Public Scoping Meetings
April 14, 16, & 30 2015

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GA 400 TRANSIT INITIATIVE
Agenda

- Project Background and Schedule
- Purpose of Scoping
- Project Need and Purpose
- Alternatives Under Consideration
- Resources
- Stakeholder and Public Involvement
- Next Steps
Project Location and Background

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

Notice of Intent / Scoping: March – May 2015


Public Review of DEIS: Spring 2016

Prepare Final EIS / Record of Decision (ROD): Summer 2016 – Spring 2017

FTA Signs ROD: Spring 2017
Federal Project Development Process

Project Development: Typically 6 – 12 years

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

*If funding is identified

Alternatives Analysis / Systems Planning

Environmental / Preliminary Engineering

Final Design

Construction

Operations

We are Here
What is Scoping?

- Confirm the Need and Purpose
- Identify suitable alternatives
- Identify significant issues
- Eliminate issues not significant or already addressed as part of earlier studies
Anticipated Milestones

- Spring 2015: Scoping
- Summer 2015: Need and Purpose
- Fall 2015: Technical Review / Develop Draft EIS
- Summer 2016: Draft EIS Circulation
- Spring 2016: Final EIS / ROD Preparation
- Spring 2017: Final EIS / ROD Signed
- Spring 2018: Final EIS / ROD Signed
Draft Project Need and Purpose

The Draft **Needs** of the Project are Based on:

- Increased Travel Demand and Congestion
- Limited Transit Mobility
- Transit Travel Times not Competitive with Auto Travel
- Congestion May Impact Future Economic Development Opportunities

The Proposed Project **Purpose** is to:

- Provide High Capacity Transit
- Expand Transit Coverage
- Improve Transit Connectivity
- Enhance Transit Accessibility
- Provide a Reliable Alternative to Automobile Travel
Alternatives Under Consideration

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

- Build Alternative 3 – BRT in Future GA 400 Managed Lanes
- Enter managed lanes north of North Springs station
- Exit managed lanes near Windward Parkway
## Resource Considerations

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Public Involvement / Agency Participation

- Meetings with Resource Agencies and Stakeholders
- Public Meetings
- Kiosks at Corridor Locations
- MARTA Community Bus
- Website Information
- Newsletters
- Social Media

We Need Your Input!

The MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative is moving forward! Come to an upcoming public meeting to learn more about the environmental process, comment on the locally preferred alternative, and discuss how the project fits into the community.

SCOPING MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS
You have a choice of three meeting dates and locations! The materials presented at each meeting will be the same. Choose the one that's convenient for YOU and JOIN US for this important discussion!

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

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

Thursday, April 30, 2015 – 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
East Roswell Recreation Center
9030 Fuqua Road
Roswell, GA 30076

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Looking for Your Input

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

- Provide Scoping Comments by **May 11, 2015!**
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East Roswell Park – Recreation Center
9000 Fouts Road, Roswell, GA 30076
Next Steps

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