Fulton County Transit Master Plan Overview

Following last year’s ¾-cent TSPLOST effort, the Mayors of the 14 Cities outside of Atlanta and the Fulton County Commission affirmed that a plan was needed to determine potential expansion of transit services in Fulton County.

The Mayors and County approached ARC to help fund and manage the study in collaboration with MARTA, Fulton County, and the 14 participating cities.
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Team members focused on community outreach and transit funding:

The Collaborative Firm/Sycamore Consulting and Boothe Transit
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**Phase 1**
Community Vision and Existing Transit Conditions
April - July

**Phase 2**
Scenario Development
July - October

**Phase 3**
Transit Master Plan Refinement
November - December
Public Engagement

- **Public Meetings**
  - June/July
  - September
  - November/December

- **Online Engagement**
  - Ongoing
  - July - December

- **Key Stakeholder and Population Group Meetings**
  - Ongoing
  - June – December
  - up to 10 meetings
Potential Transit Objectives in Fulton County

1. Provide greater access to employment centers and regional destinations
2. Catalyze economic development, investment and placemaking
3. Provide faster, more reliable mobility and mitigate highway congestion (short-term and long-term)
Fulton County Corridors of Interest

South Fulton:
- I-85 South
- South Fulton Parkway
- Highway 29 / Roosevelt Highway
- Norfolk Southern rail line to Clayton
- Highway 74

North Fulton:
- Georgia 400
- I-285
- Holcomb Bridge Road / Highway 92
- Old Milton Parkway
- Highway 141
Last Mile Connectivity

1. Perimeter Center and City Springs
2. College Park MARTA rail station
3. East Point MARTA rail station
4. Bus Shelters on existing bus routes
5. Pedestrian crossings on major corridors to more safely access bus stops
6. Park and Ride lots
7. Technology to support evolving modes and transportation management measures
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TRANSPORTATION HIGHLIGHTS

• **Add and improve sidewalks** along both Central Avenues, especially Porsche Avenue (South Central) east of the Hapeville business district

• Plan for **access improvements to potential transit stations** on the existing Norfolk Southern corridor

• Explore feasibility of a **circulator shuttle** to connect the Virginia Avenue-Central Avenue business corridors

• Combine this shuttle with existing airport shuttle service to create a **larger circulator system**

• Work with City of Atlanta and partner agencies on **bicycle sharing** or short-term rental programs

• Work with GDOT and City of Atlanta to **pursue relocation of State Route 3 from Dogwood Drive and Central Avenue**
TRANSIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- The city of Hapeville is encouraged to work closely with MARTA as they continue to develop routes for the **Clayton County MARTA line**. A rail stop in Hapeville could have a positive impact on drawing new employers to the area, and could allow the city to connect to the larger metro system.

- Coordination with local hotels and the airport shuttle, may provide new opportunities for additional **connectivity to downtown Hapeville**.

- **Relocating SR-19/US-41 to Cleveland Avenue and I-75** will allow Hapeville to obtain local control of Dogwood Drive and North Central Avenue, allowing the city to design pedestrian oriented streetscapes, wayfinding, and control maintenance.
Potential Transit in Fulton County

Current Modes Under Consideration

- Heavy Rail
- Light Rail
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Bus
Current State of Transit: Fulton County

**MARTA**

Local Bus (Paratransit corridor within ¾ mile each side of each route below)

- Northern Region of the County is served by
  - Routes 85, 87, 140, 141, 143 and 185 connecting to North Springs Station
  - Route 148 connecting to Sandy Springs Station,
  - Route 25 connecting to Medical Center Station.
- Southern Region of the County is served by:
  - Routes 78, 79, 84, 93, 193, and 194 connecting to East Point Station
  - Routes 82, 89, 172, 180, 181, 189, 195 and 196 connecting to College Park Station

**Heavy Rail**

- Northern Region of the County is served by:
  - North Springs, Sandy Springs, Dunwoody and Medical Center Stations
- Southern Region of the County is served by:
  - East Point and College Park Stations
Current State of Transit: Fulton County

**GRTA - Xpress Bus Commuter Service**
- Northern Region of the County is served by:
  - Route 408 originating at Emory Johns Creek Hospital and connecting to MARTA heavy rail at Doraville Station
- Southern Region of the County is served by:
  - Route 453 originates in Newnan with a stop at the Union City Park Ride lot. This route connects to MARTA heavy rail at Arts Center Station

**Perimeter Center Shuttle**
- Serves corporate campuses along Glenlake Parkway, Embassy Row and Peachtree Dunwoody corridors, connects to Sandy Springs Station

**Sanctuary Park Shuttle**
- Serves the corporate campus in Alpharetta, connects to North Springs Station.

**Fulton County Dial-a-Ride Transportation Services (DARTS)**
- DARTS is an age-based service funded 100% by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.
Community Input

1. **EXAMPLES** - Where have you experienced successful transit?
2. **ENGAGE** - Review existing plans and transit services
3. **EVALUATE** - What criteria should we use to evaluate potential scenarios?
4. **ENHANCE** - Where are enhanced transit services needed and what mode is desired?
## Other Upcoming Community Meetings

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Palmetto and Johns Creek Meetings anticipated late summer/fall