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[FINAL Phase III Cost Share Concept with ATL Link Project Funding.xlsx](#)

Good Afternoon,

I realize it has been some months since we last met, but rest assured that staff has been working diligently to secure funding for Phase III as well as long-term capital funding via the 2021 state bond package. We have had some significant progress through late summer and fall.

Phase III Top End Transit Study

- On September 3 ATL Link Board approved the **I-285 Transit in Express Lanes** project, from I-20 on the west to I-20 on the east, on the ATL Bond Project list. This was one of 9 projects recommended for funding in the 2022 bond package and submitted to the Governor's office. This is the first step in a long road, but a critical one. See ATL Link map below.
- In the meantime, MARTA had undertaken their own study of the East Wall. In October our staff sat down with MARTA and ATL Link to discuss a potential partnership.
- MARTA is presently conducting studies for the following stations:
 - Perimeter
 - North Shallowford
 - Doraville
 - Lavista Rd/Northlake
 - Lawrenceville Hwy
 - Memorial Dr
 - Covington Hwy
- In order to avoid duplication of efforts, it was proposed that the Top End Committee conduct studies for:
 - Roswell Road
 - Cumberland Pkwy
 - Cumberland Blvd
- The studies will be more robust than initially proposed, and include detail design and 3-d imaging. They will be aligned to meet GDOT's project schedule and requirements. Delivery is projected by June 30, 2021. While the number of stations in the Kimley-Horn proposal has decreased, we will now have a significantly more comprehensive product to align with MARTA's product and GDOT's requirements.
- Given the unprecedented opportunity for regional cooperation, ATL Link is contributing \$200,000 in federal transit funding, and will manage the process, requiring a \$50,000 local match to complete our piece of the study.
- The Top End Committee will take on enhanced stakeholder communications, draft legislation and legal review per the Kimley-Horn proposal. The estimated cost is \$80,000.

The ATL Link contribution to the project decreases the Top End Committee shared cost to \$130,000. With your approval, the above partnerships will allow for a final package supported by all stakeholders, both on the state agency level, and on the local leadership level. This style of partnership is unprecedented in the metro region, as we know.

At our last meeting, staff indicated they would propose a cost allocation for the seven cities and four community improvement districts (CIDs). An allocation has been developed and shared with City Managers and CID Executive Directors. The allocation calls for an 80/20 split of the expenses between the cities and CIDs. Within the cities, the cost would be prorated by relative population. Within the CIDs, the cost would be prorated by relative property digest. Please see that formula and proposed commitments attached here. I will note that the Perimeter CID has already approved up to \$29,774 toward Phase III, (Thank you Ann for your leadership on this matter.)

Top End Trails Study

DeKalb Commissioners Kathy Gannon and Nancy Jester have committed and had approved by the Commission \$30,000 and \$100,000 respectively in SPLOST funds toward this study. The County is working on an IGA with Brookhaven to hold and distribute the funds should the study move forward. We are continuing to seek partnerships and will update accordingly.

Other Business

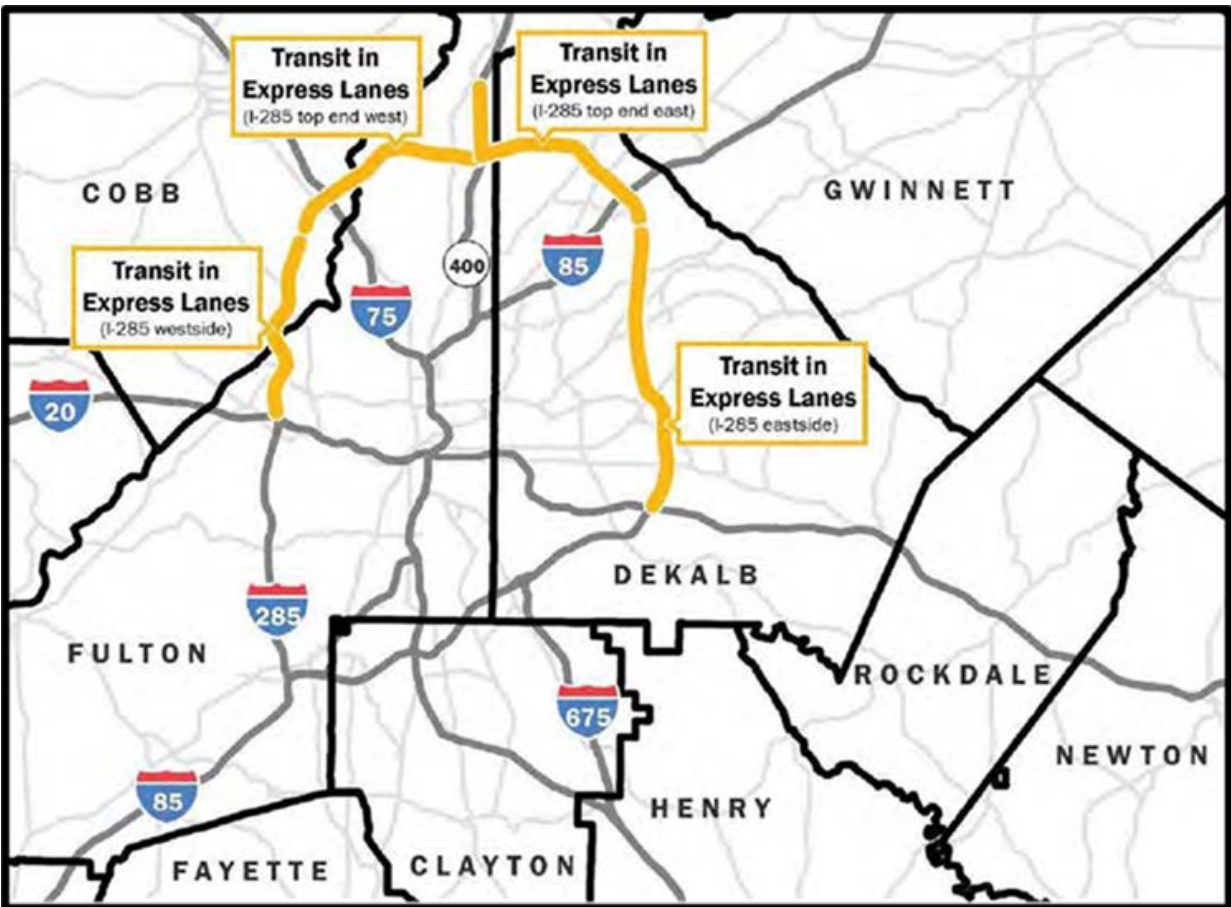
Eric Bosman of Kimley-Horn and I were invited to present a status report to the ATL Link Board on Oct. 1. Our work, and it's importance of our work critical to funding outcomes, continues to be well-received.

At this time I will be requesting a leadership meeting to include Mayors and Executive Directors later this month.

We will hear from ATL Link staff, MARTA regarding the studies, and DeKalb CEO Thurman on the MARTA East Wall project. Please look for a proposed dates and complete scope in a follow up email. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me or Brookhaven City Manager Christian Sigman with any questions.

Respectfully,
John

Scenario A Geographic Equity Projects
From the August Recommendations



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