

# DISCLAIMER

The enclosed documents, produced by the MARTA staff, provide information for public consideration for input into the FY 2011 budget development process. This information is just one illustrative example of a proposed service modifications plan that could be recommended to the MARTA Board of Directors to help address the gap in our funding resources. There may be other suggestions and considerations that are generated as a result of the distribution of these materials. The final decision on all fare changes and service modifications are the responsibility of the MARTA Board of Directors who will vote on these items in the FY 2011 Operating & Capital Budgets in June 2010.

## FY2011 PROPOSED BUS SERVICE REDUCTIONS

The attached Index provides a “Route-By-Route” summary, or snapshot, of proposed service modifications (what will happen to each route), including potential impacts to affected riders, and the alternate route(s) to take in order to reach individual travel destinations.

### Principles and Key Considerations

Development of the plan is guided by planning principles from MARTA’s FY10 Service Standards for preserving the minimum levels of service on Lifeline Routes and providing the most efficient transit service possible. These principles are as follows:

- Ensure service reliability by developing and structuring a core service that is safe, convenient, reliable, and sustainable
- Maximize ridership based on utilization trends and transit need
- Ensure access for transit dependent to key/critical activity centers is maintained (Lifeline Services)
  - MARTA’s Lifeline service designation is intended to ensure:
    - Adequate service in low-income and transit-dependent areas; and
    - Adequate access to destinations critical to our riders. These destinations include major employment /activity centers, hospital/medical centers, and government and social facilities.
- Ensure compliance with federal regulations and mandates
  - Title VI/Environmental Justice Considerations
- To the extent possible, maintain jurisdictional service equity
- Minimize ADA paratransit impacts due to decreased service area

### What we need from you...

The goal of this process is to develop a plan that delivers the most effective transit service to the greatest number of people within limited financial resources and budget constraints. Every bus route in the system is under evaluation and may be impacted by the following modifications: *changes to the hours of operation, reduction in frequency of service, deletion of selected trips, route restructuring or route/segment eliminations*. Capturing public input is critical to the development of a resized service plan that will meet the greatest community need consistent with financial projections. **Please provide us with any comments, feedback, ideas, or suggestions that you may have regarding these proposed changes, based on how your travel might be impacted.**