



### Improved Approach for Georgia Commuter Rail

1. **Lowest Cost:** The cost to deliver Georgia Commuter Rail to Griffin is now less than any other proposed rail line on the Metro Atlanta Roundtable's project list.
2. **Improved Plan:** Through an improved plan to upgrade existing rail tracks for both freight and passenger service and create a new alignment closer to the airport, the cost for the Atlanta-to-Griffin line has been reduced to less than \$500 million – or about 40 percent of the original estimated cost.
3. **Quickest New Rail:** Georgia Commuter Rail can be up and running even faster than before. We can be riding the rails in less than five years.
4. **Statewide Connection:** This line connects Georgia's two largest employment centers (Atlanta and Macon) and the three largest redevelopment projects in the state (Fort Gillem, Fort McPherson, and the Hapeville Ford Plant redevelopment).
5. **Solves Regional Equity Issues:** Georgia Commuter Rail is the only project that solves a glaring equity problem. It can *transform* the region, rebalance regional growth and begin the process of reconnecting the "two Georgias."
6. **Economic Development:** This project creates multiple development opportunities in Henry County: commercial, residential, and industrial and will make Henry County the gateway to metro Atlanta for middle and south Georgia.
7. **Leverage:** This investment increases the value of existing local assets such as Tara Field, the Atlanta Motor Speedway, and industrial sites on the route. In addition, \$30 million in federal funds are already available for this project.
8. **Fairness:** About \$3.5 billion is scheduled to be spent on transit; less than 3% of that (Clayton County's bus system) is south of I-20. A commuter rail investment in Fulton, Clayton, Henry, and Spalding makes the funding more equitable and fair.