



DeKalb County Government

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Agenda Item

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Substitute

12/17/2019

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioner - District 3

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

I-20 East Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Community Plan

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PURPOSE:

To consider approving a resolution to adopt the I-20 East Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Community Plan and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents. The substitute is to update section 2 -10 to include the final public meeting.

NEED/IMPACT:

MARTA, in partnership with DeKalb County, Urban Land Use Institute, DeKalb County Development Authority and the Equitable TOD Collaboration, received a grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to facilitate the creation of Transit Oriented Development around future transit. The funds were made available through FTA's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Pilot Program for communities that are developing new or improved mass transit systems. The FTA grant awarded was \$1.6 million, with total matching funds of \$400,000 shared between MARTA and DeKalb County to create a strategic plan for TOD in DeKalb's I-20 East Corridor. MARTA entered into a contract with a team of consultants led by WSP and DeKalb County as Project Managers.

MARTA's grant was used to support development along the proposed community plan. The I-20 East Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Community Plan project extends from the existing MARTA Indian Creek Station in DeKalb County along I-285 southward for 3.5 miles to Wesley Chapel Road, then eastward along I-20 from approximately 8.5 miles to the Mall at Stonecrest.

MARTA and DeKalb partners developed a corridor wide strategy for TOD, applying economic development and equitable TOD programs and policies which benefit communities served by the transit extension. The plan will help transform communities in the corridor to be livable, walkable and transit-friendly. It also looked in greater detail at how the transit stations service can link jobs to existing anchor institutions and create opportunities for new economic development and equitable TOD.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No cost to the county.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve a resolution to adopt the I-20 East Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Community Plan and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents

INDIAN CREEK STATION AREA TOD



Figure 2-7: Indian Creek Station Area Aerial View

ROUND 4 - FINAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE: DECEMBER 10, 2019

The Plan held its final public open house from 4:30 to 6:30 on December 10, 2019, at the Maloolf Auditorium in Decatur. Among the approximately 20 attendees were DeKalb County staff, representatives from other government agencies, members of the DeKalb County NAACP, and local residents. Through an open house format, the attendees were reminded of the project's goals and history, and the community vision for each station was presented, along with the steps necessary for implementation. Following the meeting, project materials and final plan documents were available from the project website.



Figure 2-8: DeKalb District 4 Community Break fast Kiosk

2.2.7 KIOSKS

Kiosks provided opportunities for the project team to interact informally with corridor residents and stakeholders. Kiosks were set up throughout the study area at various points in the study process to publicize the study, inform attendees about the process, and to receive feedback from community members about their vision for development. Materials presented at the kiosk included a map of the project study area, project fact sheets, and public meeting announcements.

DEKALB DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER STEVE BRADSHAW'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: JANUARY 31, 2018

Approximately 50 people attended the quarterly breakfast hosted by Commissioner Bradshaw. Participants learned about the project and were asked to share their vision for the I-20 East corridor. The breakfast meeting was held near Indian Creek Station, so most of the conversation centered on this station area. The project team used Avondale Station's TOD plans as a point of reference.