs, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, along the East side of GA 400.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would heavily impact my neighborhood, including four neighborhood schools, Sandy Springs Fire Station #1, local roads and the traffic in the immediate area. Two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) back up directly to GA 400. They would potentially need to be moved at high cost to the taxpayers.

By contrast, if MARTA were to cross over GA 400 immediately before or after Spalding Drive, and run up the West side of the highway, MARTA could:

- provide much needed public transportation to many residents;
- promote transit-oriented-development, and
- offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade older multi-family housing that currently exists along the West of GA 400.

Other positives for supporting development on the West side of GA 400, include:

- Greater land use opportunities, including more options for station locations and design.
- Greater need for public transportation and access to a proposed Northridge station.
- A greater number of current MARTA customers live West of GA 400. The northern panhandle of Sandy Springs is the most densely populated portion of the city.
- If an expanded MARTA route were not sited on the West, these customers would need to cross GA 400 to use an expanded MARTA service.
- Northridge/Roberts Drive roads East of GA 400 are not built for increased traffic.
- There less National Park Service land in the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area that would be potentially impacted if a rail line were run on the West side of GA 400 at the river.
- The City of Sandy Springs supports MARTA expansion and heavy rail, but also prefers a West of GA 400 orientation to encourage redevelopment.
- The commercial property values on the West side would potentially increase with MARTA development while East side single-family home values would decrease.

If MARTA were to expand along the West side of GA 400, I believe you would have greater community support, from neighbors like me, the Cities of Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Roswell and the Fulton County School Board. I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to across the Chattahoochee River) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Alignment and LPA  
**Date:** Monday, October 20, 2014 8:09:41 AM

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Thanks for checking in David. As Janide mentioned I was out of the office on vacation last week.

Janide – thanks for providing an update on the project!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 11:11 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Alignment and LPA

Good morning [REDACTED]

Hope this finds you well. Please accept my apologies for the delay in getting back to you. [REDACTED] is out of the office and I have been out sick. Here's a quick update on the project:

- The pre-engineering/environmental study is underway and will provide initial findings and recommendations by the end of this month. As we have stated previously, this work is taking a conceptual look at seven different alignment options for HRT and BRT in the GA 400 corridor and will inform the selection of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).
- We will share those results with our management/Board and the PSC sometime in November.
- Based on these discussions, we hope to go to our Board with a recommendation in January 2015, if no additional analysis or discussions are required.

Hope this helps! Thanks for keeping in touch. We look forward to seeing you sometime in November at the next PSC meeting.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2014 4:08 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Alignment and LPA

[REDACTED]

How is the LPA / recommendation coming along? Is it still on target to go to the MARTA BOD in November? Will the alignment be in the recommendation / LPA?

Also, you had indicated some additional engineering studies were being done, can you share any details on what that includes and a time line?

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE:  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 20, 2014 7:26:09 AM

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[REDACTED]

Currently, we do not have any maps showing a specific alignment along GA 400. We have identified the GA 400 corridor for a *general* alignment with potential station locations. This fall we will be assessing the GA 400 corridor in more detail in hopes of developing a locally preferred alternative (LPA) where we will narrow down our alignment options and station locations. Information on this, along with other summary information to date, can be seen in this presentation given at one of our recent public meetings in July.

[http://www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/About\\_MARTA/Planning/Northline\\_Ga\\_400\\_Corr/PublicMeetingPresES2\\_Final\\_GA400\\_070314.pdf](http://www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/About_MARTA/Planning/Northline_Ga_400_Corr/PublicMeetingPresES2_Final_GA400_070314.pdf)

If you would like to be added to our email list, we can update you in the future as the study progresses. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 9:18 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:**

I have some concerns over the Connect400 project as I am in the study area on the west side of the highway (across from the current Northridge station). I have seen a few maps, but was wondering if there are proposed routes maps I could see? As I am worried how this could affect my house.

Thank you.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Connect 400  
**Date:** Monday, September 15, 2014 8:23:19 AM

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Regards

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 14, 2014 2:46 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Connect 400

I believe it's a good idea to expand Marta not only up 400, but also further up interstate 85 as well as further East, West and South. I myself ride the bus and train, but there's a lot of places I so not have access to because the bus or train line do not run out into those areas.

Expanding Marta will bring more money to the city, and also decrease the traffic on all major highways and roadways.

If you ask me I am all for it, hopefully this expansion will go through.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Connect 400  
**Date:** Friday, August 08, 2014 7:46:49 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 8:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Connect 400

Dear Connect 400

Let this be known that I am **opposed** to building the new Marta extension on the **west side of 400**. It appears that there was a meeting held on July 17, 2014 and no one that lives on the west side was invited or even made aware of said meeting. Nor to any of our knowledge has any of the west siders seen the survey that was talked about for this extension.

There is a large group of home owners on the west side at Lexington Crossings that are organizing to oppose this extension on the west side of 400. If this went in it would be 50 feet from my residence. I do not want this built on the west side, my property values would plummet and I would never be able to sell my property.

We intend, that if this continues to be pushed for the west side of 400 to hire an attorney to fight this.

Also please start notifying all when meetings will occur so we can voice our opinion.

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Go West MARTA  
**Date:** Friday, August 08, 2014 9:24:48 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 08, 2014 10:22 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Go West MARTA

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA - expansions north to Windward Parkway  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 8:19:59 AM

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Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 9:19 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** MARTA - expansions north to Windward Parkway

Good morning,

I would like to encourage MARTA to extend its current rail service from North Springs to Windward Parkway. I take public transportation daily from Cumming to downtown Decatur, currently using the XpressGA bus from Cumming to downtown & taking the MARTA to Decatur and then returning via train to North Springs and then getting the Xpress bus back to Cumming. The further north the MARTA rail goes, the less congestion there will be on GA 400, the faster commuters from more northern communities can get home, and the more environmentally friendly the Atlanta area becomes. I would love for the MARTA to extend into Forsyth County eventually; however, right now, it is most important to extend to northern Fulton County. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 770-500-8919.

Thank you,

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Marta expansion east of 400  
**Date:** Monday, August 18, 2014 8:24:37 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 9:10 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Marta expansion east of 400

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Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 3:59 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Marta expansion east of 400

Dear Planners.

As you continue to work through your decision making process, I would urge you to discard plans for expansion of Light Rail or Heavy Rail on the east side of SR 400.

This area is heavily weighted with well-developed single-family neighborhoods and local schools that are a wonderful anchor to the quality of life in North Fulton County. Alternatively, the west side is primarily commercial and/or multi-family housing. The west side is in dire need of quality redevelopment and would greatly benefit from access to rapid transit.

This issue is also likely to have a significant revenue issue for the City of Sandy Springs , as any eastside expansion would have a negative impact on home values and would destroy many neighborhoods.

Given MARTA's earlier promise not to disturb the eastside of 400 in the future, citizens would once again be see "government" and public institutions as unreliable and untrustworthy. Broken promises from the past are partially responsible for the current funding problems for roads and rail today.

While I can understand the perceived need for continued expansion, you may end up doing significant public harm if you move forward without the support of the neighborhoods and the overall Sandy Springs/Dunwoody community..This is a cost that is difficult to quantify and not part of overall construction costs.

Please be careful and diligent.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA extension on the west side of 400 in Sandy Springs  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2014 8:07:13 AM

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Thank you for your comments. We are currently conducting a pre-engineering/environmental study. This will study provide our stakeholders, MARTA and our project steering committee with additional information to make an informed decision about a locally preferred alternative (LPA). This LPA, with MARTA Board approval, will then be studied in a detailed environmental review where impacts are assessed even further while identifying ways to mitigate or eliminate those impacts.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014 9:53 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** MARTA extension on the west side of 400 in Sandy Springs

How will this expansion impact those homes/communities, businesses and the Sandy Springs Middle School if the west side expansion is chosen? How will they not be adversely affected as will the expansion happening on the east side?

I live on the east side so I guess I should be glad MARTA will not be in my backyard but, there are also downsides to the west side. Do they not get any consideration in this discussion? I doubt the west side is as organized as the east side.

Thank you

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: New Survey - Results  
**Date:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 3:05:38 PM

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[REDACTED]

Thanks for this; that is quite the response rate! You all have done a remarkable job helping us get feedback from the Northridge community and we applaud your efforts to develop this survey. We will be including this in with the rest of our early scoping documentation as well. Thanks again!

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** New Survey - Results

[REDACTED]

Starting after the last Sandy Spring meeting that MARTA conducted, we put together a brief survey and send out the link via email to as many folks as we have been in contact in the North Springs area. As such, we feel these results are based on a more informed community than prior surveys. We have 575 responses! Attached are the results directly from Survey Monkey. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Please expand MARTA WEST, not EAST, of GA-400  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 7:03:59 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 6:36 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Please expand MARTA WEST, not EAST, of GA-400

Greetings,

As a Sandy Springs resident who lives along Peachtree-Dunwoody Road and within walking distance of the North Springs MARTA station, I implore MARTA Connect 400 planners to do the right thing and expand the proposed northward MARTA line WEST of GA-400, to the Northridge area.

There are several good reasons for why the next logical step for MARTA GA-400 expansion is to veer west of GA-400 ASAP once going north from the current North Springs station.

**1. There is almost no room east of GA-400 at this time.** I actually reverse-commute NORTHWARD in the morning to get to work. **The last thing Spalding Drive needs is MORE TRAFFIC on a TWO-LANE BOTTLENECK with NO ROOM TO EXPAND.** Surrounded by fine homes and mature, 100-year-old trees, and with three elementary schools, the LAST thing the Spalding Drive corridor east of GA-400 needs is a MARTA station, where criminal elements could prey on children or break into homes, then hop on MARTA (as has happened near the Dunwoody MARTA station).

**Peachtree-Dunwoody Road also has a wetland creek that runs very close to it on the east side, and it's against Federal law to develop within 25 feet of wetlands. This area must remain undeveloped.**

**On the west side of Peachtree-Dunwoody Road, immediately north of the North Springs station are several apartment complexes, then a senior assisted living home. It would be costly and unwise to try to run a MARTA line through this. Instead, making the train veer immediately northwest, either onto GA-400 or to the west of GA-400, would be the right thing to do to minimize community impact and maximize ridership potential, while not clogging already-bottlenecked corridors with no room to expand.**

What I might like is a limited GA-400 automobile interchange at Spalding Drive, so I could simply drive north from Peachtree-Dunwoody to Spalding Drive, then get on GA-400, instead of having to take Spalding Drive north 2.7 miles to the Northridge interchange with GA-400. It would help to leave the Spalding Drive/GA-400 crossover clear of MARTA in order to give room for a possible additional interchange there.

**2. The Northridge/Roswell Road corridor still has a lot of room left for expansion...including Roswell Road's 5 or more lanes of traffic. It's not a traffic bottleneck. There is also a lot of underdeveloped slum apartments on Colquitt Road along GA-400. Tearing down those projects and replacing them with a MARTA station would doubly help the Sandy Springs community. The area between Colquitt and GA-400 is already mostly devoid of trees, so there would be little environmental impact as well.**

**MARTA's expansion is supposed to be based on rider needs. With most of the potential riders being on the west side; with more land available, more businesses, a higher traffic capacity, etc., it's the right move to make.**

One more option to consider: one might want to run MARTA above GA-400 for a ways, as they do in Buckhead. This could help minimize environmental impacts. The trees aren't just pretty; they cleanse the air of carbon monoxide and put out oxygen, helping us human residents breathe more easily. Already TOO MANY TREES have been destroyed in the GA-400/Northridge expansion project. With the disaster there already done, another option would be to put a MARTA station along Dunwoody Place. That would also allow people coming from the north to park/ride at Northridge without having to build an additional exit.

These are ideas worth considering.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Any MARTA expansion will necessarily result in the loss of trees and possibly

businesses, homes, and developments being forced to move.

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/ Sandy Springs/Roswell area (Robert Station neighborhood), on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. I applaud MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County; however, I am opposed to any expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, along the East side of GA 400.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would heavily impact our neighborhoods, our four neighborhood schools, Sandy Springs Fire Station #1, local roads and the traffic in our immediate area. Two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) back up directly to GA 400. They would potentially need to be moved at high cost to the taxpayers.

By contrast, if MARTA were to cross over GA 400 immediately before or after Spalding Drive, and run up the West side of the highway, MARTA could:

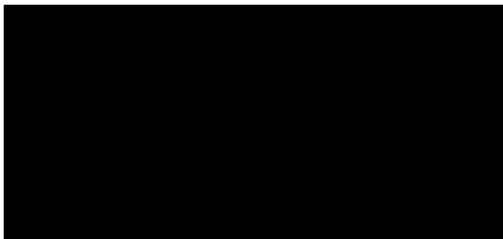
- provide much needed public transportation to many residents;
- promote transit-oriented-development, and
- Offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade older multi-family housing that currently exists along the West of GA 400.

Other positives for supporting development on the West side of GA 400, include:

- Greater land use opportunities, including more options for station locations and design.
- Greater need for public transportation and access to a proposed Northridge station.
- A greater number of current MARTA customers live West of GA 400. The northern panhandle of Sandy Springs is the most densely populated portion of the city.
- Northridge/Roberts Drive roads East of GA 400 are not built for increased traffic.
- There is less National Park Service land in the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area that would be potentially impacted if a rail line were run on the West side of GA 400 at the river.
- The City of Sandy Springs supports MARTA expansion and heavy rail, but also prefers a West of GA 400 orientation to encourage redevelopment.

If MARTA were to expand along the West side of GA 400, I believe you would have greater community support, from neighbors like me, the Cities of Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Roswell and the Fulton County School Board. I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to across the Chattahoochee River) for the Connect 400 project.

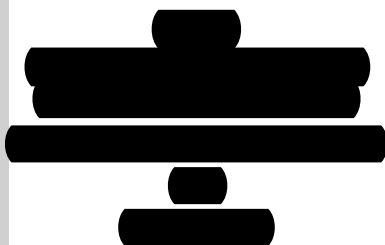
Sincerely,



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** Atlanta businesses are teaming up, join us!  
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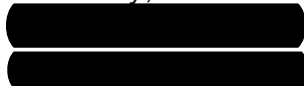


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Sincerely,



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Hello,

Since I could not make it to the public meetings held earlier this year, I wanted to submit a comment form to have a daily commuter perspective on Marta expansion.

Thanks again

[REDACTED]

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## 2014 Early Scoping – Comment Form

Please take a moment to share your views on the GA 400 Transit Initiative with us. There is a reference map on the reverse side for your use. We want and need your input! Thank you!

Your Name: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Would you like to receive notices of upcoming meetings? Yes but via email.

1. Do you agree with MARTA's proposal to extend high capacity transit service up the GA 400 Corridor to the Forsyth County line? Why?

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Agree

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Disagree

Both my husband & I are both commuters & would benefit from this expansion tremendously. He commutes to the airport twice a week and I go to downtown/Buckhead and Inwood on a daily basis depending on my agenda.

2. Which transit technology option should MARTA use in the GA 400 Corridor, and why?

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Heavy Rail Transit (HRT)

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Light Rail Transit (LRT)

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Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

the whole idea of expanding Atlanta is to make it worth for commuters to take it. Why would I take the bus to be stuck on GA 400 South bound for 1 hour if I can get the chance to take the train. It will be a win-win situation for drivers & others like us that would like to take Atlanta to work

3. How would you like to see this project implemented -- building a shorter section first (for example from North Springs Station to Mansell Road), or building a BRT line first with later expansion to HRT as demand for the service grows? Please explain.

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Building a shorter section first

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Building a BRT line first with later expansion to HRT as demand for the service grows

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Other (see below).

I think that if you do the shorter section first it would have to be above Mansell Road, on GA 400 South. Mansell Rd is the first bottle neck so it would be like shifting North Springs station bottle neck North when we up north need the ease on traffic the most. I would do it to at least Haynes Bridge Rd or Old Milton Pkwy.

4. Potential locations for new MARTA stations include interchanges along GA-400 at Northridge Road, Holcomb Bridge Road, Mansell Road, North Point Mall, Old Milton Parkway and Windward Parkway. Please indicate your preference for station locations. (See map on reverse side.)

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Northridge

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Holcomb Bridge

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Mansell Rd.

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North Point Mall

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Old Milton

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Windward Pkwy.

All of these stations have commercial/office buildings that are appealing to people going North in the morning. I think out of all options Northridge is the one with the least amount of commercial/office buildings.

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I don't think a BRT is worth for the reasons stated @ #2.



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5. Which of these items are most important to you: (rank from 1 to 9, with 1 being most important)?

Item of Importance	Ranking
Operating in next 5 to 7 years	1
Low cost to build and operate	2
One seat ride (no transfer to existing MARTA system)	1
Low level of impact to communities	3
High ridership	3
Significant travel time savings	1
Development around stations	4
Reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT)	1
Fundability	3

6. Please take a moment to share any additional comments about the GA 400 Corridor.

From a commuter perspective, you have to make sure that any expenses done must avoid the problem that we currently have. All traffic on GA 400 South unclogs at the H. Springs North station which turns into no time savings for commuters as it takes an hour just to get to the station either by bus or car. that would take little to take look

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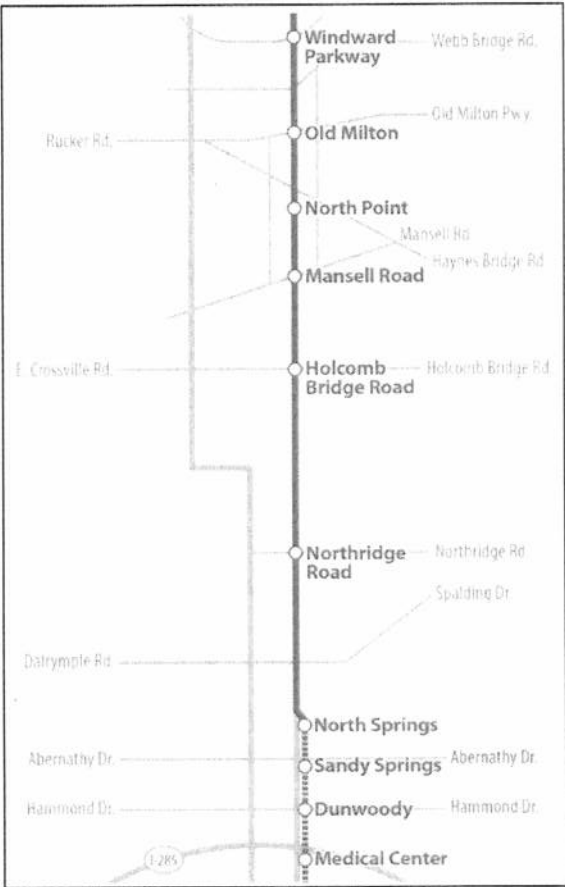
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Map of Proposed Station Locations



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Northward Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 11:45:24 AM  
**Attachments:** [Dear MARTA representatives.docx](#)

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Dear Sir,

Please see the attached letter stating my strong opposition to expanding MARTA northward east of 400.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in Sandy Springs on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am strongly in favor of MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, especially to Old Milton Road, I am opposed to expansion of service, along the East side of GA 400 between the Spalding Drive bridge over GA 400 and the GA 400 bridge over Roberts Rd.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would negatively my residence on Spalding Springs Lane, all the nearby subdivisions, four neighborhood schools; Sandy Springs Fire Station #1; and the local roads and traffic patterns. The two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) that back up directly to GA 400 would probably need to be moved.

If MARTA were to cross over GA 400 immediately before Spalding Drive, and run up the West side of GA 400, MARTA would:

1. Provide service to the many businesses along the west side of 400
2. Provide access to public transportation, in a higher density area
3. Create more opportunities new for transit-oriented-development
4. Offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade existing commercial properties along the West of GA 400
5. Realize more options for station locations and design
6. Reduce travel and traffic across the Northridge Rd / GA400 Bridge, which is currently a travel bottleneck (and will be even be after the construction at the bridge).
7. Be in better alignment with the City of Sandy Springs Transportation plan
8. Receive fantastic community support

I ask the MARTA Board of Directors to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to Roberts) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [ikennedy@itsmarta.com](mailto:ikennedy@itsmarta.com); [Eatman, Mark R.](#); [Sidifall, Janide](#); [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** East Side Rail Expansion Opposition Letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 3:44:45 PM  
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FROM THE DESK OF

July 15, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter will serve as written documentation of my family's strong opposition of extending the MARTA rail line East of GA 400. A West side rail expansion of MARTA and bus service is an option that my family and I support.

Spindlewick is a close knit, family oriented subdivision. We enjoy walking our children to school, at Dunwoody Springs Elementary School. The increased traffic on Roberts Drive and a east side MARTA rail line in both our neighborhood & school's backyard will greatly impact our quality of life here. I will no longer feel safe or comfortable walking my children to school, with all the increased pedestrian and automobile traffic that an East side rail expansion would create on Roberts Drive

My family and our out of town guests frequently use the North Springs MARTA station, because it is a very easy and convenient 2 miles from our home. It makes NO sense to erect a Northridge Station so close to the existing and bustling North Springs station. I would NOT use the station at Northridge, if it were built.

It seems that MARTA could better use their funds in an more productive way.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** Emailing UpdatedCommentForm\_FINAL\_GA 400 \_081914.pdf  
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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive notices of upcoming meetings? Yes

1. Do you agree with MARTA's proposal to extend high capacity transit service up the GA 400 Corridor to the Forsyth County line? Why?

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Agree

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Disagree

I believe MARTA rail is underutilized since it has a very limited scope and it doesn't go where ridership is needed. Despite metro Atlanta's traffic congestion, a car will get most people from where they are to where they need to go, faster.

2. Which transit technology option should MARTA use in the GA 400 Corridor, and why?

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Heavy Rail Transit (HRT)

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Light Rail Transit (LRT)

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Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Heavy Rail Transit will allow interconnecting into existing HRT system terminating at North Springs, allowing for continuous rail service without the need for passengers to transfer from one form to another giving the ability to have contiguous rail service from Alpharetta, to North Springs, to Five Points, to Airport. It would also allow the use of existing LRT train yards along the route without building new yards, training new technicians, and operators.

3. How would you like to see this project implemented -- building a shorter section first (for example from North Springs Station to Mansell Road), or building a BRT line first with later expansion to HRT as demand for the service grows? Please explain.

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Building a shorter section first

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Building a BRT line first with later expansion to HRT as demand for the service grows

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Other

It would be prudent to build a shorter line first, but given that a portion of MARTA funding is from a 1% sales tax, it should at minimum extend to North Point Mall to allow benefit to NPM. To prevent abuse of parking facilities by out-of-county park & ride at NPM, the NPM owners should be allowed to charge for parking which can be validated by merchant tenets when purchasing products or services at the mall.

4. Potential locations for new MARTA stations include interchanges along GA-400 at Northridge Road, Holcomb Bridge Road, Mansell Road, North Point Mall, Old Milton Parkway and Windward Parkway. Please indicate your preference for station locations. (See map on reverse side.)

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Windward Pkwy.

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5. Which of these items are most important to you: (rank from 1 to 9, with 1 being most important)?

Item of Importance	Ranking
Operating in next 5 to 7 years	6
Low cost to build and operate	3
One seat ride (no transfer to existing MARTA system)	2
Low level of impact to communities	5
High ridership	4
Significant travel time savings	7
Development around stations	8
Reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT)	9
Fundability	1

6. Please take a moment to share any additional comments about the GA 400 Corridor.

- in addition to the extension of the line, consideration for the overall north south lines should be investigated on how to retrofit the existing line and stations to create a staggered hourly express rail service for each station that bypasses all others with exception to North Springs, Five Points, and Airport.
- although I live in Decatur, I work in Alpharetta, and I see a side effect benefit to the addition of this line would be for technology professionals requiring access to Georgia Tech campus for continuing engineering learning and for students GTech & GSU needing access to coops and internships at technology companies along the ga400 corridor.

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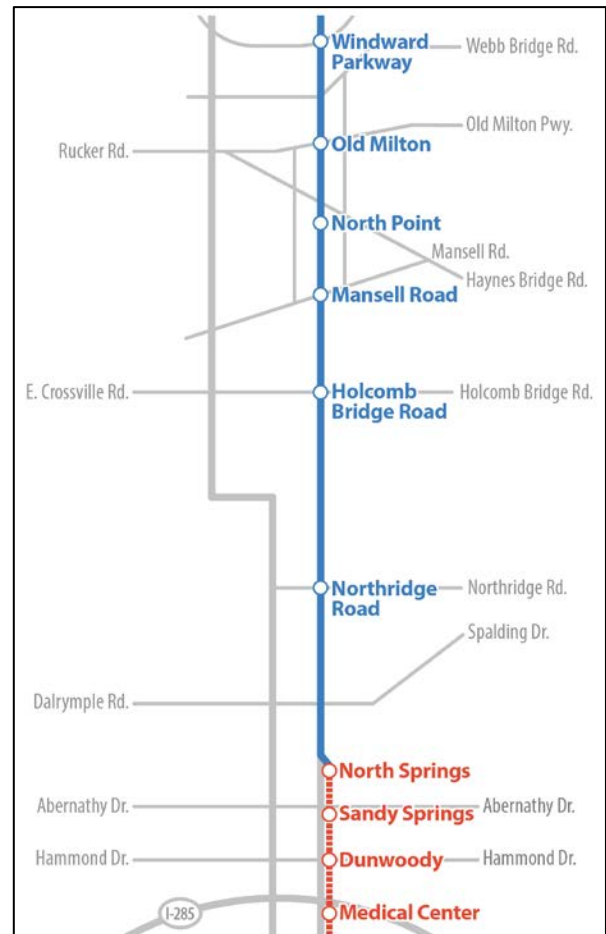
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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Connect 400 Project feedback  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 7:54:29 AM

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**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

*Transit System Project Planner*

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**From:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 8:54 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Connect 400 Project feedback

Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

*Transit System Project Planner*

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 11:41 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Connect 400 Project feedback

[REDACTED]

Dear MARTA representatives:

We are residents of the Spindlewick Subdivision in Sandy Springs. For the record, we are opposed to any expansion of rail service, along the

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ast side of GA 400. If you must expand north from the North Springs MARTA Station, we'd like to see you use the bus service option. If that fails then please go up the west side of 400.

Personally, we don't believe that there is enough demand (now or in the future) in the suburbs north of us to justify additional rail service and that this is a bad fiscal plan for MARTA. We don't see how you can recover your costs. However we recognize that this argument may not be important to your business model.

Our neighborhood is a wonderful family neighborhood with many young families moving in. Our 67 homes are truly a community with various holiday parties, social gatherings and events throughout the year for our residents. Our children play together outside in our quiet cul-de-sac streets, ride their bikes, skateboard, and more. Many residents stroll, walk their dogs and others jog. A number of our homes have pools and we all enjoy our relatively quiet suburban outdoors, gardening and living in our wonderful neighborhood without the existence of a train running up the back side of our neighborhood.

**We chose to live here and not in town and we chose to live somewhere not served by public transportation. We would have moved in-town if that was the lifestyle we wanted.**

Our current home values have come back nicely from the recent real estate downslide. Our homes are selling close to \$500K and that won't be the case if a train takes out 12 of our homes and many others end up sitting on top of your tracks.

When we bought our home we were told that there was no way MARTA would expand on th

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side past the existing station. The 1989 resolution you made was shared with us. Now I'm hearing that you no longer value that resolution despite the investments many of us have made because of your position, your promise. What does that say for your honor, your credibility? My neighbors don't want to sit at their pool and watch a train go by. While I realize the "not in my backyard" is not a great argument as nobody wants a train in their backyard you have a resolution out there that you need to stand behind. People have bought homes and

**many**

have invested in improvements to their homes based on this resolution.

**Our side of 400 has not changed since 1989, it is still a residential neighborhood .**

We are already very close to the 3 existing MARTA stations: North Springs, Sandy Springs and Dunwoody. Another station at Northridge is not needed as it's extremely quick and easy to get to any of the three previously mentioned stations. A recent poll in our neighborhood showed that only one person uses MARTA a few times a week to get to work. The rest use MARTA for an occasional airport ride or never use it at all (with the majority never riding MARTA). An additional station will not change MARTA ridership from our neighborhood (and I bet from the surrounding neighborhoods either) and our lone MARTA rider said he's fine driving to any of the three existing stations. I'm confident that our MARTA usage is comparable to that of the other local neighborhoods and thus you will not be getting any new riders from the east side of 400.

The additional traffic a station on Roberts or Northridge would incur will make exiting/entering any of the neighborhoods on Roberts Rd even more difficult than it already is. During business hours Roberts Road is very busy with the traffic going to/from GA 400, 285, and the various roads in and around Sandy Springs/Dunwoody. Even the fire trucks at the nearby station have a challenge navigating the road when they need to get to an emergency. If you must put a station in by Northridge please put it on the west side of 400. However, that said I think you would be better served by putting it at Holcomb Bridge. Northridge is just too close to the other 3 stations that are already on top of each other.

If MARTA were to expand rail service on the east side of 400 you will negatively impact both Woodland Elementary and Dunwoody Springs Schools. Where will these schools go and how will our neighborhood children have a neighborhood school to attend or will they have to be “bussed” to another school. Many of our residents bought homes so that their children could walk to school. Who will pay to move these schools, taxpayers? We don’t want to pay for that. If Dunwoody Springs is moved then the existing Davis Academy will be across the street from MARTA tracks and that will negatively impact that private school. The Davis Academy families will end up reconsidering their decision to send their children to that school and the Davis Academy stands to lose a lot of future enrollment as well.

It seems to us that you will better serve your riders and your business needs by expanding on the west side (either by rail or by bus options). There are more apartments and business’ on the west side of 400. We understand this is your target audience and your biggest customer base. Why would you not want to be closer to them and make it easier for them to use your services? There’s also more space for you to utilize should you want to put in rail service (vs. a bus option). Dunwoody Place which extends North of Northridge and is parallel to GA 400 (on the west side) has many businesses and side roads with other businesses that could possibly benefit from being closer to public transportation. The residential side of GA 400 has no such need/demand. All that could possibly come from an east side is expansion is the destruction of established thriving residential neighborhoods and elementary schools.

We request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station by bus service for the Connect 400 project.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Go West Marta

July 20, 2014

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in Sandy Springs, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service, along the East side of GA 400 between the Spalding Drive bridge over GA 400 and the GA 400 bridge over Roberts Rd just South of the Chattahoochee River.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would negatively impact dozens of private residents; four neighborhood schools; Sandy Springs Fire Station #1; and the local roads and traffic patterns. The two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) that back up directly to GA 400 would potentially need to be moved at high cost to the taxpayers.

Personally, our HOA recently funded improvements to our Recreation area with a member cost in excess of \$100,000. Our main objective was to improve property values, while enjoying a safer environment for our families. If the expansion were occur on the east bound side, our recreation area and homes would be sitting on Hwy 400, both noise and air pollution would be a huge deterrent to any potential buyers. Being a part of a neighborhood where both the North Springs and Sandy Springs Marta Stations are very assessable is wonderful, but having Marta literally in our backyards is not and will decrease our property values tremendously. Real Estate agents I have talked to agree, with the Transit system in our back yard it will be very difficult to sell our properties. This will impact all 59 homes in our Woodland Forest neighborhood (established in the late 1970's). Also the Highway being any closer than it already is will cause vibration, which would be detrimental to the structure of our homes, recreation pool and play area.

By contrast, if MARTA were to cross over GA 400 immediately before or after Spalding Drive, and run up the West side of GA 400, MARTA would:

- Provide access to public transportation, in a higher density area
- Create more opportunities new for transit-oriented-development
- Offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade existing commercial and high density residential properties along the West of GA 400
- Realize more options for station locations and design
- Reduce travel and traffic across the Northridge Rd / GA400 Bridge, which is currently a travel bottleneck.
- Be in better alignment with the City of Sandy Springs Transportation plan
- Have a greater positive impact on property value appreciation on the West side of GA 400.
- Receive greater community support

I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to Roberts) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** FW: Marta Connect 400 Project  
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Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident of Sandy Springs on the East side of GA 400 where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, along the East side of GA 400. I believe that other options such as bus rapid transit and partnering with GDOT to build heavy rail up the middle of GA 400 could prove to be more effective and economical solution.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would heavily impact our neighborhoods, our four neighborhood schools, Sandy Springs Fire Station #1, local roads and the traffic in our immediate area. Two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) back up directly to GA 400. They would potentially need to be moved at high cost to the taxpayers. I am also concerned for the Davis Academy Lower and Middle schools where we have sent all of our children. This will also have an impact on the churches and synagogues that in close vicinity to these plans.

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Yours truly,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



*We want to make it easy for all interested residents to send a letter to MARTA and government officials. Please use this template to write your views. Then add your name, address and phone number, and email to MARTA representatives at [Connect400@itsmarta.com](mailto:Connect400@itsmarta.com) **BEFORE July 31, 2014 if possible**. Please also copy [DaveC@POBox.com](mailto:DaveC@POBox.com). We must try to influence the current Scoping phase of the MARTA Connect 400 Project to expand its service northward from the North Springs Station. Keep sending letters even after August 1<sup>st</sup> and pass along to your friends and neighbors.*

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Yours truly,



[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** FW: MARTA Expansion  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 8:52:41 AM  
**Attachments:** [MARTA Letter.docx](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 9:37 AM  
**To:** Wallace, Richard D.  
**Cc:** Sidifall, Janide; Eatman, Mark R.  
**Subject:** FW: MARTA Expansion

F.Y.I.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2014 8:34 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTA Expansion

I am a resident of the Woodland Forest Subdivision in Sandy Springs and will be impacted dramatically by MARTA's expansion into north Fulton County. Please see my letter attached.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear MARTA Representatives and other Community Leaders:

I am a resident of Sandy Springs on the east side of GA 400 in the Woodland Forest subdivision where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service along the east side of GA 400 before and after the Spalding Drive bridge.

Expanding along the east side of GA 400 would negatively impact dozens of private residences, four neighborhood schools, Sandy Springs Fire Station #1, and the local roads and traffic patterns. The two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) that back up directly to GA 400 would create serious potential danger or, alternatively, need to be moved at high cost to taxpayers.

Personally, I live five houses from the end of our cul-de-sac street, which dead ends into GA 400. Indications from the previous study to expand MARTA were that several homes at the end of the street would be taken. While home actually taken in the process receive compensation, those remaining close to the MARTA wall receive no compensation for what will surely be a dramatic reduction in home values.

Also, our HOA recently funded improvements to our Recreation area with a member cost in excess of \$100,000. Our main objective was to improve property values, while enjoying a safer environment for our families. This neighborhood already bears the burden of being adjacent to GA 400 and has tried to account for that fact, however, having a MARTA train encroach further is unacceptable. Being a part of a neighborhood where both the North Springs and Sandy Springs MARTA Stations are very accessible is wonderful, but having MARTA literally in our backyards is not and will decrease our property values tremendously.

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- Be in better alignment with the City of Sandy Springs Transportation plan
- Receive greater community support

I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the west side of GA 400 for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#); [Eatman, Mark R.](#); [Williams, Donald](#)  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** FW: MARTA SURVEY - ROBERTS STATION  
**Date:** Monday, August 04, 2014 11:40:42 AM  
**Attachments:** [marta\\_survey\\_results.xlsx](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Attached please find results of a survey done in our subdivision (ROBERTS STATION) following the meeting held on 6/12/14 at which MARTA made a presentation and answered questions on the proposed 400 MARTA Extension. Also attached, are copies of the returned surveys.

[REDACTED]

## Roberts Station Subdivision

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10:42 AM  
**To:** 'davec@pobox.com'  
**Subject:** MARTA SURVEY  
**Importance:** High

David:

As a follow-up to the MARTA Meeting you coordinated at the church in early July, we sent out a four question survey to our HOA (Roberts Station HOA). We received responses from 50% of the Homeowners (21/42).

I am attaching the results of this survey. I also have the actual copies of the surveys if you need them.

Do you wish for me to forward this to anyone else? If so, please let me know.

Thanks.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support from Former Alpharetta Council Member Debbie Gibson  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 8:54:22 AM

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**From:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 9:50 AM  
**To:** Skinner, Nancy T.; Inga Kennedy  
**Cc:** Sidifall, Janide; Bilotto, Claudia M.  
**Subject:** Support from Former Alpharetta Council Member Debbie Gibson

Team,

I received a call this morning from a former Alpharetta council member, [REDACTED]. She said she couldn't make our meetings but wanted to express her support for a MARTA expansion north to the Windward Pkwy Area. She also wanted to mention that she thought that the worst part about her commute was the section between Windward Pkwy and North Springs Station. She also wanted to know, like many folks have asked, if we had made determination of transit technology, alignment along GA 400 and station locations. I gave her the same information regarding our need to select an LPA in the upcoming months in regards to our transit technology and also how the move into the detailed environmental will help us make more informed decisions about the alignment and station locations.

Additionally she remembered at the tail end of her tenure on the council that there was a developer near the existing MARTA park and ride that had set aside some land with the intention of using it in conjunction with a future expansion. She said this occurred in the 2006 to 2008 time frame but wasn't sure about the details. It may be worth checking out?

Thanks!

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**  
Transit System Project Planner

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Go West Marta  
**Date:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 1:04:10 PM

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Dear MARTA representatives:

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River) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,


[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** I'd like you to join the Atlanta business group  
**Date:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 5:28:12 PM








**Dear Connect 400,**






 Local businesses in the Atlanta and Decatur area are working together on Alignable and I'd like you to join us - it's free! 197 of us are already here.

Sincerely,  
**Vann Phillips**  
[buckheadpg@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadpg@gmail.com)







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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](mailto:DaveC@POBox.com)  
**Subject:** Keep Marta on the west side of 400  
**Date:** Friday, July 18, 2014 6:58:07 AM  
**Attachments:** [letter to marta.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Please see the attached letter

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Yours truly,



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** letter of concern  
**Date:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 6:47:54 PM

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Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/ Sandy Springs/Roswell area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, but I am opposed to any expansion of service, along the East side of GA 400 between the Spalding Drive bridge over GA 400 and the GA 400 bridge over Roberts Rd just South of the Chattahoochee River.

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- • Receive greater community support

I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to Roberts) for the Connect 400 project.

Thank You

Susan and David Orloff, 7501 Auden Trail Sandy Springs GA 30350  
770-394-6123

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Link not working on itsmarta.com  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 10:47:05 AM

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Looks like there is a broken link on <http://itsmarta.com/swineflu.aspx> to <http://www.cdc.gov/cleanhands>. You might also want to add some of these resources I found useful...

<http://onlineprograms.cune.edu/resource/nursing/an-overview-of-hipaa-laws>

[http://nursezone.com/nursing-news-events/devices-and-technology/HIPAA-Requires-Nurses-to-Protect-Patient-Information-Privacy-and-Security\\_24296.aspx](http://nursezone.com/nursing-news-events/devices-and-technology/HIPAA-Requires-Nurses-to-Protect-Patient-Information-Privacy-and-Security_24296.aspx)

<http://www.healthliteracy.com/article.asp?PageID=3789>

Thanks!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** MARTA Expansion - GA 400 Corridor  
**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2014 2:07:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [GA400-MARTA\\_Proj-FAQ.pdf](#)  
[GA400\\_MARTA-Proj\\_FB.pdf](#)

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Please push to have Marta extended. The GA400 is a nightmare and is way too congested.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 2:50 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTA Expansion - GA 400 Corridor

A couple of weeks ago I attended a public forum on soliciting feedback for MARTA's proposed project on expanding the North/Red Line to Windward Parkway. As start point the project is in the "early scoping" phase, so there's no commitment to proceed yet, but the more support and demand they receive, the easy it will be to move forward with pursuing approval for scoping and funding.

Attached are some items to help provide your feedback – a project FAQ and feedback form.

In general MARTA wants to know - Can the project(s) be supported and what would the scope of a related expansion look like:

- Transportation platform – Bus, Light Rail, Heavy Rail (current method to North Springs)
  - Heavy Rail was the majority response
- Station Placement Options – Northridge, Holcomb, Mansell, Northpoint Mall, Old Milton, Windward
  - Northridge ranked the least important
- Station Type for each location – Neighborhood, Community Center, Transportation Hub
  - This is the more complicated aspect – what to build where, community feedback is most important in this aspect. A big question to address is what should the station/area look like in the future? Which should complement what the current needs are.

Here are some links of interest:

MARTA – Not much info, but perhaps in the future (think that will be part of my feedback)  
<http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>

Local newspaper article – Appen News Service  
<http://www.northfulton.com/Articles-NEWS-c-2014-07-16-204496.114126-sub-MARTA-wants-input-on-rail-to-Windward.html>

Any and all **feedback** is being solicited up through **Friday 08/08** – send a copy of the attached or an email to: [Connect400@itsmarta.com](mailto:Connect400@itsmarta.com)

Feel free to forward to anyone else who might have an interest.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Marta Expansion- reasons to expand on west side of 400  
**Date:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 6:46:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [20140724\\_074958.pdf](#)

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Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/ Sandy Springs/Roswell area (Robert Station neighborhood), on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. I applaud MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County; however, I am opposed to any expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, along the East side of GA 400.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [DaveC@pobox.com](mailto:DaveC@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** MARTA northern expansion  
**Date:** Friday, August 15, 2014 7:57:30 PM

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Dear Sirs at MARTA:

I am a Dunwoody resident. I feel very strongly that a MARTA heavy rail east of 400 and a Northridge station would have a considerable adverse impact on our neighborhoods, our elementary schools, our children, and our community.

I feel I echo the sentiment of our local community that MARTA's considered expansion needs to be planned west of 400.

Thank you for taking our concern into account.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** Marta wants input on Rail to Windward  
**Date:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 8:45:55 AM

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I am a resident of Alpharetta, [REDACTED]  
I totally support the "Heavy Rail".  
Cant want for it to be built and take advantage of it.  
I appreciate your time,  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** New Survey - Results  
**Date:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 2:27:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [Data\\_All\\_140807.pptx](#)  
[MARTA Survey - all unfiltered.xls](#)

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Janide / Mark / John,

Starting after the last Sandy Spring meeting that MARTA conducted, we put together a brief survey and send out the link via email to as many folks as we have been in contact in the North Springs area. As such, we feel these results are based on a more informed community than prior surveys. We have 575 responses! Attached are the results directly from Survey Monkey. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed MARTA expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 10:41:22 PM

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Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/ Sandy Springs/Roswell area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, along the East side of GA 400.

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the West side of GA 400 at the river.

- The City of Sandy Springs supports MARTA expansion and heavy rail, but also prefers a West of GA 400 orientation to encourage redevelopment.
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If MARTA were to expand along the West side of GA 400, I believe you would have greater community support, from neighbors like me, the Cities of Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Roswell and the Fulton County School Board. I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to across the Chattahoochee River) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** Proposed MARTA line  
**Date:** Sunday, July 13, 2014 9:54:53 PM

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Sandy Springs / Dunwoody, I would like to voice the following opinions regarding the extension of MARTA going North from the North Springs station:

- Prefer Bus Option Only
- If you believe rail is a must, then go along the West side of 400 near the North Springs station, away from schools and heavy residential areas
- No station at Northridge is necessary

Thank you for your consideration. Your decisions will have a tremendous impact on our neighborhoods.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 400 Corridor Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, September 04, 2014 4:49:28 PM

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Thank you for your comments! We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. In addition to the Connect 400 study, we are working on a Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) that will provide us with recommendations on how to improve service into the future. Potentially some of these recommendations could be used to address some of the issues and ideas you bring up. Check out our website for that effort at <http://www.itsmarta.com/marta-cao.aspx>.

Unfortunately at this time Gwinnett and Cobb County are not within the MARTA service area as they didn't vote to join in the late 1960's/1970's. In order for future MARTA service to be added into those areas, the counties would need to do something similar to what Clayton County has been doing recently (assuming they pass their referendum this November).

Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part our ongoing outreach process for the Connect 400 study and the COA. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 04, 2014 1:58 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** 400 Corridor Comment

Thank you for still taking comments on this matter. I realize the general scope of your project is looking further up the 400 corridor, but I'd like to talk about current MARTA access to the Perimeter Center area, directly north of Medical Center. To wit, there isn't any – other than the red line stops at Medical Center and Dunwoody, both quite a hike (or traffic congested shuttle ride). MARTA should make getting the largest offices in the Perimeter area a station a top priority. Second, MARTA should be built up to meet the fact that a system designed to get people to and from downtown doesn't make sense in a city with several different residential and job hubs.

I'm most familiar with Perimeter Center, so look at how poorly people that live close by to it, inside the perimeter, are served by MARTA rail. As everyone knows, the northwestern suburbs have zero rail service. And it's not much better for the northeastern suburbs. I work with someone who lives near Brookhaven. He rides the Gold Line south to Lindbergh, and then North back up again. One

look at a map will show you how crazy that is (yet less crazy than sitting in traffic for him). Personally, I live close to the Chamblee station, and it just doesn't make sense for me to make a long ride south, so I can then go north again toward my office. It's just not a feasible option.

I realize MARTA lacks the funds or political support for this, but here are my two cents. Rather than spending a billion dollars on a train line for people who have chosen to live in the far northern suburbs, build a connection between Chamblee and Dunwoody station – ideally along the lines of Ashford-Dunwoody (with a station at the Johnson Ferry intersection) connecting to Chamblee station. Utilizing existing stations to better serve people in the area seems like a wiser use of public dollars. And if you want to really go nuts, build that line further south down Clairemont towards Decatur – that'd bring rail access to tons of people currently stuck in cars.

Anyway, I just wanted to chip in my two cents, so thanks for reading,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 400 corridor expansion  
**Date:** Friday, July 18, 2014 1:17:53 PM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 8:03 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** 400 corridor expansion

Hi,

I live in East Roswell off of Holcomb Bridge Rd. I haven't been able to make any of the public comment meetings so I just wanted to let you know that I am in favor of a heavy rail expansion up to Windward Parkway. Please feel free to contact me if you need any more information.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** RE: 400 Expansion East Side - JUST SAY NO!  
**Date:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 12:35:48 PM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. We will be holding public meetings on the following dates:

- Thursday, July 10, 2014, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, at Georgia State University Alpharetta Center, 3775 Brookside Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA 30022
- Thursday, July 17, 2014, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, at Hampton Inn Atlanta – Perimeter Center, 769 Hammond Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30328

We hope to meet you at one of our upcoming meetings. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 8:33 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** 400 Expansion East Side - JUST SAY NO!

As a resident of Woodland Forest neighborhood (east side of 400 a mile or so north of the Dunwoody exit), I would like to express my opposition to running Marta up the east side of 400. It's bad enough 400 backs up to our neighborhood without compounding the problem with a Marta extension that will no doubt prove to be a financial drain on the system. It is also my understanding that this could have a negative impact on Woodland Elementary as well. So I strongly urge the powers that be to reconsider running this extension up the east side of 400!!

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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 400 expansion public input  
**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2014 9:12:53 AM

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Regards,

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 10:09 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** 400 expansion public input

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support for the expansion project to Windward. Right now MARTA's appeal is somewhat low to me given that as a resident of Milton, I have to fight through significant traffic going south on GA 400 before I can park at the North Springs station and then hop on MARTA. This limits me to mostly sporting events and other special occasions.

Having MARTA run all the way to Windward would allow me (and others like me) to bypass the massive traffic build-up between Windward and the North Springs station on GA 400. Therefore I would use it more such as this week when I have meetings in Buckhead as well as to the airport.

As for the type of service I would prefer the heavy rail option and I think there should be a station at Old Milton to tie in with the big Avalon mixed use project.

Additional service along this important business corridor is long overdue. Please expedite in any manner possible!!!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 400 expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:35:18 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 12:03 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** 400 expansion

I'm writing this because I missed the open forum a few weeks ago. I run a Healthcare International company out of Alpharetta (300 employees) and feel strongly that MARTA should expand up to Windward. Many of my colleagues in this sector feel the same way because of the difficult commute to Atlanta's international airport. The attraction to this city (airport hub) has turned into a challenge because of the lack of easy commutes. Please accept this opinion from the business community that expanding MARTA would pay for itself with an economic return on investment. Thank you, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 400 expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, July 03, 2014 6:20:54 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 3:29 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** 400 expansion

Hello,

YES! We would love to have more Rail stations extending up 400 to the Windward area. Our family uses Marta quite a lot - especially our son.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](mailto:DaveC@POBox.com)  
**Subject:** RE: 400 Marta line Dunwoody Sandy springs Line  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 7:40:42 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 7:19 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](mailto:DaveC@POBox.com)  
**Subject:** 400 Marta line Dunwoody Sandy springs Line

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Yours truly,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: An Absolute Yes  
**Date:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 8:34:35 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 9:29 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** An Absolute Yes

To whom it may concern

As a resident of Alpharetta who travels quite often, I would welcome Marta's expansion with open arms. In addition, it will help improve people's quality of life given people spend hours in their cars in ATL.

My question, to all is to have a clear answer to the question, WHY we want to do this? Then our HOW and WHAT has to be reflective of that and we need to find a way to measure the why and not the what. People buy, why we do it, not what we do.

My only concern and things to consider:

1. There needs to be enough feeder bus service for people to be able to get to the train station along with car parking.
2. Security in the train and buses needs to be of highest quality with wifi and remote camera to monitor moving buses. It is not acceptable to have unfit police officers who can barely walk..I am sorry to have to put it this way but it is very discouraging to see police folks who are totally unfit. In fact it raises the chance that they will use gun etc as they cannot really tackle criminals effectively.
3. User of latest technology like Barcelona, Spain (<http://latitudefortyone.com/ten-reasons-why-barcelona-is-a-smart-city/>) is going to make sure people can stay connected in the buses as well. Also, please study and visit the city of Curitiba in Brazil for its city transportation successes.
4. Hours of operation has to make practical sense for the commuters.
5. Use of latest technology to reduce pollution and waste.

6. Train stations, bus stops, and buses need to have recycling bins.
7. Please, please, Please make sure the bus stops are designed to give commuters shade and protection from rain..this is really very inconsiderate of Marta to have most of the bus stops without any shade...if there is a large tree..then do not cut it..leave it and use it to design things that are environmentally friendly...come on..you guys can do better.
8. Do not allow food on Marta train to try to keep it clean besides some snacks that people may carry with them.

Finally, I will be happy to share my vision with the planning commission to make this one of the best ever expansion possible

Thank you.

Regards,

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[Redacted signature block]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Approval  
**Date:** Monday, July 14, 2014 9:21:03 AM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. We will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2014, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, at Hampton Inn Atlanta – Perimeter Center, 769 Hammond Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30328. We hope you will be able to attend. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2014 10:20 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Approval

Hi,

I approve the extension of MARTA upto McGennis Ferry Road. In fact I would suggest to extend it till Exit 14 on 400.

I commute every day from Exit 12 on 400 to the Delta offices near the airport and it's a pain and nightmare.

We spend almost 2 hours on each side and very annoying and frustrating.

MARTA will be of great help. Thank you!

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: comments on MARTA expansion to North Fulton County  
**Date:** Friday, July 11, 2014 12:48:03 PM

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2014 11:39 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** comments on MARTA expansion to North Fulton County

The first rule of infrastructure projects - no project ever comes in on budget. Whether it's the Oakland Bay Bridge, the Boston Big Dig Tunnel, the Atlanta Trolley (to which MARTA's name is attached), or even our well managed, new Alpharetta City Hall - cost overruns are a constant fact. And it always comes out of the taxpayer's hide. So any cost numbers you give us have zero credibility in the real world.

Second. According to your annual report, which is long on photos and short on financials, only about a third of your funding is from the fare box. Two thirds are subsidies, mostly from the taxpayers of Fulton and Dekalb counties. So even if the Feds handed MARTA a golden box with all of the funds for construction of the line extension to North Fulton, the taxpayers would still have to pick up the costs of two thirds of the additional operating costs of the line extension.

Talk about a total disconnect from reality. Our illustrious Fulton County Commissioners just voted to start the process to increase our property taxes by 18%. Just where do you think all of this money is going to come from? Do you think the taxpayers of North Fulton are just ATM machines?

Third. MARTA's infrastructure is getting older. Rails decay, rolling stock needs overhaul, and bridges crack (like the ones near N915 - the Doraville station). None of this is self-healing. My bet is that you are not keeping up with repairs, which becomes a larger part of your yearly cost structure, further compounding your funding problems.

Fourth. Successful heavy rail requires dense urban development and housing. Other than a few small developments, North Fulton has no high density urbanization plans.

In short, there is no financially responsible way to fund and operate the North Fulton expansion.

So here are my suggestions:

One. It's the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority. Note the word Metropolitan, not Fulton and Dekalb. Until you can get the surrounding freeloading counties to sign up, you should not expect North Fulton to contribute another dime. We are no longer the path of least resistance.

Two. Prove it. If you are still hell-bent on expansion, prove it first with expanded bus service. That's what Seattle does very successfully. If you can't make it with buses, there is a high probability that heavy rail won't be economically viable either.



**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: comments on the north line 400 corridor project  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 7:07:41 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 9:40 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** comments on the north line 400 corridor project

To whom it may concern,

My name is Philip L. Barreca and I am a resident of 8 years in North Fulton County, in Milton, GA.

I am very much in favor of the extension of the Marta train service north of the current North Springs station. I favor either the light or heavy rail option to the bus lines. I think this project would definitely enhance the economy in the area as well relieve some of the Georgia 400 traffic congestion.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Comments  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 12, 2014 10:43 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Comments

I'm single, male, and in my 20's. I live on Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. just north of the North Springs Marta station (FYI, you can place any bias).

HRT has been shown to be the best. Noise has been a concern, but I don't think it can outweigh the advantages of HRT at all, especially considering how loud GA 400 is already.

If Marta wants to improve ridership - especially an economically diverse ridership - they need to hone in on constant, fast, and cheap travel. HRT is the only proposition that does this well, based on the information I've seen. Please add HRT to Windward.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Connect 400 project  
**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2014 7:58:07 AM

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Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 25, 2014 9:16 PM  
**To:** Connect400; DaveC@POBox.com; jpaulson@sandyspringsga.gov  
**Subject:** Connect 400 project

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Sandy Springs just east of 400. I believe extending MARTA north is a good idea, however the east side of 400 is not a good location. The disruption of schools, residents, and public services is detrimental to the north Atlanta community. I am opposed to any expansion of service east of 400, south of the Chattahoochee River.

There are many reasons why the west side of 400 is preferred by most local residents. MARTA access would be convenient to more people who would use it, opportunities for live/work/play hubs to be developed, more space for stations, and better traffic flow, to name a few.

I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to Roberts) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Connect 400 Project  
**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2014 8:36:13 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 26, 2014 5:11 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Connect 400 Project

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident and president of the Somerset Homeowners Association in Sandy Springs. Our 17-home neighborhood is located at the intersection of Northridge and Roberts Roads, on the East of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service north from the North Springs Station.

While most of my neighbors and I are not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, we are opposed to any expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, on the East of GA 400.

Expanding along the East of GA 400 would heavily impact our neighborhoods, four neighborhood schools, local roads and the traffic in our immediate area (where Roberts and Northridge aren't currently built for additional traffic). Two elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) back up directly to the GDOT right-of-way and would have a rail line potentially running right behind their schoolrooms and playgrounds.

By contrast, if MARTA were to cross over GA 400 immediately before or after Spalding Road to the West side of the highway, we believe MARTA could provide much needed public transportation to many residents who ride MARTA busses today that circulate along Dunwoody Place/Northridge/Roswell Road. Additionally, expansion on the West of GA 400 could promote transit-oriented-development and offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade older multi-family housing that currently exists along the West of GA 400 between Spalding Road and Northridge Road in Sandy Springs. Further, we believe there are stronger positives for supporting development on the West of GA 400, including:

- Land use opportunities are greater on the West side, including greater options for station location and design.
- Existing transportation and access to/from a proposed Northridge station are more evolved on the West side, although some neighbors question the need for a station given the proximity to the North Springs Station.
- A greater number of current MARTA customers live West of GA 400. The northern panhandle of

Sandy Springs is the most densely populated portion of the city. If an expanded MARTA route were not sited on the West side, these customers would need to cross GA 400 to use an expanded MARTA service.

- There is far less National Park Service land in the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area that would be potentially impacted if a rail line were run on the West side of GA 400 at the river.
- The City of Sandy Springs supports MARTA expansion and heavy rail, but also prefers a West of GA 400 orientation to encourage redevelopment.
- The commercial property values on the West side would likely have a greater potential for appreciation with MARTA development there than would residences on the on the East side.
- Also, along much of the West side, streets such as Colquitt Road and Pride Place act as buffers between the GA 400 right-of-way and commercial/residential developments or Sandy Springs Middle School, which doesn't exist on the East side.

If MARTA were to expand along the West of GA 400, I believe you would have greater community support, from residents like me, the City of Sandy Springs and the Fulton County School Board. I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to across the Chattahoochee River) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Connect 400  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 2:28:38 PM

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[REDACTED]

Thank you for the clarification. This will be noted. Thanks!

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 3:27 PM  
**To:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Subject:** Re: Connect 400

Oh, and Mark? I'm talking about extending the North Springs line vs. add'l bus or light rail...

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**From:** "Mark R. Eatman" <[mreatman@itsmarta.com](mailto:mreatman@itsmarta.com)>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Connect400" <[Connect400@itsmarta.com](mailto:Connect400@itsmarta.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 12:05:08 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Connect 400

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Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 11:51 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Connect 400

Madam, sir -

We are in favor of extending MARTA Rail to Windward and would use it.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED], [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Endorsement for Connect400 MARTA Expansion  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 9:23:57 AM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. We will be holding public meetings on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, at Johns Creek Environmental Campus, 8100 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, GA 30022
- Thursday, July 10, 2014, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, at Georgia State University Alpharetta Center, 3775 Brookside Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA 30022
- Thursday, July 17, 2014, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, at Hampton Inn Atlanta – Perimeter Center, 769 Hammond Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30328

We hope to meet you at one of our upcoming meetings. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 10:23 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Endorsement for Connect400 MARTA Expansion

I am writing to briefly, yet heartily, endorse the expansion of MARTA along the 400 corridor to Windward Parkway.

As a resident of Alpharetta just 2 miles from the Old Milton Parkway exit, MARTA has the potential to serve as my primary means of transport to and from Atlanta.

With full intention of becoming a season ticket holder for the new MLS franchise in 2017, MARTA will allow my family safe and reliable passage to the downtown area and New Atlanta Stadium.

Thanks!

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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Expansion of Marta- North on 400  
**Date:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 2:09:30 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 2:58 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Expansion of Marta- North on 400

To the Marta 400 Expansion Team:

I am writing this letter in non-support of extending/building a Marta 400 rail line on the East side of 400. I have lived at 550 Spindlewick Drive for 21 years and my house backs up to the 400 expressway. At present I do not support any expansion of Marta if it involves a rail line or station on the East side of 400. The building of either would directly effect my property values, backyard access as well as increased security and traffic concerns for my subdivision/community. I, along with many others, strongly suggest that expanding rail/stations on the east side of 400 NOT be considered.

When I purchased my home in 1993, I researched and was told that Marta had committed to NOT expand on the East side of 400 in the area behind my house and my property would be safe from any further disruption from 400. I am deeply disappointed to hear that Marta and the DOT are considering not upholding their word. I think that speaks volumes.

I have attended one of the Marta meetings in my community and was disappointed to hear/see:

\* That Marta says they have not made a decision regarding building on the East side of 400--- yet their materials clearly show a route outlined on the East side of 400. If a decision has truly not been made then why market it with materials that show the rail line going up the East side. Poor judgement or sign of wanting to manipulate the readers.

\* Marta representatives said the cost would be about \$5 million more to transverse and go up the West side making it cost prohibitive. That \$5 million represents such a small insignificant percentage of the total billion(s) dollar expansion that cost as an objection is laughable and again could be seen as manipulative.

\* Marta said that current traffic lane construction and reconfiguration happening now at the Northridge/400 intersection would handle any additional traffic concerns. I invite you all to travel north on Roberts Rd from the Dunnwaddy Village to 400 access ramp any day between 4-7pm and tell me how Roberts Rd as a single lane, feeder road handles the traffic. You will have plenty of time to prepare your thoughts since you will be sitting in traffic for up to 45 minutes just to snake down the path.

Again, I bought a home more than 20 years ago with a community commitment that Marta expansion would not be built on the East side of 400. I would not have done so without knowing of that commitment. While your decisions to expand Marta may help other communities; if you expand on the East side you are doing it on broken promises and disregard of families, lives and communities it effects.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Expansion Project  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 2:03:38 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 2:15 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Expansion Project

I was unable to attend the recent meetings in Alpharetta and the perimeter area about the expansion project, but I went through the presentation, as well as a lot of other information online regarding the potential project.

I want to give my input.

I live off windward parkway in Alpharetta and commute to Perimeter Center West in the perimeter area.

It is a horrible commute and so I am currently looking for alternatives to driving. I am lucky enough to have a bus stop close to my house and a train station across from my office building.

Unfortunately, taking Marta as it currently is still takes about an hour each direction, because most of the route is via bus, which gets stuck in slow 400 southbound traffic just like my car does (especially since the shoulder lane is now open during some hours for commuters). Some of the time I can beat that trip time with my car.

I would love to have a Windward Parkway rail station (heavy rail).

I agree with the proposed stations of Northridge, Holcomb Bridge, Mansell Road, North Point, Old Milton, and Windward. That would encourage use from me and others for things other than just the commute. On the weekends I could do my shopping via train as well. And spend time at the new Avalon

I do understand there is a process for going about such things as expanding heavy rail, but my major issue with the project is that the potential time that this will be available is so far away. I like my

house and don't want to sell. I like my job and don't want to switch jobs. But I really don't like my commute and something has to give. So most likely I will try to find a job in Alpharetta sometime so I can change my commute before the wait for heavy rail is over. If it were up and running sooner, it would give me some light at the end of the tunnel and perhaps change my life plan a bit.

I know this is a big project with lots of moving parts. I know that the timeline at this point is an estimate. I also know that most things take longer than the estimated time, not less time. If you guys could prove me wrong about that, I would be delighted 😊

Thanks very much,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Extending Marta into Alpharetta  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 12:11:10 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 1:07 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Extending Marta into Alpharetta

Please accept this email as my whole hearted approval of extending the Heavy Rail line from the North Springs station northward. (I am assuming that the Heavy Rail is what Marta currently has)

I use the North Springs station four times a month, and the 185 bus line to get to it, to travel to the airport.

Thanks !!!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED], [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Extension of MARTA north of northsprings  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 1:13:09 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 2:01 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Extension of MARTA north of northsprings

Dear Sir:

I reside In Westfair I a clustered community of twenty-five units located near Peachtree Road between Abernathy Road and Spauling Drive. We are for the extension of MARTA's service beyond the present termination at North Springs. There seems to be ample argument for this extension to be located west of route 400 north beyond the present terminal which is the one we do totally support.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: GA 400 corridor  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 5:39:47 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 9:02 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** GA 400 corridor

Greetings,

Please consider this email a voicing of support for a proposed expansion to Windward Parkway for RAIL. While bus service would be helpful, we already have a bus service that is highly undesirable because of the inconsistencies of travel and the terrible traffic that makes it worth sitting in traffic in your own car rather than the sweltering, never on time, completely packed buses. However, rail service would completely transform the commute.

I currently drive from windward parkway to North Springs (in extremely heavy traffic) and then ride the train to midtown where I work. I usually leave an hour and a half before I have to be at work, because my commute is terrible. My train commute is only around 15 minutes. I would LOVE to pay extra in taxes (i am a Fulton county resident) for a rail extension. My life would be much so much more convenient, and I would ride MARTA every day. I also usually drive to Atlanta for events, but if MARTA came out to windward pkwy I would also prefer to ride the train than to drive (I attend a lot of concerts, and when the MLS team comes to Atlanta I will be a season ticket holder). Again, I would only support this if the method would be RAIL, not the bus system.

Anyway, I support this cause, and I will be at the upcoming meetings.

Best wishes,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: GA 400 Proposal Comments  
**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2014 8:33:58 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 11:00 AM  
**To:** Sidifall, Janide  
**Subject:** GA 400 Proposal Comments

Here are my comments on the proposed transit alternatives for the SR400 (GA400) corridor. Based on the volume of traffic, both northbound and southbound, north of I-285, there is a clear case for an improved public transit infrastructure. That is not in dispute. BRT has proved itself in Bogata, Cuitiba, and Los Angeles, but in the urban rather than suburban areas. Road speed is relatively low, with all the discomfort of bus travel. The shoulders of SR400 were upgraded at enormous expense in order that the buses could bypass the rush hour standstills. So few bus services were using the shoulders that southbound in the mornings the shoulders have been thrown open to become an additional general purpose lane. For BRT to offer a reliable service, an additional lane will need to be built in both directions. SR400 users had to put up with years of disruption and lowered speed limit when lanes were added some years ago. This sort of disruption is unacceptable, and along with the travelling public's lack of enthusiasm for bus travel, to propose BRT for the suburbs is badly flawed. As an Alpharetta car commuter I would never consider riding in a bus, even with a fancy name like BRT. I'm sure that I am not alone in holding this view.

Light rail has proved to be very successful as an urban means of transit. Just look at all the cities in Europe where "trams" as they are known there, are being built and frequently extended. A very small light rail/street car loop is in the final stages of construction in downtown Atlanta. But for the northern Fulton situation, 30 miles north of downtown Atlanta, light rail would just serve very few stations and then passengers would have to change to MARTA heavy rail at the North Springs station. Light rail is a non-starter as an alternative to vehicle congestion on SR400. An improvement on the BRT solution, but short sighted and not an alternative to heavy rail for a city with an established core heavy rail

passenger system.

Heavy rail, in fact, an extension of the existing MARTA rail, is the ideal solution. This solution is the only solution that equals or exceeds riding in one's own car. No holdups on the expressway, no change of transportation mode partway, and much higher travel speeds producing reduced travel times. This is the only public transit mode that I would consider an alternative to using my car.

The additional building costs of heavy rail will be more than repaid in the future on a number accounts. Passengers will be able to travel faster, in more comfort with greater reliability than if one of the alternatives is implemented. Chicago and New York both have very successful heavy rail commuter service for long distance commuters with year on year growing passenger numbers.

Both BRT and light rail will fail to attract sufficient users and will be a poor economic choice. Look at the big picture and long term. Underinvestment is often wasted investment and pouring money into BRT and light rail is for the north Fulton situation will be completely wasted money requiring large subsidies from the taxpayer.

Spend our taxes wisely and build heavy rail.



**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]: [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Georgia 400 rail extension  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 7:23:52 AM

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 7:55 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Georgia 400 rail extension

Hello

My name is [REDACTED] a resident of Milton and employee of the Coca Cola Corporation. Thank goodness someone at MARTA is finally looking at expanding the rail service further up the Ga. 400 corridor.

This is overdue by at least 15 years and should have been completed years ago and I feel the train should go all the way to Dahlonaga. As a driver on Ga. 400 everyday, I can assure you, I have the most to gain by this proposed extension.

I do NOT currently use the MARTA rail from North Springs because of its' inconvenience. By the time I get to that station, I have usually already been on the road for well over an hour and at that point instead of pulling off and waiting on trains and such, it is easier for me to simply finish the commute.

There's no way I am taking buses to the train as they make the commute even longer. Now if there was a station at Windward or Mansell, I could drive there and park in about 20 minutes and then relax on the train downtown.

The time is way past due to put this line in; elevate it if you have to or get state help using eminent domain to gather the land required for its' completion. We are hurting up here north of the city for sensible mass transit options, not more buses or more roads but RAIL!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](mailto:DaveC@POBox.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Go West Marta  
**Date:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 1:20:26 PM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 1:58 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](mailto:DaveC@POBox.com)  
**Subject:** Go West Marta

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/ Sandy Springs/Roswell area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, but I am opposed to any expansion of service, along the East side of GA 400 between the Spalding Drive bridge over GA 400 and the GA 400 bridge over Roberts Rd just South of the Chattahoochee River.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would negatively impact dozens of private residents; four neighborhood schools; Sandy Springs Fire Station #1; and the local roads and traffic patterns. The two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) that back up directly to GA 400 would potentially need to be

moved at high cost to the taxpayers.

By contrast, if MARTA were to cross over GA 400 immediately before or after Spalding Drive, and run up the West side of GA 400, MARTA would:

- Provide access to public transportation, in a higher density area
- Create more opportunities new for transit-oriented-development
- Offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade existing commercial and high density residential properties along the West of GA 400
- Realize more options for station locations and design
- Reduce travel and traffic across the Northridge Rd / GA400 Bridge, which is currently a travel bottleneck.
- Be in better alignment with the City of Sandy Springs Transportation plan
- Have a greater positive impact on property value appreciation on the West side of GA 400.
- Receive greater community support

I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to Roberts) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Go West MARTA  
**Date:** Friday, July 18, 2014 1:18:04 PM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 8:37 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** Go West MARTA

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Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Go West of 400  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 8:10:08 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2014 9:12 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** Go West of 400

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Randi Meyer, and I live in Stratford Manor, at the corner of Pitts Road and Spalding Drive, a neighborhood on the East side of 400.

Our family has lived in this community for over 8 years. Near us there are many other single family home communities as well as 4 schools. All of these would be displaced and/or negatively impacted by expanding MARTA East of 400.

So please, if there has to be rail, (as opposed to expanding bus coverage) please put the rail West of 400, as there would be the least environmental impact.

I appreciate your consideration!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Heavy rail service please  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 8:20:26 AM

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We hope to meet you at one of our upcoming meetings. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 8:59 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Heavy rail service please

Hello--

I live in the Embury Hills area (near Spaghetti Junction) and commute to Alpharetta every weekday. I have long wanted a rail commute option, but the North Springs station is too far from my office (close to Mansell Road exit.) I think it would be great for MARTA to expand northward on 400, and while you're at it, consider a north perimeter connection service as well!

[REDACTED]  
Atlanta, GA

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Heavy rail to Windward Pkwy.  
**Date:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 8:06:40 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 12:21 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Heavy rail to Windward Pkwy.

*Dear Ms. Janide Sidifall,*

*Please reconsider the rail stations if you do decide on extending heavy rail up to Windward Pkwy. We need a station at Old Milton Pkwy. and not 2 at North Point. The North Point Mall station is not necessary if you already have one at Mansell Rd. and one at Haynes Bridge Rd. on either side of the mall, plus bus service from 140. We also need bus service on Old Milton Pkwy. going east-west from Hwy. 9 to Hwy 141 to connect with Gwinnett transit towards I-85.*

*Thank you.*

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: I support heavy rail to Windward  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 7:38:47 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2014 12:39 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** I support heavy rail to Windward

This email is to communicate my support for heavy rail up the GA400 corridor to at least Windward Parkway. I live in Alpharetta and must commute every day to my office in a building literally across the street from the Sandy Springs MARTA station. I would definitely use MARTA for my every day commute as well as my frequent trips to the airport.

Extension of MARTA heavy rail north of North Springs is long overdue. I'm disappointed that the process is taking so long. I can only hope that somehow we can accelerate the analysis and community input process – as well as the lengthy environmental studies – to get this project moving.

One would think this is a win for many interest groups:

- environmentalists would see reduced emissions and pollution from all the cars on GA400
- Commuters would have options to reduce their drive and get to locations in Atlanta quicker without having to sit in traffic – not to mention reduced gas use, fewer accidents, lower insurance rates, lower stress, more productive time, etc.
- Employers would gain improved productivity, fewer problems with missed time due to traffic issues
- Traffic through mid-town would be cut by removing some of the cars from the road ( or at least reducing the rate of growth of the number of cars), positively impacting other citizens in the community
- The surrounding GA400 corridor communities can further promote quality of life and the positive

impact reduced traffic will have on secondary roads

- It will be easier to get convention attendees from the airport to North Fulton locations driving utilization of convention facilities and local hotels which in turn drives greater economic growth and higher tax receipts for Roswell, Alpharetta, and Johns Creek.
- Higher tax receipts takes the pressure off having to increase millage rates and that benefits all the homeowners in the area

Atlanta is no longer a sleepy, southern town. It is a modern, international city with millions of citizens and it should have the transportation infrastructure commensurate with a global city of our size.

I can only encourage MARTA to please do everything you can to accelerate the process and move this forward as quickly as possible. At some point in time – and I believe we have surpassed that time by years – we need to move past analysis and take action. Time to get this project started!

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: I Vote to Heavy Rail  
**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2014 3:20:07 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 3:48 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** I Vote to Heavy Rail

My name is Vitor Gabaldi Degrecci and I am from Brazil. In the past year I lived in my aunt's house in Milton for three years while I did my internship in downtown Atlanta.

It's been a horrible experience to take two buses to get to North Springs, as well as taking a lot of attention to do not get back too late from work in order to get a ride back to home.

I therefore second the solution to expand the Heavy Rail system.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Input for MARTA expansion north to Windward Parkway  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 7:37:49 AM

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 19, 2014 4:12 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Input for MARTA expansion north to Windward Parkway

I did not know about the open meetings. I am fully in favor of extending heavy rail, with the stops mentioned in the July 17 edition of the Alpharetta-Roswell Revue News. Adding one for Avalon seems logical.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Input on the proposed Windward Marta station  
**Date:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 8:19:27 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 06, 2014 7:35 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Input on the proposed Windward Marta station

In the last few years, the Alpharetta area around this street has expanded greatly. The traffic is very bad during the rush hours. If there is heavy rail station at Windward Parkway, I think many people would ride it and greatly benefit from this station.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#); [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MART feedback  
**Date:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 8:18:20 AM

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Mark,

Thanks for the stock/quick part email response. This is exactly the type of “lack of service” from MARTA is referred to in my previous emails.

Of course, I suppose it is kind of a shock I got a response at all. And the fact that MARTA has email is impressive in and of itself.

Consider the matter closed and thank you for your “efforts”.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Eatman, Mark R. [mailto:[mreatman@itsmarta.com](mailto:mreatman@itsmarta.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 9:16 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Connect400  
**Subject:** RE: MART feedback

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 8:44 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** MART feedback

Dear MARTA:

General feedback...mainly because the website barely functional.

I understand that it costs money to run trains. But at night after 10-11pm you need to run more than 1-2 trains for north and south.

I mean, really? The last 2 times (which are also going to be my last MARTA trips) I was stuck waiting at a transit station for a train for over 20 minutes. Really? 20 minutes for 1 train?

Perhaps if MARTA had stops at relevant locations more people would take it. But the fact it only goes north, south, east, west, and northeast is kind of pathetic. I am pretty sure MARTA is laughing stock of America in the public transportation industry.

Service goes a long way. And MARTA has a long way to go to improving service..

Good luck, and hopefully this helps you understand why people would rather sit in Atlanta traffic than deal with MARTA. If not, then oh well..

Thanks,

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**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA Alpharetta Rail Line Expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 1:21:01 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 1:55 PM  
**To:** Connect400; [suman28@yahoo.com](mailto:suman28@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** MARTA Alpharetta Rail Line Expansion

I would like my discontent in expanding the rail line to Alpharetta, GA.

The traffic is bad enough till exactly where the North Springs Train station starts at the moment. It only takes a couple of days of observation to see that traffic eases up after the North Springs station when going North on GA-400 and starts to back up just around the North Springs station when going south on GA-400.

The current transportation method is sufficient enough and my opinion is that

we do not need the hustle and bustle of the trains and related traffic to bleed into the quiet suburbs.

My vote if I get one, is to not have MARTA expand past the current North Springs station via rail lines.

Thank you.



**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA Connect 400 Project - Input from a concerned neighbor  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 6:41:00 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 6:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTA Connect 400 Project - Input from a concerned neighbor  
**Importance:** High

Dear MARTA representatives and other Civil Officials:

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I am open to discuss this important topic further with you and others. Please feel free to contact me, my contact information is below.

Thanks in advance.

I appreciate your time and efforts to assist in understanding our concerns and resolving this situation.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Marta Connect 400 Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 7:28:19 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 8:39 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Marta Connect 400 Project

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident of Sandy Springs on the East side of GA 400 where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, along the East side of GA 400. I believe that other options such as bus rapid transit and partnering with GDOT to build heavy rail up the middle of GA 400 could prove to be more effective and economical solution.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would heavily impact our neighborhoods, our four neighborhood schools, Sandy Springs Fire Station #1, local roads and the traffic in our immediate area. Two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) back up directly to GA 400. They would potentially need to be moved at high cost to the taxpayers.

The East side of GA 400 is mainly residential single family neighborhoods that have existed in the same general state since an earlier MARTA resolution that dictated that any future expansion would be on the West side of GA 400. Many of us made conscious business decisions to base our home investments relying on the merit of this resolution. Heavy rail on

the East side would dramatically devalue our investment and have an impact on our future. In fact our subdivision Spindlewick would have eleven homes condemned and destroyed if the rail is extended on the East side.

By contrast, if MARTA were to cross over or under GA 400 immediately before or after Spalding Drive, and run up the West side of the highway, MARTA could:

- provide much needed public transportation with easy access to many residents currently relying public transportation
- promote transit-oriented-development
- Offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade older multi-family housing that currently exists along the West of GA 400.

Other positives for supporting development on the West side of GA 400, include:

- Greater land use opportunities, including more options for station locations and design
- Greater need for public transportation and easier and safer access to a proposed Northridge station
- A majority of current MARTA customers live West of GA 400, and access and a station on the West side would provide many benefits. The northern panhandle of Sandy Springs is the most densely populated portion of the city.
- If an expanded MARTA route were not sited on the West, these customers would need to cross GA 400 to use an expanded MARTA service. This is further from their homes and increases the potential of safety issues while crossing GA 400
- Northridge/Roberts Drive roads East of GA 400 are not built for increased traffic. This would have a dramatic impact on safety in these residential areas
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- The City of Sandy Springs supports MARTA expansion and heavy rail, but also prefers a West of GA 400 orientation to encourage redevelopment.
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If MARTA were to expand along the West side of GA 400, I believe you would have greater community support, from neighbors like me, the Cities of Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Roswell and the Fulton County School Board. If heavy rail is chosen, I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to across the Chattahoochee River) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED], [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA Connect 400  
**Date:** Friday, July 18, 2014 1:20:38 PM

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Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2014 10:33 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTA Connect 400

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/ Sandy Springs/Roswell area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service along the East side of GA 400 between the Spalding Drive bridge over GA 400 and the GA 400 bridge over Roberts Rd (just South of the Chattahoochee River).

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would negatively impact dozens of private residents; four neighborhood schools; Sandy Springs Fire Station #1; and the local roads and traffic patterns. The two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) that back up directly to GA 400 would potentially need to be moved at high cost to the taxpayers.

By contrast, if MARTA were to cross over GA 400 immediately before or after Spalding Drive, and run up the West side of GA 400, MARTA would:

- Provide access to public transportation, in a higher density area

- Create more opportunities new for transit-oriented-development
- Offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade existing commercial and high density residential properties along the West of GA 400
  - Realize more options for station locations and design
  - Reduce travel and traffic across the Northridge Rd / GA400 Bridge, which is currently a travel bottleneck.
  - Be in better alignment with the City of Sandy Springs Transportation plan
- Have a greater positive impact on property value appreciation on the West side of GA 400.
- Receive greater community support

I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to Roberts) for the Connect 400 project.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA Connect400 local resident input  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 7:07:27 AM

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Regards,

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 9:37 PM  
**To:** Eatman, Mark R.; Sidifall, Janide; Williams, Donald; Harris, Lyle; Ellisor-Taylor, Rebbie; Connect400  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTA Connect400 local resident input

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Sandy Springs area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. I am opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County with particular discontent of heavy rail, along the East side of GA 400.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would heavily impact our neighborhoods, our four neighborhood schools, Sandy Springs Fire Station #1, local roads and the traffic in our immediate area. Two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) back up directly to GA 400. They would potentially need to be moved at high

cost to the taxpayers.

I request the MARTA Board of Directors focus their public transportation efforts elsewhere in the metro Atlanta area.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the sender.

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED], [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA Expansion - GA 400 Corridor  
**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2014 2:14:36 PM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 3:03 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** MARTA Expansion - GA 400 Corridor

Please push to have Marta extended. The GA400 is a nightmare and is way too congested.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 2:50 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTA Expansion - GA 400 Corridor

A couple of weeks ago I attended a public forum on soliciting feedback for MARTA's proposed project on expanding the North/Red Line to Windward Parkway. As start point the project is in the "early scoping" phase, so there's no commitment to proceed yet, but the more support and demand they receive, the easy it will be to move forward with pursuing approval for scoping and funding.

Attached are some items to help provide your feedback – a project FAQ and feedback form.

In general MARTA wants to know - Can the project(s) be supported and what would the scope of a related expansion look like:

- Transportation platform – Bus, Light Rail, Heavy Rail (current method to North Springs)
  - o Heavy Rail was the majority response



- Station Placement Options – Northridge, Holcomb, Mansell, Northpoint Mall, Old Milton, Windward
  - Northridge ranked the least important
- Station Type for each location – Neighborhood, Community Center, Transportation Hub
  - This is the more complicated aspect – what to build where, community feedback is most important in this aspect. A big question to address is what should the station/area look like in the future? Which should complement what the current needs are.

Here are some links of interest:

MARTA – Not much info, but perhaps in the future (think that will be part of my feedback)

<http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>

Local newspaper article – Appen News Service

<http://www.northfulton.com/Articles-NEWS-c-2014-07-16-204496.114126-sub-MARTA-wants-input-on-rail-to-Windward.html>

Any and all **feedback** is being solicited up through **Friday 08/08** – send a copy of the attached or an email to: [Connect400@itsmarta.com](mailto:Connect400@itsmarta.com)

Feel free to forward to anyone else who might have an interest.

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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA Expansion (comments)  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 12:52:26 PM

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Regards,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 10:46 AM

**To:** Connect400

**Subject:** MARTA Expansion (comments)

I fully support the expansion of MARTA along the GA 400 corridor. The removal of the toll was, in effect, the worst decision ever made. Traffic has increased 20 to 25% and the afternoon commute is a crawl. Several high-profile developments are in the works and several high profile developments have been tossed around throughout the years – all of which are on the East side of GA 400. A significant GA400 East side development proposal was estimated at one time to be the next Atlantic Station (between the Chattahoochee River and Holcomb Bridge) in Roswell. Traveling up GA 400, NorthPoint Mall, Windward Parkway – all commuter traffic can be generalized to be on the East side. About the only thing I can see making waves in East side expansion is to preserve Dunwoody Springs Elementary school – which, we all know will have outlived its useful life by the time funds are secured for heavy rail extension – and, which should be moved for reasons totally unrelated to a MARTA expansion.

Georgia 400 has very little, if any, room for widening without significant creep into neighborhoods both on the east and west sides. This makes a MARTA expansion critical to any form of traffic relief from the corridor. It makes the most sense to keep the rail on the East side and it makes the most sense to keep it heavy rail (as an extension of the line). Of the 11.9 mile proposed extension (N Springs to Windward), there is less than 2 miles of which is being debated and the cost to cross GA 400 (to then, have to cross again) is not a justifiable cost.

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**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Marta expansion  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 9:32:32 AM

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2014 2:19 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** Marta expansion

Dear MARTA representatives:

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provide much needed public transportation to many residents; promote transit-oriented-development, and Offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade older multi-family housing that currently exists along the West of GA 400.

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Greater need for public transportation and access to a proposed Northridge station.  
A greater number of current MARTA customers live West of GA 400. The northern panhandle of Sandy Springs is the most densely populated portion of the city.  
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Northridge/Roberts Drive roads East of GA 400 are not built for increased traffic.

There less National Park Service land in the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area that would be potentially impacted if a rail line were run on the West side of GA 400 at the river.  
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Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA Expansion Along GA400  
**Date:** Friday, July 18, 2014 1:18:25 PM

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Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 10:49 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTA Expansion Along GA400

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Sandy Springs area, on the east side of GA400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service north from the North Springs Station. I take the route 143 bus to and from work each day and I support MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County. However, I am opposed to expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, along the east side of GA 400.

Expanding in that side of GA 400 would probably be end of my neighborhood. We are between GA400 and Peachtree Dunwoody, so any expansion would be right in our backyards and in some cases, practically through our houses. It would also heavily impact our four neighborhood schools, Sandy Springs Fire Station #1, local roads and the traffic. Two elementary school campuses, Dunwoody Springs and Woodland, back directly up to 400. They could need to be moved at high cost to taxpayers.

If MARTA were to cross over GA 400 immediately after the North Springs station, and run up the West side of the highway, MARTA could:

- Expand needed public transportation to many residents;
- Promote transit-oriented-development, with lower land acquisition costs
- Offer developers the chance of upgrading older multi-family housing that currently exists along the west of GA 400.

Other positives for supporting development on the West side of GA 400, include:

- Greater land use opportunities, including more options for station locations and design.
- Greater need for public transportation and access to a proposed Northridge station.
- A greater number of current MARTA customers live West of GA 400. The northern panhandle of Sandy Springs is the most densely populated portion of the city.
- If an expanded MARTA route were not sited on the West, these customers would need to cross GA 400 to use an expanded MARTA service.
- Northridge/Roberts Drive roads East of GA 400 are not built for increased traffic.
- There is less National Park Service land in the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area that would be potentially impacted if a rail line were run on the West side of GA 400 at the river.
- The City of Sandy Springs supports MARTA expansion and heavy rail, but also prefers a West of GA 400 orientation to encourage redevelopment.
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If MARTA were to expand along the West side of GA 400, you would have greater community support, from neighbors like me, the Cities of Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Roswell and the Fulton County School Board. I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to across the Chattahoochee River) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

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**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Marta expansion north 400  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 5:39:07 AM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 8:18 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Marta expansion north 400

Dear Ms. Sidifall,

I will not be able to attend the public sessions this week. Therefore, am sending comments to you via email. I am in favor of the expansion of Marta services on northbound 400. In fact, I'd like to see it expanded up to exit 14. Expanding up to exit 14 would allow greater access to Northside Hospital in Cumming, the Collections shopping area at Peachtree Pkwy, as well as reduce traffic congestion on the far northern parts of 400.

I'm a strong proponent of expanding rail service in the Atlanta and surrounding areas. Please let me know if there's anyway I can be of assistance. Thank you

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: marta expansion to alpharetta  
**Date:** Friday, September 19, 2014 9:40:13 AM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part our ongoing outreach process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards

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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 2:31 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** marta expansion to alpharetta

I really like this idea. Have to sit in traffic so long and waste so much time . I would gladly pay money to fund the project. You guys have done a great job .

Thanks

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Marta Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 2:06:35 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 2:41 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** Marta Expansion

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Yours truly,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 8:58:05 AM

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Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 9:40 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** MARTA expansion

I do not support light or heavy rail on GA 400 northbound if it is built on the east side of 400.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#); [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](#); [JPaulson@SandySpringsGA.gov](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Marta Expansion  
**Date:** Saturday, July 26, 2014 3:02:43 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 26, 2014 12:58 PM  
**To:** Connect400; Eatman, Mark R.  
**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](#); [JPaulson@SandySpringsGA.gov](#)  
**Subject:** Marta Expansion

Dear MARTA representatives:

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Marta Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 9:31:39 AM

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Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 7:46 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Marta Expansion

I dont want Marta to build a train stop on Holcomb Bridge Rd in Roswell. There is no space. Marta stations are all filthy. I know I'm not the only one who feels this way. Why is this being rammed down our throats? If the community doesn't want Marta to expand why is Mara pushing it?

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: MARTA Expansion

**Date:** Friday, July 18, 2014 1:19:00 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2014 7:24 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** MARTA Expansion

**Importance:** High

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Marta Expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 12:44:32 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 1:10 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Marta Expansion

I'm unable to attend the meetings scheduled this month, but I would really like for MARTA to expand in North Fulton County.

I work in the Northpark Building 400 at Exit 5A/5B and live in Alpharetta. I would take MARTA to and from work to avoid the horrible traffic, if it were offered. I also utilize MARTA on the weekends to go to events downtown, etc.

Please include my request when determining how to expand.

Thank you,  
Chandra

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [dovec@pobox.com](mailto:dovec@pobox.com); [skraun@sandyspringsga.gov](mailto:skraun@sandyspringsga.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA expansion  
**Date:** Friday, July 18, 2014 1:20:49 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2014 12:50 PM  
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**Cc:** [dovec@pobox.com](mailto:dovec@pobox.com); [skraun@sandyspringsga.gov](mailto:skraun@sandyspringsga.gov)  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA Expansion  
**Date:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 12:46:59 PM  
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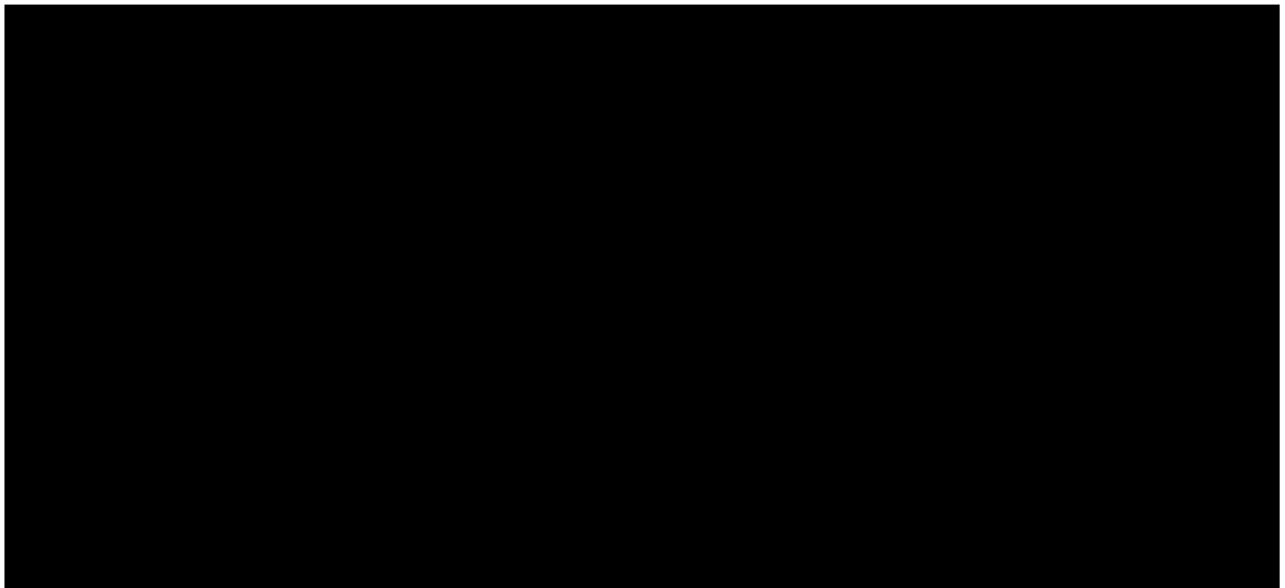
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**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
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**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](#); [JPaulson@SandySpringsGA.gov](#); [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA EXPANSION  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 7:24:08 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 8:23 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](#); [JPaulson@SandySpringsGA.gov](#)  
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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA extension along 400  
**Date:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 3:01:19 PM

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**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTA extension along 400

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Sidifall, Janide](#); [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:32:25 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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That is correct, the exact alignment has NOT been determined (east side, west side, or any combo of both). A conceptual alignment along the east side of GA 400 was examined during the alternatives analysis only to provide order of magnitude information on costs, ridership and potential impacts to compare the three technologies under consideration (bus rapid transit – BRT, heavy rail transit – HRT and light rail transit – LRT). This east side conceptual alignment is NOT the final alignment as variations are being considered based on Early Scoping feedback (i.e. switching to the west side then crossing back to east side, or staying on the west side). As we move forward with more detailed engineering and environmental studies, a preferred alignment will be developed and refined to minimize impacts and costs.

I hope this has answered your questions. Thanks!

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** Huff, Ynggrid [mailto:Huff@fultonschools.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 9:43 AM  
**To:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Cc:** Sidifall, Janide  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting

Mark,

During our discussion, the question was raised as to whether the expansion project was on the eastside of GA 400 or the westside. The response was that placement decision has not been made. However, all the maps and renderings have the project situated on the eastside. Do you have maps showing the westside configuration?

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**From:** Eatman, Mark R. [mailto:mreatman@itsmarta.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 9:32 AM  
**To:** Huff, Ynggrid  
**Cc:** Sidifall, Janide  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting

Not a problem!

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 9:31 AM  
**To:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Cc:** Sidifall, Janide  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting

Thanks Mark!

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Eatman, Mark R. [mailto:mreatman@itsmarta.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 9:05 AM  
**To:** Huff, Ynggrid  
**Cc:** Sidifall, Janide  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting

[REDACTED]

The presentation I sent in the previous email was from the public meetings on July 8, 10 and 17<sup>th</sup>. Each meeting had the same presentation. The one that was given at the June 12<sup>th</sup> stakeholder meeting is located at:

[http://www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/SAC\\_TAC\\_Final\\_GA400\\_061214.pdf](http://www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/SAC_TAC_Final_GA400_061214.pdf)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 8:58 AM  
**To:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting

Good morning Mark,

Was the public presentation the same as the one provided to the stakeholder committee?

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Eatman, Mark R. [mailto:mreatman@itsmarta.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 11:43 AM  
**To:** Huff, Ynggrid  
**Cc:** Inga Kennedy; Sidifall, Janide  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

A soft copy of the presentation can be found on our website:

[http://www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/About\\_MARTA/Planning/Northline\\_Ga\\_400\\_Corr/PublicMeetingPresES2\\_Final\\_GA400\\_070314.pdf](http://www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/About_MARTA/Planning/Northline_Ga_400_Corr/PublicMeetingPresES2_Final_GA400_070314.pdf)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 11:40 AM  
**To:** Inga Kennedy  
**Cc:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting

Good morning Inga,

Would it be possible to access a soft copy of the presentation given during the Stakeholder committee meeting? I'd like to share the information provided with our leadership team. Thanks!

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Inga Kennedy [<mailto:inga@pegatl.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 11:41 AM  
**To:** [inga@pegatl.com](mailto:inga@pegatl.com)  
**Cc:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Subject:** MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting

Dear Stakeholders:

Thanks to all of you again who attended the June 12 Stakeholder Committee meeting to discuss the Early Scoping for the MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative. Your input was very valuable as this phase of Early Scoping begins.

As we indicated during the meeting, a round of public meetings has been scheduled to engage the larger community in the corridor. On Monday of this week, the Notice of Intent (NOI) was officially published in the Federal Register.

The meetings are scheduled as listed below. There is a choice of three meeting dates and locations, and materials presented at each meeting will be the same. Also attached is a meeting announcement that is being distributed within the corridor to encourage participation. Please share this information with your constituents as broadly as possible and encourage attendance.

Tuesday, July 8, 2014  
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Johns Creek Environmental Campus  
8100 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell

Thursday, July 10, 2014  
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Georgia State University  
Alpharetta Center  
3775 Brookside Pkwy, Alpharetta  
Thursday, July 17, 2014

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Hampton Inn Atlanta – Perimeter Center  
769 Hammond Dr. NE, Atlanta

Thank you again for your support.

**Inga Kennedy**  
**MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative**

Stakeholder and Public Involvement Coordination  
770-213-1144

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Marta Ga. 400 Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 12:04:55 PM

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Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 12:57 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Marta Ga. 400 Expansion

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/ Sandy Springs/Roswell area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, along the East side of GA 400.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would heavily impact our neighborhoods, our four



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Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Connect400; davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA GO WEST  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 12:15:05 PM

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for interest in the Connect 400 Transit Initiative. We will carefully consider and document your feedback, as well as feedback that we have received from others, as we move forward. We certainly understand your concerns about the potential impacts to the community and neighborhoods along the corridor. These potential impacts must be examined and strategies to minimize or avoid them must be developed as this project moves into the environmental review phase.

The following is the link to the slides that were presented at the recent public meetings which outline what we anticipate to accomplish over the coming months and years:

[http://www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/About\\_MARTA/Planning/Northline\\_Ga\\_400\\_Corr/PublicMeetingPresES2\\_Final\\_GA400\\_070314.pdf](http://www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/About_MARTA/Planning/Northline_Ga_400_Corr/PublicMeetingPresES2_Final_GA400_070314.pdf)

. To summarize, the Early Scoping public comment period will end on August 8<sup>th</sup>. We will use the public feedback received and technical analysis performed to-date to recommend a "locally preferred alternative" or LPA for the GA 400 corridor. The LPA represents the preferred alignment, technology and station locations that will move forward in the project development process. The LPA will be presented to the MARTA Board for approval in the Fall. Upon MARTA Board approval, we will begin a detailed environmental review of the potential impacts. As shown in the slides, this will take about 2-3 years to complete. Once the environmental review is completed and approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), it could take another 5 to 10 years to complete preliminary engineering, final design and construction depending on the availability of funding.

I hope this has helped answer some of your questions. As you can see by the timeline, no decisions have been made on alignment, technology or station locations and we have a long way to go before we have detailed information on such things as which homes/parcels may be impacted, where the alignment ultimately will be or what impacts to neighborhoods there may be. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact us at any time. We strive to make this process as transparent as possible and look forward to working with you in the future. Thanks!

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2014 8:33 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTA GO WEST  
**Importance:** High

To whom it may,

I'm a strong proponent of Marta going on the west side of GA 400. I know that if its done on the east side, we will have to move because the train will literally be in my backyard. This will significantly impact our quality of life and property values. We hear GA 400 traffic now so I know we will hear the train. Additionally, the population density is far greater on the west side as that side is more commercial. This includes apartment dwellers that are likely to heavily depend on the Marta for transportation. This should allow Marta to capitalize with business and residential communities.

I'm really concerned that a time line on this decision and others are not known. I'm concerned about updating my home for fear of my property value dropping when the final decision is made public. I don't think Marta is being transparent enough about you intentions. I think we should know when a decision will made and how that decision impacts the property owners in that area. Although it may be 10 years away, I'm sure property purchases will start a lot earlier. I've been watching Facebook and my husband has attended meetings, yet we still don't know when a final decision will be made and what that means to the impacted homeowners.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA North expansion  
**Date:** Friday, July 18, 2014 1:17:37 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 5:44 PM  
**Subject:** MARTA North expansion

Dear MARTA Representatives and City of Sandy Springs Councilmen:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/ Sandy Springs/Roswell area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, along the East side of GA 400, as that would be going against the agreement MARTA made in 1989 regarding further expansion with the Dunwoody Homeowners Association and I cite below all the concerns of then and now for not putting it on the east side of 400.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would heavily impact our neighborhoods, our four neighborhood schools, Sandy Springs Fire Station #1, local roads and the traffic in our immediate area. Two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) back up directly to GA 400 . They would potentially need to be moved at high cost to the taxpayers.

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- If an expanded MARTA route were not sited on the West, these customers would need to cross GA 400 to use an expanded MARTA service.
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- There is less National Park Service land in the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area that would be potentially impacted if a rail line were run on the West side of GA 400 at the river.
- The City of Sandy Springs supports MARTA expansion and heavy rail, but also prefers a West of GA 400 orientation to encourage redevelopment.
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In addition, I would like to add that my subdivision was built in 1996 and the Dunwoody Springs Elementary School was also built after MARTA'S word in 1989 about west side expansion, 2 private schools have also been built after the agreement and we all *relied on MARTA's word*, that *it would not be coming up the east side of 400*, otherwise there was no way that this area should have been allowed to further develop at that point, if MARTA was not going to keep its word and expand in the future on the west side as it promised. Two more even newer subdivisions have been built on Pitts Rd. How could this have been allowed if there was any inclination to destroy the value of the properties by putting tracks in their backyards or taking their property for the project. This just seems unethical to now swing away from what was promised with all the building that took place after the promise was made.

If MARTA were to expand along the West side of GA 400, I believe you would have greater community support, from neighbors like me, the Cities of Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Roswell and the Fulton County School Board. I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to across the Chattahoochee River) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED], [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA North Service Expansion  
**Date:** Friday, July 25, 2014 7:48:05 AM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 9:29 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** MARTA North Service Expansion

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/ Sandy Springs/Roswell area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service, particularly heavy rail, along the East side of GA 400.

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Yours truly,

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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA Proposed Expansion from North Springs Station  
**Date:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:36:20 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 12:53 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Connect400  
**Subject:** MARTA Proposed Expansion from North Springs Station  
**Importance:** High

Dear MARTA Representatives:

*Please find a **revised letter** based on the fact that Westfair does not support MARTA rail or station being run across east side of 400 through Westfair which is currently north of the current North Springs terminal and south of Spalding Drive.*

I am a resident in the Sandy Springs area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. My home at 33 Westfair Court, along with 15 other single-family homes and 25 condominiums on the street, is greatly impacted by the proposed project!

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*If MARTA were to study a current Google Earth, they would see that the best route would be for MARTA to cross from the east to west side soon after the current North Springs terminal. There is more unused land on the west side all the way to the proposed Northridge station and consequently a much lower cost of compensation resulting from expropriation of developed land such as the case were MARTA to pass through Westfair on the east side. As a result, MARTA could:*

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Board. I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to across the Chattahoochee River) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

On Jul 23, 2014, at 11:02 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [DaveC@pobox.com](mailto:DaveC@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Marta rail northern expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 10:24:02 AM

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Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 6:19 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [DaveC@pobox.com](mailto:DaveC@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** Marta rail northern expansion

I am writing to ask your consideration of my support for the MARTA expansion up the WEST side of 400 from North Springs. On the East side of 400, MARTA heavy rail and a Northridge station would heavily impact my neighborhood, my neighborhood elementary schools, the major intersections at Spalding Drive/Roberts Drive and Roberts Drive/Northridge, and traffic in our area. However, on the West side of 400, MARTA could provide much needed public transportation and the opportunity to rebuild and upgrade older multi-family housing there. It would also be more accessible to residents and businesses/workplaces along Roswell Road. I SUPPORT EXPANSION OF MARTA ON THE WEST SIDE OF 400.

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA  
**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2014 2:14:53 PM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 12:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** MARTA

Dear MARTA representatives:

I live in Roberts Station east of GA 400. When I purchased my home I did so with the knowledge that MARTA had in place an agreement committing to the neighborhoods that any northward expansion would be along the west side of GA 400. That MARTA is considering expanding along the east side of GA 400 in clear violation of the agreement is extremely troublesome. I will lend support to MARTA's northward expansion but will vehemently oppose any project that would place MARTA on the east side of GA 400.

There is no public benefit to running MARTA up the east side of GA 400. Instead it would have a negative impact on all of the residential neighborhoods on the east side of

GA 400. There are 4 schools, 2 public and 2 private, that would be negatively affected. An expansion of MARTA directly behind the two public elementary schools (Dunwoody Springs Elementary and Woodland Elementary) creates potentially dangerous conditions for the children attending these schools that cannot be mitigated. Sandy Springs Fire Station #1 would also be negatively impacted by this iteration. Roberts Drive above Spalding cannot handle the traffic an easterly expansion will generate. And, expanding on the east side would bring increased and unnecessary traffic directly into an area that is overwhelmingly residential.

On the other hand if MARTA crosses over to the west side of GA 400 from the North Springs station there would be:

- Provide access to public transportation, in a higher density area
- Greater opportunities new for transit-oriented-development
- Offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade existing commercial and high density residential properties along the West of GA 400
- Realize more options for station locations and design
- Reduce travel and traffic across the Northridge Rd / a Bridge, which is currently a travel bottleneck.
- Be in better alignment with the City of Sandy Springs Transportation plan
- Have a greater positive impact on property value appreciation on the West side of GA 400.
- Receive community support

I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to uphold its existing commitment to the neighborhoods expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 for the Connect 400 project.

Sincerely,



Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](mailto:DaveC@POBox.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Neighbors Email to MARTA 071514.docx  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 7:40:21 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2014 8:48 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Cc:** [DaveC@POBox.com](mailto:DaveC@POBox.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Neighbors Email to MARTA 071514.docx

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** July 20, 2014 at 8:38:21 PM EDT  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Neighbors Email to MARTA 071514.docx

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**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: North Springs to Alpharetta  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 10:58:34 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 11:12 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** North Springs to Alpharetta

I think this will be great! I live in Alpharetta, and travel to downtown and to the airport quite often. What a convenience this would be.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Please do not expand MARTA  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 7:54:11 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 6:43 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Please do not expand MARTA

I am writing to you this morning because I do not like the idea of expanding MARTA past GA 400. I do not believe that it would be in the best interest of the OTP area to receive MARTA services because of the possibility of having low value of housing and jobs in the area.

Crime is a primary concern and there seems to be an increase in crime if MARTA is expanded.

Thank you for reading this letter.

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Please go ahead  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 9:31:34 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 10:27 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Please go ahead

Marta needs to go North; Alpharetta for sure but consider going all the way to Cumming. 400 is a parking lot!

Also consider an outer loop as not everyone works downtown.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com); [Eatman, Mark R.](#); [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Possible Marta Rail - East side of 400  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014 11:21:05 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014 8:51 AM  
**To:** Sidifall, Janide; Eatman, Mark R.  
**Subject:** FW: Possible Marta Rail - East side of 400

Fyi,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2014 2:58 PM  
**To:** [davec@pobox.com](mailto:davec@pobox.com)  
**Subject:** Possible Marta Rail - East side of 400

I currently live [REDACTED] in the Spindlewick neighborhood in Sandy Springs. Part of my subdivision backs up to Ga. 400, and I am opposed to the expansion of Marta by heavy rail up the east side of GA. 400. My home is literally across the street from where the rail would run. My home, my neighbor's homes and numerous other homes in other subdivisions would see their property values plummet if this plan is allowed to go through. There has to be a better way to expand Marta than to ruin the property values of established tax paying home owners.

I plan to attend the meeting tonight to voice my opposition to this plan, and to follow through by any legal means necessary to prevent this outrageous plan on the part of Marta.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Marta Expansion  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 05, 2014 1:27:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 05, 2014 2:27 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Proposed Marta Expansion

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/Sandy Springs/Roswell area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. My home at 33 Westfair Court, along with 15 other single-family homes and 25 condominiums on the street, is greatly impacted by the proposed project!

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Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Address]



**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Marta Expansion  
**Date:** Friday, July 25, 2014 7:47:45 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 6:23 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposed Marta Expansion

Dear MARTA representatives:

I am a resident in the Dunwoody/ Sandy Springs/Roswell area, on the East side of GA 400, where MARTA is considering expanding its service northward from the North Springs Station. While I am not opposed to MARTA's proposed expansion of service to North Fulton County, I am opposed to any expansion of service, along the East side of GA 400 between the Spalding Drive bridge over GA 400 and the GA 400 bridge over Roberts Rd just South of the Chattahoochee River.

Expanding along the East side of GA 400 would negatively impact dozens of private residents; four neighborhood schools; Sandy Springs Fire Station #1; and the local roads and traffic patterns. The two public elementary school campuses (Dunwoody Springs and Woodland) that back up directly to GA 400 would potentially need to be moved at high cost to the taxpayers.

By contrast, if MARTA were to cross over GA 400 immediately before or after Spalding Drive, and run up the West side of GA 400, MARTA would:

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- Create more opportunities new for transit-oriented-development
- Offer developers the opportunity to rebuild or upgrade existing commercial and high density residential properties along the West of GA 400
- Realize more options for station locations and design
- Reduce travel and traffic across the Northridge Rd / GA400 Bridge, which is currently a travel bottleneck.
- Be in better alignment with the City of Sandy Springs Transportation plan

- Have a greater positive impact on property value appreciation on the West side of GA 400.
- Receive greater community support

I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to Roberts) for the Connect 400 project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Rail to Windward feedback  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 3:43:43 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 4:43 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Rail to Windward feedback

Please DO NOT bring Marta up to Windward! Those that live up here can afford NOT to take public transportation.

We used to live in College Park by the train station (and bus stops) and we experienced a lot of loitering, random foot traffic to get to the bus stops and our car was stolen from the driveway. We feel wherever Marta goes, crime follows. We bought property up here away from Marta for better safety for our family, and do NOT want Marta up here.

Instead, it would help the city immensely to have an outer perimeter on the northern corridor, connecting I-75 and I-85. It would alleviate traffic on the perimeter, which currently is unbearable!

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Response: Marta Extension Survey  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 5:43:58 AM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 11:25 AM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Response: Marta Extension Survey

## MARTA EXTENSION SURVEY

MARTA has stated that they are very interested in the opinions of communities and that these opinions will be included in their proposal for funding. PLEASE MAKE YOUR OPINION KNOWN.

DATE: 7/7/14

NAME OF NEIGHBORHOOD: Half Penny Place

ADDRESS: 7480 Half Penny Place, Atlanta, GA 30350

Do you support the extension of MARTA up GA 400 to Windward Parkway? It depends. Certainly the opportunity to address the traffic issue is welcomed. However, specific details about the plan and how it will impact the surrounding community would influence our position on the extension of MARTA up GA 400. We've reviewed the flyer indicated the dates for public meetings and will use that as a chance to learn more.

Do you support an extension of MARTA, if it is built on the EAST side of GA 400? NO

Do you support an extension of MARTA, if it is built on the WEST side of GA 400? YES

Do you support station at Northridge Road, if it is built on the EAST side of GA 400? NO

Do you support station at Northridge Road, if it is built on the WEST side of GA 400? YES

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Revised Letter of 7-17-2014 Re: MARTA Expansion from North Springs  
**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2014 2:14:17 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 10:55 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Revised Letter of 7-17-2014 Re: MARTA Expansion from North Springs

Dear MARTA representatives:

Please find a revised letter based on the fact that Westfair does not support MARTA rail or station being run across east side of 400 through Westfair which is currently north of the current North Springs terminal and south of Spalding Drive.

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If MARTA were to study a current Google Earth, they would see that the best route would be for MARTA to cross from the east to west side soon after the current North Springs terminal. There is more unused land on the west side all the way to the proposed Northridge station and consequently a much lower cost of compensation resulting from expropriation of developed land such as the case were MARTA to pass through Westfair on the east side. As a result, MARTA could:

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**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Support for MARTA extension  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 6:24:09 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 6:45 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Support for MARTA extension

I am emailing to send my support for the extension of MARTA (heavy rail preferable but either option is an improvement) north to Windward Parkway. I do think there should be a stop at Old Milton as well near the upcoming Avalon development. As someone from the NYC area who regularly utilized public transportation as well as a commuter on 400, I see great benefit to our community in having better mass transit options.

Thank you for considering public input on this matter.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Take Marta to the West of 400 -- Avoid Impacting our Neighborhoods!  
**Date:** Friday, July 18, 2014 1:21:28 PM

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**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2014 1:04 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
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- If an expanded MARTA route were not sited on the West, these customers would need to cross GA 400 to use an expanded MARTA service.
- Northridge/Roberts Drive roads East of GA 400 are not built for increased traffic.
- There less National Park Service land in the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area that would be potentially impacted if a rail line were run on the West side of GA 400 at the river.
- The City of Sandy Springs supports MARTA expansion and heavy rail, but also prefers a West of GA 400 orientation to encourage redevelopment.
- The commercial property values on the West side would potentially increase with MARTA development while East side single-family home values would decrease.

If MARTA were to expand along the West side of GA 400, I believe you would have greater community support, from neighbors like me, the Cities of Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Roswell and the Fulton County School Board. I request the MARTA Board of Directors resolve to expand MARTA from the North Springs Station along the West side of GA 400 (Spalding to across the Chattahoochee River) for the Connect 400 project.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Tour of neighborhoods east of 400  
**Date:** Friday, July 25, 2014 9:29:45 AM

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Sounds good to me! See you at 12.

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 25, 2014 10:29 AM  
**To:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Tour of neighborhoods east of 400

Mark  
We will pick you up at passenger loading between the two parking decks near handicap spots.  
Ok?

Chip's going to drive a silver Ford Edge.  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2014, at 1:41 PM, "Eatman, Mark R." <[mreatman@itsmarta.com](mailto:mreatman@itsmarta.com)> wrote:

Thanks Susan! We'll see y'all then.

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 1:34 PM  
**To:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Tour of neighborhoods east of 400

Hi Mark,  
Yes the tour is still a go and we are looking forward to meeting you

at the North Springs MARTA Station. We'll all ride in one vehicle for the tour.

My cell is [REDACTED]  
See you at Noon on Saturday.  
Warmly,  
[REDACTED]

On Wed, Jul 23, 2014 at 9:27 AM, Eatman, Mark R. <[mreatman@itsmarta.com](mailto:mreatman@itsmarta.com)> wrote:  
Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to make sure everything is still good for this Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>? Also, will Janide and I still be picked up at the North Springs Station at noon or should we make arrangement to drive somewhere in the neighborhood? Thanks!

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 13, 2014 11:50 PM  
**To:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Tour of neighborhoods east of 400

Hi Mark,  
Our committee met tonight and we would like to have you out for a tour on Saturday July 26 either from 10am-12noon or 12Noon to 2pm. Please let us know which time slot you prefer.

Who will we be inviting from MARTA and what are their titles, emails and phone numbers?

We want to acknowledge your initial time request for a one hour tour. We did our best to stay as close to that as we could. We are planning extremely short stops and with the time needed to travel between the stops we feel 2 hours is realistic. We could do a much more inclusive tour but that would take at least half a day, if not longer. We apologize for the Saturday schedule but we are mostly all working professionals and need the residents to be home to help

with the tour. Additionally, traffic will be extremely light and this will minimize your total tour time.

The tour will start at the North Springs MARTA Station and make a loop covering both the east and west side of GA 400 between the North Springs Station and Northridge Road. We will visit both of the public Elementary Schools that back up to the GA DOT's right of way as well as a few neighborhoods also along GDOT's Right of Way.

It is our impression that Ms. Inga Kennedy suggested using the Community Bus that MARTA has for this purpose. If that is not the case please let us know and we will figure out alternative transportation for the tour. Either way, we'll start and end at the North Springs Station.

Thankk you in advance.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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On Wed, Jul 9, 2014 at 10:14 AM, Eatman, Mark R. <[mreatman@itsmarta.com](mailto:mreatman@itsmarta.com)> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thanks for your voicemail and email follow-up! We are open to having a tour with you all but given our busy schedule right now we can only allot 1 hour. Can you give us some dates and times next week that would work? Thanks!

Mark R. Eatman, PE

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-----Original Message-----

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 5:56 PM

To: Connect400

Cc:

[REDACTED]

Subject: Tour of neighborhoods east of 400

Hi Mark,

This is to follow up on my recent voicemail. I am part of a local group of

neighborhoods that is very interested in your proposed expansion.

We would like to organize a tour for you, Inga Kennedy and anyone else from your team and key MARTA staff who should participate. This tour will be designed to show you personally some of the neighborhoods and schools that will be impacted by a potential east of 400 expansion in the Sandy Springs area.

Could you kindly send me some date options and a list of whom should be invited.

Thank you in advance.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Transit expansion support  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 11:15:42 AM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 12:08 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Transit expansion support

Hi! I currently live inside the perimeter, however, I hope to someday soon purchase a home somewhere along 400 and the expansion of the existing marta line from North Springs onward would be a huge asset for Atlanta residents...I believe this to be the most sensible expansion option as opposed to adding bus service which only seems to contribute further to traffic issues.

Regards!

[REDACTED]



**From:** [Sidifall, Janide](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Connect400](#)  
**Cc:** [Eatman, Mark R.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Windward Rail  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 6:23:36 PM

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Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about the potential implementation of high capacity transit in the GA 400 Corridor. Please rest assured that your comments will be considered as part of the Early Scoping process. We hope that you will stay engaged by visiting our website at <http://www.itsmarta.com/north-line-400-corr.aspx>. Thanks again for your interest!

Regards,

Janide Sidifall  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 6:59 PM  
**To:** Connect400  
**Subject:** Windward Rail

My wife and I think the extension of heavy rail to Windward Parkway is a great and necessary idea. With the Alpharetta/North Fulton area wishing to become the technical corridor of the south, it makes only good sense to extend the rail further than North Springs. Since travel often surrounds these careers, easy access to rapid transit and the airport would be a real convenience. An additional suggestion would be offering the service for certain hours of the day for which stops would be limited to key business intersections. The point being to get to and from the airport as quickly as possible.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Milton, GA Family

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Windward-North Springs MARTA train addition  
**Date:** Monday, August 04, 2014 8:09:14 PM

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In my previous e-mail to you I forgot to say, whatever is put in between North Springs and Windward will, I hope, be a continuation of the rail system from North Springs to the Airport, whether light or heavy rail, so that no transfers are required. While heavy rail is currently used from the Airport to North Springs, if light rail is planned for the future, I hope the North Springs-to-Windward segment will also be light rail. This would have the effect of cutting down on travel time, for each required transfer increases travel time and thus reduces number of travelers using MARTA. Thank You! Dee Graham

On Mon, Aug 4, 2014 at 9:02 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

I am writing regarding the possibility of having transportation from Windward to North Springs. I am 65 years old and do not feel comfortable driving in Atlanta traffic, particularly during rush hours but anytime really. I frequently need to get to doctors' appointments in Atlanta. I use MARTA often, however, because I typically have to first catch a bus (140 or 143), then the train, and then another bus (usually 6 to Emory), it can take up to 3 hours for me to get to my appointment. Then it takes another 1.5 to 3 hours to get back home.

It would greatly facilitate my getting to and from locations in ATL if the MARTA train ran all the way to Windward. It would also be very helpful if there were more bus lines between subdivisions such as Crooked Creek subdivision and the Windward Park and Ride. More bike lanes would be helpful as well.

Thank you so much for investigating the need for a Windward-North Springs MARTA addition, and I hope it happens in the near future.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Connect400](#)  
**Subject:** We want MARTA to extend to Winward Pkway  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 4:30:30 PM

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Hi Janide Sidifall  
Dear Sir

We wanted the MARTHA train to extend to winward pkway.

It will help the traffic on iexit 7 ,8 & 9 while going to downtown instead we can travel in martha train.

Thanks & regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 9:56 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Mtgs Scheduled

**From:** hmanginc [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 1:39 PM  
**To:** Contact  
**Subject:** Re: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Mtgs Scheduled

Inga, I am so glad my voice counts. I have written to Marta and Dept. of Transportation before, even the Mayor of Atlanta who ordered streetcars which look good and are great for tourists but, like anything on the road, it makes the traffic of cars even more cumbersome. We need to fight for expansion of rail service. Going up 400 would alleviate a lot of congestion, even on 285 since people would take the trains....I am from Berlin, a city that has a transportation system to die for...People still use cars but no congestions like ours....Keep me posted.

One more question; Would there also be private money for expanding the rail system?. I even suggested after this project would be completed to think of light rail(less expensive) with hubs downtown going up 75, 85 north and have smaller parking lots and a lot of them with vans taking people to the platforms???

On Monday, July 7, 2014 10:30 AM, Contact [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thank you so much for the follow up and YES, your voice counts although you will not be able to attend. We will share your feedback with and keep you in the loop for future activities.

Inga Kennedy

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2014 1:51 PM  
**To:** Contact  
**Subject:** Re: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Mtgs Scheduled

Inga, I am and have been a strong supporter of expanding rail north of 400. We need to have cars off the road during work weeks. Unfortunately, I am out of town through mid-July. Does my voice count?

I live in Roswell ...

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 30, 2014, at 11:08 AM, "Contact" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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**From:** Eatman, Mark R. [mreatman@itsmarta.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 1:50 PM  
**To:** Skinner, Nancy T.; Inga Kennedy  
**Cc:** Bilotto, Claudia M.; Sidifall, Janide  
**Subject:** Phone call Supporting GA 400 Transit Expansion Team,

I received a phone call from a citizen in Dunwoody expressing their support for expansion of transit along GA 400. His name was Jim Kincaid (404) 333-1570. Just wanted to let you know for any documentation purposes. Thanks!

**Mark R. Eatman, PE**  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2014 8:43 AM  
**To:** Inga Kennedy  
**Cc:** Eatman, Mark R.; Thomas Black; Cindy Jenkins  
**Subject:** RE: MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting - City of Johns Creek Comments

Hi Inga,

I appreciate the invitation to attend your public meeting on July 8th at the Johns Creek Environmental Campus. After I returned from your event, I shared your information with our Public Works Director and we had a few comments I would like to share and add to the public comments. Please see below.

- The City wants to ensure that there will be no reduction in future planned lanes on SR 400 for any transit alternative considered.
- Suggest transit stations be only a covered platform and not the multimillion dollar stations on the heavy rail system.
- Suggest extending to the Forsyth County line.
- Suggest evaluating automation on the existing system that would not include transit engineer on each train.
- Suggest development of an Airport only car which would expand their ridership as it would support the 60,000 to 70,000 trips a day that would use it. Also suggest the doors would only open at a few stations to expedite travel to the airport.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can help in any way going forward.  
Thank you,

**From:** Inga Kennedy  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 11:41 AM  
**To:** inga@peqatl.com  
**Cc:** Eatman, Mark R.  
**Subject:** MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative Public Meeting

Dear Stakeholders:

Thanks to all of you again who attended the June 12 Stakeholder Committee meeting to discuss the Early Scoping for the MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative. Your input was very valuable as this phase of Early Scoping begins.

As we indicated during the meeting, a round of public meetings has been scheduled to engage the larger community in the corridor. On Monday of this week, the Notice of Intent (NOI) was officially published in the Federal Register.

The meetings are scheduled as listed below. There is a choice of three meeting dates and locations, and materials presented at each meeting will be the same. Also attached is a meeting announcement that is being distributed within the corridor to encourage participation. Please share this information with your constituents