

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY TO RE-CONFIRM COMMITMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY (“MARTA”) TO EXTEND THE RAIL SYSTEM ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF INTERSTATE I – 20 IN SOUTH DEKALB COUNTY AS A PRIORITY INTEGRATED WITH OTHER STATE OF ART HIGH SPEED MASS TRANSIT OPTIONS, AS APPROPRIATE.

WHEREAS, South DeKalb County residents have paid a one percent tax to fund MARTA operations and capital improvement since 1972; and

WHEREAS, There has been no rail expansion in South DeKalb County, while MARTA has extended rail to stations in Central DeKalb in the year 1993 (Indian Creek), and to North Fulton County & North DeKalb County in the year 1996 (Buckhead, Medical Center, Dunwoody) and the year 2000 (Sandy Springs & North Springs); and

WHEREAS, The 9th and 13th Amendments to the Rapid Transit Contract Agreement, as before now amended, specifies MARTA’S commitment to the extension of heavy rail from the Indian Creek MARTA station to the Stonecrest Mall area as a priority; and

WHEREAS, In April 2012, the MARTA Board of Directors approved a Heavy Rail Extension from the Indian Creek station to run parallel along Interstate-285 South, continuing east along Interstate-20 to the Stonecrest Mall area as a locally preferred alternative (LPA); and

WHEREAS, Residents of South DeKalb have limited access to the MARTA rail system; and

WHEREAS, Extension of MARTA rail along the south/southeastern corridor of Interstate-20 will create opportunities for transit-oriented development; and

WHEREAS, The South DeKalb citizens and the Board of Commissions agree to work collaboratively to educate, *i.e.* hold meetings on density (housing choices, Transit Oriented Development, Mixed Uses) and funding sources for transportation needs in South DeKalb.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the elected members of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners support extension of MARTA rail along the east side of Interstate-20 in South DeKalb County from the City of Atlanta to the City of Stonecrest as a priority in conjunction with other modes of transportation to include, but not limited to: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail, Heavy Rail and the current bus system where appropriate in the overall DeKalb County Comprehensive Mass Transit Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the elected members of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners hereby urge the appointed members of the MARTA Board of Directors and the MARTA CEO, as well as our consultants and other appropriate parties involved in the transit planning process, to include in the DeKalb County Mass Transit Plan a written proposal for both heavy and light rail alternatives to extend the existing MARTA rail system from the City of

Atlanta to the City of Stonecrest. Such proposals should include comprehensive cost analyses and implementation timelines to enable informed decision-making for our county transit plans.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

JEFF RADER
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2019.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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