

MARTA'S CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTION PILOT PROGRAM



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METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MARTA)

- Started bus and rail combined service in 1979
- > 9th largest transit system in the U.S.
- > 500,000 passengers daily (bus and rail)
- > 338 rail cars, 48 miles of service via four lines,
 Gold, Red, Blue and Green
- > 120 miles of track
- > 530 buses, 92 routes
- > 175 Mobility (paratransit) vehicles









MARTA SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Board approved Policy on October 27, 2008

- Sustainability Objectives:
 - Establish MARTA's environmental <u>baseline</u>
 - Reduce MARTA's environmental <u>footprint</u>
 - Promote use of environmental practices
 - Increase volume of <u>recycled materials</u>
 - Increase savings and ROI through greening strategies





APTA SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT

MARTA became a founding signatory of the 2009 pilot phase of APTA Sustainability commitment. This established the groundwork for MARTA to commit to a set of actions on specific sustainability items within a year.







RELATED MARTA INITIATIVES

- > 2008/09 conducted a comprehensive assessment of <u>safety critical</u> systems
- In 2010, MARTA awarded an FTA grant to update our Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) System to upgrade our system to include a capital planning module and prioritization criteria that addresses <u>risk</u>, <u>sustainability</u> and <u>environmental</u> issues. Over 53,000 assets in system.
- Currently completing a system wide <u>condition assessment</u>
- Currently in Phase II of III of Project Delivery/Project Controls (PD/PC) re-engineering project
- Recently received FTA training on <u>ISO 14001</u> (Environmental Management Systems) and currently pursuing certification.



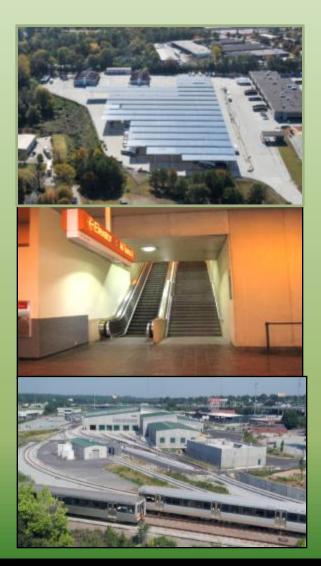


RELATED INITIATIVES

Photovoltaic installations at Laredo bus facility (1MW)

Lighting Upgrade Initiative – converting legacy lighting systems to LED technology

Environmental Management System ISO14001 Certification

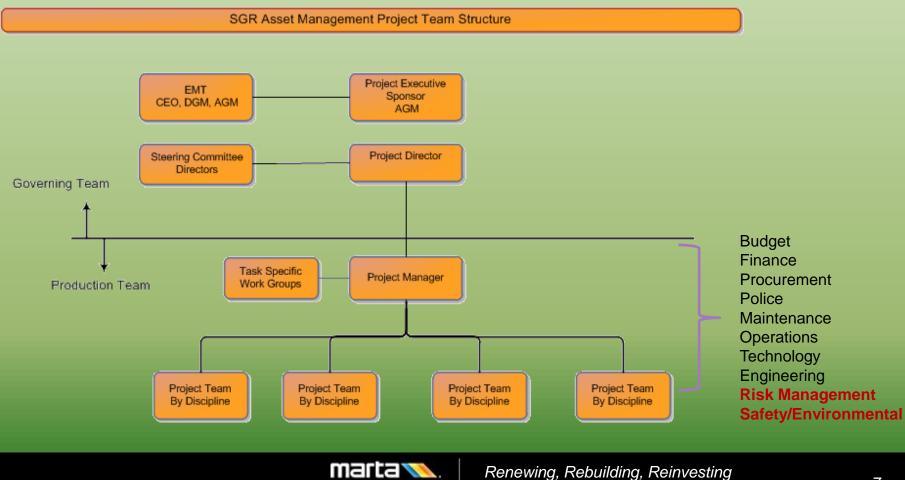






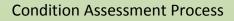
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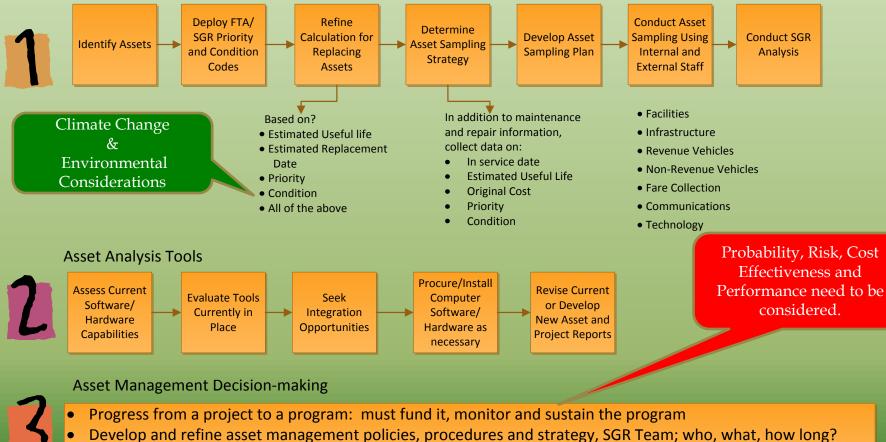






MARTA's Asset Management/ State of Good Repair Methodology Three-pronged approach





- - Provide input to AMP and CIP
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CAPITAL PROJECTS PRIORITY: DETERMINATION OF AGENCY PRIORITY

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Renewing, Rebuilding, Reinvesting



CAPITAL PROJECTS CONDITION OPTIONS: MEETING CRITICAL NEEDS FIRST

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TRANSIT CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PILOT







MARTA is the focus of a case study that looks at <u>climate</u> <u>change stresses</u> that occur in the <u>Atlanta region</u> and how these stresses could affect <u>MARTA's operations</u>.

The assessment will focus on how MARTA's enterprise asset management system could be used to <u>monitor</u> such <u>changes</u> and help in <u>identifying response strategies</u>.





OBJECTIVES

- better understand the state of practice with respect to climate adaptation and public transportation assets
- identify lessons that can be learned and applied to other transit systems
- build a relationship between our operating transit system and climate adaptation experts to leverage knowledge and improve planning and investment decisions.





TASK LIST

Task 1: Identify current and future climate hazards relevant to public transit agency assets and operations

Task 2: Characterize the risk of climate change on agency infrastructure and operations

Task 3: Identify key elements of MARTA's asset management program that are conducive to climate change-related information

Task 4: Develop initial adaptation strategies

Task 5: Link strategies to agency organizational structures and activities

Task 6: Develop dissemination strategies and final report





DISSEMINATION STRATEGY

- Focus system-wide on vulnerable assets within transit systems that could be facing increasing precipitation, heat and wind.
- Easy to use reference for accessing information on the different strategies that are or could be used to respond to climate-induced stresses
- A final report designed to provide clear sections and modules relating to different categories of climate stresses and adaptation strategies.





CLIMATE ADAPTION ASSESSMENT TIMELINE

Tasks	Action Step	Responsibility	Support and Communication	Timeline (tentative)*	Deliverables
Task 1: Identify current	Identify historical weather- related hazards	Georgia Tech	MARTA	4/1/2012	
and future climate hazards relevant to public transit	Identify future climate change hazards	Georgia Tech	MARTA	4/15/2012	
agency assets and operations	Prepare technical memorandum	Georgia Tech		5/1/2012	#1
	Quarterly report	Georgia Tech		4/1/2012	QR #1
Task 2: Characterize the risk of climate change on	Identify risk application methodology	Georgia Tech and PB	MARTA	6/1/2012	
agency infrastructure and operations	Identify vulnerable assets and operations	Georgia Tech	MARTA	7/1/2012	#2
	Characterize MARTA's asset management system	Georgia Tech and MARTA	РВ	8/1/2012	
Task 3: Identify key elements of MARTA s asset management program that are conducive to climate change related information	Identify asset management components in MARTA's system that could include climate change information and a strategy for doing so	Georgia Tech and MARTA	РВ	9/1/2012	#3
	Quarterly report	Georgia Tech		8/1/2012	QR #2
Task 4: Develop initial adaptation strategies	Identify possible adaptation strategies for vulnerable assets and operations	Georgia Tech and MARTA	РВ	11/1/2012	#4





CLIMATE ADAPTION ASSESSMENT TIMELINE

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Task 5: Link strategies to agency organizational structures and	Identify key organizational units in MARTA potentially affected by climate- related changes	Georgia Tech and MARTA	PB	12/1/2012		
activities	Identify strategies for each unit	Georgia Tech, MARTA and PB		1/1/2013	#5	
	Quarterly report	Georgia Tech		1/1/2013	QR #3	
	Identify dissemination strategies	РВ	Georgia Tech	2/1/2013		
Task 6: Develop dissemination strategies and final	Prepare draft final report	Georgia Tech	MARTA and PB	3/1/2013	#6	
report	Prepare webinar materials (if desired)	Georgia Tech	MARTA and PB	4/1/2013		
	Prepare final report	Georgia Tech		4/1/2013	#7	





2008: TORNADO HITS DOWNTOWN ATLANTA AND DESTROYS EXTERIOR WALL AT MARTA'S KING MEMORIAL STATION





Renewing, Rebuilding, Reinvesting



2009: MAJOR RAIN EVENT FLOODS DOWNTOWN ATLANTA













