SUMMECT THE CORE



AGENDA

Purpose of Meeting

Councilwoman Smith

Project Background & Overview

Project Status Update

Draft 30% Plans

Upcoming Milestones

Next Steps

Q & A



TIPS FOR TODAY'S MEETING

- Your microphone has been muted to avoid any background noise.
- Submit project specific questions in the Q&A Section.
- Contact customer service at <u>custserv@itsmarta.com</u> for questions on existing service.
- We will address as many questions/comments as time will allow.
- Responses to all questions will be provided at www.ConnecttheCore.com
- If you miss any details during the presentation, it will be posted to the project web site.

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

- Provide Project Update
- Making Progress!
 - Last met with public in July / August 2020
 - Continuous stakeholder communication
 - Federal and state approvals
 - Share Draft 30% design
 - Procurement for Final Design Underway





PRESENTATION TEAM

- Erica Pines
- Heather Alhadeff
- Bryan Hobbs
- Shelley Peart

- Councilwoman Carla Smith
- Jason Morgan
- Emily Ritzler
- Katrina Highsmith





GREETINGS!





WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Where do you live?

Where do you work/study?

How did you hear about the meeting?

Is this your first Summerhill BRT meeting?



RELEVANT PAST PLANS

- Transit Planning Board Concept 3 (2008)
- Connect Atlanta (2008)
- Livable Centers Initiative Stadium Neighborhoods (2016)
- Atlanta's Transportation Plan (2018)
- Summerhill BRT is a part of More MARTA Atlanta program and will be the first BRT in metro Atlanta

Chapter 4

4.27 Peoplestown and the South BeltLine

Goal: Create livable streets and connections to new public investment in BeltLine

With the enhanced redevelopment potential offered by the BeltLine, it is important to identify potential connections to enhance the street network and to promote a more walkable environment. The one-way streets in this neighborhood have been configured in that manner to facilitate traffic flow for special events at Turner Field and the former Fulton County Stadium, yet they serve primarily residential land uses and as such are inappropriate as mobility corridors.

Another important connection in Peoplestown is additional east-west connectivity from Ridge Avenue and Hank Aaron Drive to Boulevard. Presently the BeltLine corridor and the industrial properties it formerly served occupy a large footprint; consequently this area is not well served by street network. Using the BeltLine right-of-way, a connection from the Ridge-McDonough intersection east to Boulevard would provide a public edge for BeltLine parks and allow new development better access.







JULY / AUGUST OUTREACH

- Two virtual public meetings conducted in July / August
- Summary of Comments
 - Positive support for the project
 - Provide connection to Atlanta BeltLine and South Atlanta
 - Support for dedicated lanes
 - Desire for enhanced station features and amenities

OCTOBER OUTREACH - Coordination with City of Atlanta (Mayor's office, Planning, Councilmember Smith, Atlanta Housing) - Public meetings held throughout October (signs at bus stops) - 2 Public meetings - 2 Neighborhood/NPU meetings - 6 Stakeholder meetings - 3 Advocacy groups - 1 Stakeholder Bus Tour - Survey online and paper distribution via outlets above and on Route 55 - 125+ attendees, 450+/- surveys



PROJECT OPERATIONS



PROJECT ROUTE

- Operates from Atlanta BeltLine/University Ave to Downtown using MLK Jr. Blvd and Mitchell St.
- MARTA Board Approved Locally Preferred Alternative in November 2019
- Majority dedicated lanes
- 12 Station areas
- Connects to N/S and E/W rail line
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Roadway resurfacing for entire corridor
- Re-routing due to closure of Capitol Square near Capitol





BRT OPERATIONS

- Frequent and Reliable Service
- Weekday and Weekend Service
- 10-12 minute headways
 - Comparable to rail service
- No downtown staging or significant dwell times
- Electric BRT Vehicles
- 85% + dedicated lanes
- Anticipated 11-12 minute ride from Atlanta BeltLine to Ted Turner

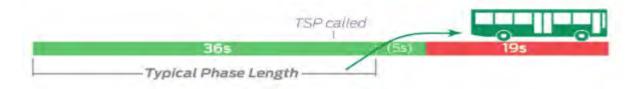




TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY

- Leverage technology to improve BRT reliability
- Effective at intersections with long queues
- Can include:
 - Signal Optimization
 - BRT Only signal
 - Green Light Phase Extension
 - Queue Jump

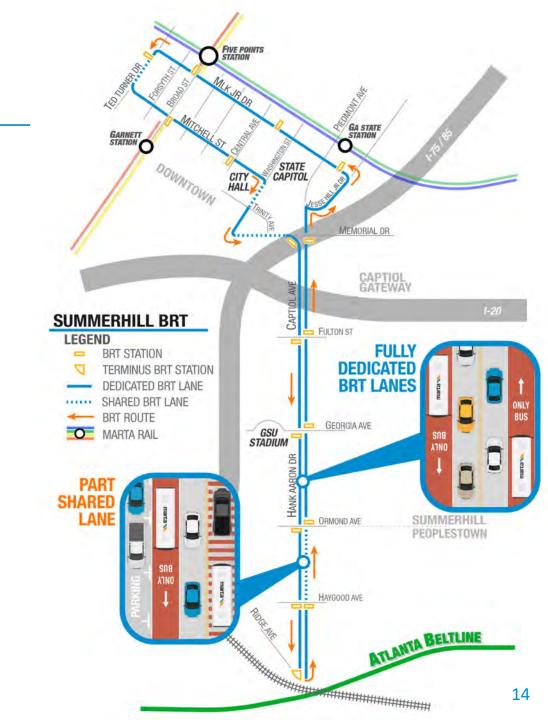






DEDICATED LANES

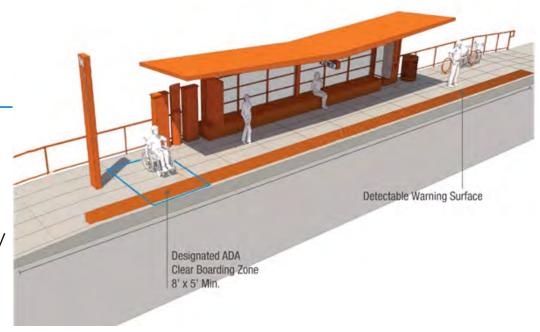
- Dedicated Lanes
 - Majority of corridor
- Shared Lanes
 - Accommodate for parking
 - Shared turning movements

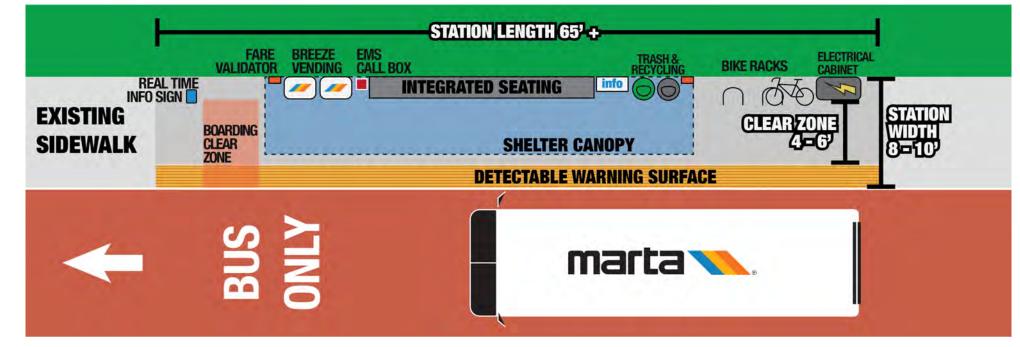




STATIONS

- Station Features:
 - Shelter, bench, sign, Real time info, Emergency phone, Ticket vending, CCTV



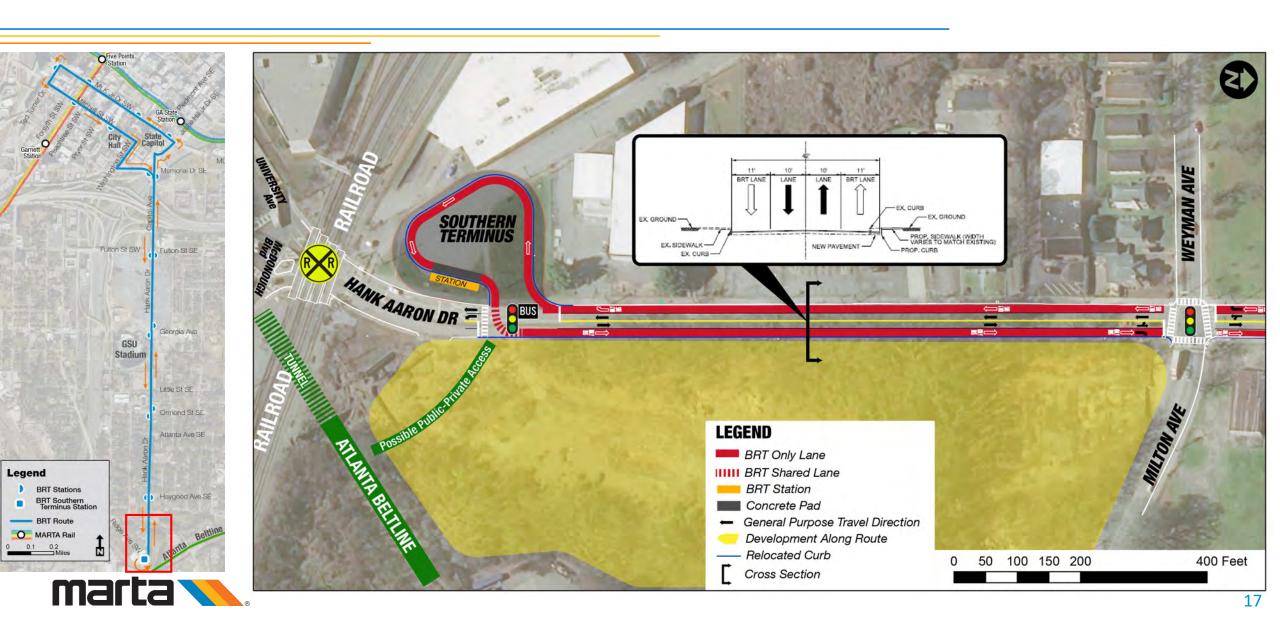




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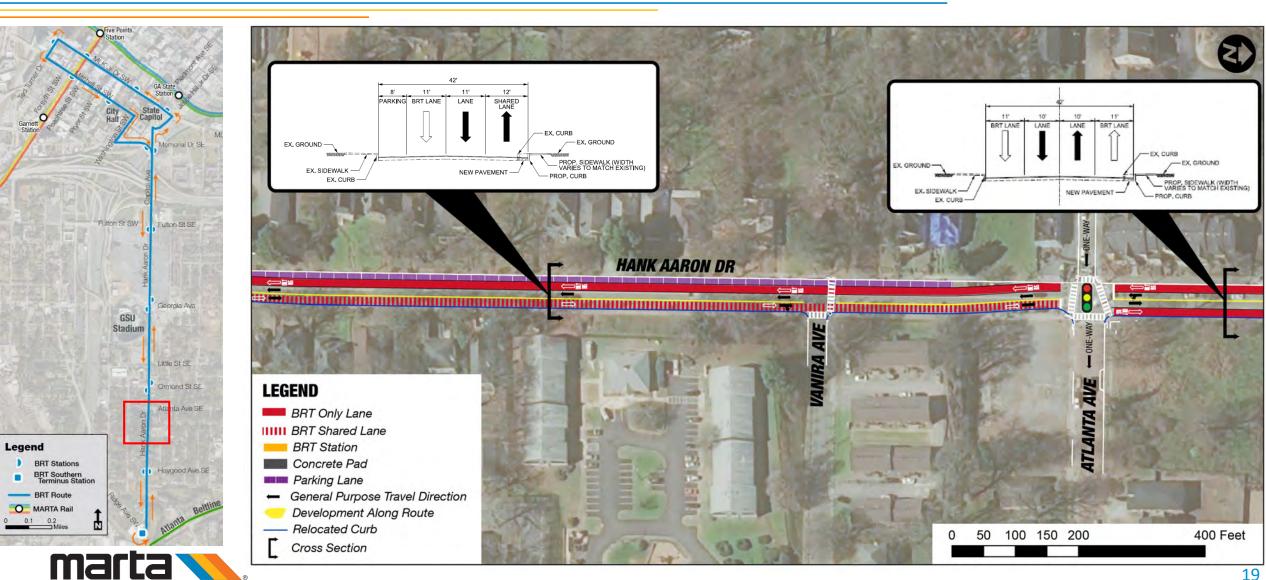
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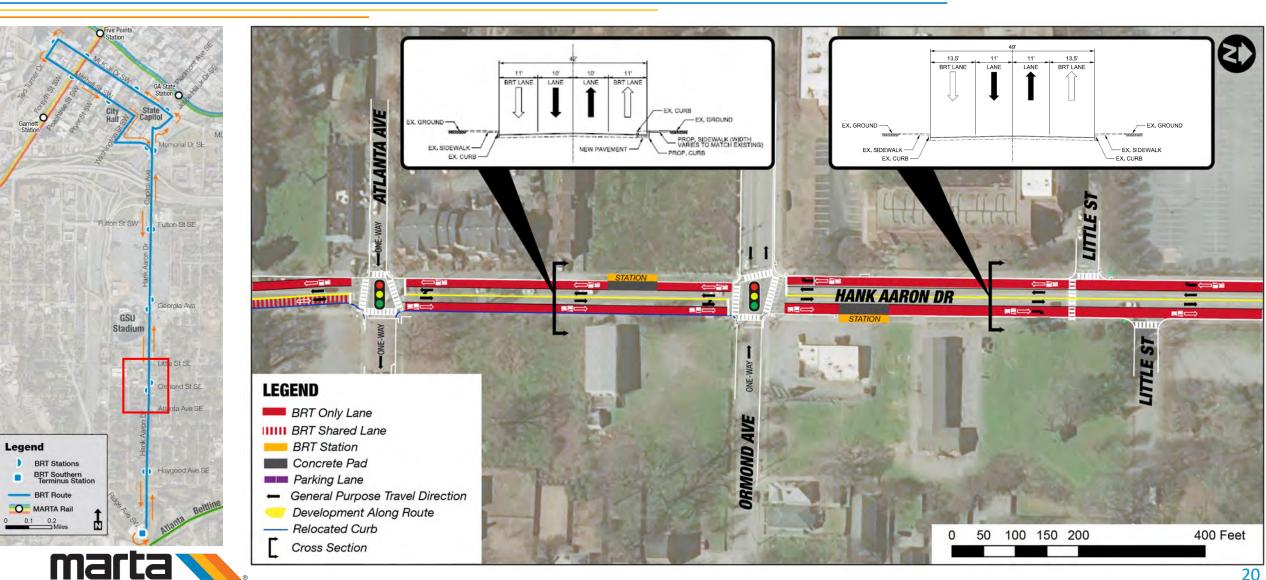
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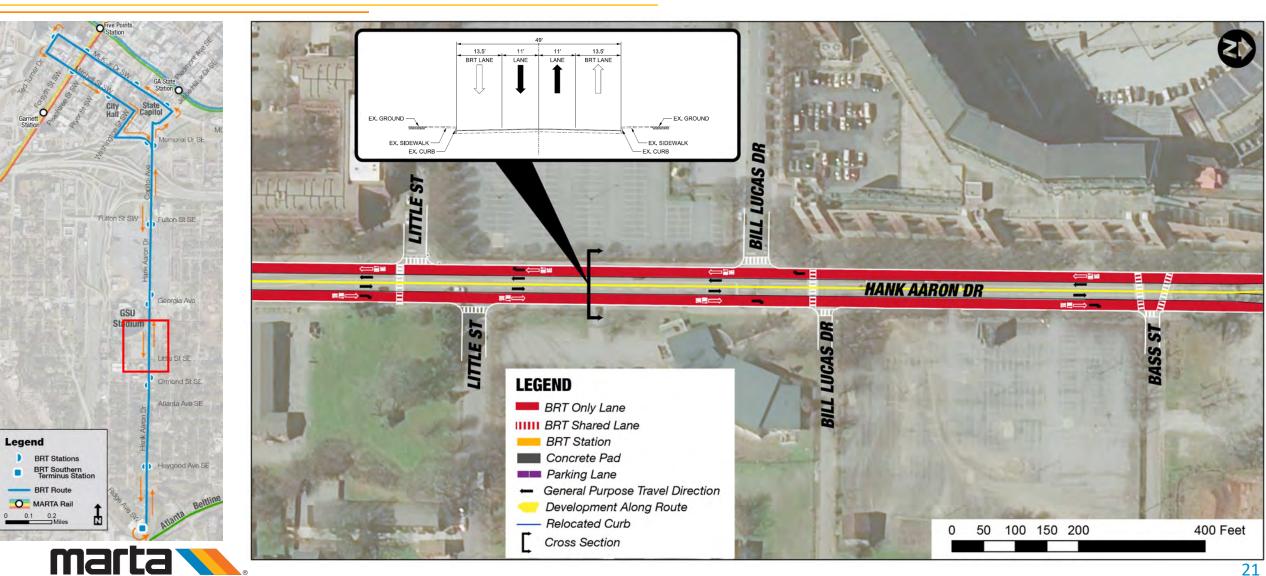
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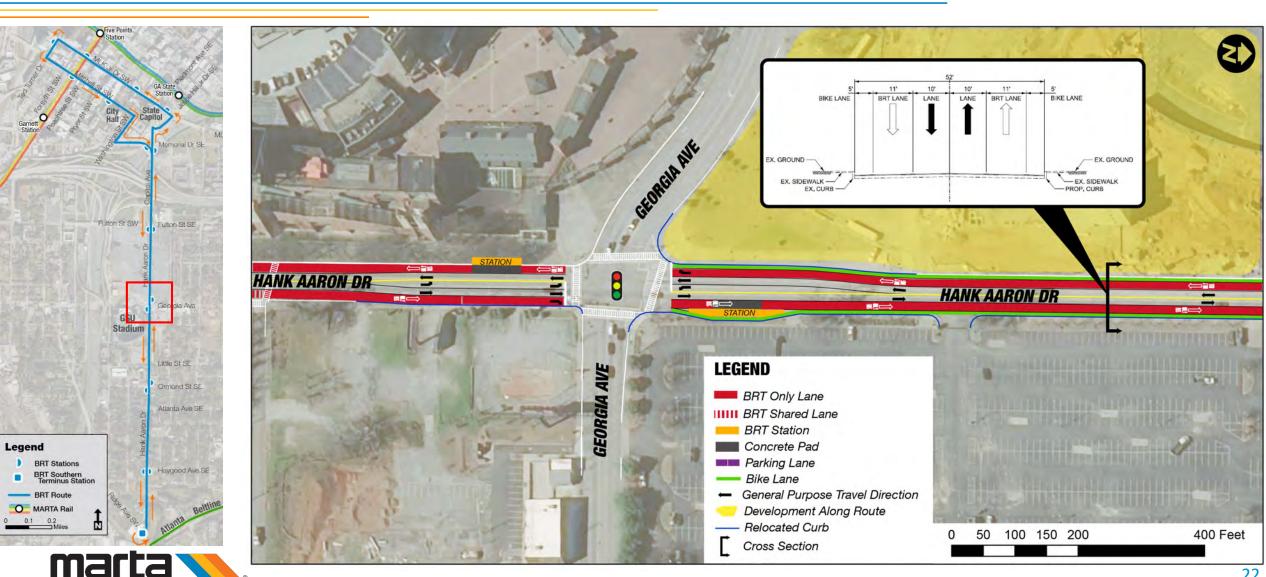
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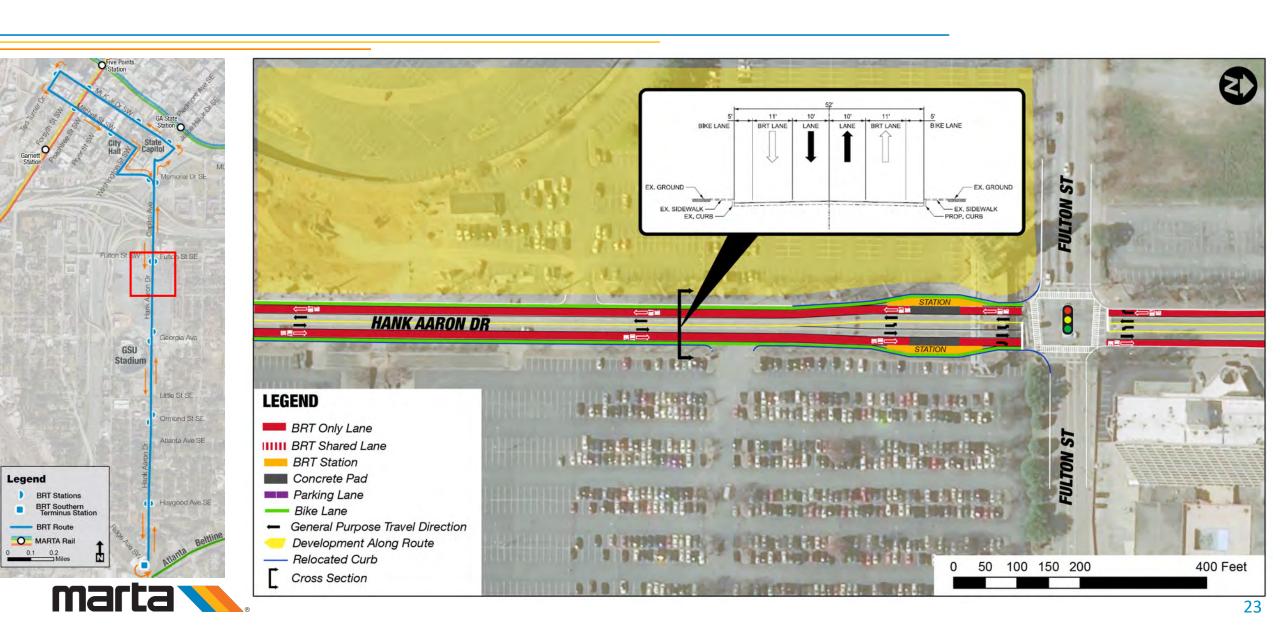
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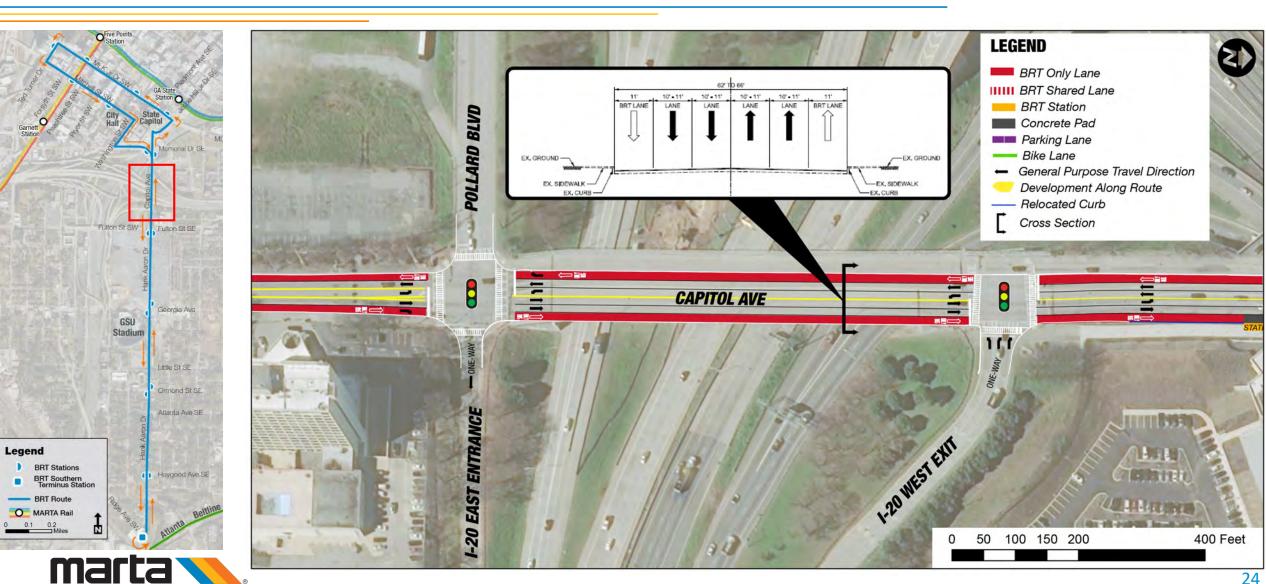
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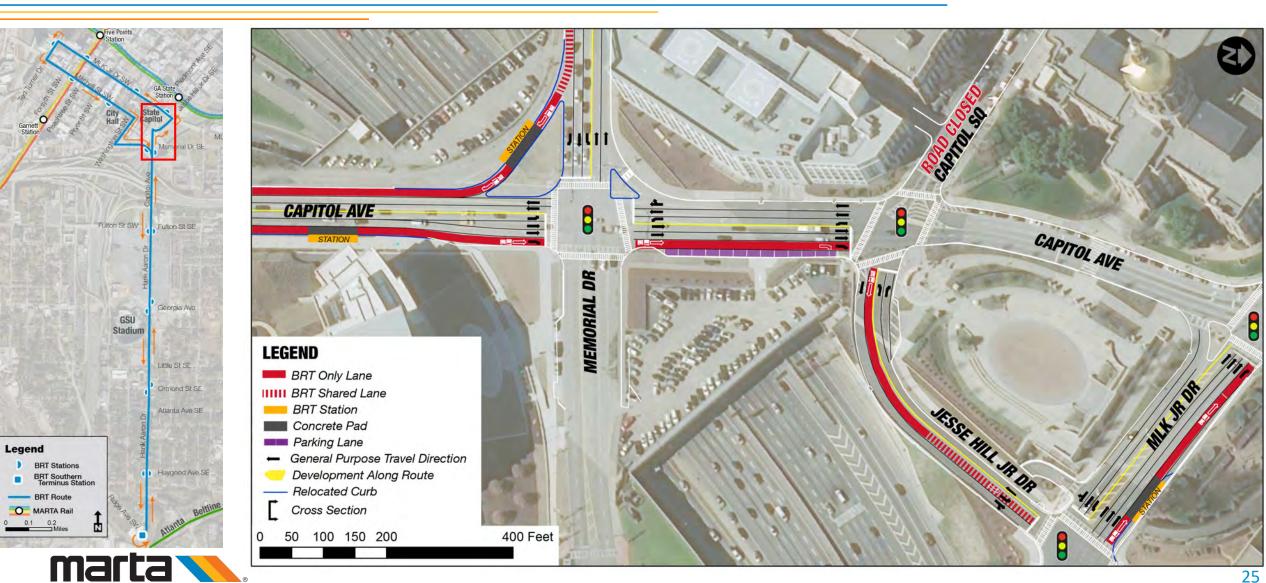
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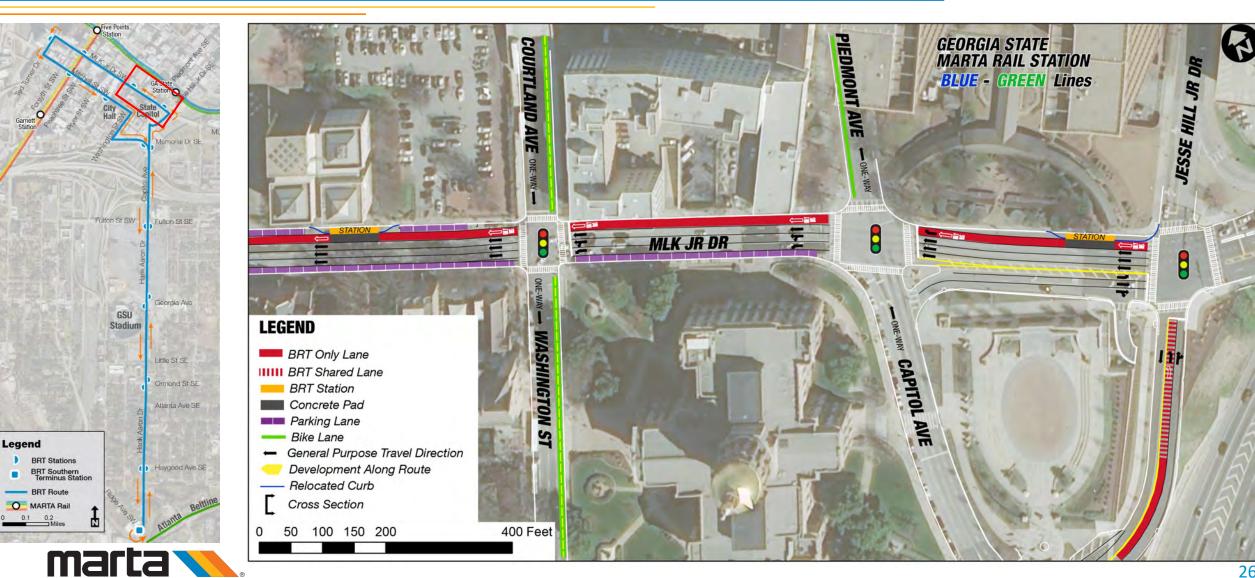
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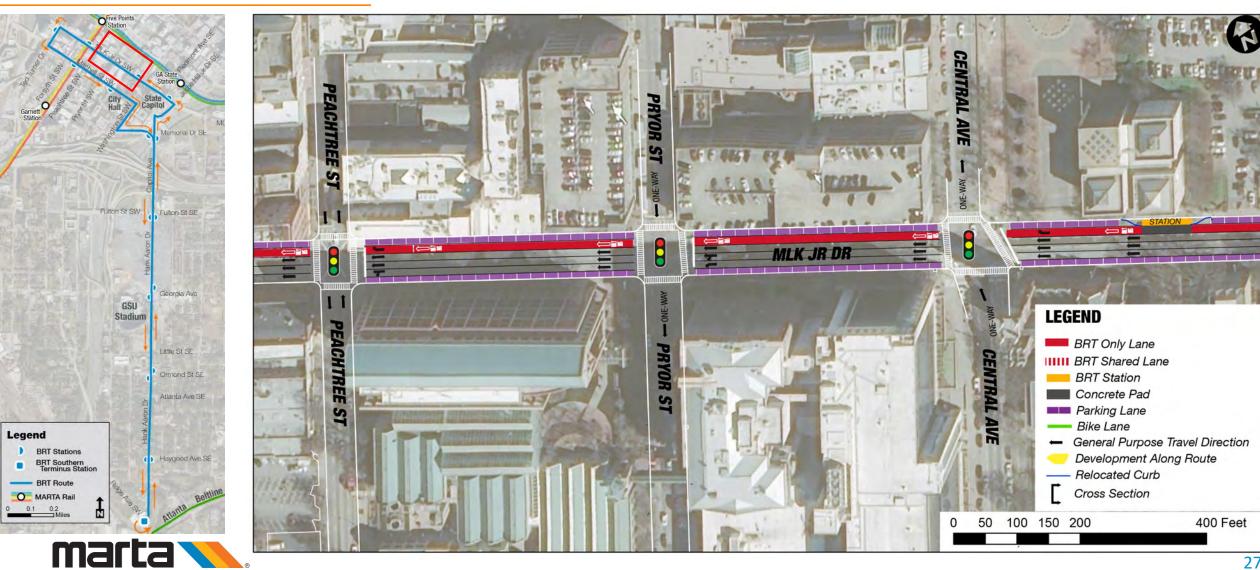
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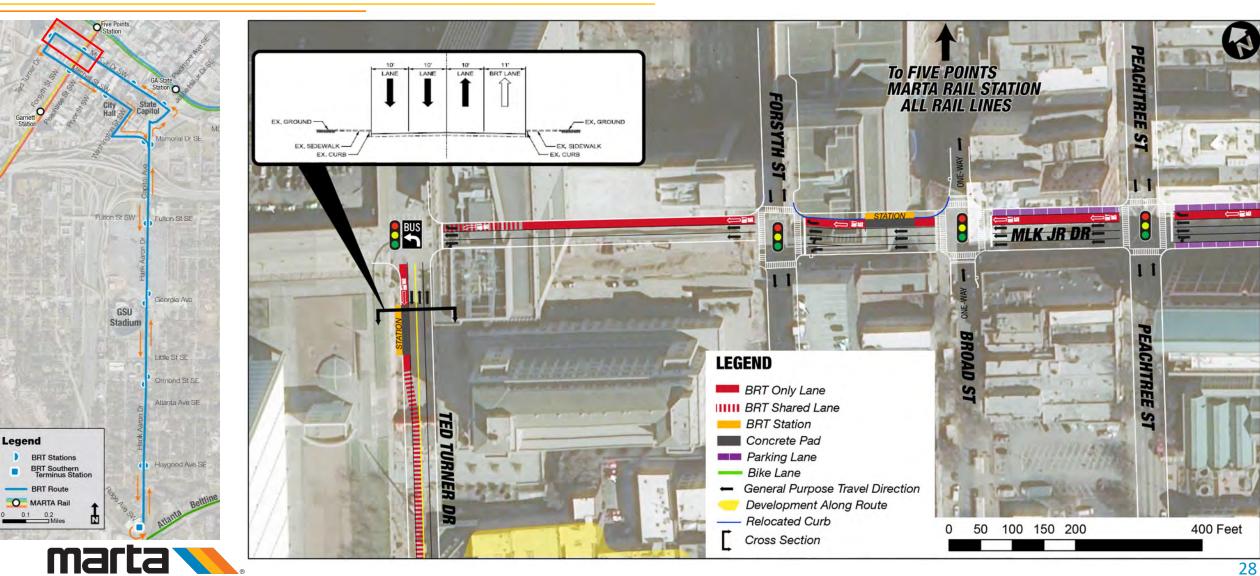
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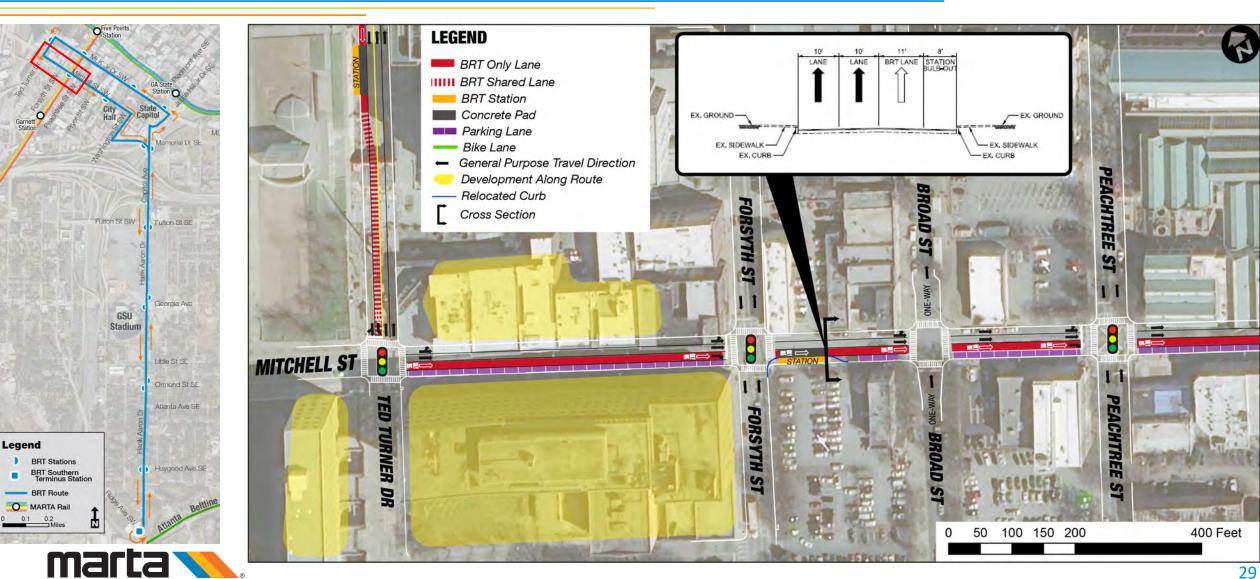
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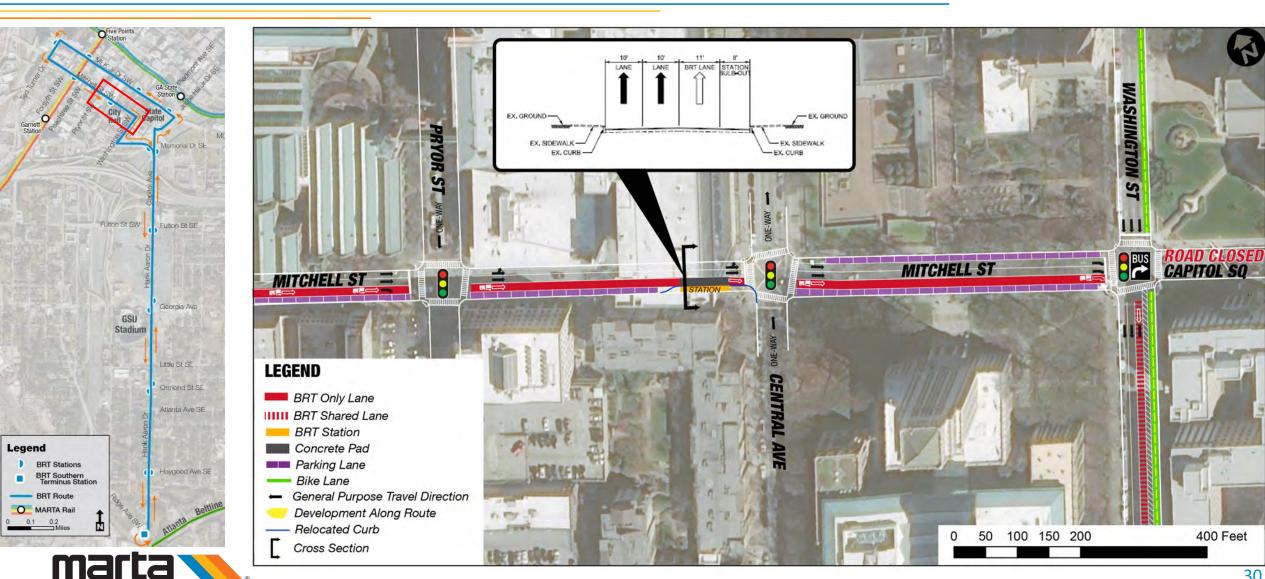
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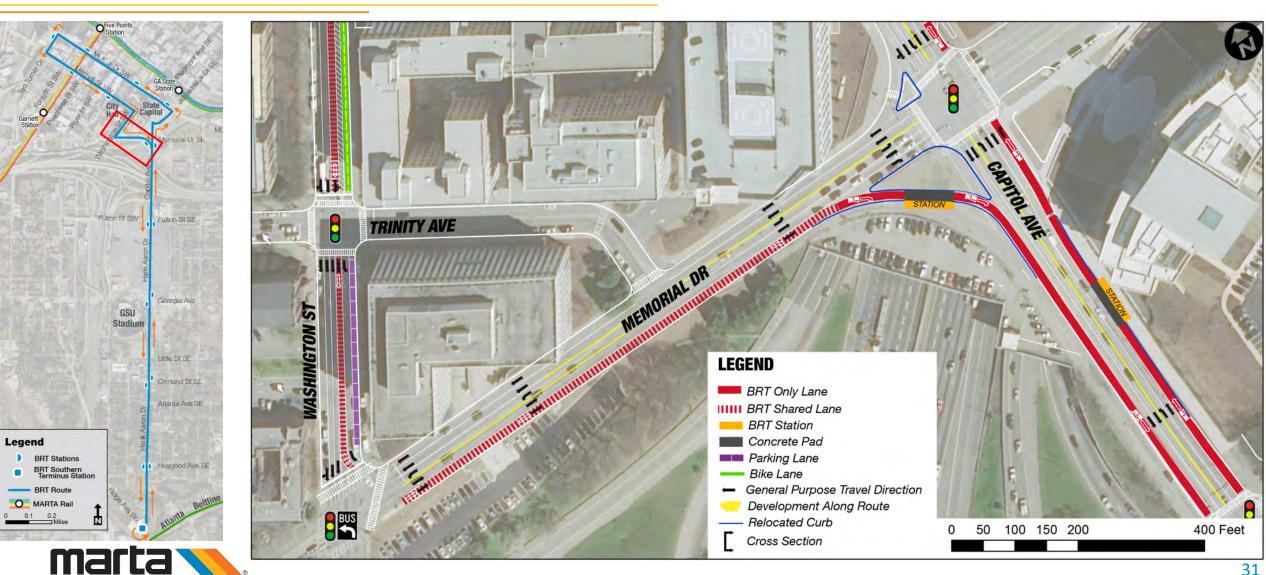
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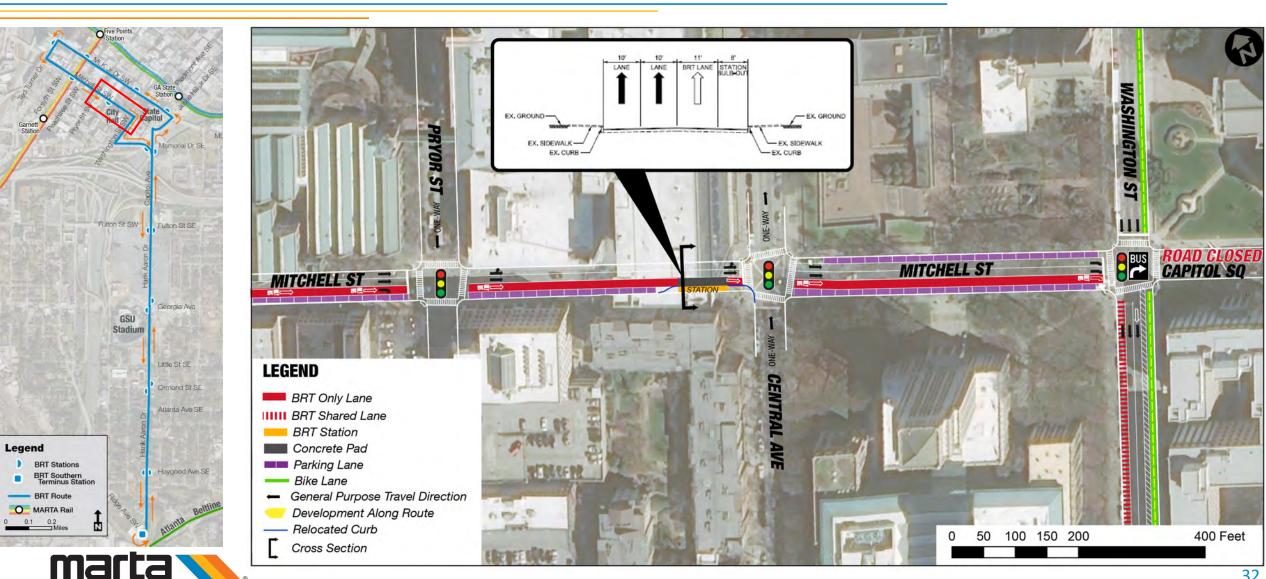
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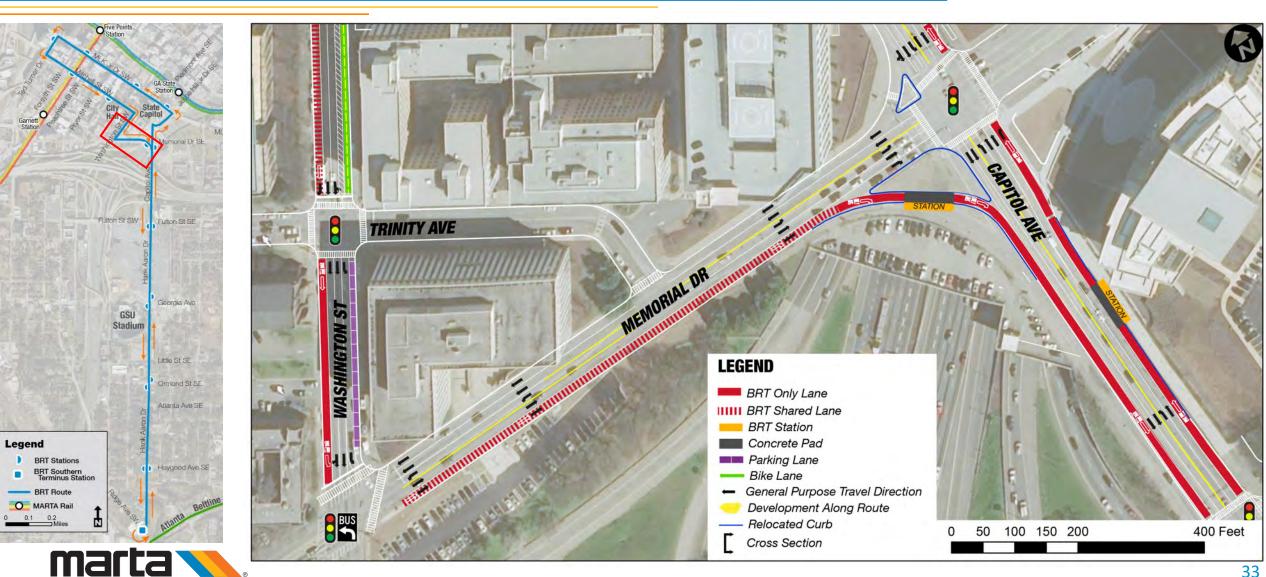
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DRAFT 30% DESIGN – PEACHTREE ST TO WASHINGTON ST – OPT 2



DRAFT 30% DESIGN – WASHINGTON ST TO CAPITOL AVE – OPT 2



PROJECT STATUS

We are Here! Design Firm Selection Jan/Feb 2021

Construction Begins Aug 2022 Service Begins Aug 2024

INITIATION - CONCEPT

INITIATION DEVELOPMENT
AND
EVALUATION

PLANNING

- LPA identification
- Environmental documentation
- Jurisdictional coordination
- Stakeholder and public engagement
- 30% Design includes:
 - Alignment
 - Stations
 - Utilities
 - Traffic Signals
 - Potential ROW or Easements

FINAL DESIGN

- Validate 30% design concept
- Confirm schedule and budget
- Continue jurisdictional coordination
- Stakeholder and Public engagement
- Final design incudes
 - Alignment
 - Stations
 - Utilities
 - Traffic signals
 - ROW / Easments

CONSTRUCTION (IMPLEMENTATION)

CLOSEOUT - Service begins



THANK YOU!

Share your comments on our project website

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QUESTIONS?



