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RE: Ashby Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) 2025 Application - Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Lauren Blaszyk:

I strongly support the City of Atlanta's application for the Ashby Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Plan. Adjacent to the Atlanta University Center and within a Federal Opportunity Zone, the proposed study area includes MARTA's Ashby Station. The station is well-served by several MARTA bus routes, which will be complemented by planned investments around this public realm.

MARTA's customers and communities greatly benefit from vibrant, walkable, accessible living spaces integrated with transit. At MARTA, we're supporting economic development around our stations by reimagining our local bus service through our NextGen Bus Network Redesign, expanding the platform and Bankhead Station, adding additional bus shelters, and advancing transit-oriented-development at Bankhead Station and H.E. Holmes Station. This LCI complements MARTA's efforts to support sustainable communities and increase ridership by developing a master plan around this densely populated station area. Furthermore, the LCI provides an opportunity to explore public art opportunities to capture the heart of the Martin Luther King Jr. corridor.

MARTA strongly supports the City of Atlanta's application for the Ashby Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Plan and will participate as needed in this planning effort.

Regards,

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