

Clayton Southlake BRT Project
Atlanta, Georgia
Small Starts Project Development
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The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), proposes to implement a 15.5-mile bus rapid transit (BRT) line that will connect the College Park MARTA rail station to Southlake Mall in Morrow, with a majority of the line operating in dedicated transit lanes. The project is anticipated to include 13 new, BRT-branded stations featuring offboard fare collection, the purchase of 10 BRT-branded electric buses and associated electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and installation of transit signal priority equipment at key intersections. The Project's capital cost estimate is \$338.1 million. MARTA anticipates seeking \$150 million from the Small Starts program.

MARTA believes the project is needed to provide greater access to jobs, provide additional reliable and frequent transit services that connect destinations within Clayton County and the Atlanta metro region, address the growing local demand for transit services in Clayton County, and support land use and economic development plans.

MARTA selected a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in November 2021. MARTA anticipates completing the environmental review process with a Documented Categorical Exclusion by December 2022, adopting the LPA into the fiscally constrained long-range plan in March 2023, and receiving a Small Starts construction grant agreement in 2024. Revenue service would begin in late 2026.