

# Clifton Corridor Transit Initiative Fact Sheet Fall 2018

### All-Aboard the Clifton Corridor!

Atlanta is projected to become the 8th largest U.S. metro by 2022. With significant growth comes the significant need to provide all current and future residents with better access to great jobs and world-class healthcare.

The Clifton Corridor is an economic, educational and healthcare hub for Atlanta, and is the largest employment center in the region without direct access to MARTA or an interstate. Better transit options will better integrate this thriving area with the rest of the city and region, providing benefits for all Atlantans.

## What is the Clifton Corridor Light Rail?

- Light rail from Lindberg MARTA station to Emory University, the Centers for Disease Control, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Egelston Hospital and the VA Medical Center.
- Five new stations serving the community.



#### Access to Critical Jobs & Healthcare

- 40,000 workers. 15,000 students. Well over 2 million patient visits along the corridor per year
- 2nd-largest local employment center and largest activity center with no direct access to a MARTA station or interstate



#### Growth for the City

- <u>9,000 new education and healthcare jobs in Atlanta since 2017</u><sup>1</sup>, and more expected as the region adds 1.5 million jobs by 2040<sup>2</sup>
- <u>A more integrated knowledge and care ecosystem</u> among Emory, Georgia State, Georgia Tech, the Atlanta University Center, SCAD Atlanta, Woodruff Arts Center, CHOA Egelston, Grady Health, Hughes Spalding Hospital and others



#### **Reduced Congestion & Pollution**

- 23,300 forecasted riders per day<sup>3</sup> taking cars off the streets in America's 4th most congested city<sup>4</sup>
- **<u>20 million kg per year of greenhouse gas emissions avoided</u><sup>5</sup> and significant reductions in other pollutants linked with respiratory and cardiovascular diseases**



## **Ready to Roll**

- Well-positioned to compete nationally with other cities for critical federal funding
- Projected for construction as early as 2022 and complete by 2026<sup>6</sup>

"I live on the west side of Atlanta and have to take a bus, a train and another bus ride to work each day. A more direct rail line to Emory would make a big difference, not just for me, but for a lot of my co-workers, too." — Kevin Wright, Emory University Hospital, Food Services

1. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor and Statistics

- 2. Atlanta Regional Commission
- 3. More MARTA Planning
- 4. Global Traffic Scorecard, INRIX (2017)
- 5. Clifton Corridor Transit Initiative Fact Sheet, MARTA (Spring 2018)
- 6. Atlanta Regional Commission