

Last Mile Connectivity Study

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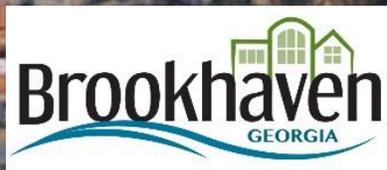


Purpose

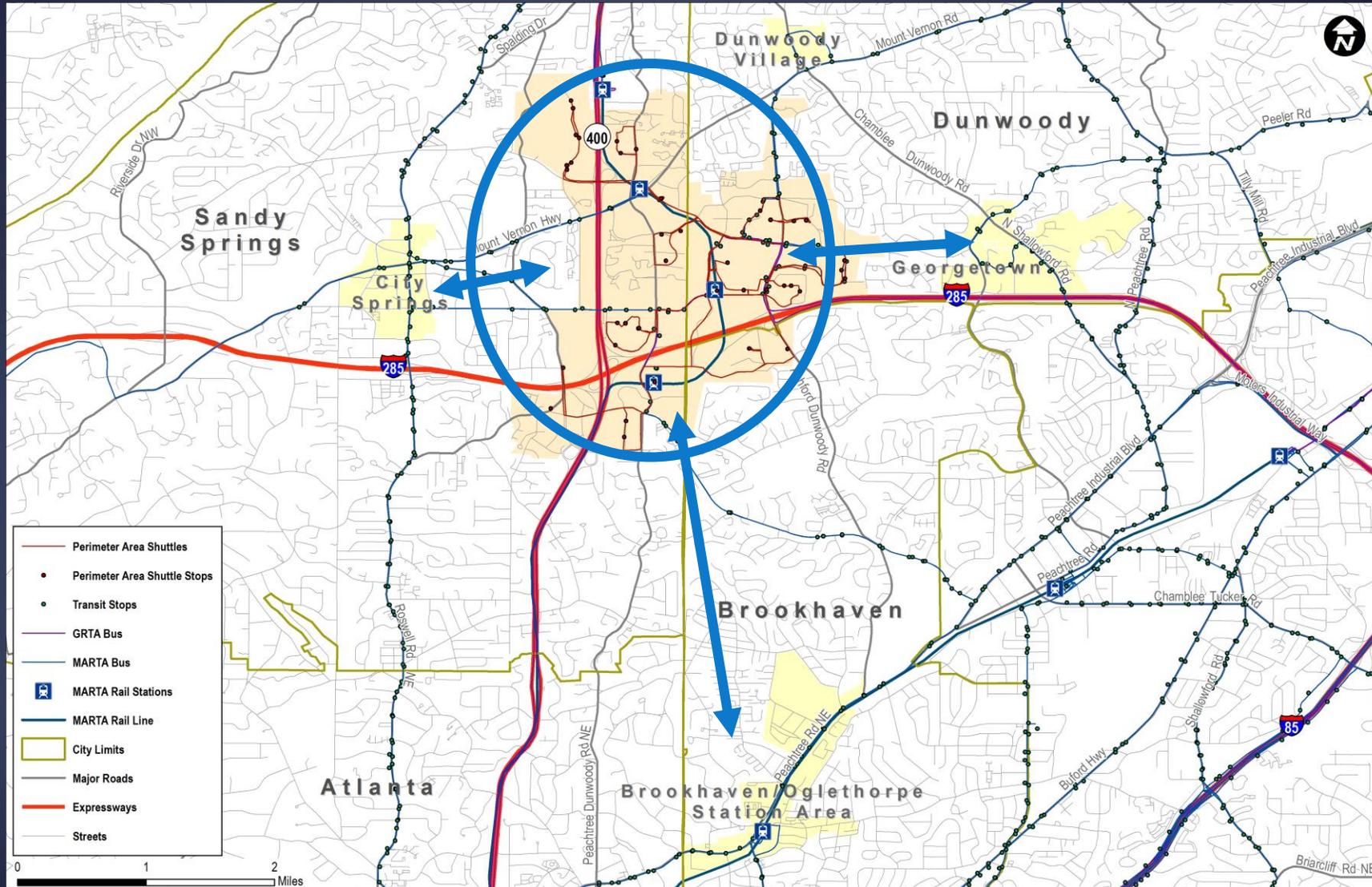
The study is looking at ways to improve safety and ensure people have choices in how short “last mile” trips are made.

- ▶ Offer a network of safe, convenient opportunities for people to bike, walk, or take transit within the Perimeter area.
- ▶ Develop a unified plan that consolidates previously approved projects and offers recommendations for filling gaps in existing or planned projects and facilities, and explores opportunities for future transit in the Perimeter area.

Project Partners



Study Area



What is Last Mile Connectivity?

- ▶ Addresses the connections between transit stops or hubs and origins or destinations such as residences, offices, and retail areas
- ▶ Addresses the multimodal connections within and between activity centers
- ▶ Gives people choices other than the automobile for shorter trips or to connect longer trips



Defining Connectivity

Node* Connectivity: Providing direct access between hubs to facilitate the movement of people and connect mixed-use activity centers

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Last Mile Connectivity: Getting people effectively from their home/destination to the nearest transit stop/station

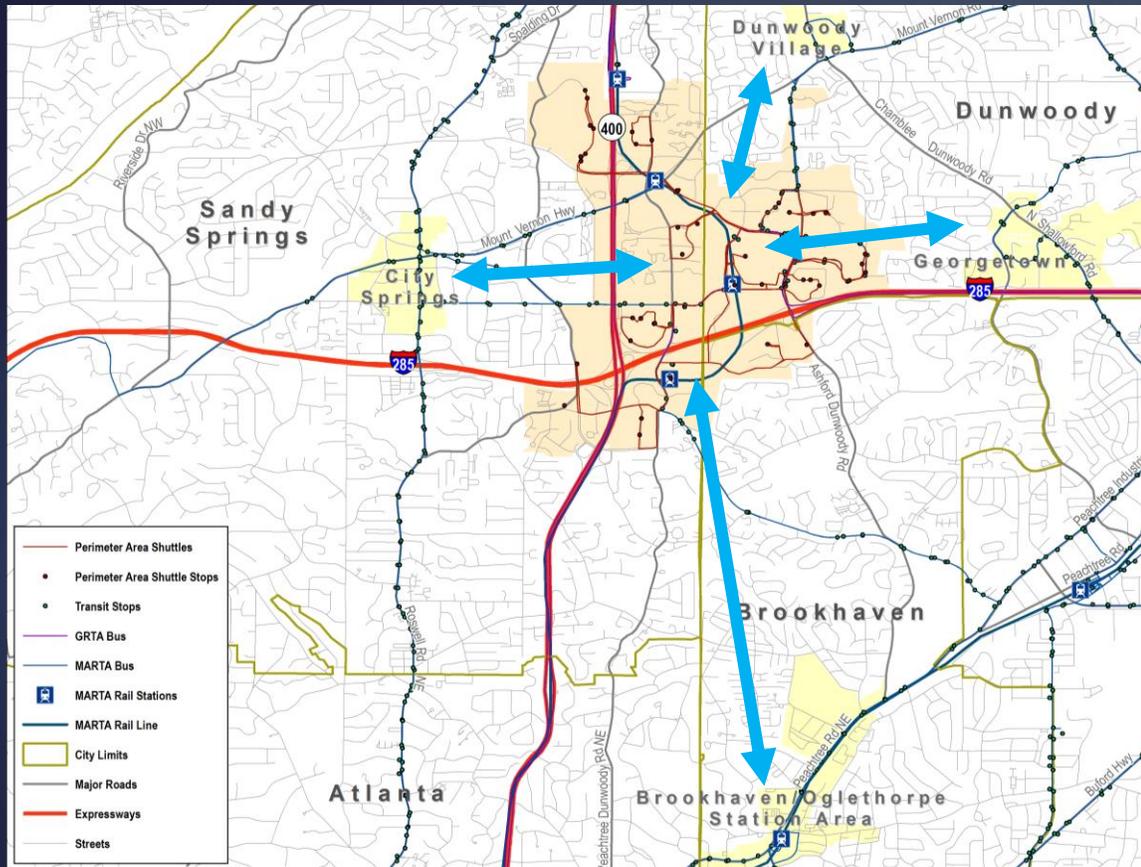
- ▶ Transit
 - ▶ Light Rail Service
 - ▶ Bus Rapid Transit (buses in separate right-of-way)
 - ▶ Enhanced Bus (signal priority)
- ▶ Bike/Walk
 - ▶ Separate, parallel multi-use paths
- ▶ Roadways
 - ▶ Direct street network
 - ▶ Appropriate capacity

- ▶ Walking
 - ▶ Sidewalk within ¼ - ½ mile of local bus and within 1 mile of rail/rapid transit
 - ▶ Safe crossings, adequate width, lighting
- ▶ Biking
 - ▶ Safe paths
 - ▶ Bike storage & amenities
- ▶ Localized transit vehicles
 - ▶ Circulators
 - ▶ Flex routes
- ▶ New technologies
 - ▶ Local Personal Rapid Transit
 - ▶ Rideshare (Uber/Lyft)
 - ▶ Autonomous Vehicles

*Nodes are activity centers, which may include transit hubs or commercial districts, or destinations. Within the study area, hubs include rail stations, the PCIDs, City Springs, Dunwoody Village, Georgetown, and the Brookhaven/Oglethorpe station area.

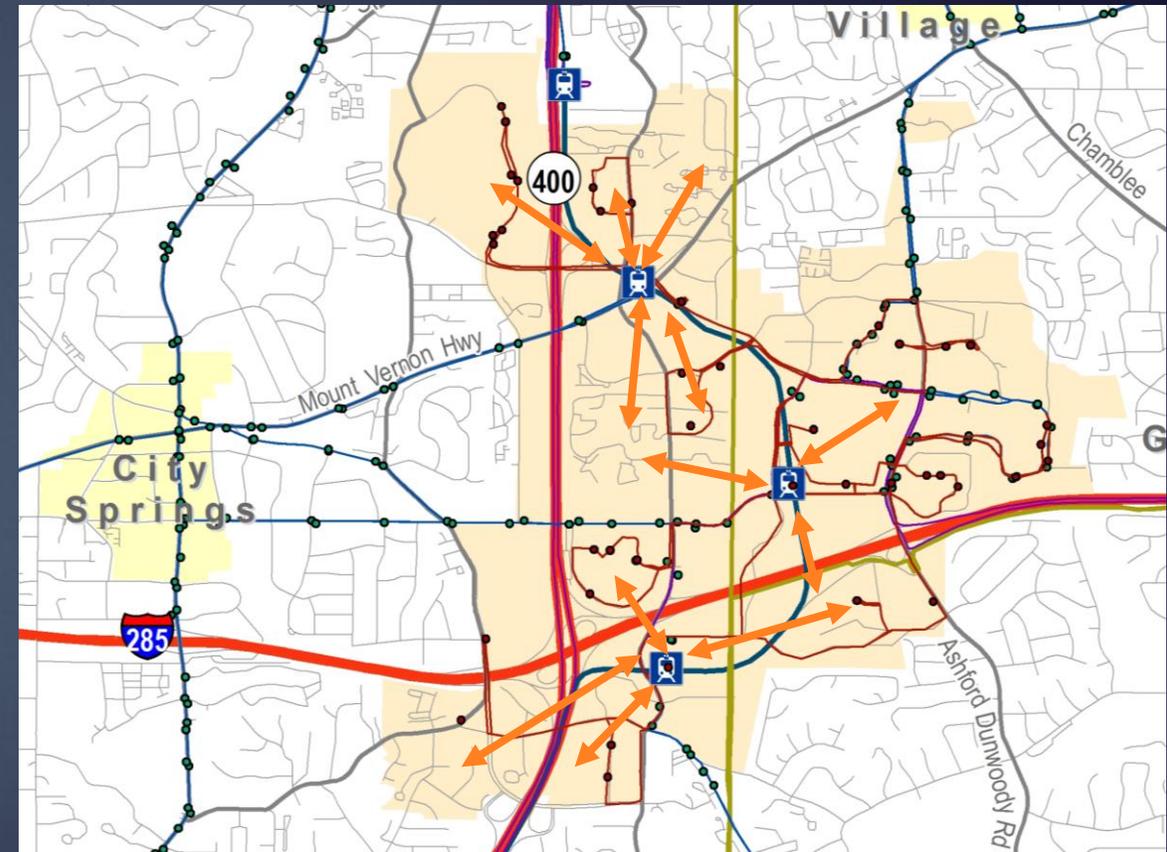
Types of Connectivity

Node Connectivity



- *Between PCIDs and activity centers*
- *On primary corridors and along a low-stress link around each hub and the PCIDs*

Last Mile Connectivity



- *Between home/destination and nearest transit stop, station or hub*
- *Within one mile of rail stations and within walking distance of bus stops*

Why is Last Mile Connectivity Important?

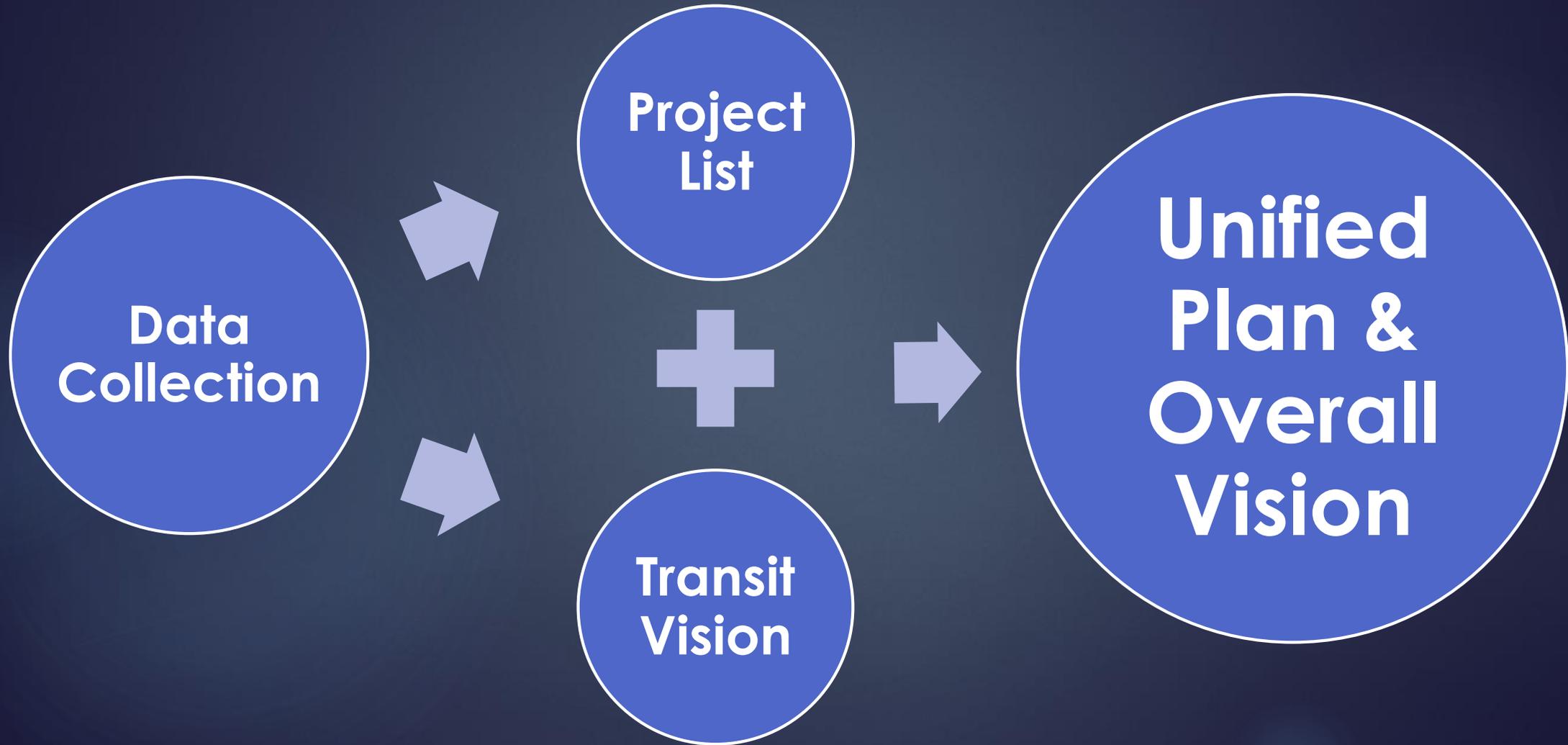
- ▶ Offer choices and options to workers, residents, and visitors other than personal vehicles
- ▶ Tremendous growth in the area, including commercial and some residential development
- ▶ Reduce congestion
- ▶ Provide opportunities for healthier lifestyles
- ▶ Maintain the area as desirable destination for workers, residents, and visitors
- ▶ Ensure economic competitiveness
- ▶ Provide safe and comfortable transportation options



Vision for Last Mile Connectivity

*In the future, the Perimeter area will offer a robust network of **safe, easy, and convenient** opportunities for people to walk, bike, or take transit. **Well connected** and **accessible** workplaces, commercial areas, educational and health facilities, and open spaces will **increase** the **economic competitiveness** of the area, helping the Perimeter area **thrive** as a desirable place to work, live, and visit, and **sustaining** it well into the future.*

Major Study Tasks



Methodology



Reviewed 60 plans



Identified 600+ projects



Look for gaps and overlap



Develop draft transit vision



Public open house



Draft and final report



Stakeholder coordination and input from Cities and PCIDs ongoing

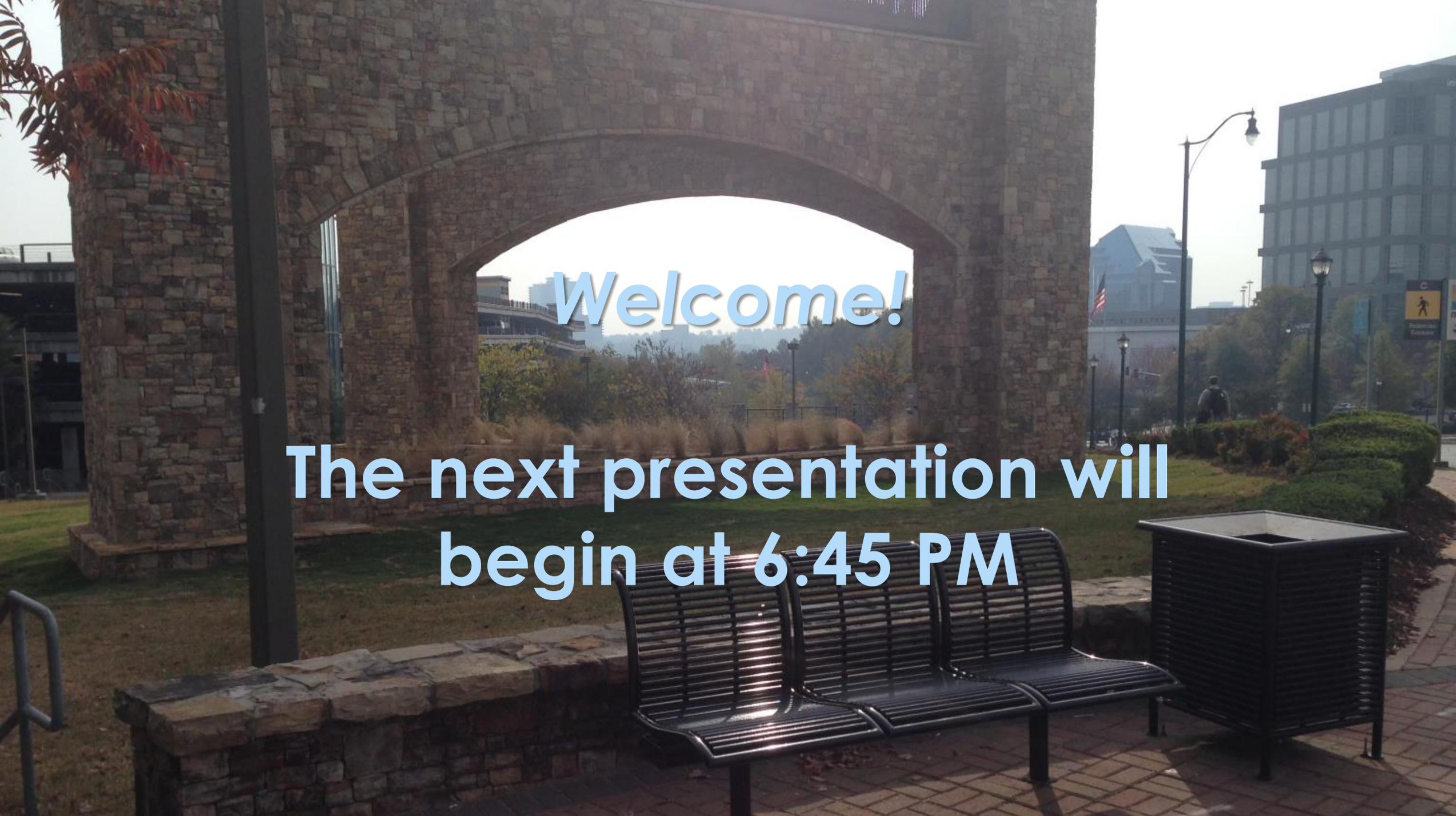
Outcomes

- ▶ Report that includes **ideas for investments** in **pedestrian, bicycle, roadway,** and **transit infrastructure** and **facilities**
 - ▶ Consolidated list of previously approved projects
 - ▶ Recommendations to fill gaps and reconcile overlaps
 - ▶ Identified quick and easy and/or lower cost projects to pursue in the near future
- ▶ Accompanying **strategies** and **policy recommendations**
- ▶ Suggestions for consideration in prioritizing future investments that support last mile connectivity
- ▶ Projects mapped in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Thank you for your time and interest!

- ▶ **Display boards** are set up around the room showing **existing facilities**, approved **planned and programmed future projects**, and **new recommendations**.
- ▶ Please **visit each station** and **talk with team members** stationed around the room. Feel free to **ask questions** as you review materials.
- ▶ Fill out the **comment card** to **tell us about your priorities** for last mile connectivity and share general comments.

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A stone archway frames a cityscape. In the foreground, a black metal park bench sits on a brick-paved area next to a stone wall. To the right is a black trash can. The background shows a city with buildings, trees, and a clear sky. The word "Welcome!" is written in a light blue, stylized font across the archway.

Welcome!

**The next presentation will
begin at 6:45 PM**

A photograph of a multi-lane road lined with trees. A dark convertible is in the left lane, and a line of cars is in the right lane. A sidewalk and a hedge are on the right side of the road. The text 'Welcome!' is overlaid in the center of the image.

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