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ARTERIAL RAPID TRANSIT (ART) VIRTUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2020

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# Today's Agenda

- Welcome
  - Councilmember Sheperd Remarks
  - Arterial Rapid Transit (ART) Video
- ART Project Background
- Proposed ART Recommendations to Seek Your Input
  - Service Plan
  - Station Locations
  - Station Elements
- Q&A Session





# Tell Us About You



**Polling Questions** 

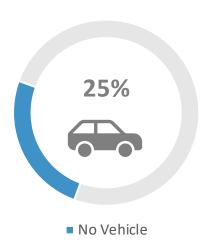




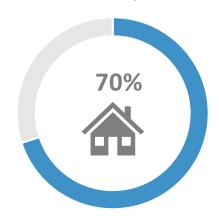


# **Study Area Profile**

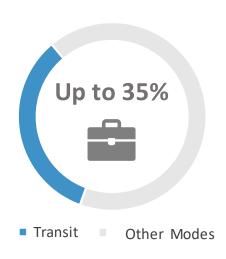
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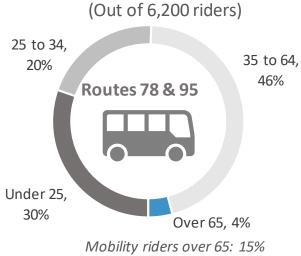
Household Income Under \$50,000



Workers Commute



Transit Rider Age (Out of 6.200 riders)



70%
Riders who are
Transit-Reliant





Resident Age

**11%** Over 65

**21%** Under 16

# **Ridership Summary**

**Bus Route** 





**Daily Riders** 

3,700

2,500

Ridership Ranking

5th highest

13th highest

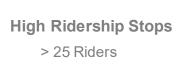
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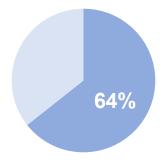


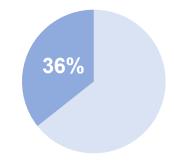
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1,000 feet

**700** feet

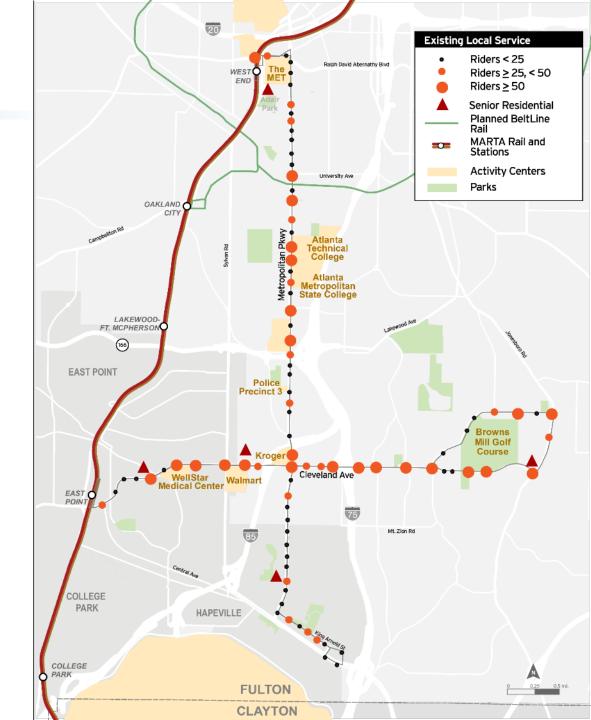






\*Pre-COVID19 ridership data

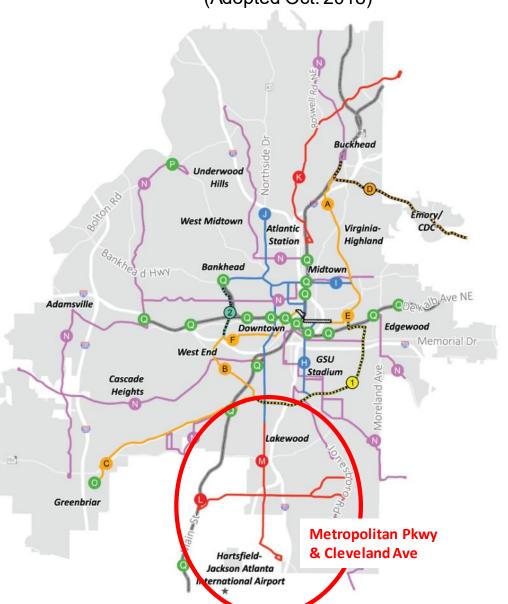




# **Project History**

- Funded by More MARTA Atlanta ½ penny sales tax
- "Early Action" projects to improve high ridership transit corridors
  - Cleveland Ave 2024
  - Metropolitan Pkwy 2024
  - Peachtree Rd 2027
- Cleveland Ave and Metropolitan Pkwy currently in planning & early design phases

# More MARTA Atlanta Plan (Adopted Oct. 2018)





# What is Arterial Rapid Transit (ART)?

A new enhanced bus service that will provide **fast, frequent,** and **reliable** service with **upgraded station amenities** designed to enhance rider experience.



# What are the ART Features?

Features designed to save time and improve rider experience:



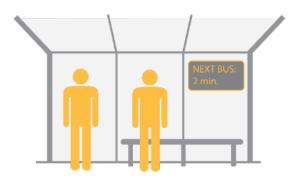




Transit Signal Priority



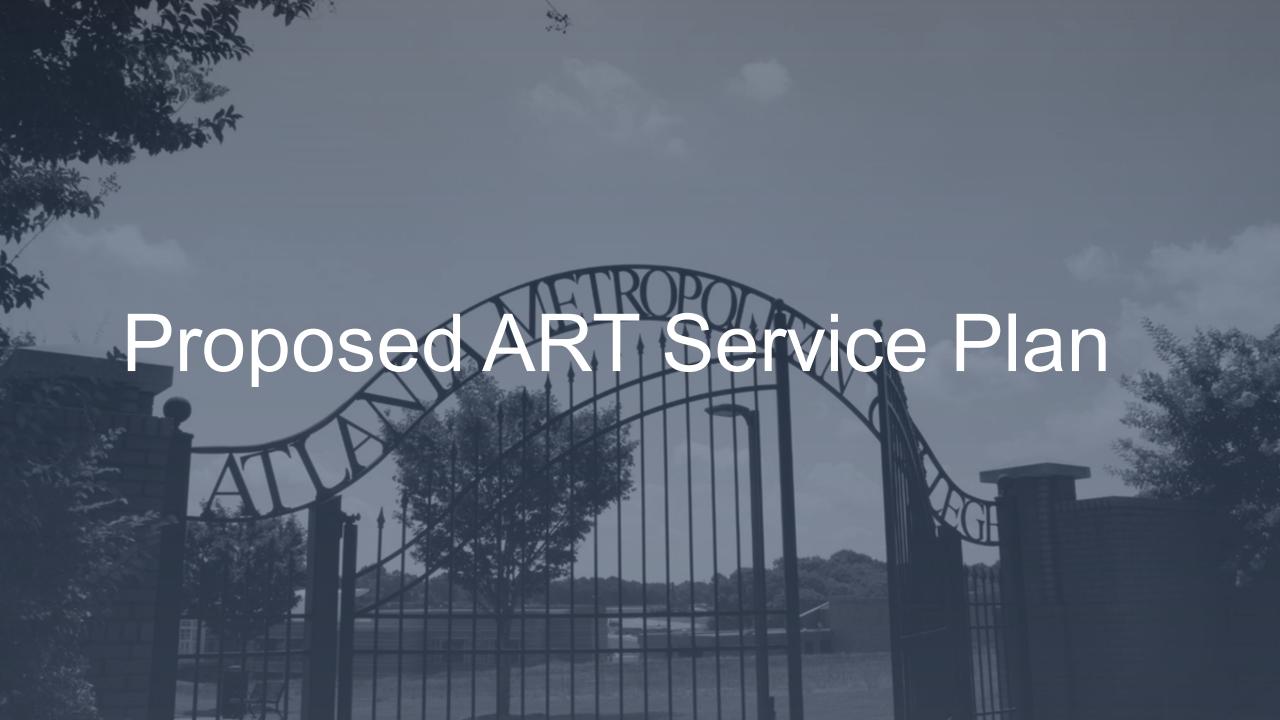
Rapid, Limited-Stop Service



#### **Enhanced Station Amenities**

- Shelter and Seating
- Real-Time Arrival Info.
- Sidewalk and ADA Access





## **Proposed ART Service**

### **Cleveland Avenue & Metropolitan Parkway**

2024

1st

**15-min** 

**Opening Year** 

ART in the Region

Service All Day

90%

Existing Riders Served



20%

Travel Time Savings



Increased Service Efficiency



Low Cost to
Operate While
Improving Quality

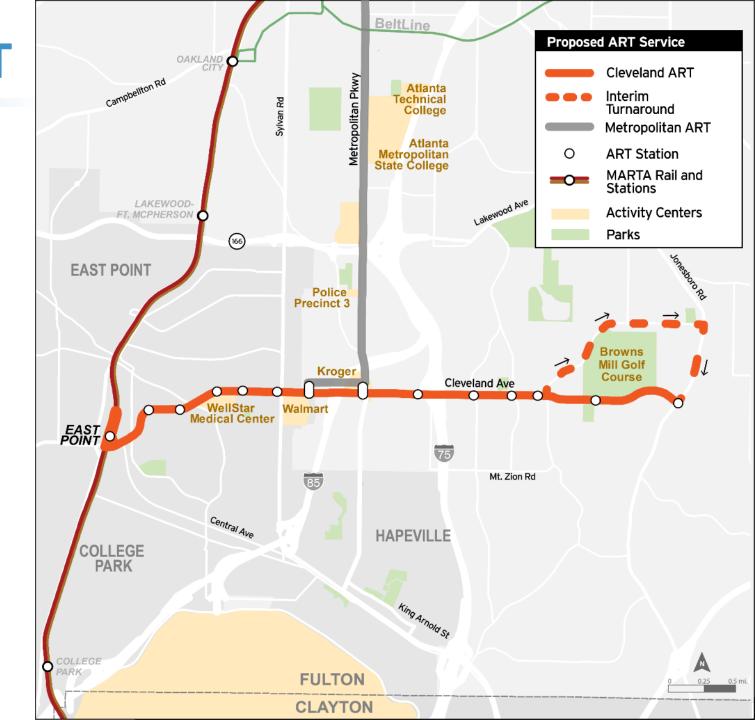






### **Cleveland Avenue ART**

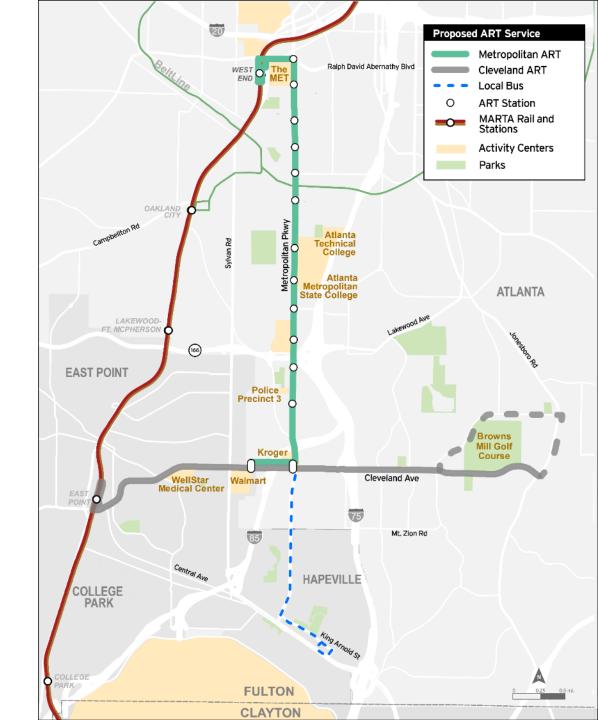
- East Point Station to Jonesboro Road
- Continued one-way service of Browns Mill loop (interim turnaround)
- 14 proposed ART station locations
- Key destinations Kroger, Walmart,
   WellStar, Rosel Fann Rec Center
- Save up to 8 minutes roundtrip time over Route 78





# **Metropolitan Parkway ART**

- West End Station to Cleveland Ave at Springdale Rd
- Direct service to Walmart
- Local service to Hapeville
- 15 proposed ART station locations (2 shared with Cleveland ART)
- Key destinations MET, Colleges, Police Precinct
   3, Kroger, Walmart
- Save up to 10 minutes roundtrip time over Route 95





### **ART Station: Identification Criteria**



- Existing high ridership, high need locations
- At least 25 daily riders



#### **Station Spacing**

- ¼ mile to ½ mile
- Some riders may have to walk to next block (up to 1000 feet)



#### **Land Use**

- Current destinations
- Future developments
- Senior facilities

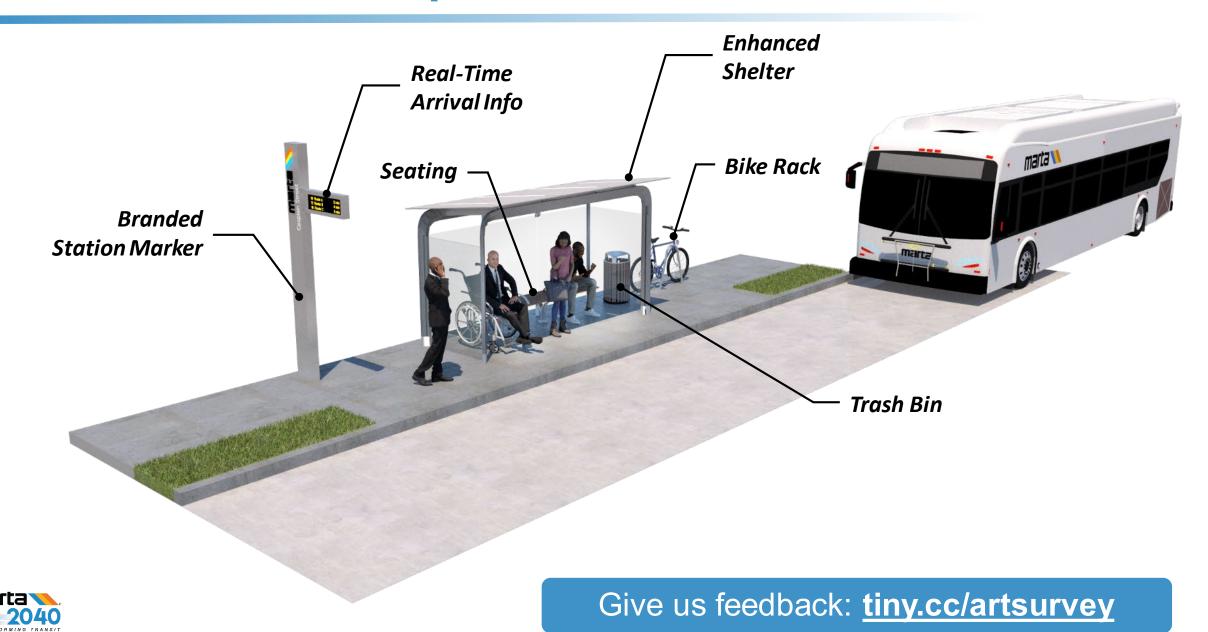


#### Constructability

 Available space, utilities, private property



## **ART Station Concept and Amenities**



# **Examples of ART Stations**

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Peoria AERO, Tulsa MAX, Kansas City Minneapolis A Line

# Proposed ART Stations Cleveland Avenue

### 14 STATION



East Point MARTA Station\*

Harris Street

**Bayard Street** 

**Jefferson Terrace** 

**Blount Street** 

Sylvan Road

Springdale Road

Metropolitan Parkway

**Beeler Drive** 

Old Hapeville Road

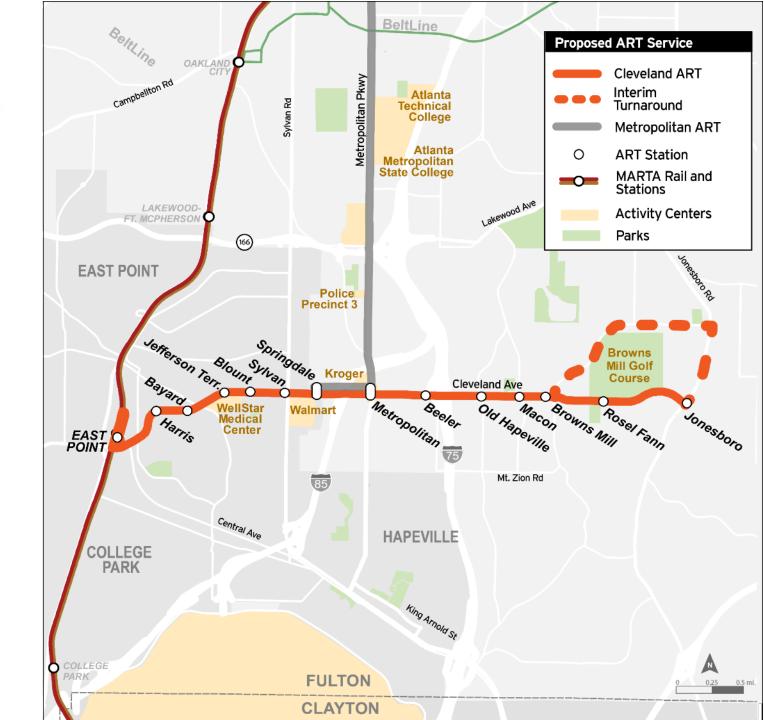
**Macon Drive** 

**Browns Mill Road** 

Rosel Fann Rec Center

Jonesboro Road\*





# **Proposed ART Stations Metropolitan Parkway**

15 STATION



West End MARTA Station

Ralph David Abernathy

Shelton Avenue

Pearce Street/Mary Street

Catherine Street/ Fletcher Street

**University Avenue** 

Atlanta Technical College

Atlanta Metropolitan State College

Fair Drive

St. Johns Avenue

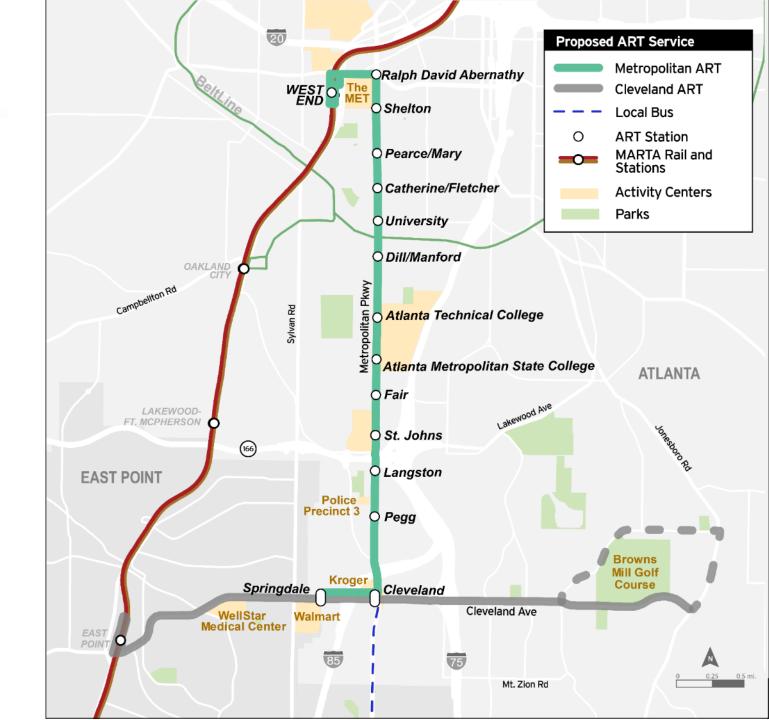
**Langston Drive** 

Pegg Road

**Cleveland Avenue** 

Springdale Road



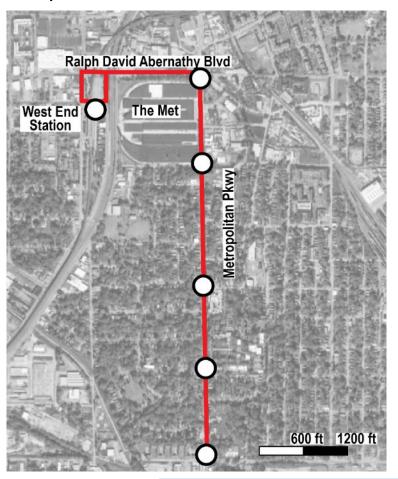


### **Access vs. Travel Time**

#### **Existing Local Stops**



#### **Proposed ART Stations**



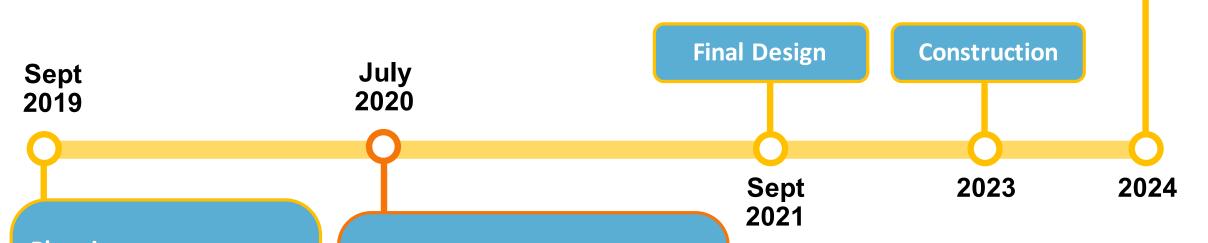
- 50% of existing stops to be upgraded to ART stations
- Additional 3 min. walk for less than 25% existing riders
- 20% faster trip



### **ART Schedule**

### Cleveland Avenue & Metropolitan Parkway

ART Service Begins





- Understand transit needs
- ✓ Evaluate ART alternatives
- ✓ Identify preferred ART service and potential station locations

#### **Preliminary Engineering**

- Engage stakeholders and partners
- Confirm ART recommendation
- Refine station locations, station design concepts and update costs





# **ART Moving Forward**

- Confirm proposed ART service and station locations
- Ongoing coordination with stakeholders
- Advance station design
- Develop cost estimates

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