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# Connect Cobb Fact Sheet

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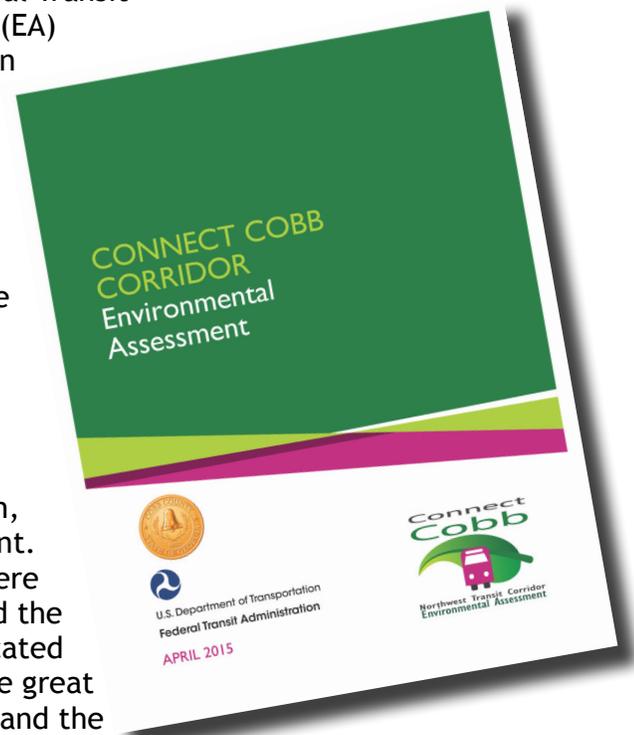


Northwest Transit Corridor  
Environmental Assessment

## The Connect Cobb Environmental Assessment is Approved!

In April 2015, Cobb County DOT, in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Connect Cobb Project. Included in the EA process is an evaluation of the benefits and impacts of the proposed improvements to the natural, built and social environments; preparation of detailed ridership and travel time forecasts; preparation of financial plans; and calculation of probable construction costs.

The development of the EA represents an important milestone in the creation and implementation of a transit solution to the mobility and accessibility needs in the northwest corridor. Initiated in 2010 with the Alternatives Analysis and continued in 2013 with the Environmental Assessment, the proposed improvements of the Connect Cobb project are the result of thousands of hours of technical work, data collection, environmental studies, and stakeholder and public involvement. Site visits to peer communities with similar transit systems were also included, such as Cleveland's HealthLine, to see firsthand the operations and discuss the lessons learned. All of these dedicated efforts have resulted in a proposed project that would provide great benefit to residents, businesses and travelers in Cobb County and the northwest metro Atlanta area.



### Public Hearing Open House

June 29, 2015

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Cobb County DOT

1890 County Services Parkway

Marietta, GA 30008

## Public Hearing and Comment Period

To review the EA document, as well as view project displays, speak with project staff, and comment on the project, the public is invited and encouraged to attend the Public Hearing Open House. The Open House will be informal and the public is invited to attend anytime during these hours. There will be no formal presentation. A court reporter will be available and the meeting location is accessible for persons with disabilities.

For those unable to attend the Open House, the EA is available online at [www.cobbdot.org](http://www.cobbdot.org); click on the EA link on the homepage to access. Additionally, paper copies of the EA are available at the Cobb County DOT office.

Written statements will be accepted concerning the project until July 14, 2015. Statements may be emailed to [info@sycamoreconsulting.net](mailto:info@sycamoreconsulting.net) or mailed to: Mr. Marty Sewell, Connect Cobb EA Project Manager, Cobb County DOT, 1890 County Services Pkwy., Marietta, Georgia 30008-4014.

## The Proposed Project

The Connect Cobb project proposes the addition of Arterial Rapid Transit (ART) along U.S. 41/Cobb Parkway. The majority of the ART system would operate on dedicated guideway from the Kennesaw area to Cumberland, beginning at the terminus station at Kennesaw State University (KSU) near the intersection of Chastain Road and Frey Road. Fourteen (14) ART stations are proposed in Cobb County.

From the Cumberland area, service would continue to the existing Metropolitan Atlanta Regional Transit Authority (MARTA) Arts Center Station via I-75 in existing high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and City of Atlanta arterials. No stations or improvements to I-75 or the arterials within City of Atlanta are proposed as part of the Connect Cobb project.

## What's Next?

Following the close of the comment period, FTA and CCDOT will consider all comments submitted. Based on the information in the EA and the comments, FTA will make a determination on the extent of the environmental impacts. It is anticipated that a decision document will be prepared and signed by FTA in summer 2015. The Connect Cobb team will continue to closely coordinate with stakeholders to refine the physical and operational details of the system.

For more information, please visit the website [www.cobbdot.org](http://www.cobbdot.org), or contact Kristine Dederick at 404-377-9147 or at [info@sycamoreconsulting.net](mailto:info@sycamoreconsulting.net).

