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**MARTA to postpone rezoning request for Brookhaven site**  
*City's Comprehensive Plan to undergo citizen review*

**Brookhaven, GA, Feb. 23, 2016** – At Monday night's town hall meeting, Mayor John Ernst announced that Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and Brookhaven City Center Partners (a joint venture of Integral Development and Transwestern Development Company) agree to postpone submission of rezoning applications for MARTA's planned Brookhaven/Oglethorpe Transit Oriented Development (TOD) until June 1, 2016.

The City will also lead a joint effort with MARTA and Brookhaven City Center Partners and with regional partners, including the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and appropriate county and state agencies to address existing traffic problems, infrastructure capacity and other regional issues that could be further impacted by development at this site.

"I've heard residents' concerns, and there are many unanswered questions regarding these plans," said Mayor Ernst. "Any development at this site will have a big impact on our community for decades, and this process cannot be rushed. I'm pleased that all parties agree that we must plan smarter in order for this property to meet the needs of our City."

Over the course of the next several months, Mayor Ernst plans to augment the City's Comprehensive Plan and review zoning regulations through a resident-led initiative to strengthen Brookhaven's development policies and regulations. As part of this initiative, task forces comprised of residents in each of Brookhaven's 13 Character Areas depicted in the Comprehensive Plan will review their neighborhood plan in depth and make recommendations for the Zoning Code rewrite efforts. The current Zoning Code Rewrite Committee will be suspended until the completion of these Character Area task forces. More information on timing and how residents can get involved will be released soon.

“MARTA looks forward to continued discussion with all of our stakeholders,” said MARTA GM/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP. “We expect the Brookhaven TOD to be an excellent example of collaboration.”

The City, MARTA and Brookhaven City Center Partners will continue the outreach program currently underway with residents and interested parties on this project during the postponement period and throughout the course of the permitting process.

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