

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FULTON

**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, Sandy Springs Citizens in Fulton County, Georgia contribute one-cent of sales tax proceeds to MARTA for capital and operating funding; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Springs is served by three heavy rail stations on the MARTA north Red Line, Medical Center, Sandy Springs, and North Springs that provide 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, adopted Sandy Springs plans support regional transportation initiatives to provide cost-effective transportation alternatives through expansion of transit service to serve Sandy Springs 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 SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA**

That it supports the expansion of MARTA high capacity transit service to North Fulton.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** Sandy Springs 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 Sandy Springs 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 Sandy Springs 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

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that Sandy Springs supports a future rail station near the Northridge Road/GA 400 interchange on the west side of GA 400 and north of Northridge Parkway that would provide access to land use Node 14: Northeast Corner of the Roswell Road and Dunwoody Place Intersection which envisions future mixed use development comprising of residential, commercial and office uses.

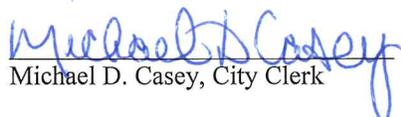
**RESOLVED** this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

Approved:



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk

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