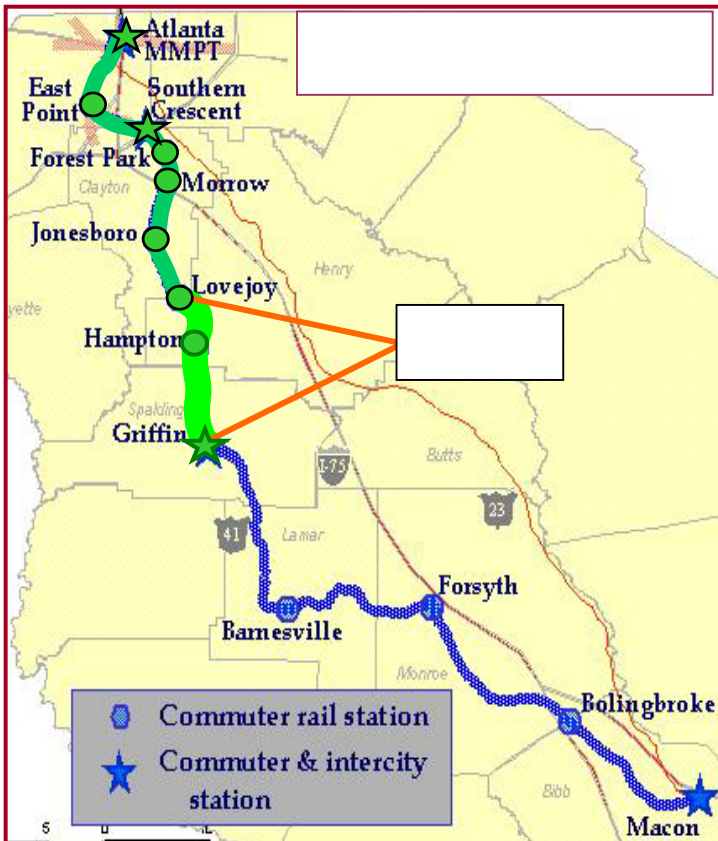


Macon Rail Line Extension to Griffin from Lovejoy

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Four trains will operate from Griffin to Atlanta in the morning, departing from Griffin between approximately 6 am and 8 am. The trains will return from Atlanta between approximately 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm. A one-way trip to the Atlanta MMPT will cost \$6.60 from Hampton and \$7.20 from Griffin. A transfer to MARTA is included in this fare.



Extending service 18 miles to Griffin (1,400 daily riders) and Hampton (880 daily riders) will increase ridership on the line by 45% adding 360,000 annual trips bringing total annual trips to 1,140,000. This level of ridership will result in a reduction of 11 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in the region. As the inset table illustrates, the present and future peak hour travel times on the commuter rail line will out perform the travel times by auto using adjacent roadways. The extension is also very cost effective, with an annualized cost per new trip of \$12.60 as compared to an industry average of \$15 per new trip.

The second phase of the Macon – Atlanta commuter rail line will extend service to Hampton and Griffin from Lovejoy for a total capital cost of \$38 million. Capital costs for the extension will include track improvements (\$14 million) grade crossing safety improvements (\$12 million), stations (\$8 million), and additional coaches and yard facilities (\$4 million). Environmental clearance has been accomplished. The incremental cost of the operating assistance to support the service extension will be \$540,000 annually.

The funding program for the \$38 million in capital costs to extend service to Griffin will consist of \$30.4 million in federal funds and \$7.6 million in matching funds. The \$30.4 million federal share can be funded through incremental congressional earmarks at \$9.86 million per year as a high priority project in the FY07, FY08 & FY09 annual transportation appropriation bills.

A capital investment of \$14 million would be needed for interim operation to Hampton.

Station to Station	Miles	Peak Hour Trip (minutes)		
		2005	2030	
Lovejoy - Atlanta	26	Auto	58	81
		Train	46	46
Griffin - Atlanta	42	Auto	68	101
		Train	67	67