

Clifton Corridor Alternatives Analysis: Fact Sheet

Where is the Clifton Corridor study area?

- The Clifton Corridor Alternatives Analysis involves investigating the need for high-capacity transit connections between MARTA's Lindbergh Center/Armour Yard area in north-central Atlanta to Emory University and the City of Decatur in west-central DeKalb County (see map on the reverse).



Why is this corridor being considered for transit?

- The Clifton Corridor is one of the largest activity centers in metro Atlanta without convenient access to the interstate system or MARTA rail connections. These conditions have created high levels of traffic congestion on a severely limited network of roadways.
- The corridor is home to a number of well established residential communities and several major employers such as Emory University, Emory Healthcare, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Veterans Administration Medical Center & Regional Offices, and the DeKalb Medical Center.
- An Alternatives Analysis (AA) is the first step in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) project development process by which transit programs compete for federal dollars.

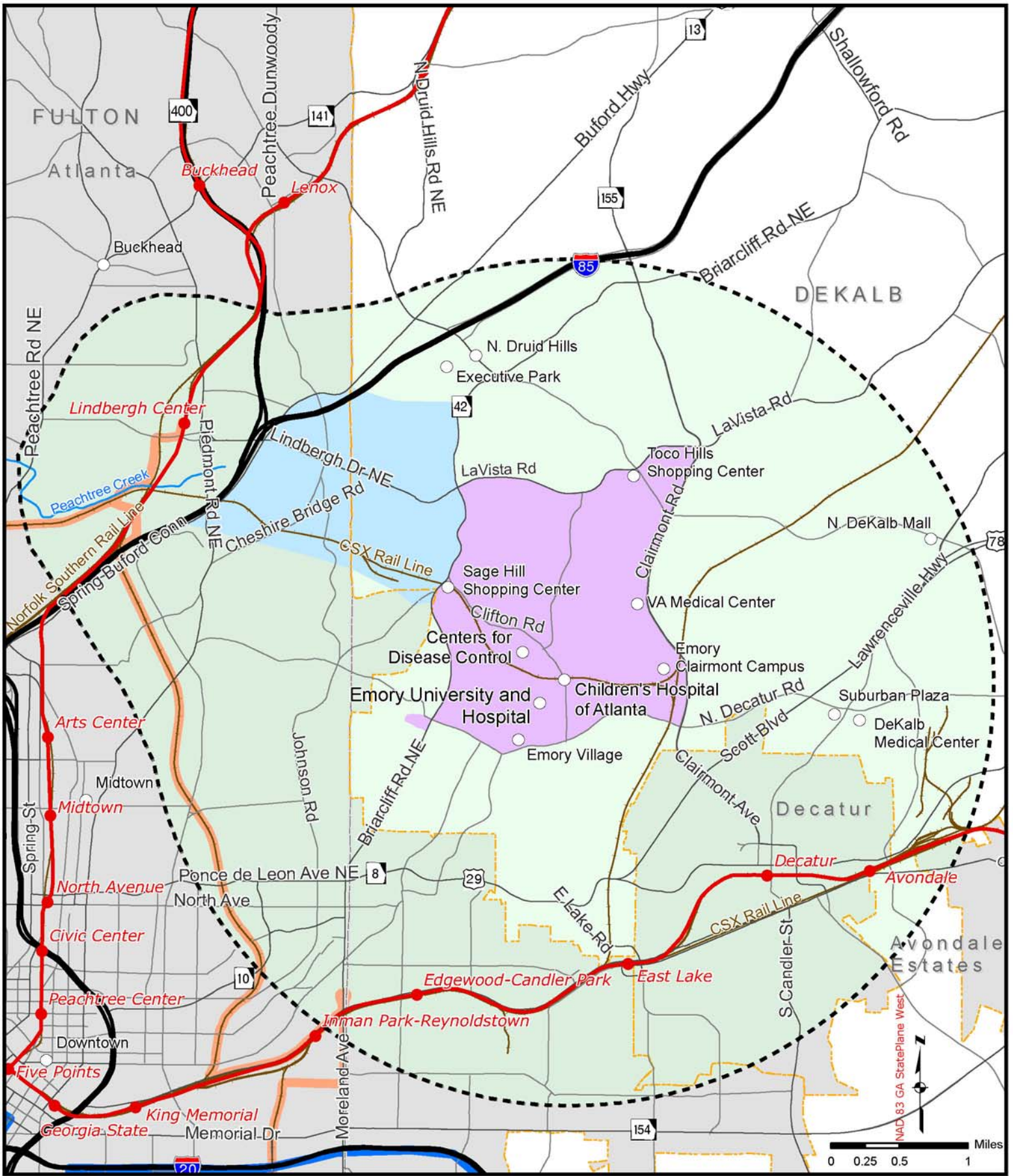
Why is consensus building a critical component of the Study?

- There have been several past efforts to analyze the feasibility of transit in the Clifton Corridor including the *Clifton Corridor Transit Feasibility and Connectivity Study* which recommended enhanced transit circulators; The *MARTA Inner Core Transit Feasibility Study* considered transit connections via the "C-Loop"; and the "Brain Train" expanded on the Athens commuter line to link several educational institutions.
- The Transit Planning Board (TPB) adopted a vision plan for transit investment called Concept 3 which incorporated recommendations from these and other studies to create a regional transit concept.
- Public Involvement is a major component of an AA and input from stakeholders throughout the development and alternatives selection process is vital.

What are the major milestones when input will be sought?

- The major milestones of the study include:
 - Introduce the project and gather input on key issues within the corridor;
 - Present baseline conditions analysis and gather input on Purpose and Need;
 - Use Purpose and Need to provide a framework for the evaluation of combinations of alignments and transit technologies, called alternatives;
 - Present and gather input on evaluation criteria and initial alternatives;
 - Present and gather input on the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA); and
 - Present refinement results and LPA for approval by MARTA, CCTMA and the Atlanta Regional Commission.

For more information about the Clifton Corridor Alternatives Analysis, please access the MARTA web site at <http://www.itsmarta.com/Clifton-Corr.aspx>.



Clifton Corridor Study Area

Points of Interest	Lindbergh-Lavista Corridor Coalition
MARTA Stations	Clifton Corridor TMA
MARTA Rail	Clifton Corridor
Proposed Belt Line	City Boundary
Proposed I-20 East Line	County Boundary