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ANDRE DICKENS MAYOR

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Mr. Colllie Greenwood General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority 242 Piedmont Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30324

Dear Mr. Greenwood:

On behalf of the entire City of Atlanta and my administration, thank you for the ongoing support and partnership between our city and MARTA. I strongly believe that our work together can be an example of the Atlanta group project, and I thank you and your team for the strong partnership.

I received the attached communication from our Chief Financial Officer expressing concern with the preliminary findings from the MORE MARTA operational audit. As you recall, the Atlanta City Council passed Resolution 23-R-3624 on June 7, 2023, authorizing the firm Mauldin & Jenkins (M&J) to engage with both MARTA and the City to conduct this operational audit. Thanks to the cooperation of both teams, we have received preliminary findings that offer a comprehensive overview involving the initial planning, information gathering, detailed fieldwork, data analysis, and validation over the past year. While these findings provide an insightful view into the program, they also highlight several areas that require additional clarity and attention.

My team and I are in the process of reviewing these initial findings and we anticipate receiving the final report by late July. Given the significance of the insights expected from this report, I am requesting that MARTA temporarily halt the Five Points MARTA station project until we are in receipt of the final report and engage in subsequent discussions together to determine the best possible path forward for MARTA and the City of Atlanta. In addition to the audit, over the last year, we have identified other priorities that need to be considered before we move forward.

Considering the vital role the Five Points MARTA station plays in our city and the length of time it is expected to be closed during construction, I believe that this collaborative approach is essential at this juncture. It will ensure that the decision-making process going forward will further consider the impact on the community during construction and be based on data and transparency, ultimately allowing for a more effective transit system for our community.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. My administration and I stand ready to continue work on this project, and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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