



CLAYTON COUNTY MARTA FACT SHEET

MARTA Referendum Facts

On **November 4, 2014**, registered voters in Clayton County will vote on a 1 percent sales tax levy to join the MARTA transit system as a full-fledged member along with Fulton and DeKalb counties and the City of Atlanta.

If the countywide referendum passes, the **collection of the 1 percent MARTA sales tax will start in March 2015 as would limited service with three bus routes.**

MARTA will explore a **high-capacity transit alternative for Clayton County** that could be a rail line or bus-rapid transit.

THE BALLOT QUESTION REQUIRED BY LAW: "Clayton County has executed a contract with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, dated as of July 1, 2014. **Shall this contract be approved?** Yes No"

MARTA System Facts

- **MARTA is the ninth largest transit system in the U.S., and the largest of its kind in the Southeast,** providing bus, rail and paratransit (Mobility) service.
- MARTA is funded by a one-cent sales tax collected in the City of Atlanta, Fulton and DeKalb counties. MARTA will collect a one-cent sales tax in Clayton County if the referendum passes in November 2014.
- The MARTA Board of Directors currently has 10 voting members from the City of Atlanta and DeKalb and Fulton counties and two, non-voting members – the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority. If the referendum passes, Clayton County Commissioners will appoint two, full voting members whose terms would begin January 1, 2015.
- MARTA's FY 2015 operating budget is \$415.6 million and its total capital budget is \$470.1 million, which includes debt service.
- MARTA has approximately **4,500 employees.**
- MARTA provides **direct access** to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport with a rail station conveniently located inside the terminal.

MARTA Hours of Operation

- Buses run from 5 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 5 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. weekends and holidays. Times vary on individual routes.
- MARTA trains operate from approximately 4:45 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekends and holidays.
- MARTA provides Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant paratransit (Mobility) service to eligible persons with disabilities who have been certified, because of their disability. Service is provided with special lift-equipped vans on a curb-to-curb, shared ride basis. Certified individuals with a MARTA ADA Photo Identification Card may call MARTA Mobility's Reservation Office at 404-848-5000, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MARTA BY-THE-NUMBERS

By joining MARTA, Clayton County becomes a full-fledged member of the nation's 9th largest transit system, giving residents access to all of its assets, infrastructure and nearly four decades of experience serving metro Atlanta.

REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS:

- 4.2 Million Atlanta's regional population
- 1,612,500 Population served by MARTA
- 8,376 Atlanta metro size in square miles
- 488 MARTA service area in square miles

STAFF:

- 4,553 Full-time Employees

MARTA's ECONOMIC IMPACT IN GEORGIA:

- \$2,625,073 Total economic activity generated annually
- 24,864 Direct/indirect jobs supported annually

BUSES:

- 532 Buses
- 91 Bus routes
- 8,954 Bus stop locations
- 791 Bus shelters
- 1,439 Miles of bus routes
- 8.6 Years Average age of buses
- 228.2 Million Annual bus passenger miles
- 78% Average on-time performance

RAIL:

- 38 Rail stations
- 48 Miles of rail track
- 318 Rail cars
- 23.8 Average age of rail car fleet
- 463.1 Million Annual rail passenger miles
- 22,554 Total parking capacity at rail stations
- 96 % Average on-time performance

MOBILITY:

- 187 Mobility (paratransit) Vehicles
- 7.9 Million Annual passenger miles
- 4.2 Average vehicle age
- 581,476 Annual unlinked passenger trips

RIDERSHIP:

- 700 Million Annual passenger miles (all modes)
- 135 Million Annual unlinked passenger trips
- 420,000 Average weekday unlinked passenger trips
- 60% Customers who use MARTA to commute to work
- 34% Customers who use MARTA for non-work trips
- 14 out of 18 The number of Atlanta's fastest growing industry sectors with employees who commute using MARTA
- 72 % Passengers who use MARTA bus & rail
- 25 % Passengers who use rail only
- 3 % Passengers who use bus only