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MARTA, DeKalb County to Host Open Houses on I-20 East Transit Oriented Development Plan

The public is invited to provide input at upcoming open houses for the I-20 East Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Strategic Plan.

At both meetings, participants will have the opportunity to review exhibits that provide background on the study effort. Participants also can provide feedback on the types of development and amenities that they would like to see along the proposed I-20 East transit corridor. The same information will be provided at each meeting. Attendees are invited to come by at any time during the two-hour meetings scheduled for:

- Nov. 8, 1 to 3 p.m., Lou Walker Senior Center, 2538 Panola Rd, Lithonia, GA 30058
- Nov. 9, 5 to 7 p.m., Community Achievement Center, 4522 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034

The purpose of the I-20 East TOD Strategic Plan is to create a blueprint for future TOD at proposed transit stations sites along the I-20 East corridor from the Indian Creek MARTA Station to the Mall at Stonecrest.

TOD is a type of community development that includes a mix of housing, office, retail and other amenities integrated within a walkable environment and centered around quality public transportation. Creating land uses around transit stations that support and promote transit use encourages future transit ridership, and will benefit efforts to implement transit in the corridor.

Additionally, the effort is intended to generate excitement, interest and investment in the I-20 East corridor benefiting the community with improved access to housing, amenities and jobs and an overall improved quality of life.

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The open houses provide an opportunity for the public to help develop a community-centered vision for development in the corridor. This vision, along with input from market assessments and other ongoing plans, will be used to craft a corridor-wide approach to encourage affordable, attractive, and transit-supportive development.

For more info, visit the project website at www.itsmarta.com/i20-east-corridor-overview.aspx.