

House Resolution 645

By: Representatives Davis of the 87th, Henson of the 86th, Stephenson of the 90th, Mitchell of the 88th, Shannon of the 84th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority to reaffirm its commitment to an
2 extension of the rail system along the east side of Interstate 20 in South DeKalb County; and
3 for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, residents of South DeKalb County have paid a 1 percent sales tax to fund
5 operations and capital improvements to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
6 (MARTA) since 1972; and
- 7 WHEREAS, there has been no rail expansion in South DeKalb County while MARTA
8 extended rail stations to Central DeKalb County in 1993 with Indian Creek Station and to
9 North Fulton and North DeKalb counties in 1996 with Buckhead, Medical Center, and
10 Dunwoody Stations and again in 2000 with Sandy Springs and North Springs Stations; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the 9th and 13th amendments to the Rapid Transit Contract Agreement specify
12 MARTA's priority to extend heavy rail beyond the Indian Creek Station to Stonecrest Mall;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, in April, 2012, the MARTA board of directors approved a heavy rail extension
15 from the Indian Creek Station to run parallel along Interstate 285 South and continuing east
16 along Interstate 20 to the Stonecrest Mall area as a locally preferred alternative; and
- 17 WHEREAS, residents of South DeKalb County have limited access to the MARTA rail
18 system; and
- 19 WHEREAS, extension of the MARTA rail along the south/southeastern corridor of Interstate
20 20 would create opportunities for transit oriented development.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body express its support of an extension of heavy rail along the east side

23 of Interstate 20 and urge the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority to reaffirm its
24 commitment to an extension of the rail system in South DeKalb County.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the elected officials from
26 DeKalb County and the CEO and Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid
27 Transit Authority to work together in developing a comprehensive mass transit plan for
28 DeKalb County that includes heavy and light rail alternatives to extend the existing rail
29 system from the City of Atlanta to the City of Stonecrest.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 CEO and members of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit
33 Authority, the CEO of DeKalb County, and members of the DeKalb County Board of
34 Commissioners.