

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-126

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2034 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REFLECT THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH MARTA'S PLANNED SOUTHLAKE BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) LINE; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Clayton County 2034 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on May 2014; and

WHEREAS, the 2034 Comprehensive Plan was amended by the Board of Commissioners in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners finds it necessary and appropriate to amend the Comprehensive Plan from time to time as conditions change; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners is considering an amendment to the 2034 Comprehensive Plan, as an appendix list as a subsection under the Land Use Chapter, to reflect the significant changes associated with MARTA's planned Southlake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment establishes the policy direction of unincorporated Clayton County's future station areas; and

WHEREAS, in the County's next full update process, additional detail and study will be conducted regarding the station areas, particularly around zoning and land

use density; and

WHEREAS, this action is fundamental to implementing future public transit improvements proposed as Clayton Southlake BRT 15.5 miles route, that will serve five (5) station areas in unincorporated Clayton County, from the College Park MARTA Station to the proposed Southlake Mobility Center at Southlake Mall, which will offer transfers to other public transportation modes in the area; and

WHEREAS, this will improve the overall transportation mobility in Clayton County; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of these proposed Text Amendments will further define opportunities to address identified issues with transportation and land use. The proposed Text Amendments for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) supports the following community goals of Clayton County with opportunities to implement land development policies through changes in the Comprehensive Plan, and subsequently, the Official Zoning Ordinance, including ensuring the quality of new developments with land use and encouraging well-coordinated land development; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Staff recognizes that this application will not be detrimental to the general public health, safety, or welfare, or the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence that the proposed MARTA Bus Rapid Transit and subsequent TOD standards will adversely affect the usability of adjacent properties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interest of Clayton County and the County will best be served by an amendment to the 2034 Comprehensive Plan to reflect the significant changes associated with MARTA's planned Southlake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. Having met the public participation and review requirements of the Minimum Standards and Procedures, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the initiation of an amendment to the 2034 Comprehensive Plan to reflect the significant changes associated with MARTA's planned Southlake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, which is on file with the County Clerk, and which is incorporated herein by reference. Specifically, the BRT starts at the existing MARTA heavy rail station in Downtown College Park and then travels southwest through the City of College Park and into unincorporated Clayton County, entering the City of Riverdale from the north along SR-85. At Lamar Hutcheson Parkway, it turns northeast, passes Southern Regional Medical Center, turns south down Tara Boulevard, then runs east on Mt. Zion Road where it ends in the City of Morrow. This Amendment establishes the policy direction of unincorporated Clayton County's future station areas. In the County's next full update process, additional detail and study will be conducted regarding the station areas, particularly around zoning and land use density. This action is fundamental to implementing future public transit improvements proposed as Clayton Southlake BRT 15.5 miles route, that will serve five (5) station areas in unincorporated Clayton County, from the College Park MARTA Station to the proposed Southlake Mobility Center at Southlake Mall, which will offer transfers to other public transportation modes in the area. This will improve the overall transportation mobility in Clayton County. The Board authorizes the Chairman to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of June 2022.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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