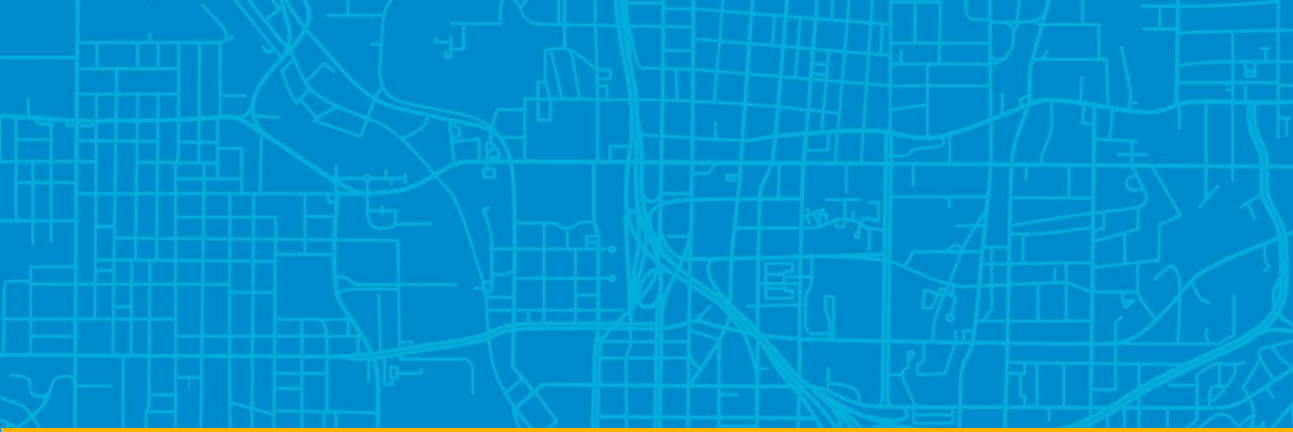




# **Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**

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## Agenda

- Bus Rapid Transit 101
- Project Overview
  - Route Details
  - Amenities
  - Station Renderings
  - Typical Segments
- Join us June 15 for groundbreaking!
- Q&A

# BRT 101: What is Bus Rapid Transit?



BRT operates like rail service

- Dedicated or shared lanes
- Limited number of stations
- Frequent service
- Accessible, secure, and attractive stations
- Environmentally friendly vehicles
- Distinctive branding
- Off-board fare collection

Image description: This is an illustration of an urban intersection showing various features of Bus Rapid Transit, including dedicated lanes and prioritized traffic signals. Source: NACTO



## Video: Exploring BRT Features with Collie Greenwood



Video image description: The general manager of MARTA points to features of a BRT station.

# Summerhill BRT Project Overview

- First BRT project in the Atlanta region
- Roundtrip is 4.8 miles from South Downtown to the Atlanta BeltLine
- Five branded, 60-foot articulated electric vehicles with frequent service
- Total project budget is \$86.4 million, including federal TIGER grant of \$12.6 million and More MARTA local funding



Image description: A map of stations on the Summerhill BRT route.

# Summerhill BRT Route Features

- **85% Dedicated Lanes**
  - Police enforcement
  - Camera enforcement being pursued
- **14 Transit Stations**
  - 14-inch, level boarding platforms
  - State-of-the-art passenger amenities
  - Accessible, safe, and secure
- **28 Upgraded Intersections**
  - Transit Signal Priority
  - Two queue jumps



Image description: This illustration of Mitchell Street in Downtown Atlanta shows a red bus-only lane on the right-hand side.

# Passenger Amenities

- Breeze Vending Machines
- Off-Board Fare Collection
- Real-Time Information
- Shelter and Seating
- Security Cameras
- Opportunities for public art

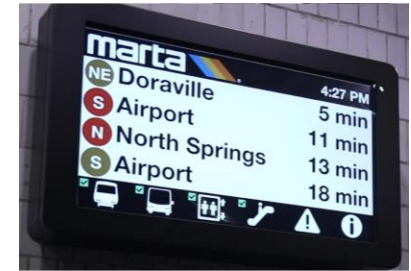
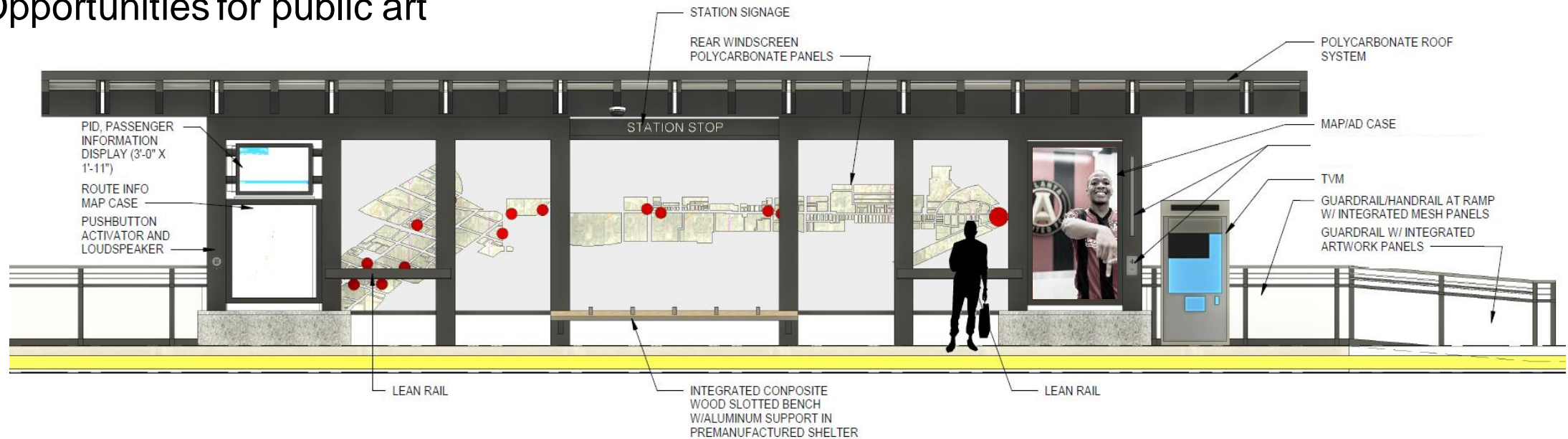
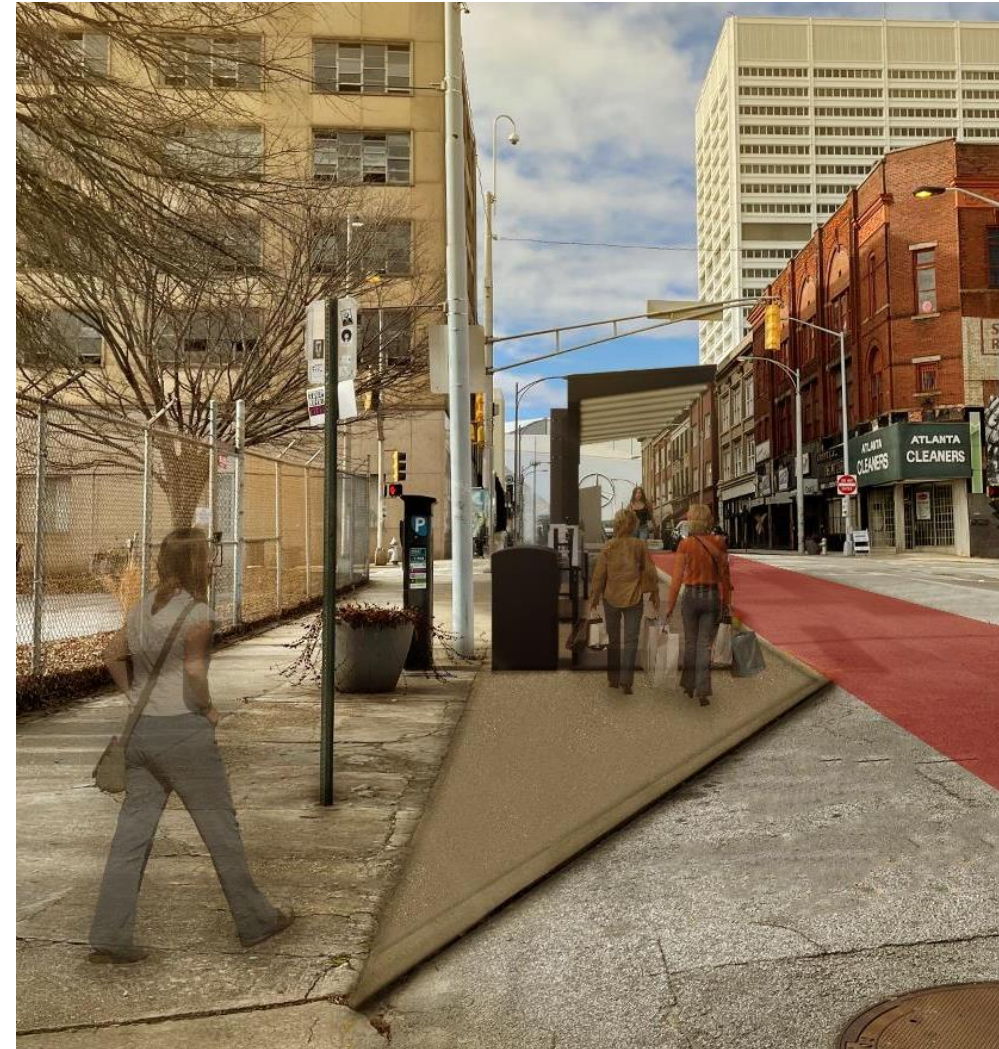


Image descriptions: 1) People getting off a bus onto a level platform. 2) A transit vending machine. 3) A real-time arrival screen 4) An illustration of the proposed BRT stations.



# Proposed Service and Operating Hours

- 10- to 15-minute headways
- No downtown vehicle staging or significant dwell times
- 10- to 12-minute ride from Atlanta BeltLine to Ted Turner Drive
- Monday-Friday: 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- Sunday: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.



This illustration of Mitchell Street in Downtown Atlanta shows people standing at a new BRT station with a red bus-only lane on the right-hand side.



# Typical Station Rendering



Image description: This illustration shows a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) platform with a shelter above and a bus approaching from the right. MARTA customers are standing on the platform.

# Typical Station Rendering



Image description: This illustration shows MARTA customers standing on a BRT platform preparing to board a bus on the right side.

# Typical Station Rendering



Image description: This illustration shows a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station platform on the left. MARTA customers are standing under the roof preparing to board a bus approaching on the right.

# Downtown BRT Dedicated Bus Lanes



Image description: This illustration shows Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard looking west with a bus-only lane on the right side and a protected cycle track on the left side (the cycle track is not a part of this project).

# Summerhill Dedicated Bus Lanes



Image description: This illustration shows Hank Aaron Drive looking north with a personal vehicle traveling southbound and a bus-only lane on the left side. Pedestrians are walking on the sidewalks.

# Summerhill Dedicated Bus Lanes

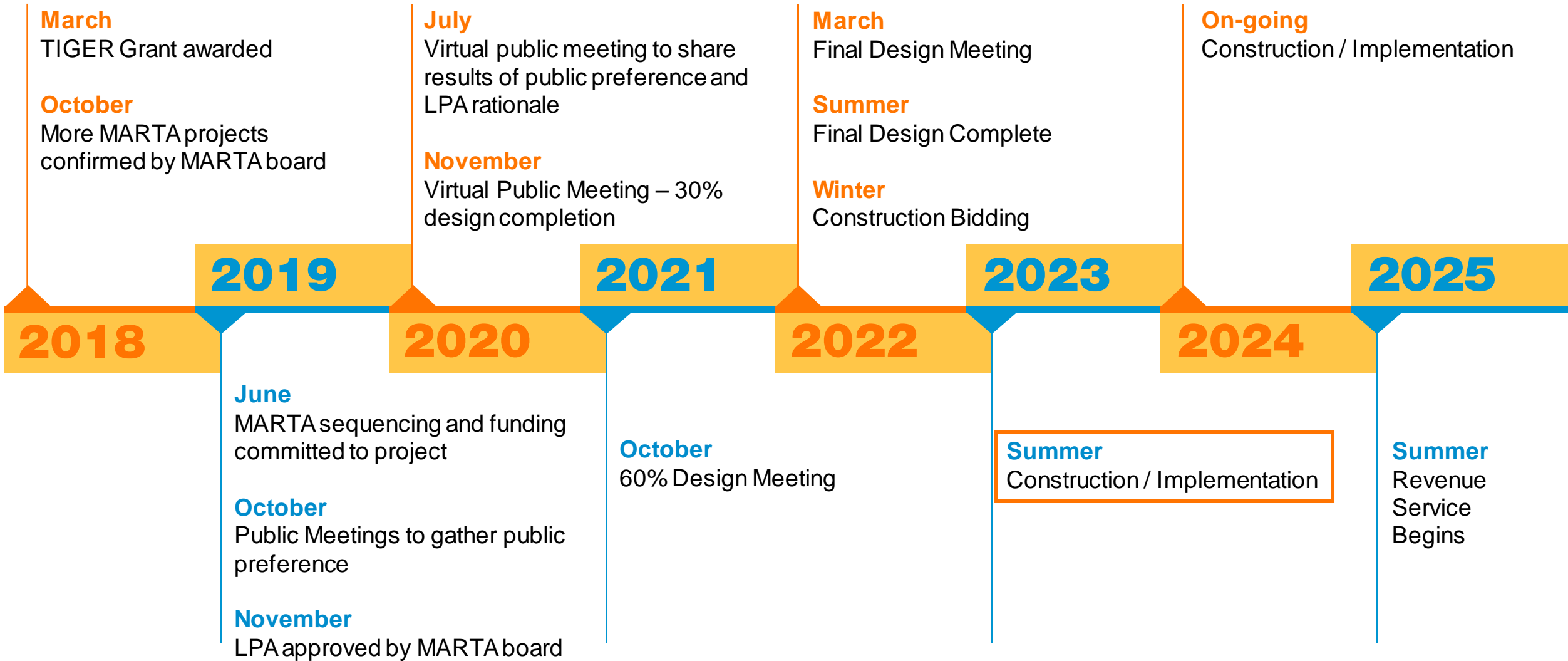


Image description: This illustration shows Hank Aaron Drive looking north with personal vehicles traveling in both directions and bus-only lanes on both sides.

## Summerhill BRT Partners

- City of Atlanta
- Georgia Department of Transportation
- NPU-V
- NPU-M
- District 1 – Councilmember Jason Winston
- District 4 – Councilmember Jason Dozier
- Central Atlanta Progress (CAP) and Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID)
- Georgia State University (GSU)
- Georgia State Properties Commission / Georgia Building Authority (GSPC / GBA)
- Federal Government Partners
- Xpress / Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority
- CobbLinc
- Gwinnett County Transit
- Carter
- Newport
- Pellerin Real Estate / Ramada Plaza
- Exact Capital Group / Skyline Apartments
- Trammel Crow Residential / Alexan Summerhill
- Stafford Properties / Terminal South

# Summerhill BRT History





# Join us for the Groundbreaking!

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday, June 15

Summerhill Parking Lot A  
(NE corner of Hank Aaron Drive  
and Georgia Avenue)

Check your email for the invitation  
or register at [surveymonkey.com/r/KGZ5K52](https://surveymonkey.com/r/KGZ5K52)



# Questions and comments?

Contact:

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[itsmarta.com/summerhill](https://itsmarta.com/summerhill)

# Parking

**128** spaces removed

- 61 Metered Parking Spaces
- 19 Unmetered Parking Spaces
- 48 Permit Parking Spaces
  - 30 Fulton County Employee Only Spaces
  - 18 City of Atlanta – Media Parking Spaces

**205** opportunity to add spaces to the system

- In coordination with city, state, and other partners

**+77** spaces

**Downtown**  
Shuffle of spaces,  
rather than a  
complete removal

**Summerhill**  
Recommended  
adding spaces  
along Bill Lucas &  
Pollard Blvd

**Peoplestown**  
Minimal impact to  
neighborhood  
  
(10 spaces removed  
but 39 remain for 22  
parcels)

