

RESOLUTION 2014-12-XX

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MARTA) EXTENSION OF HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT IN THE GA 400 CORRIDOR AND SITING OF THE RAIL LINE AND FUTURE RAIL STATION ON THE WEST SIDE OF SR 400

WHEREAS, Dunwoody citizens in DeKalb County, Georgia contribute one-cent of sales tax proceeds to MARTA for capital and operating funding; and

WHEREAS, Dunwoody is served by one heavy rail station on the MARTA north Red Line that provides transit access to the Perimeter market with more than 123,000 employees, an estimated 18 million visitors per year to Perimeter mall and surrounding area retail, and thousands of patient visitors to the medical centers facilities; and

WHEREAS, MARTA initiated the Connect 400 Transit Initiative in 2011 to examine alternatives and feasibility to provide high capacity transit in the Georgia 400 corridor; and

WHEREAS, Dunwoody adopted plans supporting regional transportation initiatives to provide cost-effective transportation to serve Dunwoody and the Perimeter area and support continued economic development and reduce air pollutants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia that it supports the expansion of MARTA high capacity transit service to North Fulton.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Dunwoody supports continued efforts by MARTA to continue the federal project development process to be eligible for Federal Transit Administration New Starts funding; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Dunwoody supports a seamless connection to continue the MARTA heavy rail line to North Fulton through the utilization of heavy rail transit which results in the highest estimated ridership, greater travel time benefits, greatest reduction in vehicle miles traveled and air pollutants; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Dunwoody supports shifting the rail alignment to the west side of SR 400 between Spalding Drive and Pitts Road to minimize impacts to Protected Neighborhoods as identified in the Comprehensive Plan and provide access to higher intensity development on the west side of SR 400; and

BE IT SO RESOLVED this the 8th day of December, 2014.

Approved:

Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(Seal)