



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Committee Chair Stacy Blakley called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

**Board Members Present:**

Freda Hardage  
Jim Durrett  
Roderick Frierson  
Stacy Blakley  
Thomas Worthy  
William Floyd  
Rita Scott  
Jennifer Ide

**Board Members Absent:**

Al Pond  
Kathryn Powers  
Russell McMurry  
Rod Mullice  
Valencia Williamson  
Jacob Tzegaegbe  
Jannine Miller

**Staff Members Present:**

Collie Greenwood  
Raj Srinath  
Melissa Mullinax  
Rhonda Allen  
Pearlie McKenzie  
Luz Borrero  
George Wright  
Ralph McKinney  
Peter Andrews  
Carrie Rocha

**Also in Attendance:** Leah Ward Sears of Smith, Jacqueline Holland, Jonathan Hunt, Stephany Fisher, Keli Davis, Misikir Mengistu, Larry Prescott, Kenya Hammond and Tyrene Huff

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Approval of the April 27, 2023 Planning and Capital Programs Committee Minutes.**

Approval of the April 27, 2023 Planning and Capital Programs Committee Minutes. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Worthy, the motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with 8 members present.

**3. RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for the Procurement of Architectural & Engineering Final Design Services for the Bankhead Station Expansion, REI AE50292**

Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for the Procurement of Architectural & Engineering Final Design Services for the Bankhead Station Expansion, REI AE50292 On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Ide, the resolution passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with 8 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Clayton County Southlake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study, Letter of Agreement Number L50339**

Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Clayton County Southlake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study, Letter of Agreement Number L50339 On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the resolution passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with 8 members present.

**Resolution to Approve the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Candler Rd. ART Project**

Approval of the Resolution to Approve the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Candler Rd. ART Project On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Ide, the resolution passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with 8 members present.

**4. OTHER MATTERS**

None

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyrene L. Huff  
Assistant Secretary to the Board

# Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for the Procurement of Architectural & Engineering Final Design Services for the Bankhead Station Expansion, REI AE50292



# STATUS

- January 26, 2023, the Planning & Capital Programs Committee was briefed on the plan to conduct a qualifications-based selection process to solicit firms to provide Infrastructure Architectural & Engineering Final Design Services for the Bankhead Station Expansion.
- April 26, 2023, Qualification Statements were received from four Architecture & Engineering firms which the Source Evaluation Committee (SEC) members independently reviewed and scored to determine a shortlist of two firms.
- May 19, 2023, oral interviews were conducted with the two shortlisted firms.

## PURPOSE

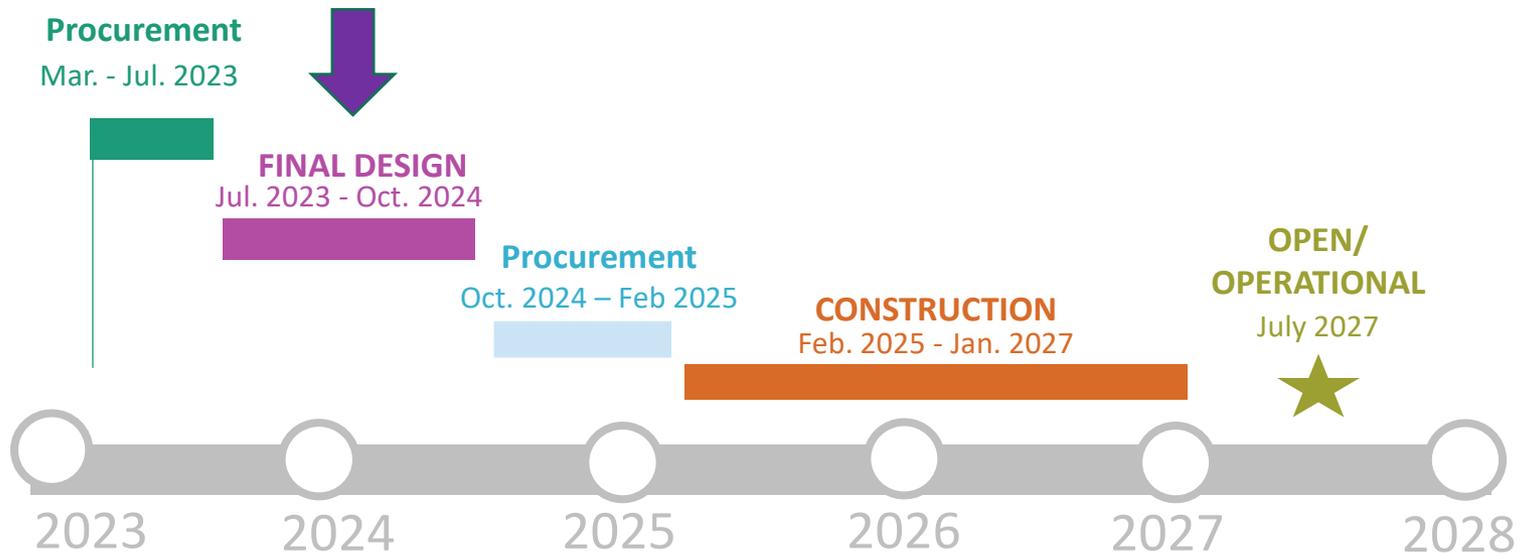
- As part of the More MARTA Program – Atlanta, the Station Platform and Systems will be expanded to accommodate a platform extension in coordination with adjacent TOD opportunities.
- Procurement of Professional Architectural & Engineering Design Services from a single firm/team to provide final design bid documents for the construction of the Bankhead Station Expansion.
- The specific expertise required during the term of this contract includes, but is not limited to the following:
  1. Project Management
  2. Architectural and Engineering Facility/System Design Services
  3. Safety Certification Support Services
  4. Public Engagement Support Services

# COST

- The A&E services are estimated to be approximately \$6M
  - The term will be 3 year base with 1, one-year option
- The total construction cost is approximately \$48M and an estimated total project cost of \$72M (based on the current 30% design)

# SCHEDULE

- Procurement schedule to allow start of final design in late July 2023



## RECOMMENDATION

- The SEC recommends the Approval of a Resolution authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to enter into a Contract for the Procurement of Final Design Services for the Bankhead Station Expansion, REI AE50292 with Axis Infrastructure, LLC



Axis Infrastructure's Team

EXP U.S. Services Inc. - Architecture

***Accura Engineering & Consulting Services, Inc.*** –  
Geotechnical & Surveying

***Facet Engineering, LLC*** – Traction Power, Bus, & EV Engineering

HDR Inc. – Track Engineering

***M E Cubed Engineering, LLC*** – Mechanical & Plumbing

***Project Cost Solutions, Inc.*** - Estimating

***The Collaborative Firm*** – Public Engagement

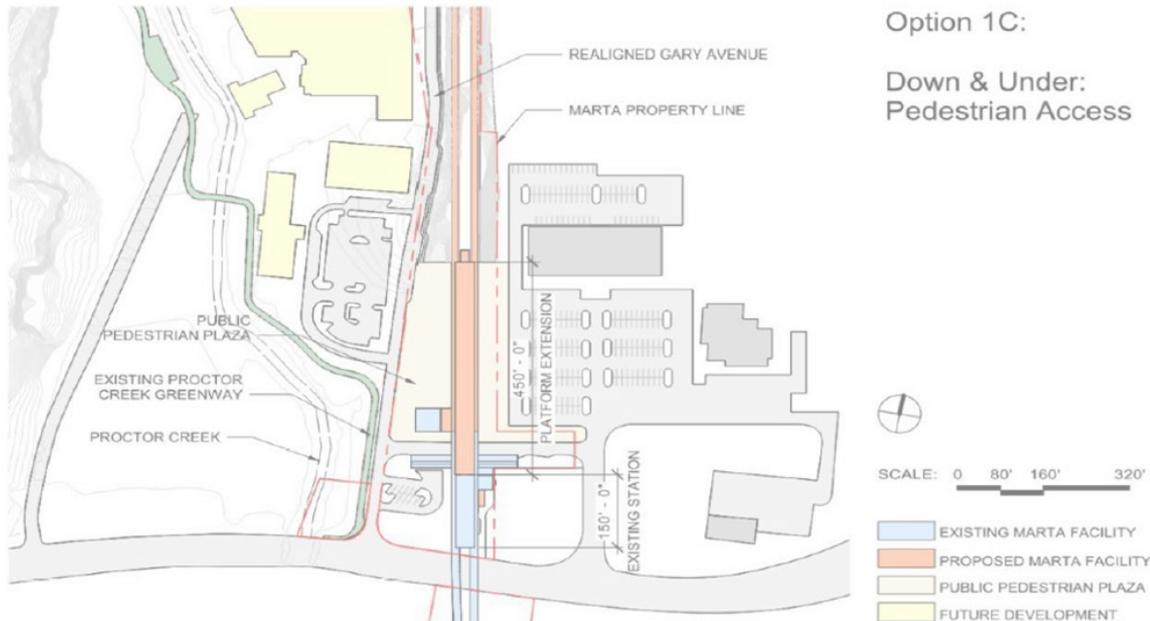
***TJ Schell, LLC*** – Landscape Design

***Transit Safety & Security Solutions, Inc.*** - Safety & Security Mgmt

- The Office of Diversity and Inclusion assigned a 26% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal on this procurement. **AXIS has committed to the assigned goal on this project.**

**Request for approval of the Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Architectural & Engineering Final Design Services for the Bankhead Station Expansion, REI AE50292**

**Thank you**





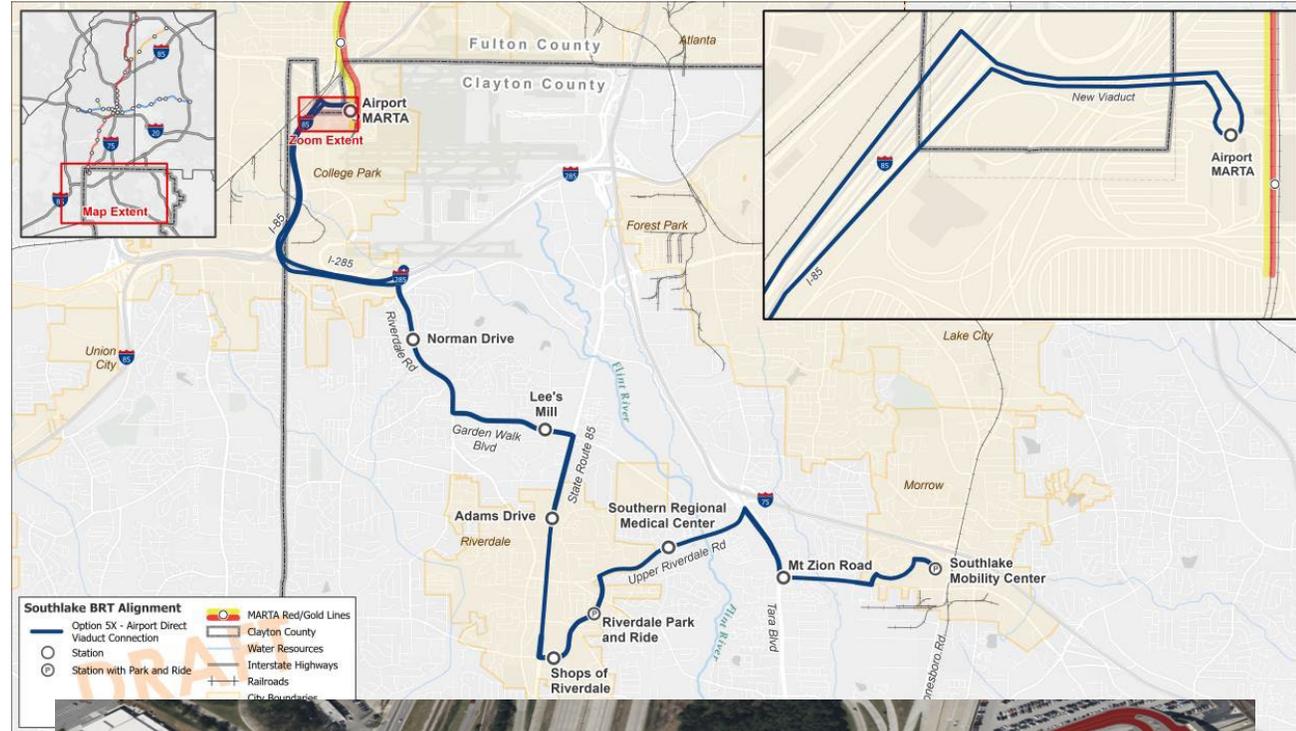
## **Clayton County Southlake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study Consultant Selection**

Resolution Authorizing Award of  
a Contract of Professional  
Services For The Clayton  
County Southlake Bus Rapid  
Transit (BRT) Study, Letter of  
Agreement L50339

**May 25, 2023**

# Overview

- MARTA is currently designing the Clayton County Southlake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project to provide service from Clayton County to the South Atlanta metro area.
- Opportunity for a BRT connection to MARTA Airport Station at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (HJIA).
- The Consultant Team’s concept development study scope of work will include the following key tasks:
  - Task A: Project Management
  - Task B: Data Collection/Existing Corridor Documentation
  - Task C: Concept Development & Screening Assessment



## Recommendation

- The Capital Programs Department recommends the approval of the Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract of Professional Services For The Clayton County Southlake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study, Letter of Agreement L50339 with Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc.



- The contract term consists of two months with a cost of \$275k.
- Heath & Lineback have committed to a 16% DBE participation.

**Request for approval of the Resolution  
Authorizing Award of a Contract of  
Professional Services For The Clayton  
County Southlake Bus Rapid Transit  
(BRT) Study, Letter of Agreement L50339**

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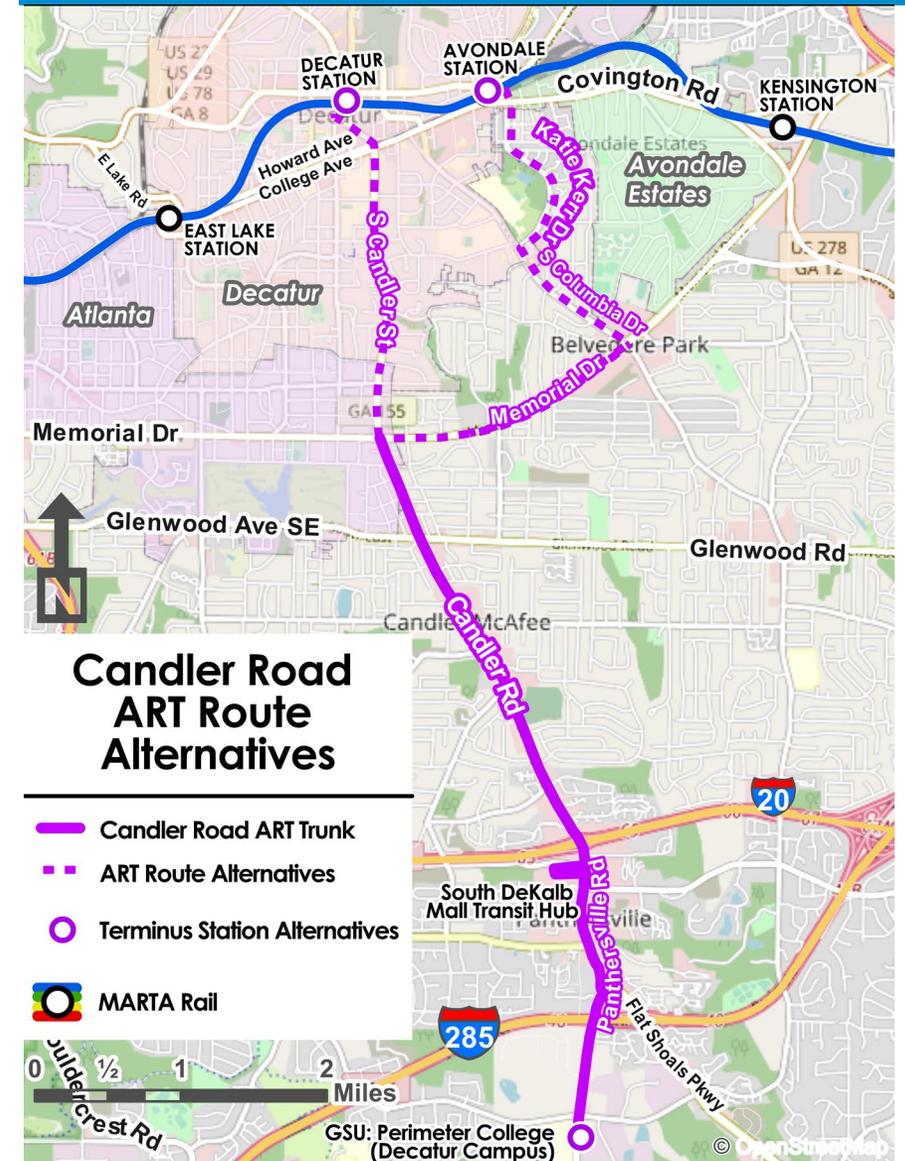


# **Resolution to Approve the Recommended Locally Preferred Alternative for the Candler Road ART**

May 25, 2023

# Project Overview

- The Candler Road ART project is intended to connect the area near the Georgia State University-Decatur Campus to either the **Avondale** or **Decatur** MARTA Rail Station and includes a stop at the future South Dekalb Transit Hub, located at the Gallery at South DeKalb on Candler Road.
- The Candler Road ART project will:
  - Deliver **Arterial Rapid Transit (ART)** service to DeKalb County's Candler Road corridor as promised in the RTCAA 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment
  - Advance the ART program by providing **fast, frequent, and reliable** transit service on proven high-ridership corridors
  - Advance **prosperity, connectivity, and equity** for a more livable Atlanta region



# Project History

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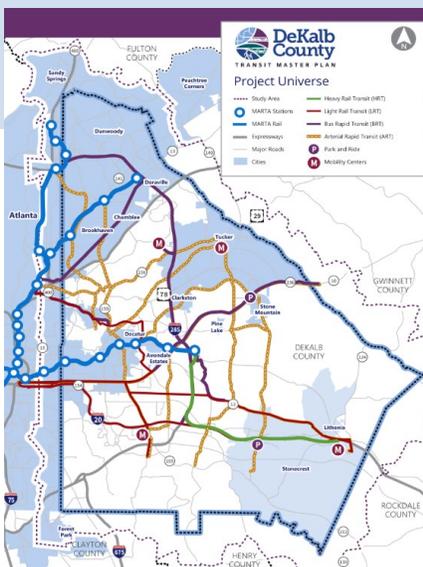
2020

2022-2023

2023

## DeKalb Transit Master Plan (TMP)

- DeKalb TMP recommended ART along Candler Road



## MARTA's 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment

- MARTA advances 2 ARTs and 2 transit hubs identified in DeKalb County TMP.



## Public Engagement & Analysis

- 6 public & stakeholder meetings.
- Technical analysis conducted.



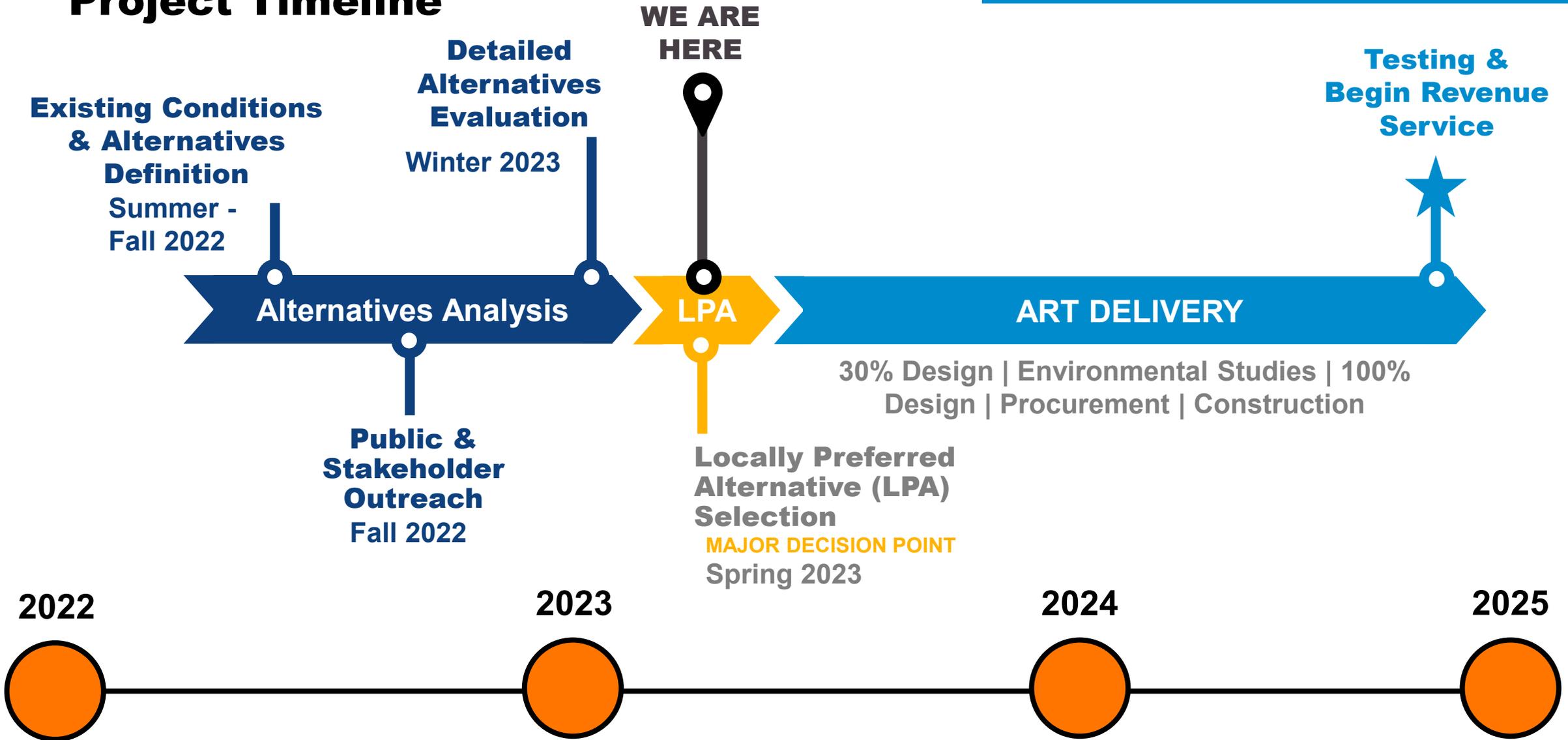
## MARTA Board Committee Action

- MARTA Board considers the LPA recommendation to advance to preliminary design.





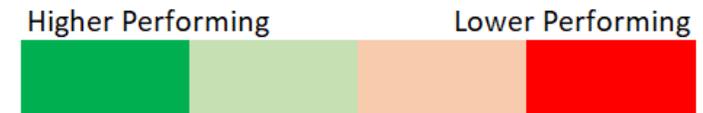
# Project Timeline



# Candler Road LPA Evaluation Summary

- The **Decatur Station alternative** scored higher in the *Costs* category, with a lower overall capital cost and lower annual O&M costs and was favored by respondents to the online survey  
(*Capital Costs: \$40.8M Decatur / \$47.7M Avondale*)
- The **Avondale Station alternative** scored higher in all other evaluation categories and delivers a higher projected annual ridership and fare revenue as compared to the **Decatur alternative**. (*Ridership – Avondale: 19% increase Decatur:7.2% increase from the existing route 15*)
- The **Avondale alternative** provides for a faster and more reliable trip, with less peak hour congestion, more multi-lane route miles, and no at-grade rail crossings.
- The **Avondale alternative** serves a higher percentage of vulnerable populations in the *Equity Impacts* category.
- The **Avondale alternative** integrates better with MARTA’s and DeKalb County’s *Long Range Plans* and has more *Economic Development Potential*.

<i>Evaluation Category</i>	Decatur Station Alternative	Avondale Station Alternative
Ridership Potential	6.8	8.3
Speed & Reliability	7.0	13.0
Cost	8.4	6.6
Stakeholder Feedback	6.5	8.5
Long Range Plans	2.0	8.0
Equity Impacts	6.1	8.9
Economic Development Potential	2.6	7.4
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>60.6</b>





# Recommended LPA & Actions

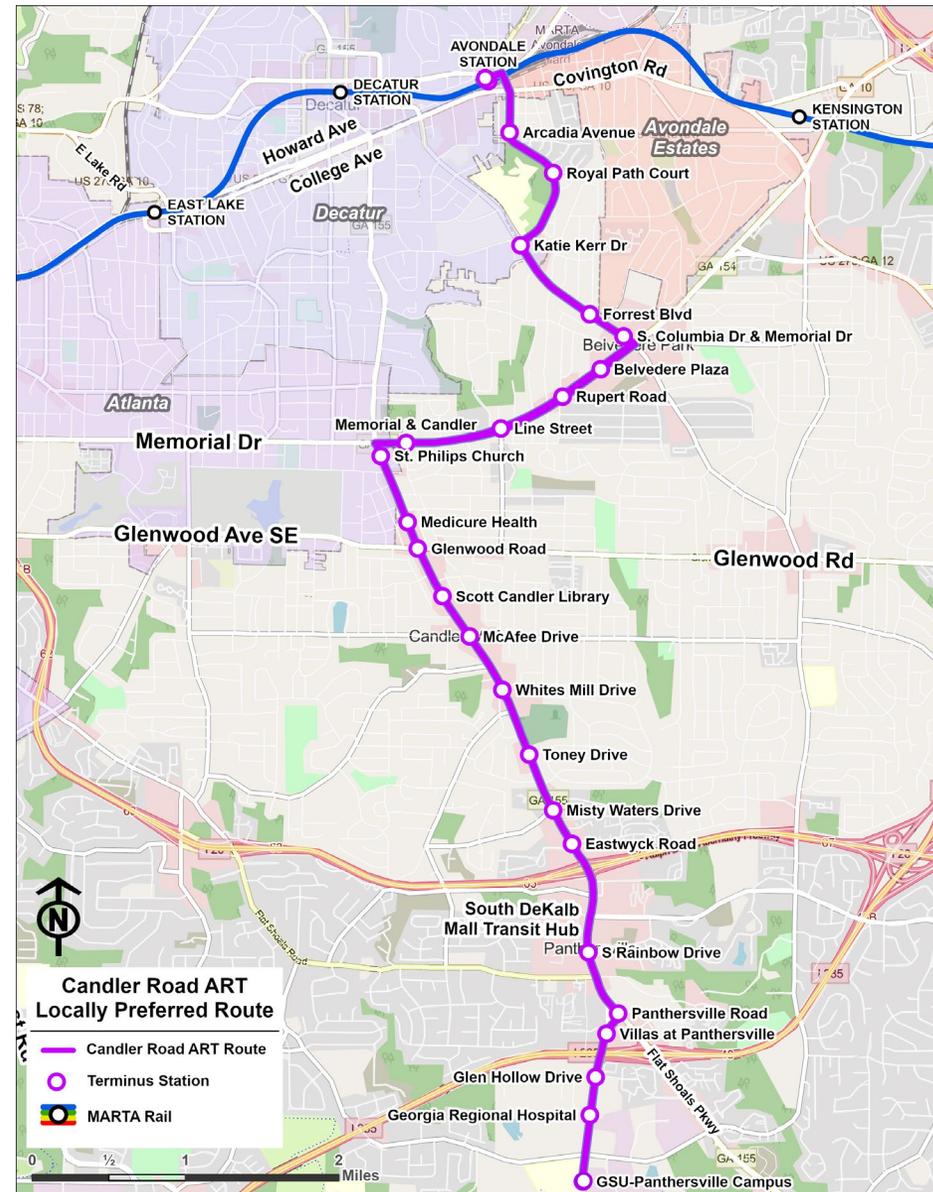
## LPA Selection: Avondale (additional considerations)

- The **Avondale Station** alternative avoids any potential conflict with the 2018 Decatur Community Transportation Plan, which designates South Candler Street as a Priority Corridor.
- As a Priority Corridor, the City of Decatur retains the right to advocate for pedestrian and bicycle improvements on South Candler Street in the future, which might affect the conditions within which the ART operates.
- Avondale Station has existing on-site patron parking, while Decatur Station has no onsite parking or space available to create new parking. The Avondale Station property has space to accommodate a future parking structure if expansion of parking options is necessary.



# Recommended LPA & Actions

- MARTA seeks approval of the **Avondale Station alternative** as the Locally Preferred Alternative for Candler Rd. ART Project.
- The selected alignment will include:
  - Traffic Signal Priority (TSP)
  - Average stop distance of 1/3 mile
  - 47 proposed stations/stops
  - Stops include waiting areas with distinct ART shelters and seating, real-time information screens, and trash receptacles.



**Request for the approval of the  
Locally Preferred Alternative for  
Candler Rd. ART**

Thank You

