



MARTA INNER CORE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS PROJECT UPDATE

Definition of Alternatives Analysis (AA)

The Inner Core Alternatives Analysis is a follow up to the Feasibility Study that was completed in February of this year. It will sharpen and further document the need for a major investment in transit in the inner core of the Atlanta Region. It will also analyze the various alternatives in detail, including alignments, technologies, projected ridership, cost estimates and major impacts. At the end of the study, a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) will be recommended and selected.

Project Status

Work on the Alternatives Analysis is well underway. A Purpose and Need Statement has been prepared and is currently being reviewed; a Transit System Management (TSM) proposal has been drafted. Coordination is ongoing with related studies such as the Peachtree Trolley and Clifton Corridor studies. Coordination is also ongoing with planning partners such as the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the City of Atlanta Development Authority and Bureau of Planning, DeKalb County, Fulton County, the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Atlanta Regional Commission, Friends of the Beltline, and others. In addition, public involvement activities have been launched.

Public Involvement

The involvement of the public will be emphasized throughout the Alternative Analysis. The Study Team is in the process of briefing and interviewing a representative group of stakeholders. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) formed during the Feasibility Study Phase has been activated and will serve during the AA phase. The SAC held its first meeting on August 18. The first round of public meetings has been scheduled and will be held as listed in the table below. A representative of the Study Team is available to meet with your group at a mutually convenient time. Please contact PEQ with requests for a speaker. You may also contact PEQ with comments and questions, by mail-6067 Roosevelt Highway, Union City, GA 30291; by fax- 770-306-7754; or by email- contact_peq@bellsouth.net.

The public is encouraged to visit the MARTA website at www.itsmarta.com for additional information such as the report of the Inner Core Feasibility Study, the Executive Summary of the Study, the most recent newsletter, this update of the AA Study and a schedule of meetings.

Inner Core Public Meetings

<p>Senior Citizens Services 1705 Commerce Dr. NW Atlanta, GA 30318 404-351-3889 Tuesday, September 20 6:00pm – 8:00pm MARTA Bus Route 37</p>	<p>Georgia Hill Neighborhood Facility 250 Georgia Avenue SE Atlanta, Georgia 30312 404-658-6395 Thursday, September 22 6:00pm - 8:00pm MARTA Bus Route 97</p>	<p>Mall at West End 850 Oak St. Atlanta, GA 30310 404-755-1001 Monday, September 26 6:00pm - 8:00pm (ADA access on Dunn St.) West End MARTA Station</p>
<p>North Avenue Presbyterian Church 607 Peachtree St. Atlanta, GA 30308 404-875-0431 Tuesday, September 27 6:00pm-8:00pm North Avenue MARTA Station</p>	<p>Rollins School of Public Health Emory University 1518 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30322 404-727-5166 Thursday, September 29 4:00pm - 6:00pm MARTA Bus Route 6 or 245</p>	<p>Can't attend a meeting? We still want to hear from you! Please contact the study team by e-mail at contact_peq@bellsouth.net or fax to 770-306-7754.</p>