

# Citywide Conversation What will we discuss today?



#### Introductions

- Today's Agenda:
  - Review project background
  - Choosing the best routes and connections to MARTA
    - Route Options
    - MARTA Connection Options
  - Discuss next steps and project contact information
  - Questions?
  - Preference and Input Exercise
- Adjourn

## Community Engagement Schedule Spring and Summer 2014





SAC/TAC Kickoff Meeting April 2014 Study Group Meetings Round #1 May 2014

Citywide Conversation June 2014 SAC/TAC Meetings June 2014 Study Group Meetings Round #2 July 2014

Citywide Conversation August 2014

**Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC):** Advisory committee for each project corridor representing business and property owners, adjacent neighborhoods, and community groups.

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC):** Advisory committee comprised of representatives with technical and/or environmental expertise.

**Study Groups:** Residents and business owners with an interest in the project within each geographical area.

**Citywide Conversations:** Citywide public meetings are forums to educate the public at large with upcoming plans, policies, and studies.

## Citywide Conversation

What do we need from you today?



**Participation** – Provide your input during the Community Preference and Input Exercise

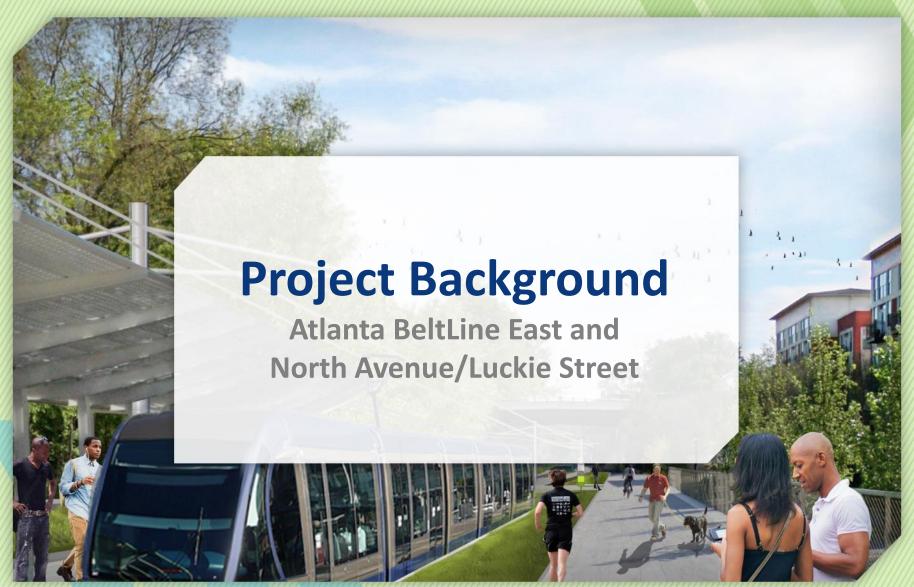
**Guidance** – Provide input on streetcar routes being considered and preferred connections to MARTA rail

**Feedback** – Ask questions and provide comments after the presentation

**Support** – Receive a schedule outlining anticipated Summer 2014 community engagement events







# Project Background Transit Plans/Studies/Initiatives



#### Connect Atlanta Plan

**November 2008** 

Atlanta Streetcar Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

April 2011

Record of Decision (ROD)

for Tier 1 EIS

August 2012

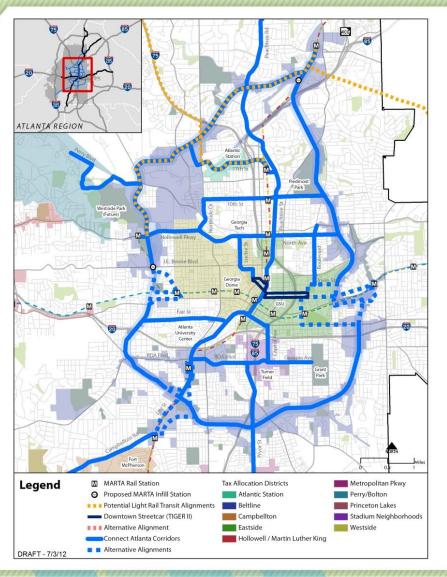
Draft Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan (SSP)

March 2014

## Project Background

#### Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan





A Supplement to the *Connect Atlanta Plan* and the ABI Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP)

**Phasing of transit** in SIP based on this strategy

Includes all streetcar lines in the Connect Atlanta Plan including Atlanta BeltLine

Project evaluation based on Equity, Readiness, Value Capture, Finance, Ridership

Significant stakeholder and public input garnered to date

**Integrates Atlanta Streetcar lines** and **Atlanta BeltLine** into a unified system

## Project Background

Projects in Environmental Review Process

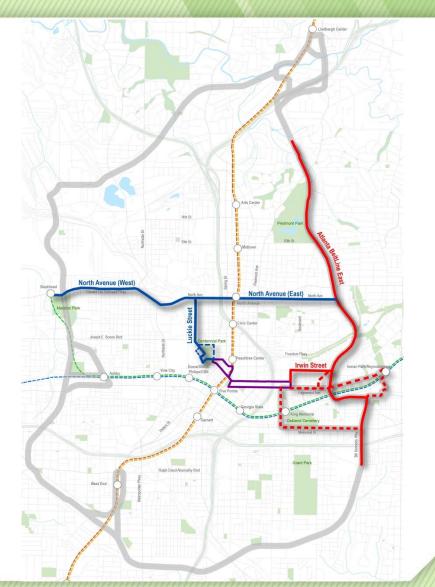




- Phase 1 projects and some Phase 2 projects from the Draft Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan (SSP) – represents the near-term priorities for the City of Atlanta
- Streetcar Projects currently in Environmental Review Process:

Atlanta BeltLine East

North Avenue/Luckie Street



## Project Background

#### **Environmental Review Process Timeline**



#### PROJECT INITIATION

- Identify goals and objectives
- Review previous planning work
- Evaluate existing conditions

Fall 2013

#### ROUTE SELECTION AND MARTA CONNECTIVITY

- Review concept drawings
- Field review and surveys
- Identify environmental resources

Spring - Summer 2014

## TECHNICAL STUDIES AND EVALUATION

- Initiate community engagement and agency coordination
- Evaluate alternatives
- Document technical work

Spring 2014 - Winter 2015

## COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION

 Achieve final decision from Federal lead agency



Spring 2015



This schedule is subject to change. Please check the website (http://beltline.org/events/) for other community engagement opportunities associated with the environmental review process.



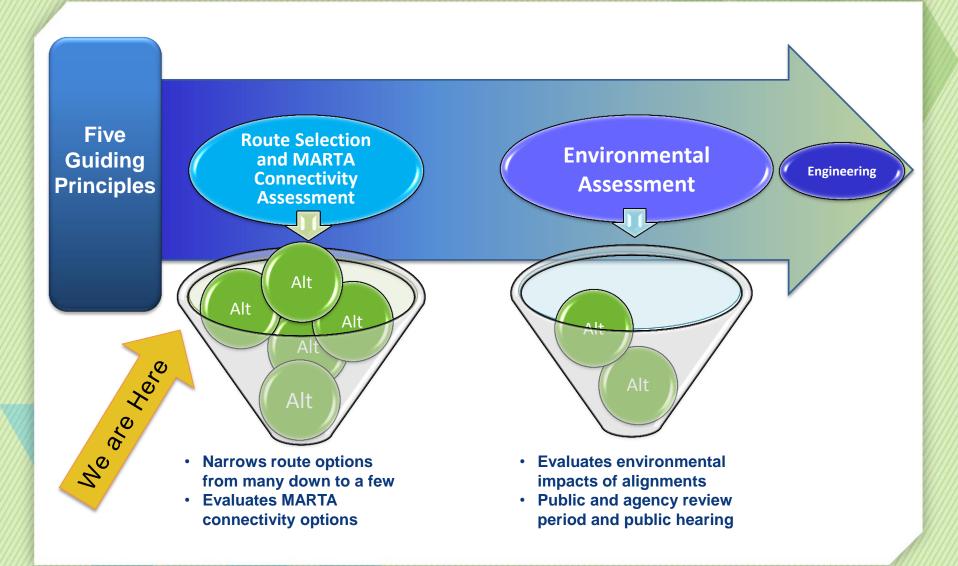




How does this process fit in to the environmental review process?



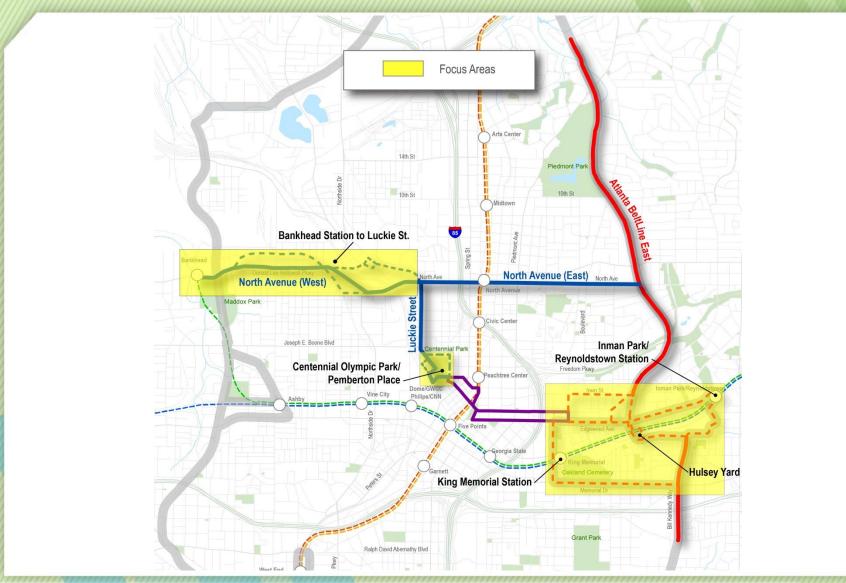




# Transit Route Options and MARTA Connectivity Assessment Atlanta BeltLine





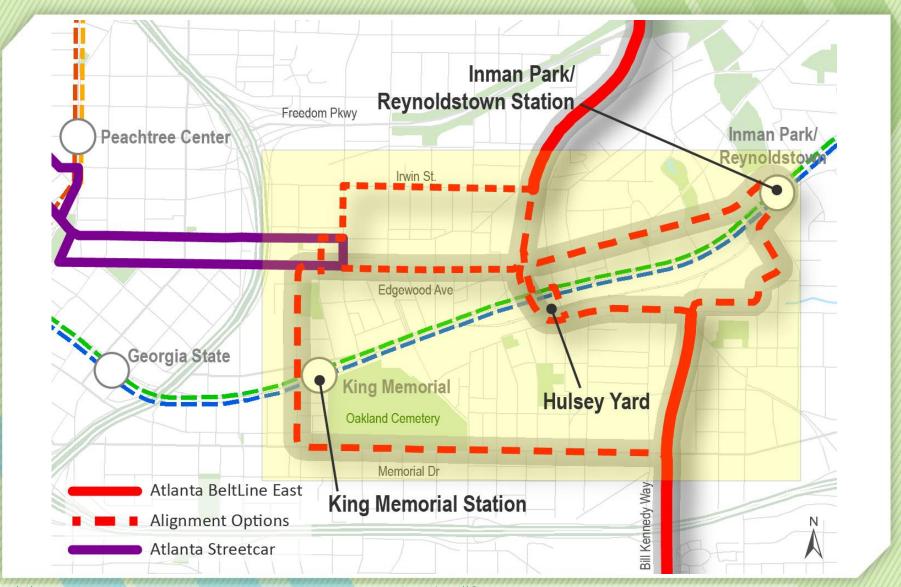


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Hulsey Yard Focus Area



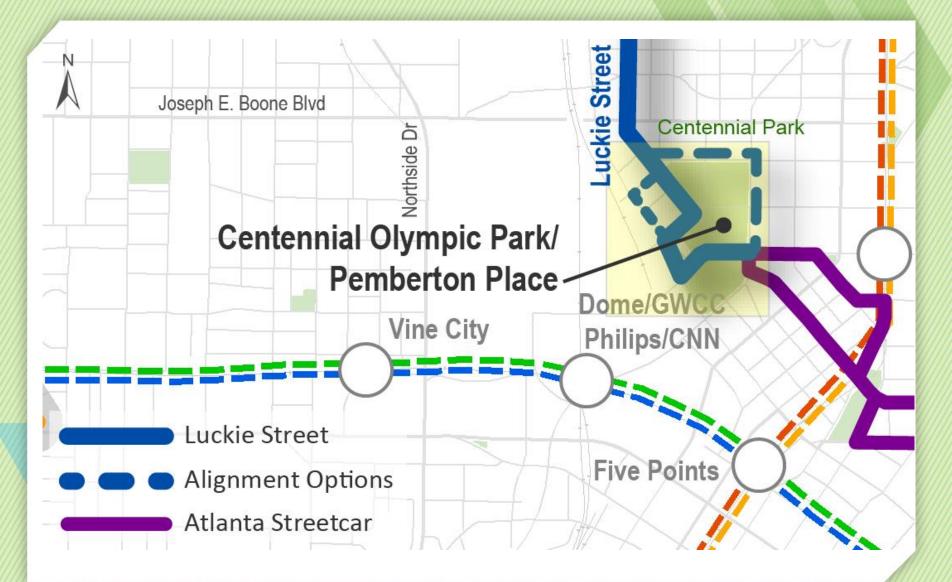




Centennial Olympic Park Focus Area





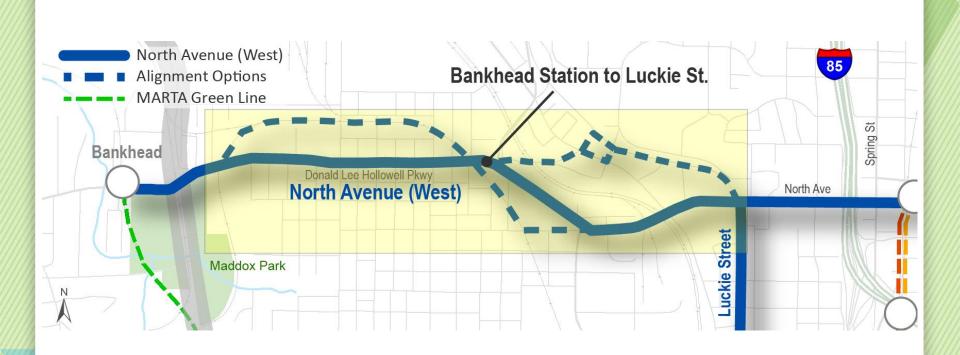


#### Transit Route Options and MARTA Connectivity Assessment

#### Bankhead MARTA Station to Luckie St. Focus Area







### Contact Information and Next Steps



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Document confirmed alignments and environmental resources

Continue to engage communities and coordinate with resource agencies

Proceed with technical work based on documented alignments



## **Questions or Feedback?**

Project Background

Route Selection and MARTA Connectivity

Public Engagement Process

## Preference and Input Exercise



- Each of the 3
   Stations will have an aerial map showing potential routes and MARTA connectivity
- Show preference with green dots (like) and red dots (don't like)
- Make comments with sticky notes

