



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE THURSDAY,

APRIL 24, 2025

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Jacob Tzegaegbe called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

Board Members

Present:

Al Pond
Freda Hardage
James Durrett
Kathryn Powers
Roderick Frierson
Thomas Worthy
Rita Scott
Valencia Williamson
Jennifer Ide
Jacob Tzegaegbe
Sagirah Jones
Elizabeth Bolton-Harris
Shayna Pollock

Board Members

Absent:

Russell McMurry
Jannine Miller

Staff Members Present:

Collie Greenwood
Carrie Rocha
Steven Parker
George Wright
Jonathan Hunt
Michael Kreher
Kevin Hurley
Paul Lopes

Also in Attendance: Justice Leah Ward Sears, Eddie Eades, Paula Nash, Jacqueline Holland, Kenya Hammond, Gena Major, Greg Patterson, Tyrene Huff, Abhay Joshi, Ryan Van Sickle

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from March 27, 2025 Planning and Capital Programs Committee meeting

Minutes from the Planning and Capital Programs Committee meeting held on March 27, 2025. Before the vote to approve the minutes, Board Member Ide requested a correction, stating that while she attended the March 27 meeting, the minutes erroneously indicated she was absent. Upon review, it was confirmed that she was recorded as present. Therefore, no correction was necessary. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Board Member Durrett and seconded by Board Member Powers. The motion passed with a vote of 12 to 0, with all 12 members present.

3. RESOLUTION

Resolution Authorizing a Modification in Contractual Authorization for Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Construction, IFB B50070

Resolution Authorizing a Modification in Contractual Authorization for Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Construction, IFB B50070. On a motion by Board Member Worthy, seconded by Board Member Ide, the resolution passed by a vote of 13 to 0 with 13 members present.

4. BRIEFING

NextGen Bus Network Redesign Update

Ryan VanSickle, Director of Technical Services & Service Planning, presented on the conclusion of the NextGen Bus Network Redesign's recent public engagement activities, which were centered around presenting the Draft Network for public feedback, an informational briefing on the project, engagement, network refinement, and upcoming activities.

5. OTHER MATTERS

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee meeting adjourned at 11:06 A.M.

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/lms83FMdzV8?si=Klo4EdVuwADQ-tB2>



Briefing to present a Significant Change and Resolution Authorizing the Modification in Contractual Authorization for the Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Construction Contract, IFB B50070

Abhay “A.J.” Joshi
Director of Expansion Program Management
Department of Capital Programs Delivery

Planning and Capital Programs Committee
April 24, 2025

AGENDA

- Purpose
- Significant Change Process per IGA
- Request for Modification Process Overview
- Construction Cost Impacts
- Differing Site Conditions
- Project Cost Changes
- Modification Request
- Phased Service Rollout



Purpose

1. To brief the Board on the need for a significant change per the More MARTA Atlanta IGA.
2. To request a modification to the contract authorization for the *RAPID* A Line (Summerhill) BRT Construction Contract, in accordance with procurement guidelines.



Significant Change Process per IGA

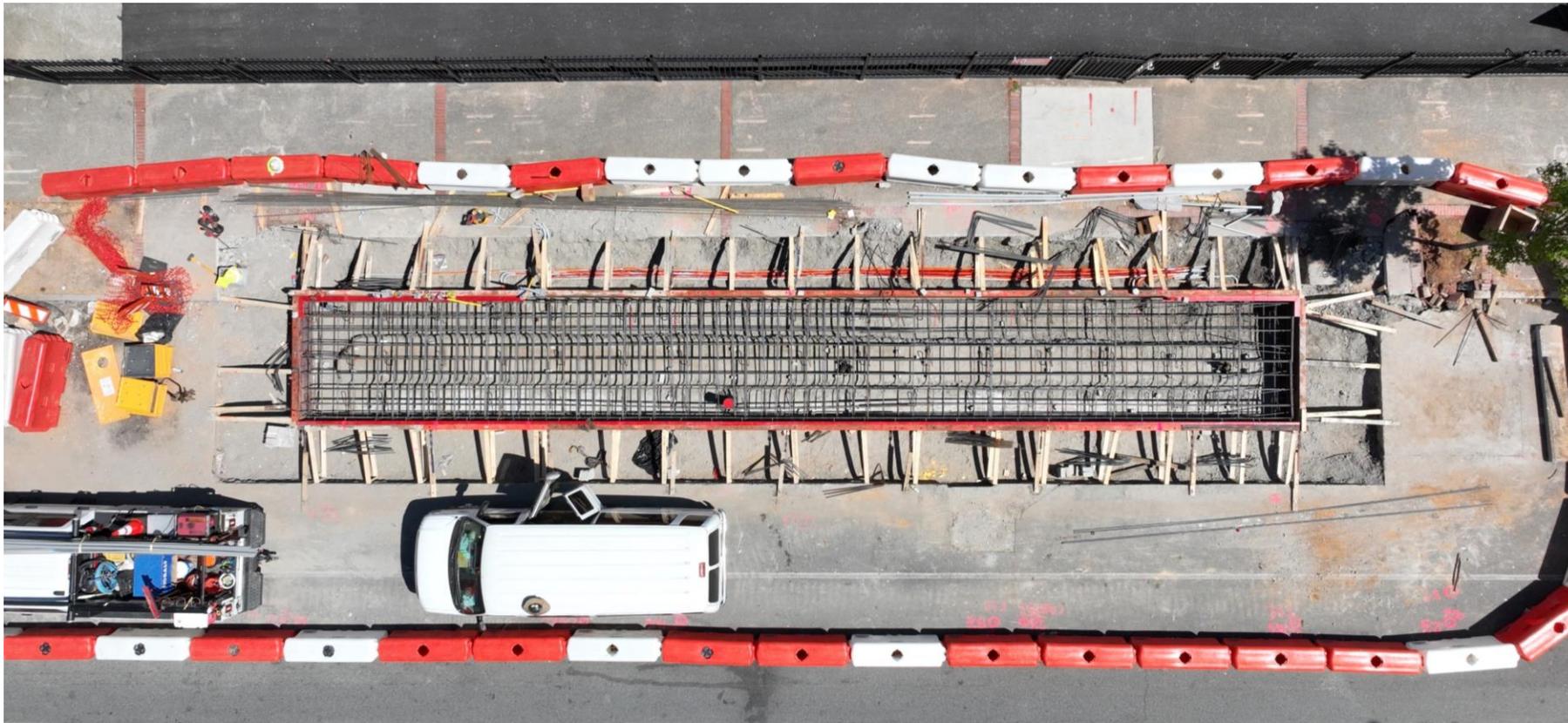
- Budget deviation of 10% or more from the estimate at completion.
- Changes originate with the PMT (4/17/25), are submitted to PGC (4/21/25), submitted to the Mayor and now providing this briefing to the MARTA Board of Directors.

Significant program changes are defined as deviations, beyond thresholds defined below,

- A change in schedule is defined as a change in the implementation sequence of one project to the detriment to another project or not consistent with the approved program sequencing plan; or
- A significant budget deviation is defined as an increase/decrease in the cost of a project and/or a project's contribution from the More MARTA sales tax of 10% or more based on the budget established after the completion of preliminary design.
- Beginning in 2025 or sooner in the event of significant financial disruptions, at least every five years or as required by the Federal Transit Administration or other relevant funding entities the program will adopt an updated phasing plan incorporating the latest budget and scheduling information to include all significant program changes to ensure the program remains aligned to the More MARTA fiscal constraints.

Request for Modification Process Overview

- Board awarded this Contract in March 2023 for an amount of \$65,945,441.10
- Construction cost impacts are projected to exceed the Board award total.
- Board action is required to modify the award amount per MARTA procurement rules.

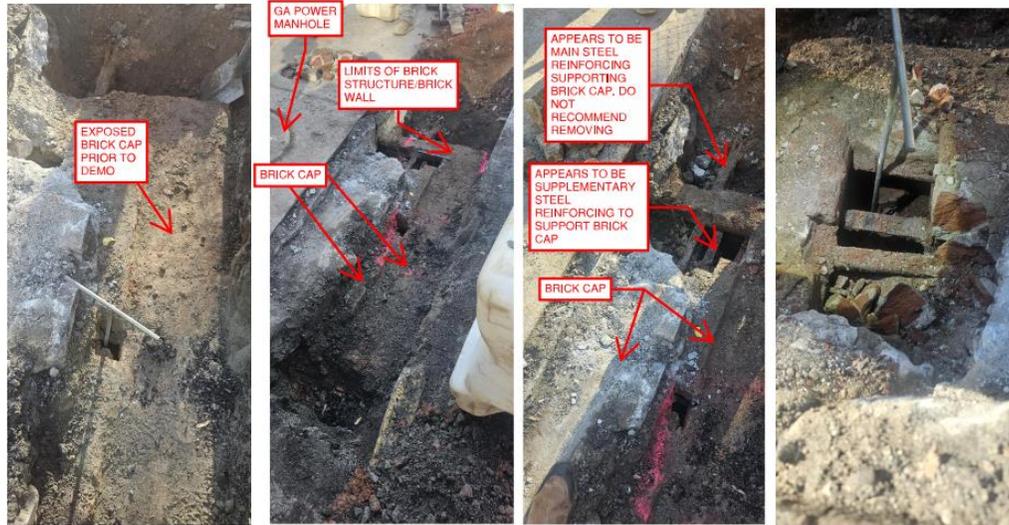


Construction Cost Impacts

Cost Impact		Type
1	Shallow water line relocated to correct depths along Hank Aaron, including residential service lines. (Critical Path Activity)	Utility Impacts
2	Increase size of water main along section of Hank Aaron Drive. (Critical Path Activity)	City Request
3	South Downtown Redesign - necessary to accommodate new dedicated bike lanes.	City Request
4	Unmarked utilities including gas lines, fiber optic cables, signal cabling, etc.	Utility Impacts
5	Historic Trolley Tracks - requiring State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Federal Transit Administration guidance.	Differing Site Conditions
6	Multiple subsurface conditions including underground vaults, parking decks, voids, animal remains, etc.	Differing Site Conditions
7	Passenger Information Display Signs - Buy America compliant signs cost escalation.	MARTA Request
8	Pantograph charger cost escalation.	MARTA Request

Differing Site Conditions – Parking Deck, Vaults, Bones

Underground Parking Deck



Animal Remains

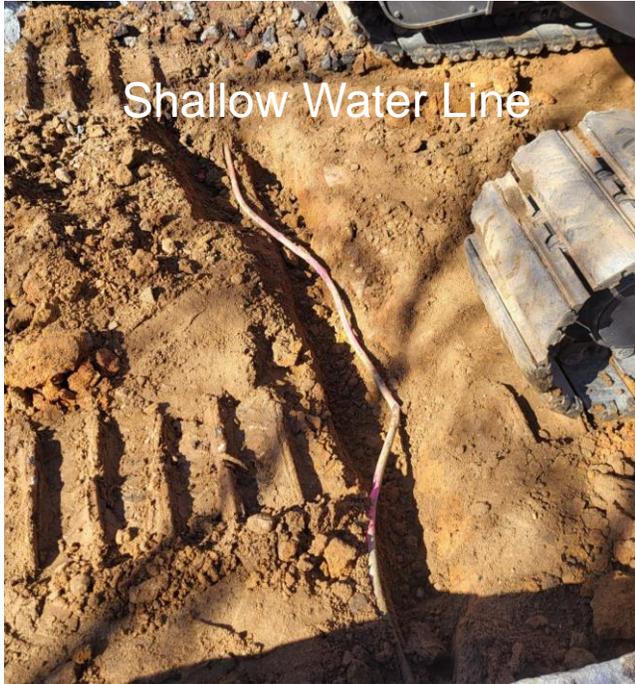


Underground Parking Deck Area



Underground Vault and Old Brick Walls

Differing Site Conditions – Unmarked and Shallow Utilities



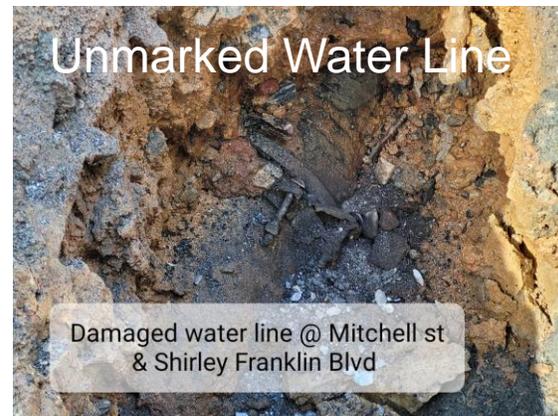
Shallow Water Line



Shallow Water Line

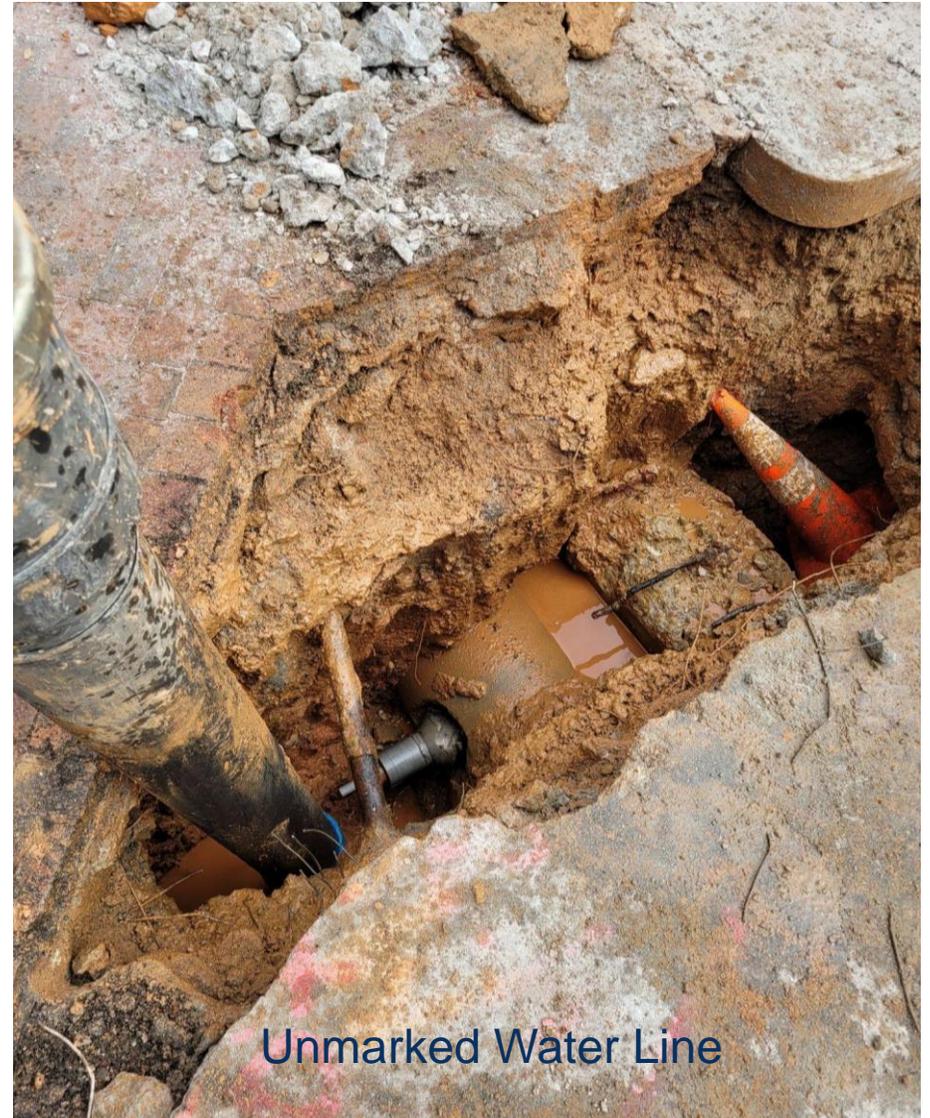


Unmarked Gas Line



Unmarked Water Line

Damaged water line @ Mitchell st & Shirley Franklin Blvd



Unmarked Water Line



Differing Site Conditions – Trolley Tracks



Project Cost Changes

Summerhill BRT Project - Project Cost Estimate Summary

FTA Standard Cost Category	Project Estimate after Significant Change #1 (YOES)	Project Estimate Proposed Significant Change #2 (YOES)
TOTAL SCC (10-100)	\$86,352,202	\$116,652,202
TIGER FY2017 Grant	\$12,629,760	\$12,629,760
More MARTA Funds	\$73,722,442	\$104,022,442

Total Project Cost Including Non-Eligible FTA Costs

Additional Pavement (not eligible for FTA Project Funding) in YOES	\$4,961,798	\$4,961,798
Total Project Cost (FTA Project and Additional Project Cost) in YOES	\$91,314,000	\$121,614,000

TIGER FY2017 Grant	\$12,629,760	\$12,629,760
More MARTA Funds/Other Sources*	\$78,684,240	\$108,984,240

**City of Atlanta funding additional pavement*



Modification Request

RAPID A Line (Summerhill) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Construction Contract

Board Award Authorization	\$ 65,945,441.10
Requested Contract Modification	<u>\$ 30,300,000.00</u>
New Total Authorization	\$ 96,245,441.10

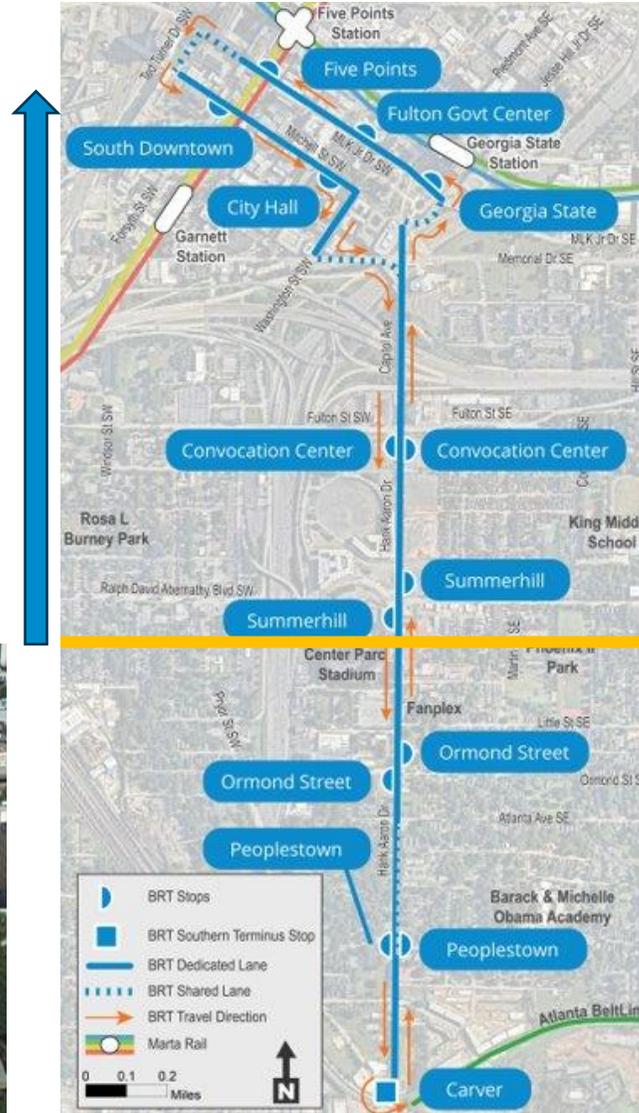
**Please note that all change orders will be negotiated before execution.
In addition, any changes over \$200,000.00 in value shall be audited.

Phased Service Rollout

Phase 1 – April 2026

Includes service for the following Stations:

- Summerhill
- Convocation Center
- Georgia State
- Fulton Government Center
- Five Points
- South Downtown
- City Hall



Phase 2 – September 2026

Includes service for the following Stations:

- Ormond Street
- Peoplestown
- Carver

**Request a Resolution Authorizing the
Modification in Contractual Authorization
for the Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit
(BRT) Construction Contract, IFB B50070**

Thank You



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION IN CONTRACTUAL
AUTHORIZATION FOR SUMMERHILL BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)
CONSTRUCTION, IFB B50070**

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2023 the General Manager entered into a Contract with Archer Western Construction, for Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Construction, Invitation for Bids B50070; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2025 the 10% Contract Contingency of \$5,995,040.10 was requested and utilized; and

WHEREAS, MARTA staff has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to increase the contract value to provide for known changes and additions to the contract; and

WHEREAS, all contractual changes and additions for this modification will follow the Authority's procurement policies and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Internal Audit will be requested to perform and cost/price analysis to determine fair and reasonable pricing; and

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to increase the authorization for Contract No. B50070 Summerhill Bus Rapid

Transit (BRT) Construction from \$65,945,441.10 to \$96,245,441.10.

Approved as to Legal Form:

DocuSigned by:

Jonathan J. Hunt

**Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta
Rapid Transit Authority**



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NextGen Bus Network Redesign Update

Informational Briefing
Planning & Capital Programs Committee
April 24, 2025



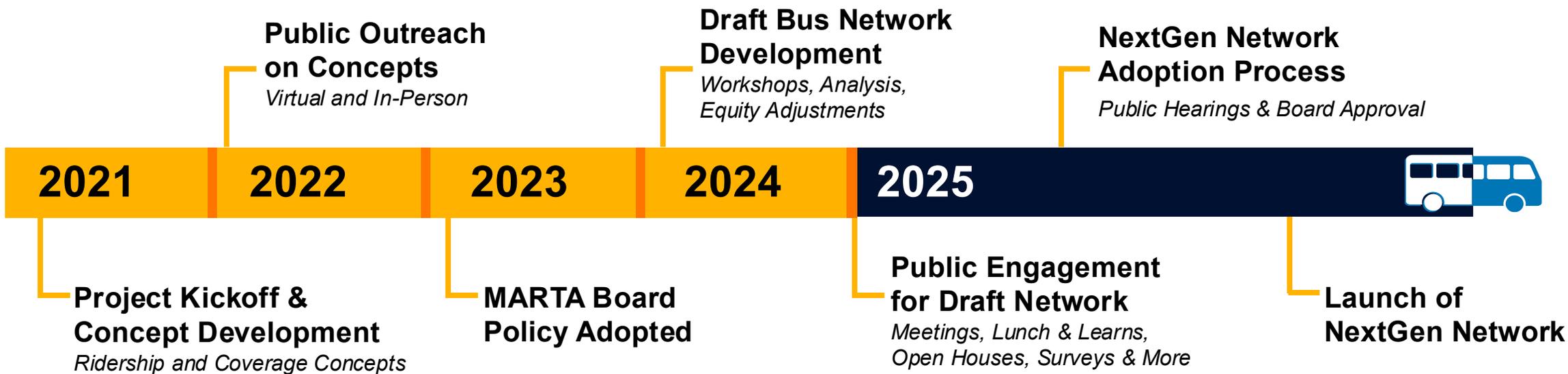
Agenda

- Overview
- Draft Network Engagement Update
- Refining the Network
- Public Hearings
- Next Steps

Overview

MARTA’s bus network has gradually evolved over the years, and the **NextGen Bus Network** will be the **largest and most comprehensive** service change since the MARTA’s founding.

A variety of public engagement activities took place from December 10, 2024, to March 14, 2025, providing a large volume of feedback about the network – both in general and very specific.



Draft Network Engagement Highlights



54 Public Meetings
Virtual, in-person, and hybrid

20 Internal Engagements
Lunch & learns, garage visits, open house



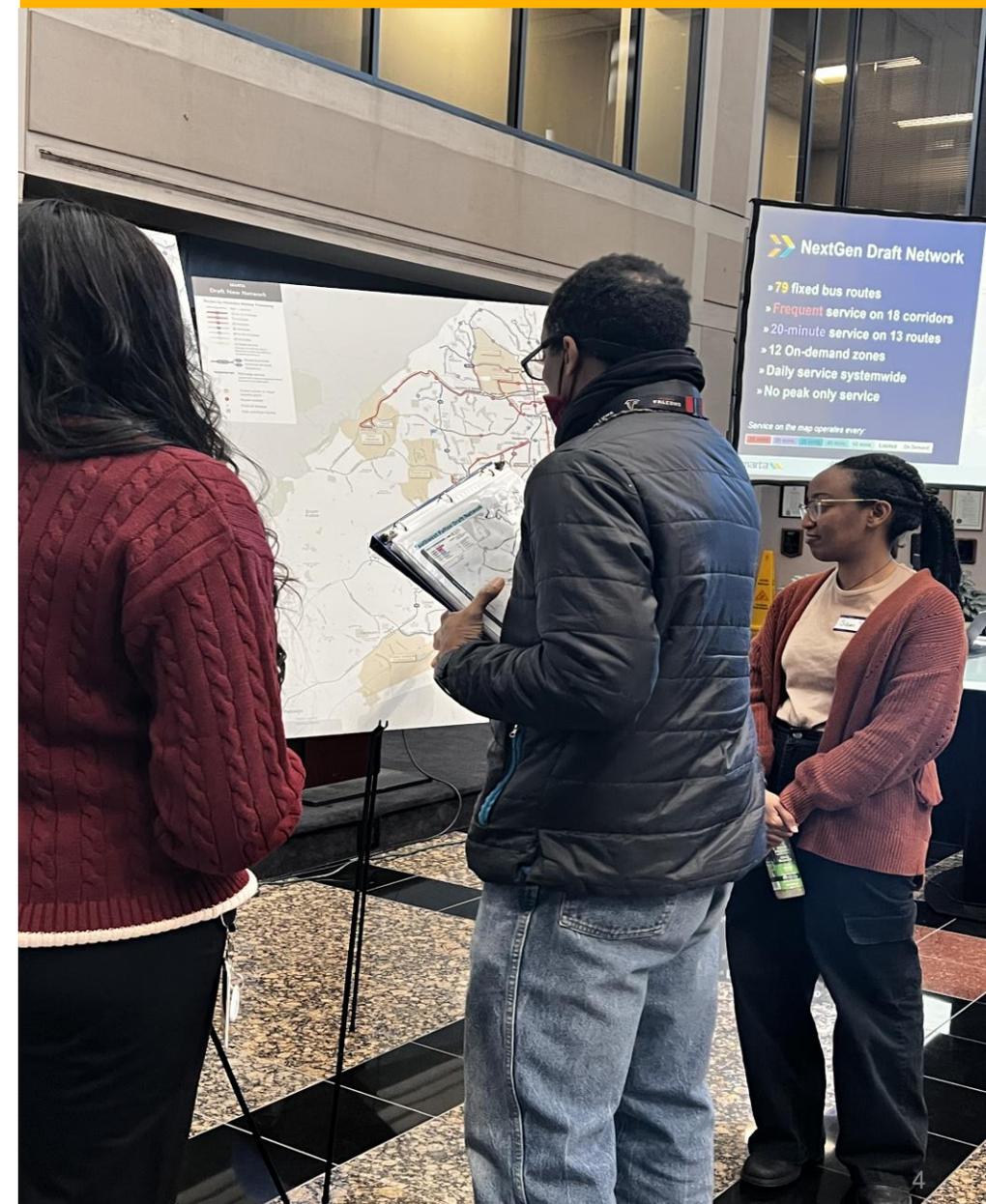
4,600+ Surveys
Online and canvassing on the system

3,000+ Comments
Written comments from all engagements



34 Station Tabling Events
Interactions with riders and operators

40+ Routes Canvassed
Riders surveyed in-person on routes



NextGen Draft Network

- 79 fixed bus routes
- Frequent service on 18 corridors
- 20-minute service on 13 routes
- 12 On-demand zones
- Daily service systemwide
- No peak only service

Service on the map operates every:

7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Draft Network Key Feedback Themes

Draft Network Approval



52% of survey responders approve of the Draft Network

Increased Frequency



24% of respondents desired increased frequency despite budget constraints

Route-Specific Concerns



42% of comments were received with concerns or suggestions about specific routes.

MARTA Usage



A majority of responders - **62%** - use MARTA buses or trains almost daily

Samples From Feedback

THIS. IS. STUPENDOUS. And the interactive map is WONDERFUL. Keep up the good work!

Expand the reach of on demand zones to serve corridors along 140 Holcomb Bridge Rd to replace the removal of bus service. Extend it down 92 Crossville Rd to serve Senior housing and retail employers to connect riders to opportunity.

We absolutely must keep the 68! The 71 misses a substantial disconnected part of the area where the Beltline is supposed to go!

Excited for better frequency in more places. High frequency, especially at times outside of rush hour, would make me more likely to take buses to non-work destinations

Thanks for giving us the space to provide feedback. I'm really excited about all the work that has been done here, and I'm looking forward to the changes next year!

I was wondering why service on Marietta St between 10th and Five Points (currently served by the 26) have been discontinued on the draft plan. I feel there are a lot of destinations and housing losing access to service

Please do not remove service (#2) from East Lake Station. This prevents those of us who work between East Lake and Edgewood from getting to work by bus.

I love this combination of 60 and 14!

39 should have more frequent service during peak

Refining the Network

Analyze Public Feedback



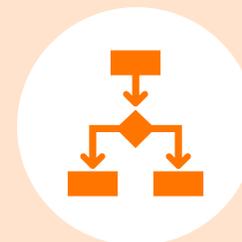
Comments are analyzed to highlight themes and critical issues to inform potential changes.

Prioritize Changes



Potential changes are prioritized for consideration in the final bus network.

Develop Alternatives



Alignment and network structure alternatives are developed, analyzed, and selected for inclusion.

Finalize the Network



Creation of final report, maps, interactive tools, route profiles, Title VI analysis, and more.

Public Hearing Information

- The NextGen Bus Network will be a **major service change** that will require public hearings
- **Six public hearings** are being scheduled for May
- Hearings will be held at multiple locations across the service area



MARTA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

6 PM: Community Exchange

7 PM: PUBLIC HEARING



PROPOSED BUS ROUTE CHANGE - EFFECTIVE DEC. 14, 2024

ROUTE 191 - Riverdale/ATL Intl Terminal

HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

To participate in MARTA's upcoming public hearing:

In-Person Location:

RIVERDALE TOWN CENTER
7210 Church Street
Riverdale, GA 30274

Riding MARTA: Bus Routes 89, 191, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

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COMMUNITY REVIEW

An overview of the proposed bus service modifications and routing and map will be available for review at itsmarta.com from September 3–19.

COPIES

Copies of the proposed bus service modifications, routing and maps will also be available for public viewing at **MARTA Headquarters** 2424 Piedmont Road, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30324 during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

COMMENTS

Comments may be submitted no later than **September 19, 2024**, via:

Call: 404-848-5299

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2424 Piedmont Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30324-3330

Email: publichearinginfo@itsmarta.com

Next Steps



Refine Network
Spring 2025
We are here!



Public Hearings
May 2025



Board Approval
Summer 2025



**Preparations for
Implementing NextGen Bus
Network**
Throughout 2025



**New Network
Launch**
Late 2025



**NextGen Bus
Network Evaluation**
Early 2026



Thank You

