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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), The City of Atlanta, the Metropolitan Atlanta Transit Authority (MARTA) and the TransFormation Alliance worked with community stakeholders in the Fall of 2014 to determine the best future for the area surrounding the Oakland City MARTA station. The process consisted of three meetings, surveys, a market study and renderings to develop a vision and implementation plan for transit oriented development (TOD) at the Oakland City MARTA station, in the Oakland City neighborhood of Atlanta.

The Oakland City MARTA Station engagement process was designed with the following goals in mind:

+ to understand and incorporate community priorities into actionable projects
+ to develop a specific redevelopment and zoning strategy for the MARTA property
+ to clarify the land use and zoning future for the single family triangle immediately west of the MARTA property station.
+ to discuss a strategy to connect the MARTA Station to the Fort McPherson Redevelopment site and neighborhood.

A key component to the future success of the redevelopment is gathering comments from the community about their vision for the site in regards to design, services, accessibility, housing choice and other amenities associated with a transit oriented development.

The outcomes of this process focused on economic prosperity, access and connectivity, land use, and initial design concepts. This document outlines and consolidates the community’s recommendations into a cohesive vision for the future of transit oriented development in Oakland City.
ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION
ARC was created in 1947 by the Georgia General Assembly as a regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency for the Atlanta metropolitan area. For 60 years, ARC has focused the region’s leadership, attention, and resources on key issues of regional consequence such as aging services, governmental services, leadership development, research and mapping, workforce development, environmental planning, land use planning, mobility and air quality issues. The 39 member Board made up of local officials and citizen members govern and advises the work of ARC.

CITY OF ATLANTA: OFFICE OF PLANNING
The Department of Planning and Community Development creates opportunities for the City of Atlanta to maintain a pattern of sustainable growth. The Department’s vision is to transform the future through the implementation of the highest quality planning, building code compliance, housing services and programs to enhance the level of service provided to all citizens of Atlanta. This vision is implemented through the work and initiatives of the Commissioner’s Office, the Office of Buildings, Office of Housing and Office of Planning.

The Office of Planning is the City’s source for establishing an action plan for the integration of land use with housing, transportation, historic preservation and community and economic development. The Office is responsible for administering land development regulations inclusive of zoning, subdivision and historic designations. The Office is also responsible for the development of the Comprehensive Development Plan, the Capital Improvement Plan, the management of the ATL GIS system and the Neighborhood Planning Unit system.

A special thanks to District 4 City Council Member Cleta Winslow, who represents the Oakland City neighborhood, and her staff for their leadership and support in the development of this planning process and adoption of the plan.

D+E=DESIGN+ENVIRONMENT
d+e=design+environment an inter-disciplinary team of architects, landscape architects and urban designers dedicated to enhancing both the user’s experience and the project’s performance and value, while respecting and responding to the natural systems upon which built places depend. d+e designs are envisioned as creative, ecological and evolving components of the landscape.

MARTA
The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority is the largest transit system in the Atlanta region and the ninth largest transit system in the nation. MARTA operates a network of bus routes linked to a rapid transit system consisting of forty-eight miles of rail track with thirty-eight train stations. MARTA operates almost exclusively in Fulton, DeKalb, and Clayton counties, with the exception of bus service to two destinations in Cobb County (Six Flags over Georgia and the Cumberland Transfer Center next to the Cumberland Mall) and a single rail station in Clayton County at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

TRANSFORMATION ALLIANCE
The TransFormation Alliance envisions generating thriving mixed-income communities anchored by transit and linked to the opportunities and amenities that make Atlanta great. The partnerships created through the Alliance leverages organizations existing work, relationships and resources to find financial solutions, push policies and build civic infrastructure focused on transit and the communities that surround it. The Alliance will coordinate closely with the region’s transit authority, Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Administration (MARTA), BeltLine, and other transit-supportive organizations to support and offer partnership in achieving their objectives and to enable success in accomplishing like goals.
LOCATION
Oakland City is located in the southwest quadrant of the City of Atlanta, in Fulton County just north of Fort McPherson in Council District 4 and in Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) S. This study centers on the Oakland City MARTA station and the surrounding 1/2 mile.

With Fort McPherson located to the South and the BeltLine Corridor located to the North, Oakland City is located between two of Atlanta’s largest development projects. Additionally, the Oakland City station represents a unique opportunity as it is one of the few MARTA stations that will be linked to the BeltLine.

HISTORY
The land surrounding Oakland City was acquired from the Creek Indians in 1821 and remained rural farmland for decades because, although railroads passed through, no terminals were constructed. Significant development began along a trolley line in the 1890s after the completion of Fort McPherson, and Oakland City incorporated as a municipality in 1894. The City of Atlanta annexed Oakland City in 1910, and industrial jobs and a new rail line fueled heavy suburban development in the 1920s. The area remained primarily white working-class until WWII, when large numbers of African Americans moved to the city in search of employment.

The Oakland City neighborhood encompasses the intact and contiguous historic residential, commercial, and community landmark resources of the Oakland City neighborhood that developed from the 1890s to the mid-1950s.

Oakland City has remained primarily residential since the early twentieth century. The fact that the business district is relatively small can be attributed to the trolley lines, which were first in operation in the area in the 1890s. The trolley served to connect the neighborhood to Atlanta and other suburbs, thus allowing people to live in Oakland City and easily access shopping in nearby Atlanta.

STUDY AREA + NEIGHBORHOOD DEMOGRAPHICS

Population in flux
The study area (1/2 mile around the Oakland City MARTA station) saw a population decline of 23% from 2000 to 2010, but since 2010, population has increased by 6%. The area is gradually recovering from its population loss, with a 1.8% annual growth rate forecast over the next five years. Despite this recent growth, the area’s current population is still just 82% of 2000 levels. Meanwhile the city-wide population is up 9% since 2000.

According to the 2010 Census, the Oakland City neighborhood as a whole has a population of 3,672. This represents a decrease of 20% or 913 people from a 2000 population of 4,585.

Who lives here?
The study area is predominantly African-American, 91% vs. 51% city-wide. The area has an equal mix of Millennials, Gen Xers, and Boomers and is a multi-generational neighborhood. Households tend to be larger, 2.65 persons/household, compared to 2.06 city-wide.
According to the 2010 Census, the Oakland City neighborhood is 96% African American and the median age is 36.2. There are 1,323 households and the average household size is 2.78 persons.

Housing Stock
Nine out of ten area homes were built prior to 1980, with a median age of 59 years, compared to 40 years city-wide. Home values are low. Most area owner-occupied housing units, 65%, are valued less than $100,000, compared to 23% city-wide. Still, more area households rent their homes, 66% compared to 56% city-wide. Even with such a high incidence of renting large apartment buildings are rare. Just 15% of area residents live in large multi-family buildings, compared to 49% city-wide. Oakland City area apartments tend to be very old, the average apartment age is 54 years.

According to the 2010 Census, the Oakland City Neighborhood has 1,899 housing units. While 70% are occupied 30% are vacant. Of the occupied units, 44% are owner occupied and 56% are renter occupied.

Low incomes predominate
The Oakland City neighborhood has a median household income of $22,857 while the 1/2 station-area has a median household income of $19,035, less than half of city-wide median of $41,605; 73% of households have incomes below $35,000. In the study area, nearly four in ten area families live in poverty vs. 22% city-wide.

A full demographic report for the 1/2 mile study area and 2010 census information for the Oakland City neighborhood can be found in the appendix within the market overview.

LAND USE + ZONING
The Oakland City MARTA station has a Mixed-Use Land use designation, as recommended in the Oakland City/Lakewood LCI. Parcels fronting on the west side of Lee Street have a Low Density Commercial Land Use while many of the parcels on the east side have an Industrial Land Use designation. The residential area adjacent to the station has a Low Density Residential land use while the residential areas further away have a Single Family Residential land use designation.
HISTORIC AESTHETIC

This study area is in the Oakland City Neighborhood, a National Register Historic District. Residents take pride in this designation and the historic buildings and historic elements of the neighborhood.

The residences constructed within the neighborhood are one-and two-story, frame buildings constructed of wood and brick. The residences are located close together and share uniform setbacks. The majority of the houses in Oakland City were constructed between the 1890s and the 1930s. This time period is the most important in Oakland City in regards to mass settlement and population increases.

The bungalow is the most common house type represented in the district. The Craftsman-style bungalow was the most popular early 20th-century house in Georgia and was built across the state in rural, small town, and urban settings from the 1910s to the 1930s. Characteristics of this style are the large gables with decorative brackets, widely overhanging eaves, porches with short square columns over heavy masonry piers extending to the ground, and windows with multi-paned sashes over one large sash.

Also present in the district are several English Vernacular Revival style houses, which followed and filled in vacant lots after the bungalow era.

The commercial buildings in the Oakland City Historic District are located on Cascade Avenue and Lee Street along the trolley lines that came to the area from Atlanta. The buildings are one-story brick buildings and represent the Commercial style with decorative brickwork. There are remnants of older, historic commercial and retail structures in the business district. Modern commercial development now occupies much of the original commercial areas.

Also located within the district boundaries is Oakland City Park, established shortly after Oakland City incorporated in 1894, a large recreational space consisting of rolling hills and mature trees. Oakland City Park possesses historic and non-historic features and houses basketball courts, playgrounds, pool, picnic areas, sandboxes, and tennis courts.

The west central portion of the district boasts a recreational area known as the Outdoor Activities Center. It encompasses 26 acres of preserved woodlands. The Outdoor Activities Center has been maintained as a wooded, natural environment with residential development encircling the recreation area since the 1970s.

Landscaping in the district includes mature hardwood trees, foundation plantings, sidewalks, and retaining walls. Some historic granite curbing is visible. Mature specimens such as Oak, Magnolia, Pecan, Dogwood, and other hardwood trees form dense tree canopies over several of the streets in the Oakland City Historic District. Vacant lots are overgrown, many having never been cleared for development.

The areas surrounding the Oakland City Historic District consist of post-World War II and late-1950s era developments, non-historic apartment complexes, some subsidized housing, and Habitat for Humanity infill houses that share the same setback, scale, and massing as the historic residences.
TRANSIT
The Oakland City MARTA Station, which is on the Red/Yellow rail line, has an average weekday ridership of approximately 4,326 people, an average Saturday ridership of 3,185, and an average Sunday ridership of 2,556. This station ranks 15th out of 38 total rail stations in weekday ridership. The station is served by four bus routes: 83, 162, 172 and 193. Most patrons arrive to the station via bus, as shown in the chart below.

The station area has three excellent opportunities to improve ridership and enhance the station area through major development. Just southwest of the station lays the Fort McPherson historic district and Veterans’ Administration Hospital. The base master plan includes an extension of the Oakland City street grid into the station and a pedestrian connection through the open air market directly to the station. The Murphy Triangle district is the second opportunity with over 100 acres of redevelopment area in close proximity to the station. This process concentrates on the development opportunity on the underutilized surface parking lot around the station, an additional eight acre redevelopment site.

How to People Get to the Oakland City Station?

- Drive, Carpool: 71%
- Dropped Off: 9%
- Walk and Bike: 11%
- Transferred (4 Bus Routes): 9%
Overview
A well-planned, successful Transit Oriented Development (TOD) increases access and opportunities, attracts amenities and services and ultimately has the potential to improve quality of life in a community. Where developments contain a mixture of uses, comfortable and safe pedestrian environments, and properly placed buildings and improvements, transit ridership tends to increase, services and amenities increase and automobile congestion decreases. For neighborhood residents, a development that incorporates the community’s needs and vision, integrates into the existing community fabric and provides access to new amenities, services, and jobs in just a few short blocks can significantly improve quality of life.

In addition, TODs play an important role in economic development, bolstering property values, providing an opportunity for desired services to move into the community, and being leveraged as a tool to help revitalize declining neighborhoods.

MARTA TOD Guidelines
In 2010, MARTA officially adopted Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guidelines. These TOD Guidelines are meant to provide the entire community of TOD stakeholders with a common vocabulary and frame of reference. The MARTA TOD Guidelines are built around four core principles of TOD (Station-area development that is compact and dense relative to its surroundings, a rich mix of land uses, a great public realm, and a new approach to parking). For MARTA itself, these Guidelines were created to:

+ help guide its role as a TOD sponsor for joint development built on MARTA property or connected physically or functionally to MARTA stations
+ help guide TOD stakeholders - for any development that occurs within the “zone of influence” of current or future stations (roughly a half-mile around rail stations and a quarter-mile around local streetcar and bus stops)
+ help guide TOD advocates - for sustainable land use decisions along all of Metro Atlanta’s transit corridors.

MARTA’S CORE PRINCIPLES OF TOD
+ Station-area development that is compact and dense relative to its surroundings.
  Compared to its surroundings, TOD seeks greater density for a simple reason—so that more people can live, work, shop, or go to school within walking distance of the station. In so doing, they not only generate revenue for MARTA and other transit providers; they also drive less, use less gasoline, and save money.

+ A rich mix of land uses.
  TOD is often referred to as “place-making” or the creation of “transit villages”—livable places where the clustering of uses allows people to do what they need and want to do—live, work, shop, obtain services, go to school, use the library, have fun—more conveniently. The full menu of activities need not be found at every station. But a lively mix of uses strengthens the link between transit and development and allows transit to function more cost-effectively.

+ A great public realm.
  Transit-oriented development is pedestrian-oriented
development, especially within the quarter-mile radius that most people will walk as part of a daily commute. In a TOD environment, a grid of small, navigable blocks has sidewalks throughout, with attractive amenities, lighting, and way-finding. The streets, sidewalks, plazas, and stations are safe, active, and accessible. There are no blank walls, and at street level there are shops, restaurants, and other active uses that bring the public realm indoors.

A new approach to parking
Parking is shared as much as possible, taking advantage of dove-tailing uses and reducing the actual number of spaces provided. And that parking which is required is designed so as not to dominate the visual or pedestrian environment. TOD does not mean “no cars”. Even with high transit utilization, many people will come and go by automobile and need a place to park. But a defining characteristic of TOD is that it requires less parking than similar development in non-transit locations.

WHY OAKLAND CITY?
Oakland City had its start as a transit oriented development when it sprung up along a trolley line in the late 1890s. Continuing this history is the key to a prosperous future.

The Oakland City MARTA station is situated between two projects that have the potential to transform southwest Atlanta, namely the Atlanta BeltLine and the redevelopment of Fort McPherson. MARTA believes that the availability of quality workforce housing and amenities at this TOD will be essential to the overall transformational success of this area.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Affordable housing was given considerable attention throughout the workshop design process. MARTA has a goal that on average at least 20% of the units in residential or mixed-use TOD projects should be affordable to workforce households, seniors with low, moderate, or fixed incomes, and persons with disabilities. MARTA recognizes that delivering affordable housing as part of TOD will require a collaborative effort among multiple stakeholders - the municipal and county zoning jurisdictions in the MARTA service area, their housing authorities, the state of Georgia, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for-profit and non-profit developers, lenders, community groups, and MARTA itself. This collaborative effort was an important component that was crucial in coming together around the Oakland City site.

NEIGHBORHOOD STATION GUIDELINES
The Oakland City station is considered a neighborhood station under MARTA TOD Guidelines. Under MARTA Guidelines, neighborhood stations are “line stops”—local stations where most people arrive on foot. Neighborhood rail stations attract passengers from a large residential “walk shed” and are fed by bus routes operating on nearby streets. MARTA Guidelines also state that neighborhood stations should have little or no park-and-ride. Neighborhood streetcar or bus stops are more closely spaced along a linear corridor and draw their passengers from a closer radius.

Land Use
The ideal land use mix for neighborhood stations, according to MARTA Guidelines: Multi-family residential and/or neighborhood scale mixed-use with retail, restaurant, and service-oriented offices, transitioning to lower density single- or multi-family away from the “main street”.

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A COMMON VISION
There is a common thread between all recent plans in the Oakland City area. These plans all identify the desire for higher-density and mixed-use near transit. They also all identify a strong desire for a more walkable environment with quality, mixed-income housing options and accessible stores and restaurants.

OAKLAND CITY / LAKEWOOD LCI (2004)
The Oakland City/Lakewood LCI plan, adopted by the City of Altanta in 2004, identified goals and a vision statement for the Oakland City MARTA station and the surrounding area. Through this planning process, community members identified a commitment to quality community gathering spaces, pedestrian friendly environments, a healthy mix of land use, and excellent access to transit facilities.

Plan Recommendations for Station Site
+ Campbellton: Medium density, multi-family residential development (rent or own)
+ Oakland City Transit Village: Mixed-use development on MARTA property with apartments, condos, retail, office, and a bus loop
+ Dill: Medium density, mixed-use development, lofts (rent or own), townhomes, and live-work studios
+ A new transit plaza
+ Shared parking deck with dedicated parking for MARTA patrons
+ Reconfiguring the bus turn around.

CONNECT ATLANTA PLAN (2008)
The Connect Atlanta Plan sets the vision and framework for major public investments in transportation improvements over the next 25 years in the City of Atlanta. Its goals are to increase mobility, meet demands of population growth, and to balance transportation system among all of its travel modes.

Plan Recommendations for Station Site
+ New streets around the Oakland City MARTA station
+ Complete streets at Oakland Drive, Avon Avenue and Venetian Street
+ Core bicycle connections on Campbellton Road and Lee Street

FORT MCPHERSON RESEARCH PARK MASTER PLAN + DISTRICT CONCEPTUAL PLAN (2010)
This plan, developed by the McPherson Local Redevelopment Authority, envisions the redeveloped base re-integrated into the surrounding community, including Oakland City. The corner of the bases closest to the Oakland City station has been designated as an “open air market”, which “takes advantage of the open space created by existing buildings as well as its proximity to MARTA. The market helps activate the northeast corner of the redevelopment and draws in visitors via MARTA into the Village.”
ATLANTA BELTLINE MASTER PLAN: SUBAREA 1 (2010)
This plan, developed by Atlanta BeltLine Inc and adopted by the City of Atlanta in 2010, focuses on encouraging economic development and redevelopment, diversifying housing options and public spaces, increasing public safety through appropriate design, and preserving the neighborhood fabric through incremental change.

Plan Recommendations for Station Site
+ Oakland City Node: this area has been designated as a redevelopment node, envisioned as a mixed-use infill development in the existing MARTA station parking lot
+ Multifamily residential buildings should be used north of the Oakland City MARTA station to transition to existing single family homes
+ Proposed trail connecting the BeltLine with Fort McPherson
+ Medium-density mixed-use development in order to increase the amount of housing within walking distance of transit
+ Re-zone to MRC-3
+ Improve sidewalks to increase access to the MARTA station

+ Encourage a mixture of transit-supportive housing types and prices.
+ Encourage development and preservation of workforce and affordable housing and a mixture of income levels within each station area.
+ Work with MARTA to redevelop excess surface parking around MARTA stations.

A REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR ATLANTA’S OAKLAND CITY NEIGHBORHOOD (2012)
This plan focused on a process in which the Southwest Atlanta Neighborhood Collaborative, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance, and the Atlanta BeltLine could work together to implement earlier plans for the neighborhood.

Plan Recommendations for Station Site
+ assign implementation steps to organizations
+ identify funding sources
+ plan identified the following goals:
   - Neighborhood Stabilization
   - Affordable Homeownership
   - Displacement Prevention
   - Local Economic Development
   - Conservation of Natural Resources
   - Connection to the Beltline
   - Stream Restoration
   - Urban Agriculture

COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CDP)(2011)
The Oakland City MARTA station, like other transit stations areas, are designated Transit Oriented Development Character Areas in the 2011 CDP. Some of policies for TOD Character areas are listed below.
OVERVIEW
The Oakland City MARTA station community engagement process concentrated on the vision and development potential of the underutilized 8 acres of MARTA parking lots located at the Oakland City MARTA station. Throughout the process, a strong effort was made to provide multiple opportunities for community members to give feedback and incorporate their desires into the vision. The process included three work sessions, organized to provide community members information and build on feedback from participants through the use of interactive exercises and a community survey. The meetings were held, September 30th, November 13th, and December 11th, 2014. All were hosted at The James Orange Park Recreation Center. The survey became available in paper and online formats before the first meeting and was available throughout the process. In addition, MARTA staff presented at the Oakland City neighborhood meeting on November 15th and the NPU S meeting on November 20th. The engagement process was designed with the following goals in mind:

+ to understand and incorporate community priorities into actionable projects
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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE

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SURVEY
A survey was created and distributed to area residents electronically prior to the Oakland City Workshops. In addition, hard copies of the survey were distributed at venues such as the Neighborhood Planning Unit-S, Oakland City Community Organization, and at the station. A total of 107 surveys were gathered. The survey contained a total of 15 questions, with a total of five being open ended. Survey results were reported to community members at community outreach events in order to give participants a chance to point out discrepancies with their own opinions. The survey questions focused...
on housing in Oakland City, the community’s greatest needs and assets, transportation usage, and accessibility to resources. A full report of the final survey results can be found in the appendix.

**CHARRETTE OR WORKSHOP**

A charrette is an intensive planning session where citizens, designers, stakeholder and others collaborate on a community vision or a specific vision for a development. Charrettes are organized to encourage the participation and ideas of all involved, and offers the unique advantage of giving immediate feedback to the designers. More importantly, it allows everyone who participates to be a mutual author of the plan.

The meetings for this process were marketed as charrettes but, though they had many of the same goals as charrettes, the meeting formats did not match a traditional charrette. As such, this process will be referred to as a workshop.

Throughout this process, approximately 150 people participated in the workshops. The results of this process can be seen in the engagement conclusions section below.
CHALLENGES + STRENGTHS
At the first community meeting, participants were asked to share what they love about their neighborhood and what they would change. The replies fit into five categories: Transportation, Safety/Crime, Neighborhood/Housing, Services, and Youth. This was the jumping off point for the Oakland City TOD plan.

Transportation
Participants appreciate Oakland City’s proximity to public transportation and the interstate and the area’s walkable nature. At the same time, participants hope to add street lights, slow down traffic, repave roads, add bus shelters with good seating, improve bicycle infrastructure, and repair sidewalks. Fixing these issues will only serve to highlight the transportation aspects of Oakland City that residents love.

Safety + Youth
In two categories, participants only made mention of things they would want to change. They saw the need for more police and a faster police response in order to deal with issues of gangs, drugs, and crime. Participants also saw the need to keep youth active in a positive way, playing in the parks instead of the streets.

Housing + Neighborhood
One of the most talked about topics was housing and the state of the neighborhood, both in a positive and a negative light. Participants appreciated Oakland City’s central location and its strong history. At the same time, much of the historic fabric they love is in need of care. Many properties are vacant or abandoned and houses need to be rehabilitated to their former charm. Along these lines, there is also a need for yards to be kept up and litter to be picked up. According to participants, this loved historic neighborhood is in need of more upkeep.

Services
Participants have strong ties to this neighborhood. They love their neighbors, their schools, and the strong amenities for an aging population. Many participants noted their appreciation for the existing after school programing, including an urban forestry training program. One of the most agreed upon points in this engagement process was that this area wants and needs a grocery store and better access to quality food.
The following themes and ideas came out of this engagement process. Below, the community’s ideas are summarized and then split into four major topics: housing and affordability, economic prosperity, access and connectivity, and land use. By engaging people in both large and small groups, in person and online, a wide variety of people felt comfortable expressing their opinions. This is reflected in the diverse group of ideas that came out of this engagement process.

WE ENVISION...

The Oakland City MARTA Station TOD will be a safe, inviting place with diverse housing choices, services and public spaces and will connect residents to Fort McPherson, the Atlanta BeltLine and economic opportunity throughout the region.

HOUSING + AFFORDABILITY

+ More senior and veteran housing (this was echoed many times)
+ Resources for people to stay in their homes as prices rise:
  Provide tax abatements
  Equitable property tax systems
  Mandatory inclusionary zoning
+ Resources to support home ownership
+ Vacancies need to be addressed
+ 59.73% of survey respondents said that housing stock is poor or needs improvement.
+ Requirements for new housing:
  Gentrification without displacement
  $700-$1000/month in rent is affordable
+ 59.43% of survey respondents wanted to see more mixed-use buildings in the community
+41.51% of survey respondents wanted to see more single family
+ A demand for housing education:
  Opportunities on housing (how the system works: i.e. taxes, homestead exemption, subsidies, funding for affordability)
  Housing counseling

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

+ There are a number of services that are not available in Oakland City and too many of other services.
  Not available: quality grocery stores, MARTA mobility, fresh food options, dry cleaners, boutiques, youth services/seniors, sit down restaurants
  Too many of: beauty shops, corner stores, liquor stores, fast food restaurants, empty buildings, auto repair shops
+ A demand for job opportunities:
  Workforce development and training
  Tech firms, construction
  Green jobs in solar energy and sustainable technologies
  Local hiring for construction of TOD
+ Socially conscious employers to invest in people of the community, not just the land
+ Barriers to job opportunities
  Training
  Education (schools and technical skills) Crime
ACCESS + CONNECTIVITY
- A demand for better sidewalks and road crossing
  - ADA ramps, bus shelters, and benches for seniors
  - Need sidewalks along bus routes
  - Larger sidewalks for vendors and sidewalk cafes
  - Safer street crossings (especially Campbellton Rd.), possible pedestrian bridge or median signal
  - Road diet to reduce Campbellton Rd. and/or Lee St.
- Address Crime
  - Safety through design, activate spaces, lighting, and coordination with APD/Zone 4 - MARTA precinct
  - Improve safety at MARTA station
  - Need street lights throughout the neighborhood
- A demand for improved access to station
  - Make Sylvan Hills side entrance to MARTA more attractive—move turnstiles inside to create better access
  - Public access to station through underground tunnel from new development
  - Improved entrance signage
- Improve Bus Service: the bus stops too much, takes too long

LAND USE + INITIAL DESIGN CONCEPTS
- Need more senior housing
- Help cleanup existing houses and coordination—keep manageable
- Mixed review on development height
  - Higher density – 5 to 8 stories with a stepdown on Campbellton Rd

Development is exciting, but 5-8 stories is too high
- Greenspace is nice: don’t just build a building – need landscape, streetscape, art
- Who benefits—how can the people who live here benefit from the development?
- Mixed-use
- Mixed-income
- More retail
- More rental options
- More townhomes
- Make sure development blends in and incorporates historic feel
  - Make sure new development is compatible with existing development (ie. Sylvan Hills and Lakewood Pt. McPherson Station)
  - First floor should have same façade with historic feel
  - Blend with historic and well-built housing
As part of the planning and visioning process for the MARTA Oakland City station and its surrounding community, the Atlanta Regional Commission and MARTA have contracted with the Bleakly Advisory Group to conduct a market overview of MARTA-owned properties at the MARTA Oakland City station.

The commercial real-estate market in the Oakland City area is limited. No new major office or retail inventory has been added in the past 10 years, and the existing inventory of commercial space is aging, mid-century retail architecture, generally in poor repair.

The challenging economic and demographic conditions in the Oakland City area suggest that real estate demand in the area will remain very modest without some sort of catalytic investment to change existing patterns. Currently, the combination of low real-estate values, low development activity, high vacancy, and population loss do not point to positive demand for housing or commercial space within the short-ter. However, momentum at two key nearby projects, Fort MacPherson and the BeltLine’s Murphy Triangle, can provide the catalyst for bringing new reinvestment in the area.

Because of the prevalence of aging multi-family housing, and the lack of newer options, new, quality transit-adjacent apartment inventory in the area could induce rental demand in the area by providing an alternative to the existing pool of rental housing options, and offering direct transit access to the network of employment and activities serviced by MARTA. This would likely be contingent upon the creation of mixed-income development, with a mix of both market-rate and affordable units that are price-competitive with existing rental housing options.

Parking requirements are one of the driving factors defining the layout and economic viability of any redevelopment of the MARTA Park & Ride site. The 8.21 acre site is the current location of two MARTA Park & Ride lots with 762 parking spaces, of which 150-200 are used on a regular basis. MARTA Staff has indicated that approximately 200 spaces will need to be preserved for MARTA passenger usage in any redevelopment scenario, in addition to any parking spaces needed to support new residential or commercial development. Based on recommended parking ratios in MARTA’s TOD Guidelines, potential redevelopment scenarios include 200 dedicated parking spaces for MARTA passengers, along with 1.25 units per residential unit and 2 parking spaces per 10,000 SF of commercial space.

### Real Estate Demand Forecast, 2015-2020

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The site is well positioned for redevelopment in terms of site condition, access to transit, visibility and access. Based on the existing conditions, over the next five years, the MARTA Oakland City station area could absorb 300 to 400 apartment units, (assuming that up to half of the units are affordable) and a small amount, up to 37,500 SF, of commercial space. Once a major development became established on the MARTA Park & Ride site, it would likely trigger additional demand for up to 100 additional units, most likely apartments or townhomes, on adjacent development sites.

**Market Study Recommendations**

- Rental housing, either as a single land use, or as part of a mixed-use development, is the best redevelopment.
option for the MARTA Oakland City Station Park & Ride site. The development should be mixed-income, containing both market-rate and affordable units.

+ Two redevelopment options have been proposed: a moderate density (35 units/acre) apartment community with integrated surface parking and a higher density (45 units/acre) structured parking.

+ A limited amount of commercial development could be incorporated into the redevelopment, creating the opportunity for a small grocery store, or other retail uses. Limited office or community space could also be included, such as a day-care center or medical clinic.

+ Due to low potential commercial rents, subsidies would likely be needed to incentivize commercial or community uses at the site.

+ It is likely that any redevelopment scenario at the MARTA Oakland City station site will require financial assistance from the BeltLine TAD, the BeltLine Affordable Housing Trust Fund, or other sources, to support the affordable housing component and parking deck costs.

+ MARTA and/or city staff should address land, title, land use and zoning issues at any potential redevelopment site prior to proceeding with redevelopment.

+ The market will likely be more favorable to support redevelopment of this site 18-24 months from now, once economic conditions have improved, redevelopment momentum picks up along the southwest BeltLine and Fort MacPherson is further along in its redevelopment process.

+ Redevelopment of the MARTA Park & Ride site will potentially catalyze additional development in the immediate station area, most likely apartments or townhomes on neighboring sites.
INTRODUCTION TO TOUR OF PLANS

Based on community input from the meetings and surveys, previous plans and the market study, a concept plan was developed for the Oakland City MARTA parking lot by Peter Drey of d+e=design+environment assisted by Jake Henderson of Jake Henderson Planning and Design. As recommended by the Market Study, the concept plan shows redevelopment of the parking lot in two phases.

Phase One is on the south lot with remaining surface parking kept in place. Phase One consists of 74 apartments, 13 townhomes and 105 surface parking spaces. As the market improves with the redevelopment of Fort McPherson, the Beltline and State Farmer’s Market, the rest of the parking lot can be developed in Phase Two. Phase Two consists of 175 residential units, 32,000 sq. ft. of retail/office and 300 surface parking spaces. The concept plan shows approximately 262 residential units - 13 townhomes and 249 multi-family residential units.

RESIDENTIAL UNITS

The engagement results clearly called for townhomes and more rental housing options near the Oakland City station. The concept plan shows approximately 262 residential units - 13 townhomes and 249 multi-family residential units.

OFFICE SPACE

This design provides space for new businesses to come to Oakland City. The market study identified a demand of 20,000 to 30,000 sq. ft. of retail. The renderings show 32,000 sq. ft. of retail including out-door dining and retail fronting on Campbellton Road. The services that residents are particularly interested in seeing are as follows:

- access to healthy food
- dry cleaner
- boutiques
- youth and/or senior services
- sit down restaurants
- + office space

COMMERCIAL

The concept plan illustrates wide sidewalks, street trees and on-street parking are present along road frontages. The concept plan is illustrated in the drawings and explained in the accompanying text.
BUILDING HEIGHT
During the planning process, there was discussion regarding the appropriate number of floors for new development. New development should step down in height as it gets closer to existing single family housing. The height of buildings in the concept plan varies. The apartments on the fronting on Lee Street and Van Buren Street and the townhomes fronting on Oakland Drive will be 2 to 3 stories. The mixed-use buildings fronting on Campbellton and Lee Street will be 4 to 5 stories.

OUTDOOR GATHERING SPACE
The addition of outdoor gathering spaces will fulfill a number of the community’s needs. First, there will be communal spaces for the Oakland City residents to relax and spend time enjoying each other’s company. Secondly, having more people out of their homes and in open, public spaces will provide security by adding more ‘eyes on the street.’

PUBLIC + PRIVATE SPACE
Open spaces need to be programmed so that residents have a space for their own use separate from the “wide open” public spaces where everyone is welcome. This is provided through “semi-public” interior courtyards in the residential buildings. Residents can enjoy being part of a larger city-scaled urban development and, at the same time, benefit from spaces set aside for their exclusive use. This mimics the pattern found all over the city in traditional courtyard apartment buildings.
SAFER SIDEWALKS
Several recommendations are included to make these sidewalks safer. The sidewalks are wide and protected from traffic by on-street parking. In addition, street trees in the supplemental zone provide additional buffer to the sidewalks. Internal sidewalks and crosswalks improve safety and mobility within the site.

Improved sidewalks and the addition of new walkways (see point A in the image to the left) will connect the neighborhood to the new development, to the MARTA station, and to Fort McPherson making it easier and safer to access these amenities on foot.

LINK TO FORT MCPHERSON
The link to Fort McPherson is an important plan element because the Fort’s rebound will likely impact this project’s viability. Fort residents and visitors will use Oakland City MARTA for regional travel, so the sidewalks connecting the fort to our proposed new retail need to be well designed as a positive urban experience.

LINK TO THE BELTLINE
Linkage to the Beltline is also important. The Oakland City TOD will be an important node on the city-sponsored bike trails in the Lee Street right of way. The new generation of bike users will view the project’s pedestrian/bike-friendly characteristics positively for this reason, boosting enthusiasm for the project as part of the larger Atlanta “quality of life” evolution.

TRANSIT PLAZA
A transit plaza and covered pavilion (see point B in the image to the left) will add focus to the development’s primary element -- the MARTA station.
HISTORIC CHARACTER
It is important to Oakland City residents that any new development in this area fits with the strong historic fabric of the neighborhood. This is especially essential on the first floor of buildings, as this is what people will see most when they are walking down the street. This design represents this aesthetic.

PRESERVE THE COMMUNITY
One of the most referenced strengths of Oakland City is its people. Residents want to see their neighbors stay in their homes, protecting the neighborly character. A new development that follows the needs, aspirations, and values of existing residents will protect this neighborly character. At the same time, such a development will draw new people to the area and be a source of pride for current residents.

COMPLEMENTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD PATTERN
Oakland City is characterized by single family houses set on large, tree-shaded lots. The new project will be very different -- much more intensive and dense. In exchange for the new amenities that it brings, the neighborhood therefore will see a transformation on its eastern edge. The plan softens this contrast by matching the neighborhood street cross-section: House, semi-private space (lawn) between the facade and the sidewalk, and the public space of the street. This same pattern is found in front of the townhouses on Oakland Drive. In effect, the balance of buildings and green space shifts more toward landscape as the development approaches the neighborhood.
ENERGY + ENVIRONMENT
Although not readily apparent in the plan drawings, the project was laid out with an eye toward achieving energy and environmental goals that are often expected in new urban development. There are opportunities for:

+ Rainwater harvesting - reducing water demand in a metro area among the nation’s most costly
+ Onsite energy generation - especially possible using the frame of the parking deck to support a pv array
+ Conservation of resources - the existing streets and curb lines aren’t changed, allowing for subsurface utilities to remain undisturbed, and the new structures are organized around the site's existing internal streets so that utilities can remain in place inside the site as well

+ Walkability to parks, the new retail amenities on site, and the availability of MARTA to travel to work or recreation substantially reduces the generation of car trips.

IDENTITY
We’ve included identity elements that will differentiate Oakland City and help boost its profile in the larger metro area. These identity elements include:

+ Distinctive Monument Sign - This sign should not only be identifiable with the MARTA brand but also display a prominent neighborhood orientation.
+ Broad grassed open space
+ MARTA “hall” outside the fare gate
+ A parking deck wrapped in living walls (green-wrapped)
+ Small Campbellton/Oakland Drive parklet
+ Spacious sidewalks
+ Nearby park - If a tangible link connecting the new development to James Orange Park is created, then the awareness of this amenity, and its association with Oakland City’s new development, will be heightened.

The hurdle facing Oakland City is greater than at other MARTA TOD sites because of Oakland City’s association with poverty and social stress. This is an issue with subtleties. The new development presents an opportunity to redefine its image as a liveable, high quality, progressive neighborhood through the design of the project’s architecture and urbanism. This “repositioning” has happened with other projects elsewhere in the City, so there’s reason for confidence that it can be successfully accomplished here.
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## Oakland City Station TOD Conditions Matrix

### Station Area Conditions - 1/2 Mile Radius

#### Real Estate Conditions

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### Resident Demographics

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<td>% Generation Y (18-34)</td>
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<td>% Singles</td>
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<td>% Use Public Transit</td>
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### Employment Base

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### Marta Station Conditions Ranking

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**Data Sources:** CoStar, Nielsen, REIS, SmartNumbers, MARTA, US Census
APPENDIX: VISUAL PREFERENCES

Oakland City Image Preference Survey Results

MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

Picture 1: 4 Votes
Picture 2: 12 Votes
Picture 3: 4 Votes
Picture 4: 8 Votes
Picture 5: 3 Votes
Picture 6: 2 Votes

Written Comments:
Yes to mixed use but with bedroom community use, support business, grocery, shoe repair, boutiques

Oakland City Image Preference Survey Results

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Picture 1: 6 Votes
Picture 2: 8 Votes
Picture 3: 6 Votes
Picture 4: 5 Votes
Picture 5: 2 Votes
Picture 6: 2 Votes

Oakland City Image Preference Survey Results
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OFFICE/ RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

1 Vote

Picture 1: 1 Vote

Picture 2: 3 Votes

Picture 3: 8 Votes

Picture 4: 8 Votes

Picture 5: 9 Votes

Picture 6: 1 Vote

Written Comments:
Picture 5: Needs wider sidewalks - more walkability encouraged
Picture 6: Not much different than what is here and deteriorating, not accessible on people scale

APPENDIX: VISUAL PREFERENCES

STREETSCAPE

Picture 1: 9 Votes

Picture 2: 6 Votes

Picture 3: 2 Votes

Picture 4: 1 Vote

Picture 5: 6 Votes

Picture 6: 10 Votes

Oakland City Image Preference Survey Results
GATHERING SPACES

Picture 1: 6 Votes
Picture 2: 8 Votes
Picture 3: 9 Votes
Picture 4: 7 Votes
Picture 5: 3 Votes
Picture 6: 4 Votes

Written Comments:
Picture 1: Want a gym, but not looking like this

PUBLIC ART

Picture 1: 11 Votes
Picture 2: 4 Votes
Picture 3: 1 Vote
Picture 4: 5 Votes
Picture 5: 4 Votes
Picture 6: 6 Votes

Oakland City Image Preference Survey Results
APPENDIX:

FEEDBACK ON PRELIMINARY DESIGN

2 Likes - shaded sidewalk

I absolutely love this design.
Like the Green @ Lee / layout
Would like futuristic look of building and windows = what would attract 20-30 year olds long-term residence/investment
(1 Dislike for this comment)
International theme
colors/light
Sticky Notes

I love everything I see.
I love outdoor seating.

APPENDIX: FEEDBACK ON PRELIMINARY DESIGN
Put the parking deck under retail. It cuts the site in half.
Remove residential parking lot and put it on podium.
Replace residential parking lot with some open space.
Are residents going to walk through the bus bay to get to their building?
Go light on concrete.
Would like to see minimum 3 story residential and mixed use
A theater of some sort. Movie theater tie-in to Tyler Perry Studio?
Mimic the 'look' of historic buildings on Epworth St. (1278 Epworth)
I love everything I see.
The following is a look at the results of the MARTA Oakland City Station TOD Survey. The survey is an important tool that will help guide the redevelopment of the station. We received up to 107 responses from the community. We sincerely thank all that participated in this important endeavor.

Question 1: What neighborhood do you live in?
- Neighborhood
  - Oakland City: 19.63%
  - Capital View: 18.63%
  - Adair Park: 9.35%
  - Venetian Hills: 4.67%
  - Sylvan Hills: 4.67%
  - Other: 21.5%

Question 2: How old are you?
- Age Group
  - Under 25: 13.21%
  - 25 to 34: 29.25%
  - 35 to 44: 28.3%
  - 45 to 54: 12.26%
  - 55 to 64: 10%
  - Over 65: 1%

Question 3: What is your community's greatest asset?
- Neighborhood Potential: 3.92%
- Safety: 18.87%
- MARTA: 20.3%
- Proximity to BeltLine: 17.1%
- Availability of Parks: 16.04%
- Strategically Located: 16.67%
- Housing Stock: 59.43%
- Historical Assets: 16.98%
- Access to restaurants: 17.9%

Question 4: How would you describe the condition of the existing housing stock in your community?
- Housing Conditions
  - Great: 45.10%
  - Good: 32.35%
  - Needs Improvement: 9.35%
  - Poor: 15.89%

Question 5: What additional types of housing would you like to see in this community?
- Additional Types of Housing
  - Single Family: 19.63%
  - Townhomes: 9.35%
  - Senior Housing: 18.63%
  - Veterans Housing: 4.67%
  - Multi-family for Rent: 45.10%
  - Multi-family for Sale: 3.92%
  - Mixed-Use Buildings: 1%
  - Other: 2.83%

Question 6: How much are you able to pay for housing on a monthly basis?
- Payment Capacity
  - Less than $500: 2.83%
  - $500 to $750: 15.09%
  - $750 to $1,000: 20.75%
  - $1,000 to $1,250: 24.33%
  - More than $1,250: 29.25%
Question 7: What types of services & amenities are missing from your community?

- Parks & Greenspace
- Dry Cleaner
- Childcare
- Business Center
- Coffee Shop
- Restaurant
- Gym
- Medical Services
- Bank
- Pharmacy
- Grocery Store

Question 8: How far do you travel to get to the grocery store?

- 1-5 miles
- 5-10 miles
- More than 10 miles
- Other

Question 9: What modes of transportation do you use on a regular basis?

- Drive Alone
- Carpool
- Bus
- Train
- Walk
- Bike
- Other

Question 10: What modes of transportation do you use to access the Oakland City Station?

- Drive Alone
- Carpool
- Bus
- Walk
- Bike
- Other

Question 11: How can access to the Oakland City Station be improved?

- More Shuttle Service
- Increased Transit Service
- More Open Access Points
- Not Sure
- Increased Pedestrian Improvements
- Increased Bike Facilities
- Station Lighting and Wayfinding
- Safety and Security Improvements
- Parking on Murphy Street Side

Question 12: What daily activity is least accessible?

- Jobs
- Everything
- Entertainment Facilities
- Secured Parking
- Available Park Facilities
- Walking/Pedestrian Facilities
- Exercise Facilities
- Grocery/Retail/Restaurants
- Not sure
Question 13: How would you like to use public space that would be created as part of the new development?

Question 14: What benefits to the community would you like to see from planned projects such as the Atlanta BeltLine and Ft. McPherson redevelopment?

Question 15: What are you most hoping comes out of the Oakland City Station TOD for you as an individual and for your community?