Transit Route Options and MARTA Connectivity Assessment

Atlanta BeltLine East and North Avenue/Luckie Street

Southeast, Northeast, Northside & Crosstown Study Groups
July and August of 2014

Study Groups Round #2

What will we discuss today?

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Today's Agenda:**
  - Background
  - Overview and feedback from Citywide Conversation
  - Next steps
  - Input Exercise
- **Adjourn**

Community Engagement Schedule

Spring and Summer 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.

Study Groups Round #2

What do we need from you today?

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Participation – Take notes and keep interested groups and agencies up-to-date on project recommendations

Guidance – Make the planning team aware of issues, concerns, and opportunities

Feedback – Ask questions and provide comments after the presentation

Support – Get a schedule outlining anticipated Spring and Summer 2014 community engagement events

Project Background

Atlanta BeltLine East and North Avenue/Luckie Street

Project Background

Transit Plans/Studies/Initiatives

Connect Atlanta Plan

November 2008

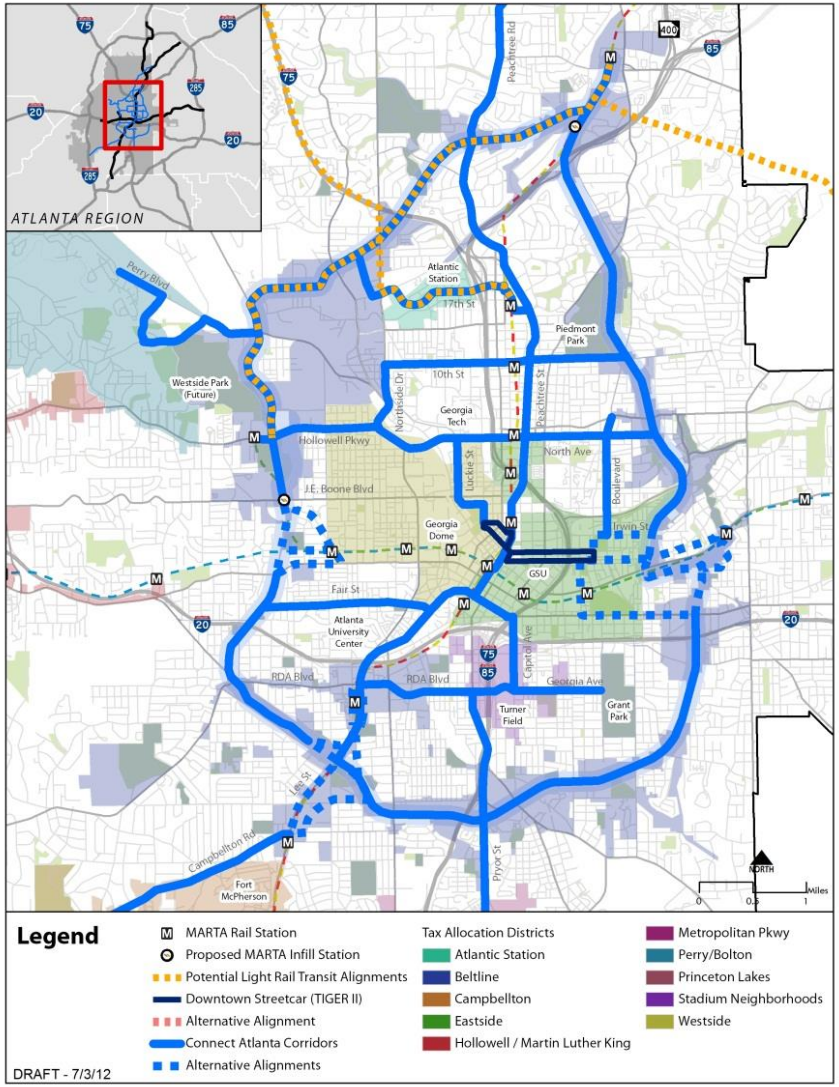
Atlanta Streetcar Finding
of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
April 2011

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

Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan

Streetcar is the transit technology for the Atlanta BeltLine corridor

Comprehensive system network

Compliments existing and future MARTA bus and rail services

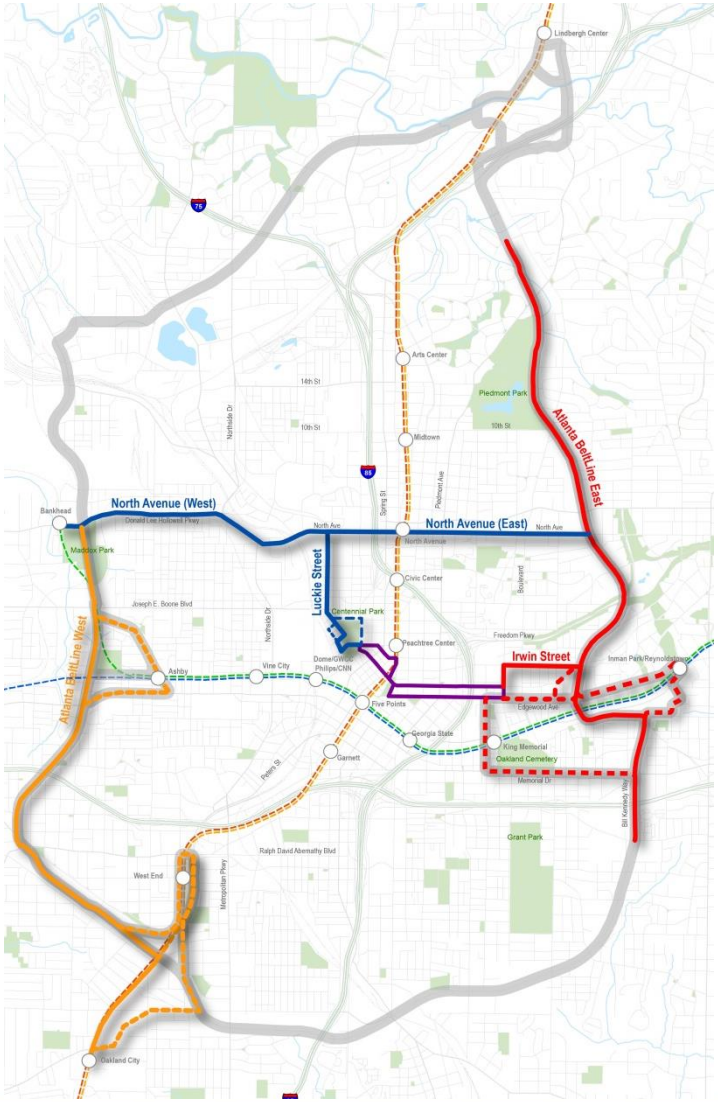
Project Background

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
Atlanta BeltLine West
North Avenue/Luckie Street



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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

Fall - Winter 2014

COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION

- Achieve final decision from Federal lead agency

Spring 2015

BEGIN ENGINEERING

We are here

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.

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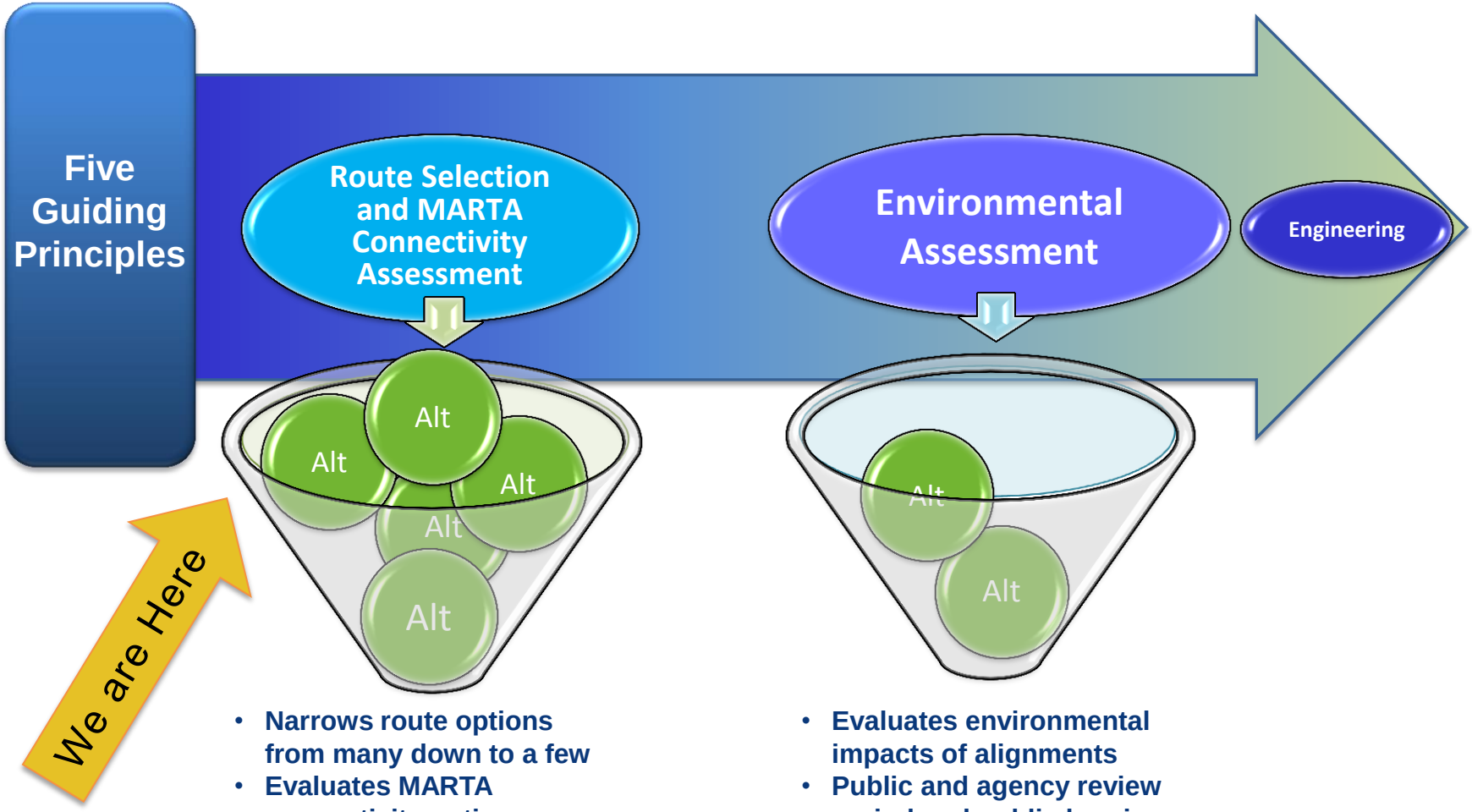
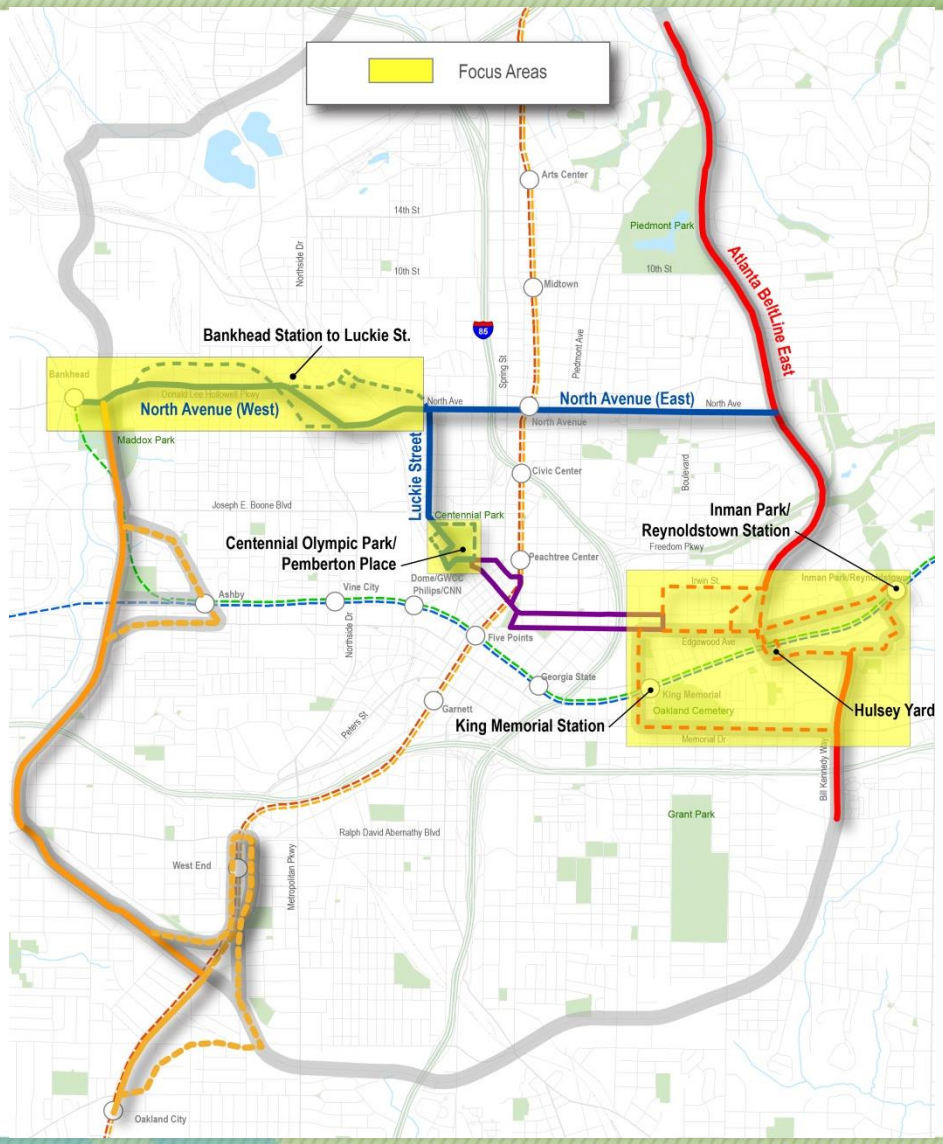
How does this process fit in to the environmental review process?



- **Narrows route options from many down to a few**
- **Evaluates MARTA connectivity options**

- **Evaluates environmental impacts of alignments**
- **Public and agency review period and public hearing**

What are the main focus areas?



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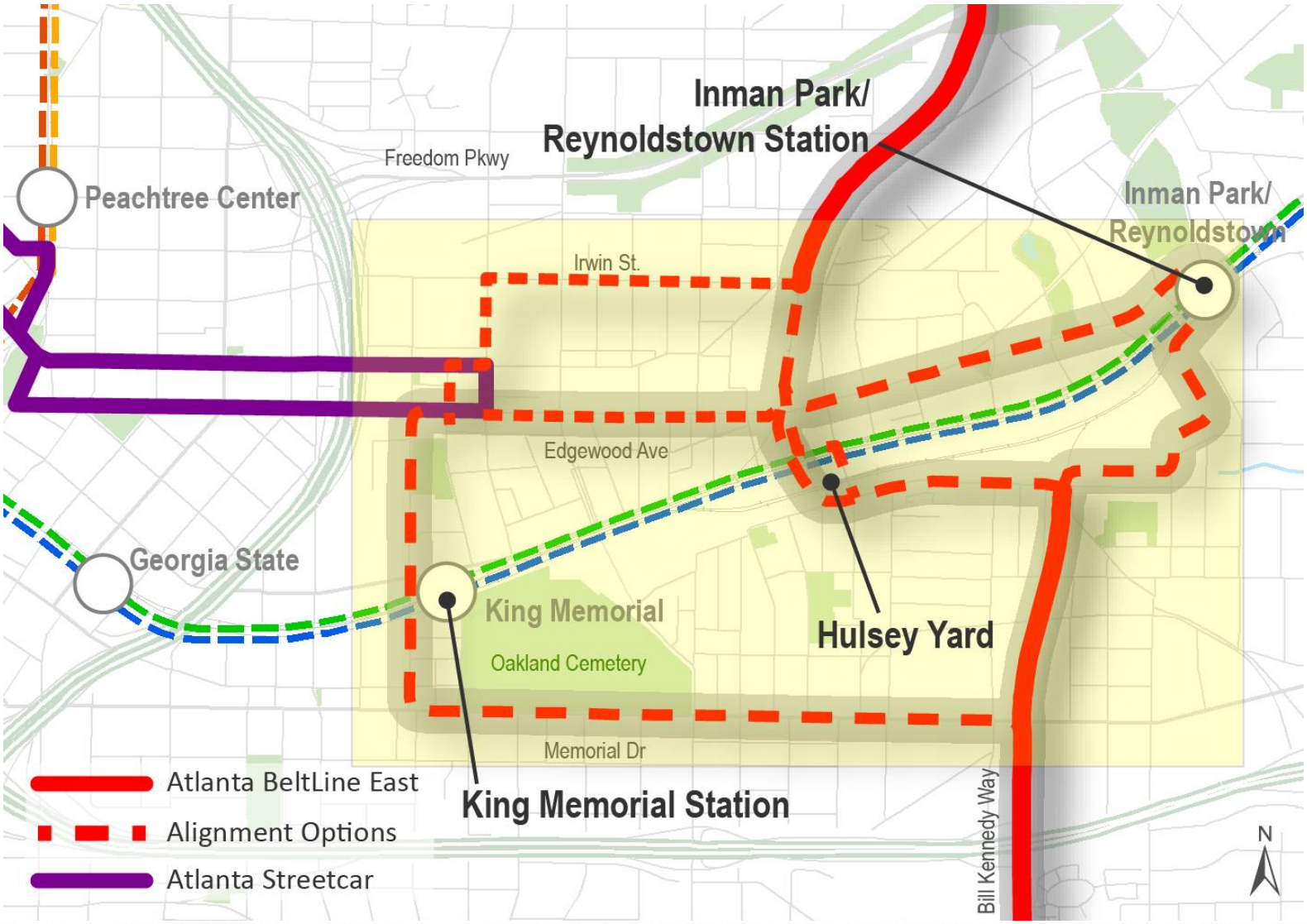

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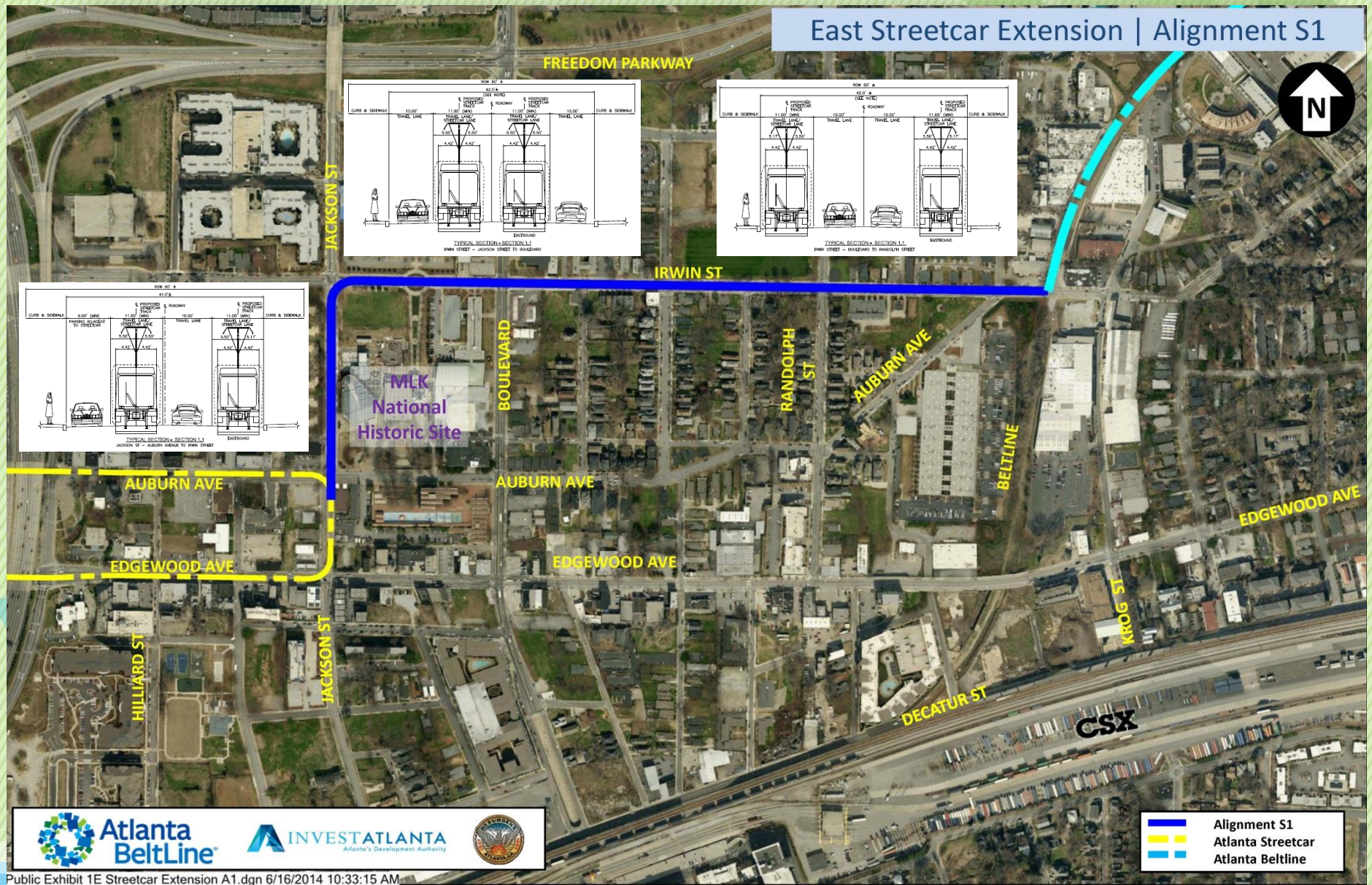

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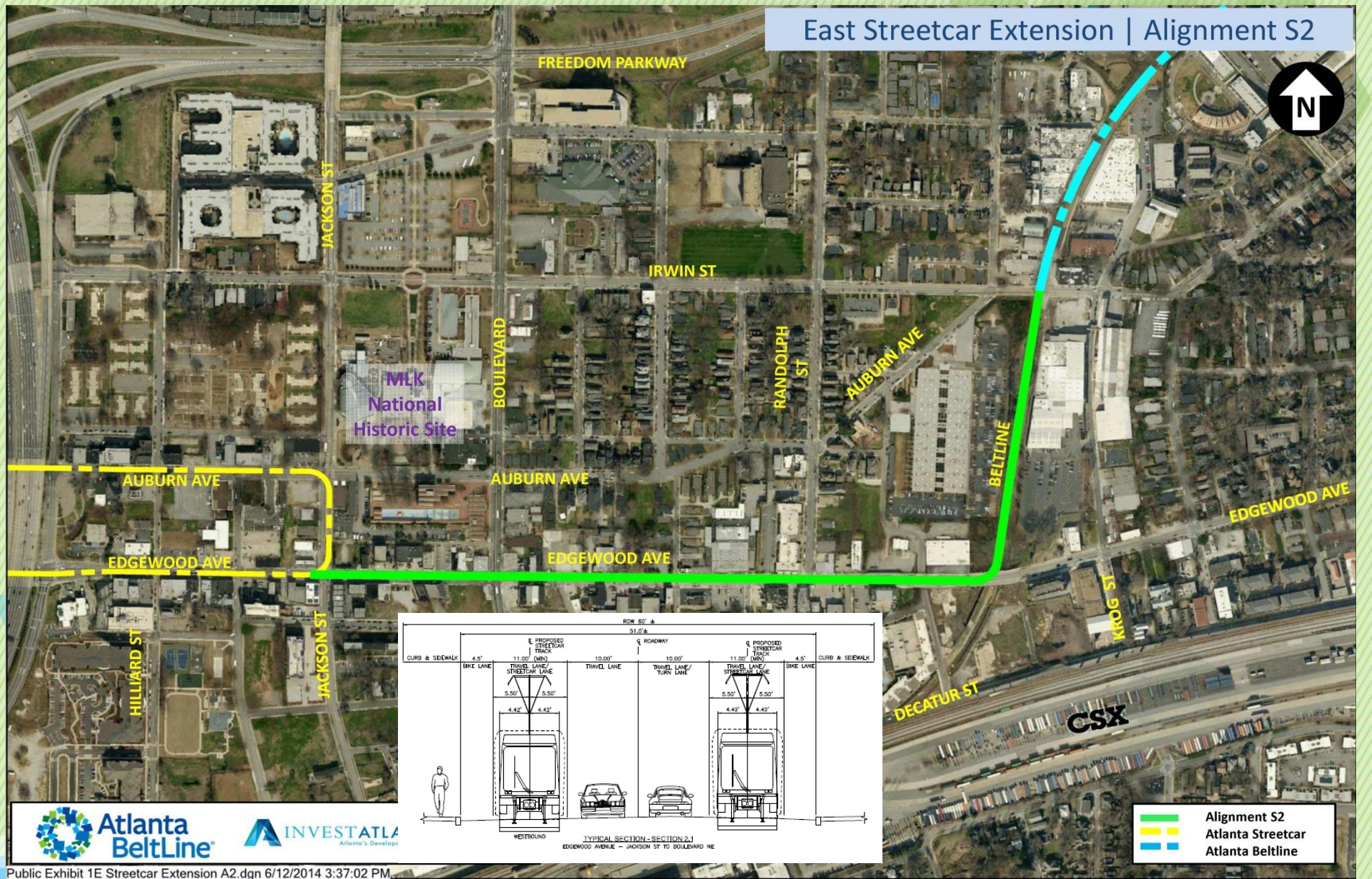

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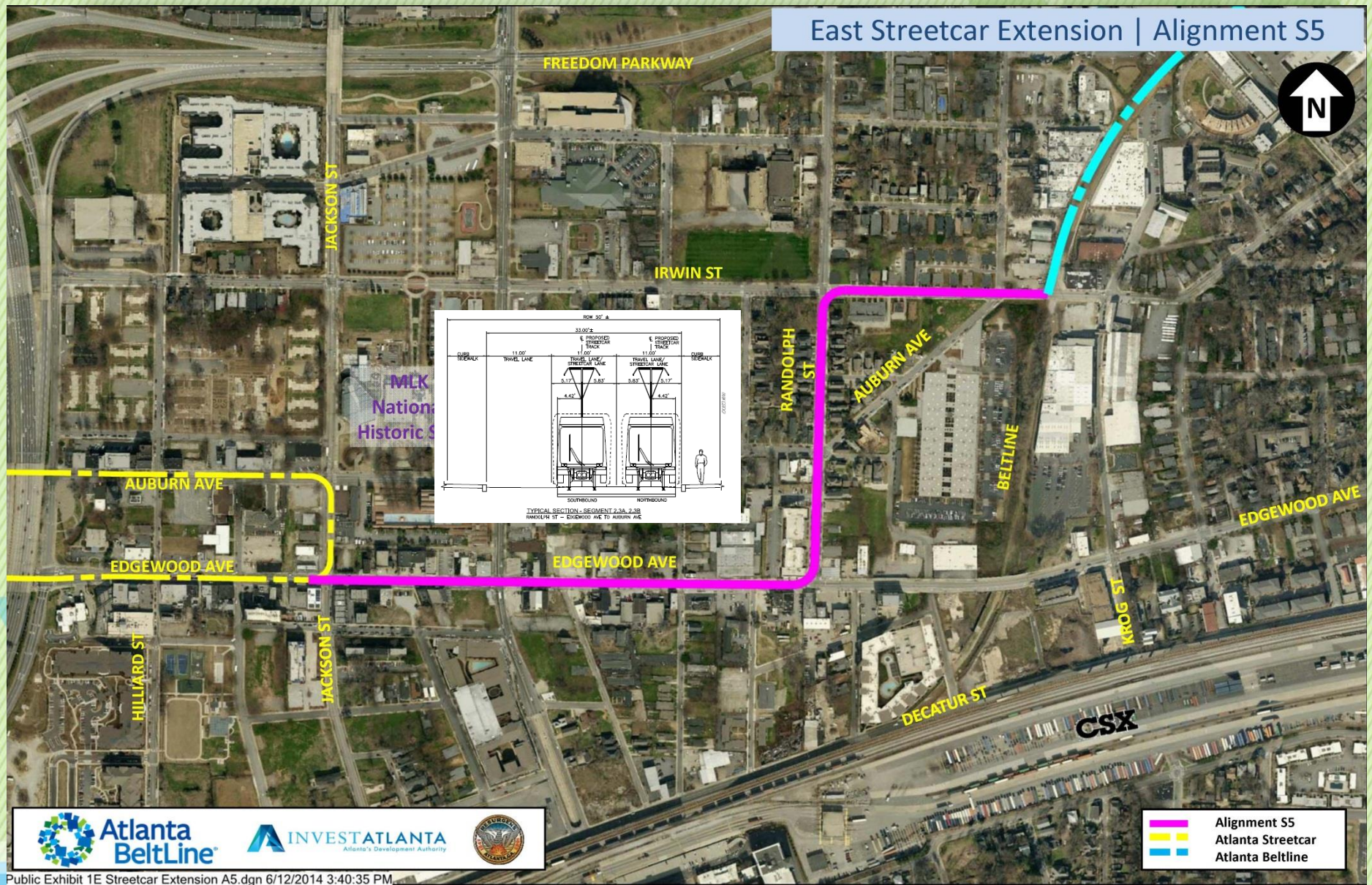

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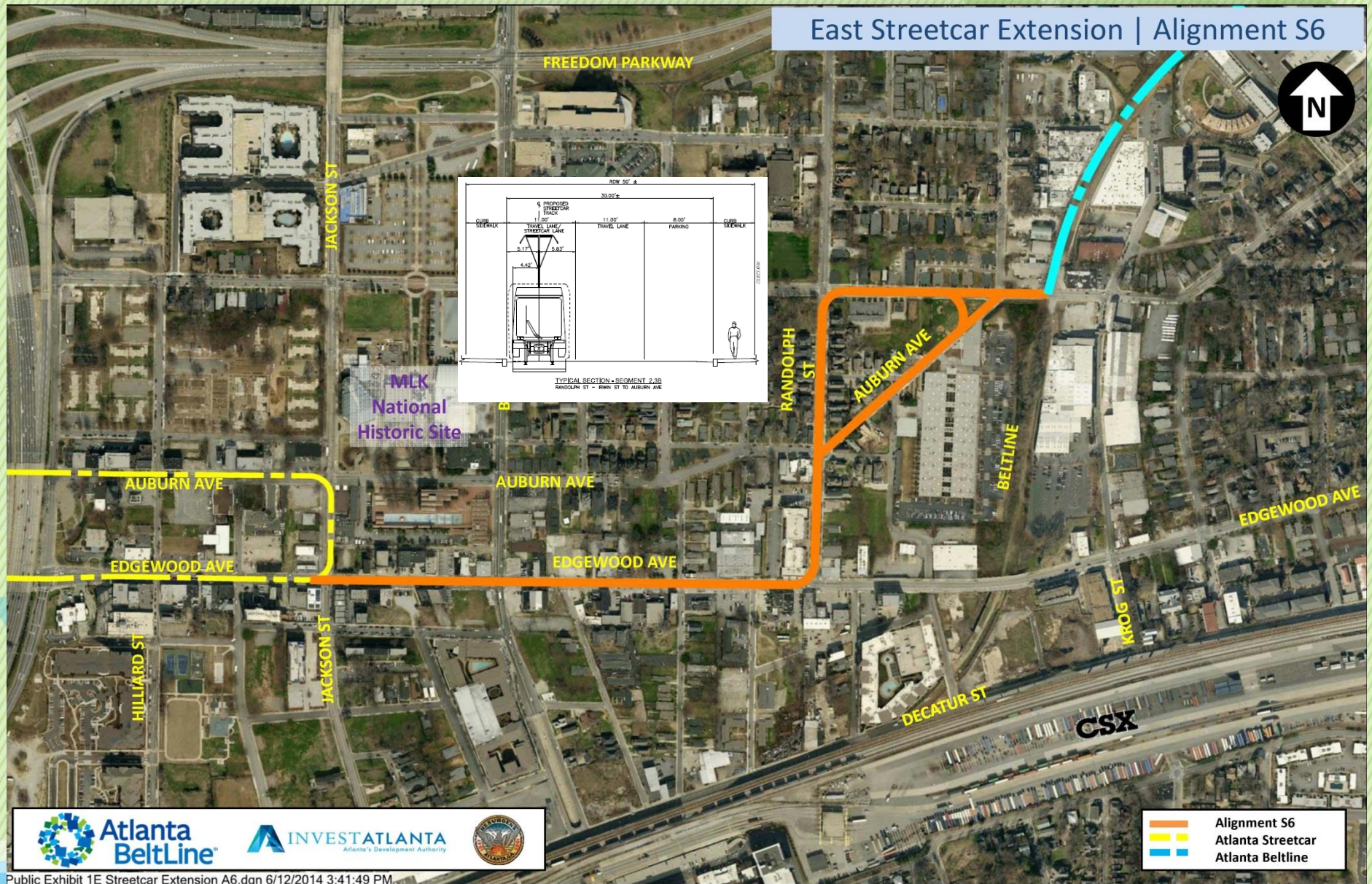

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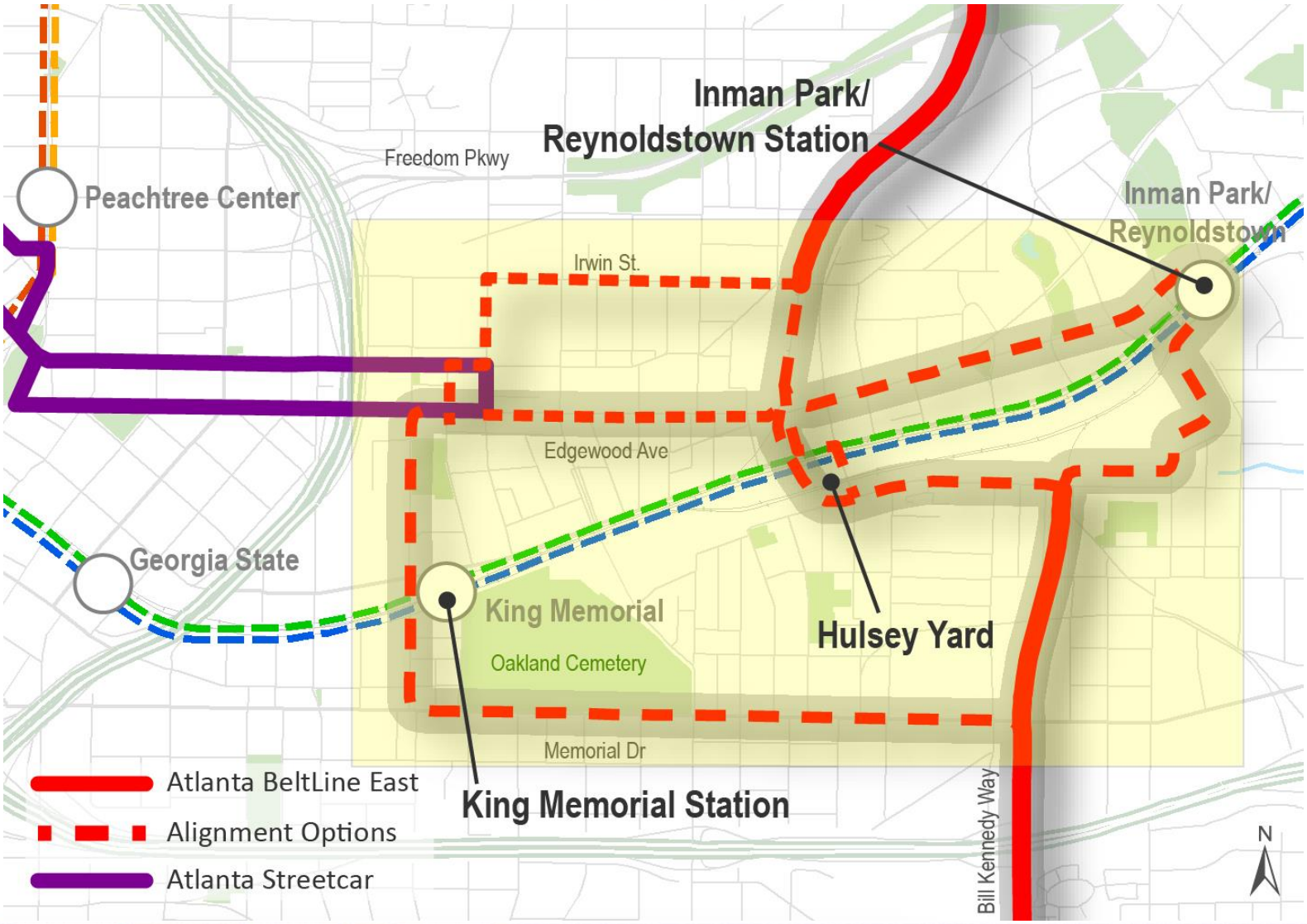

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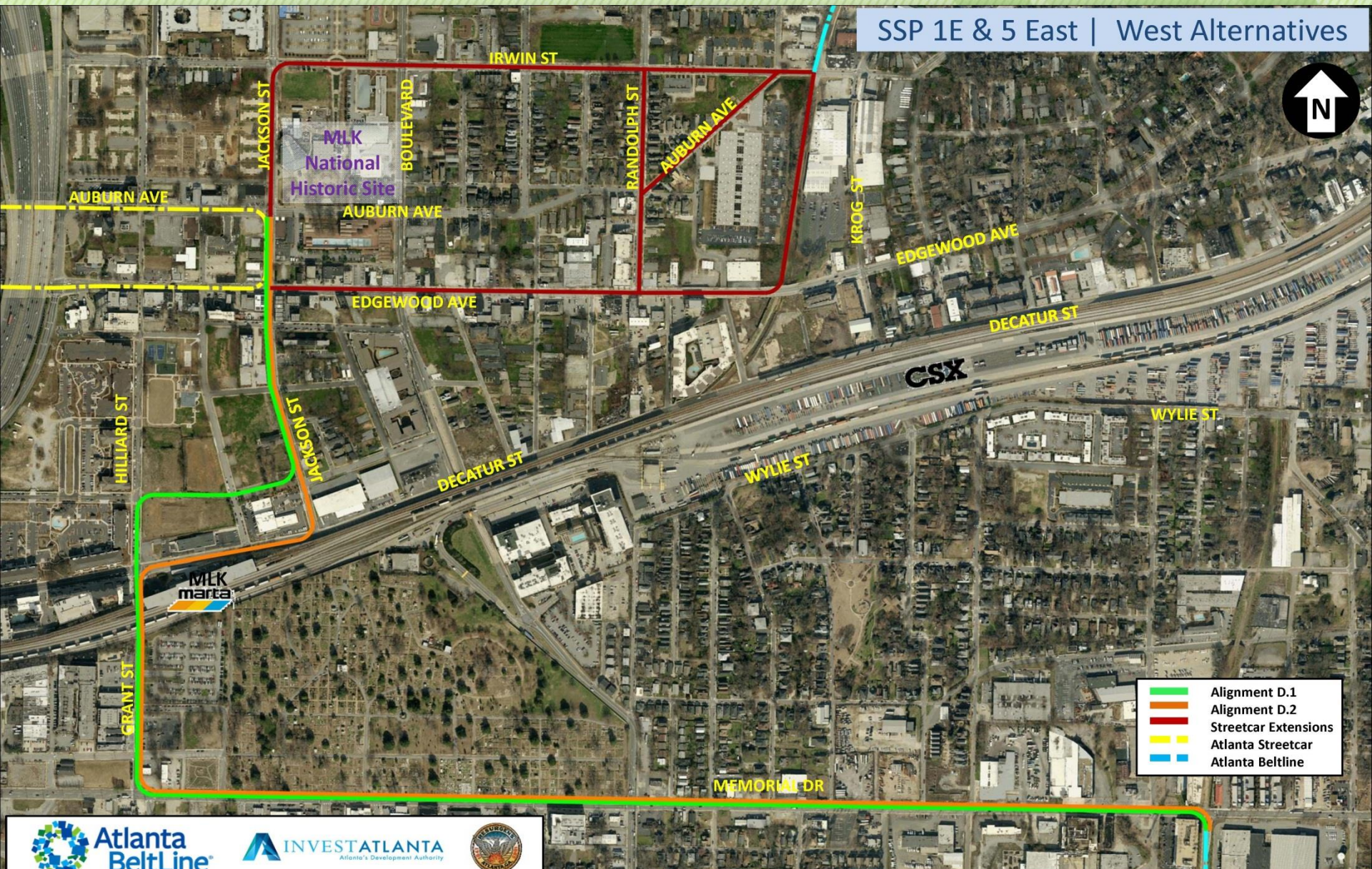

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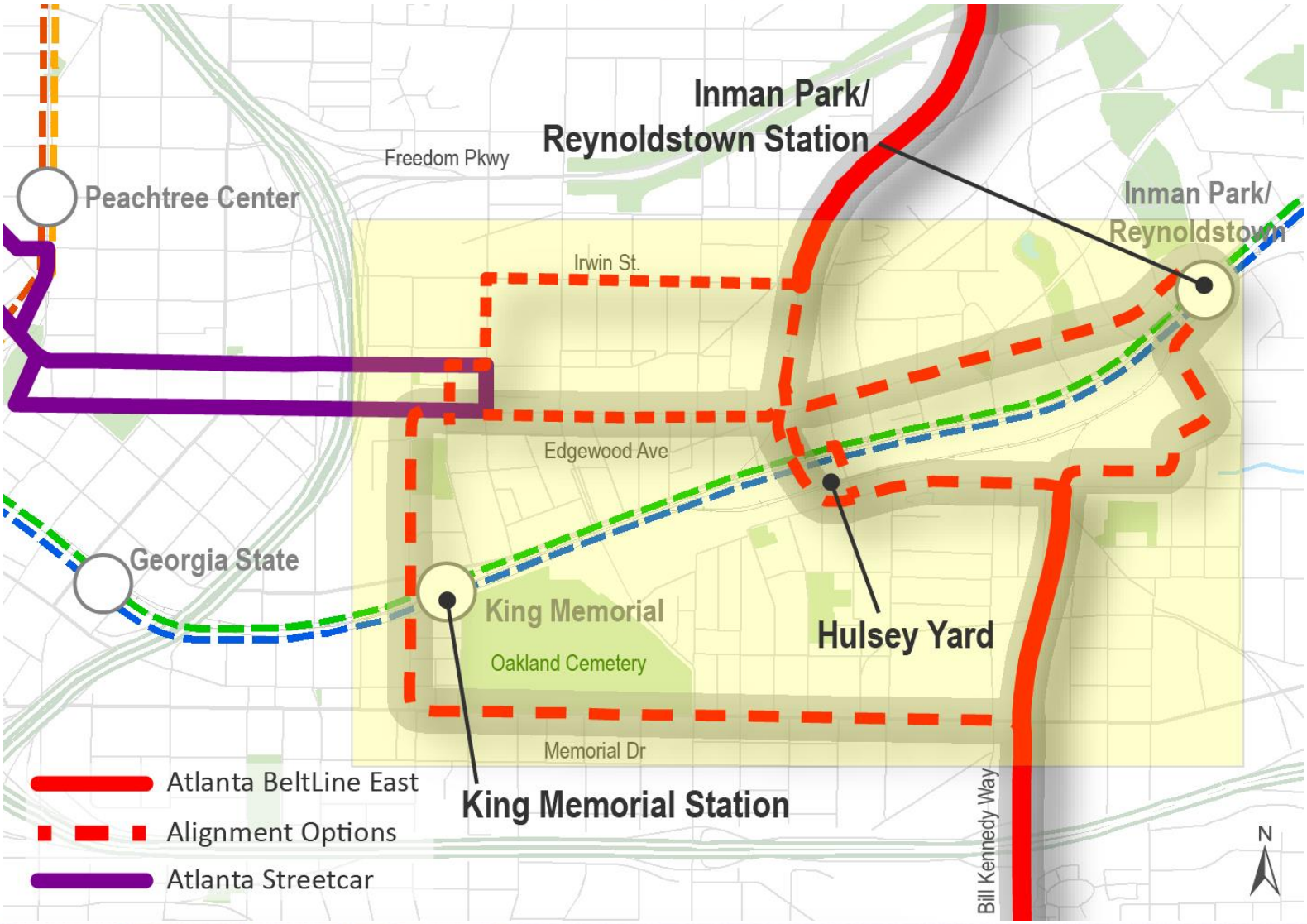

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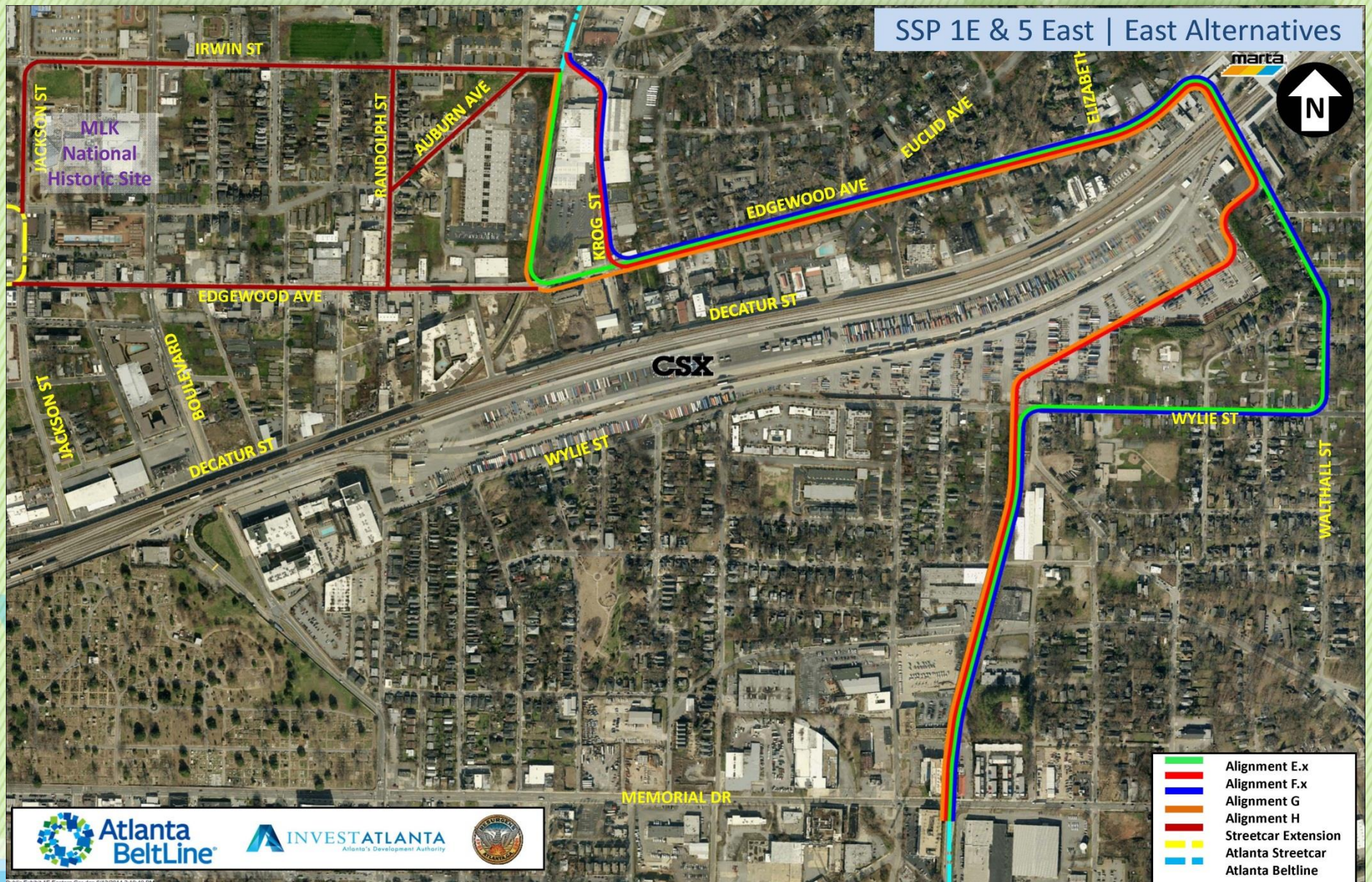

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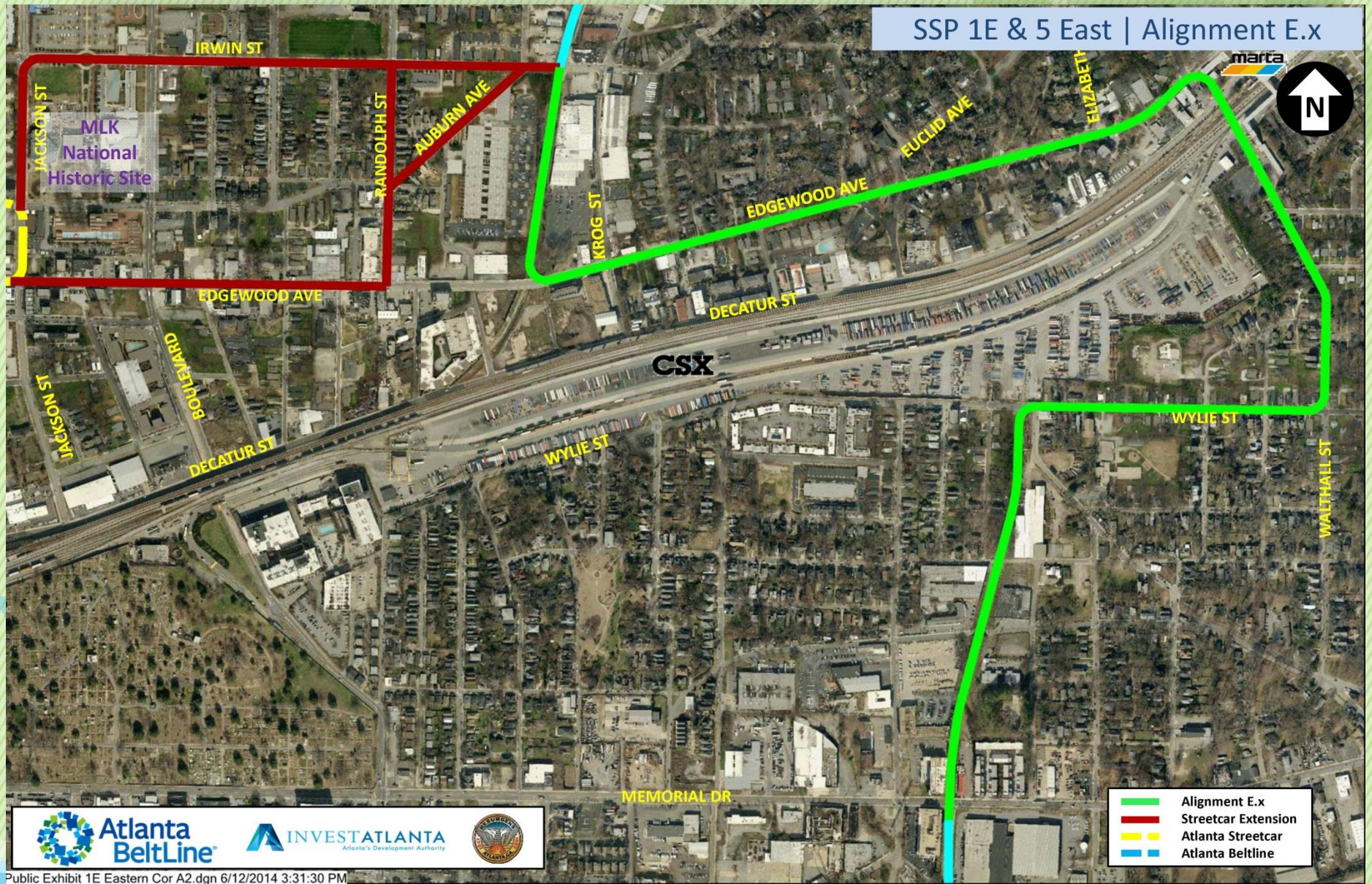

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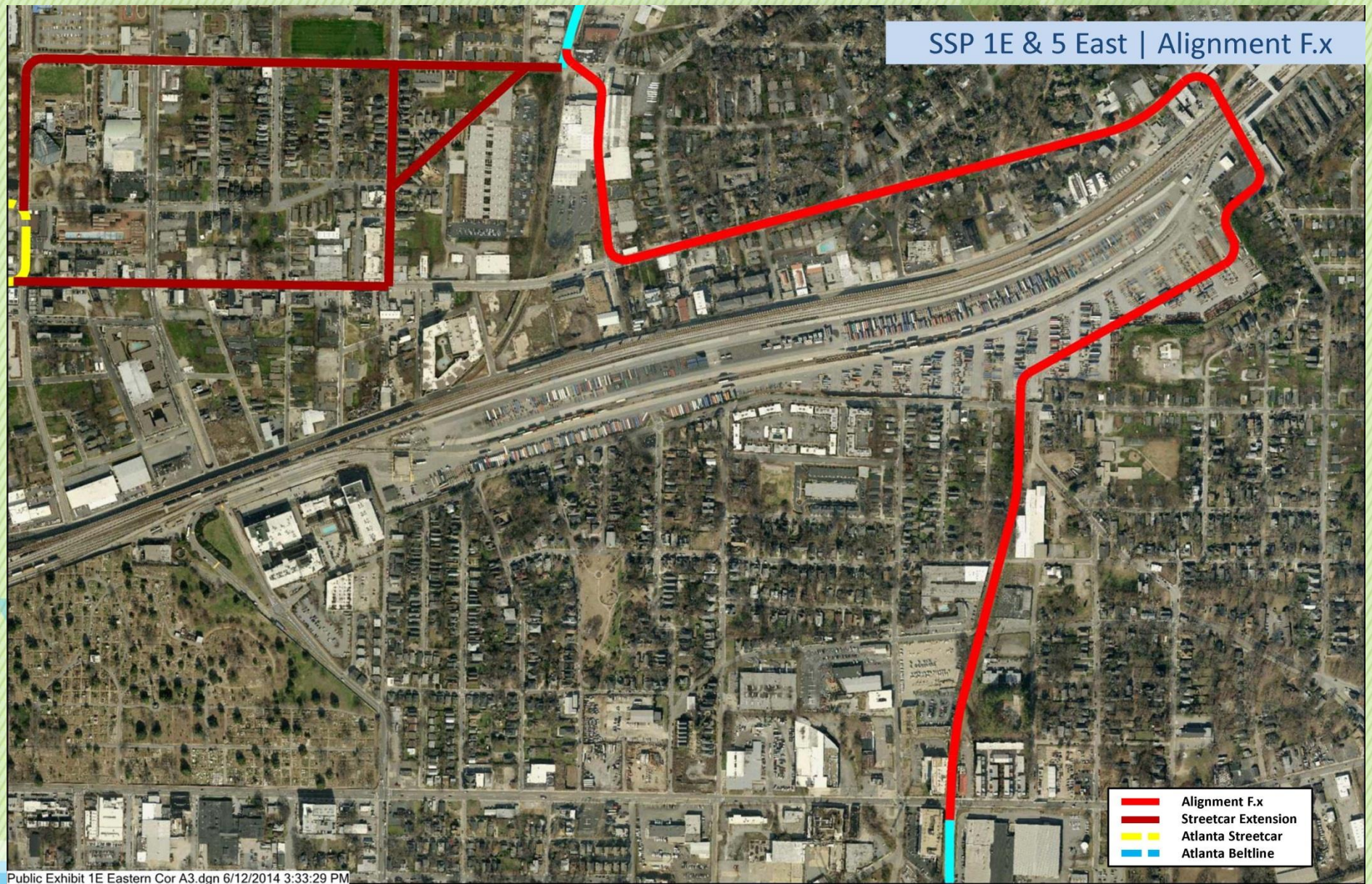

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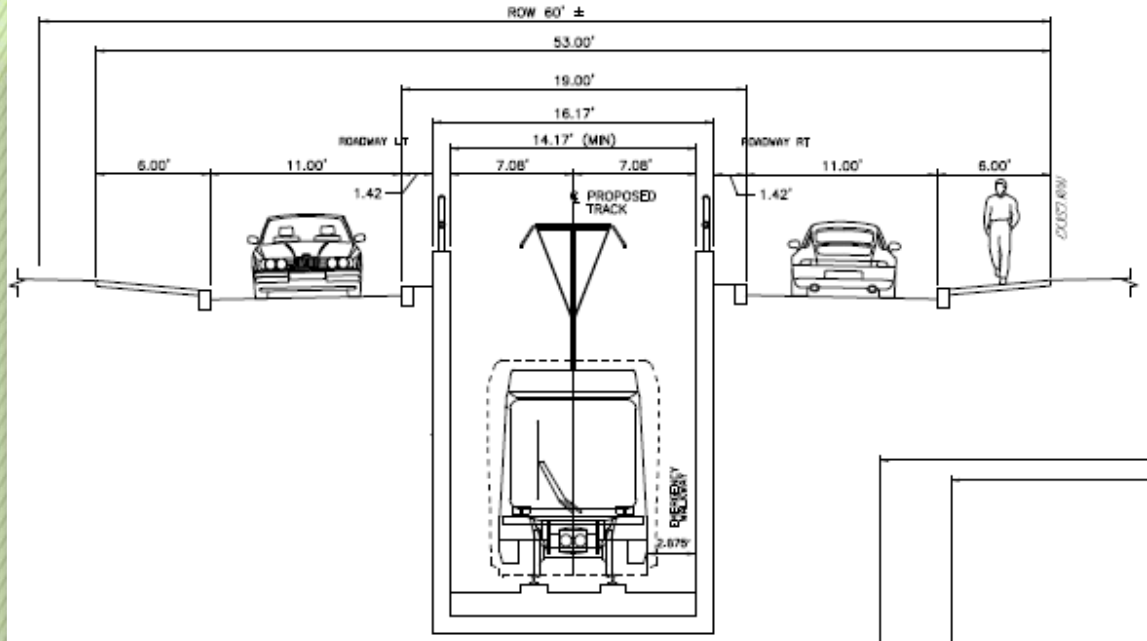

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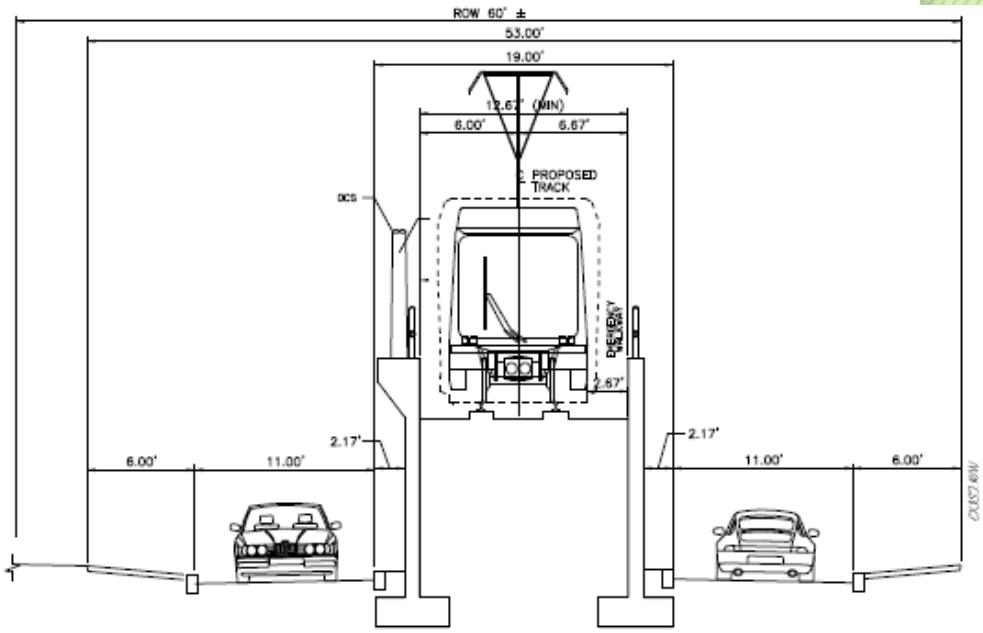

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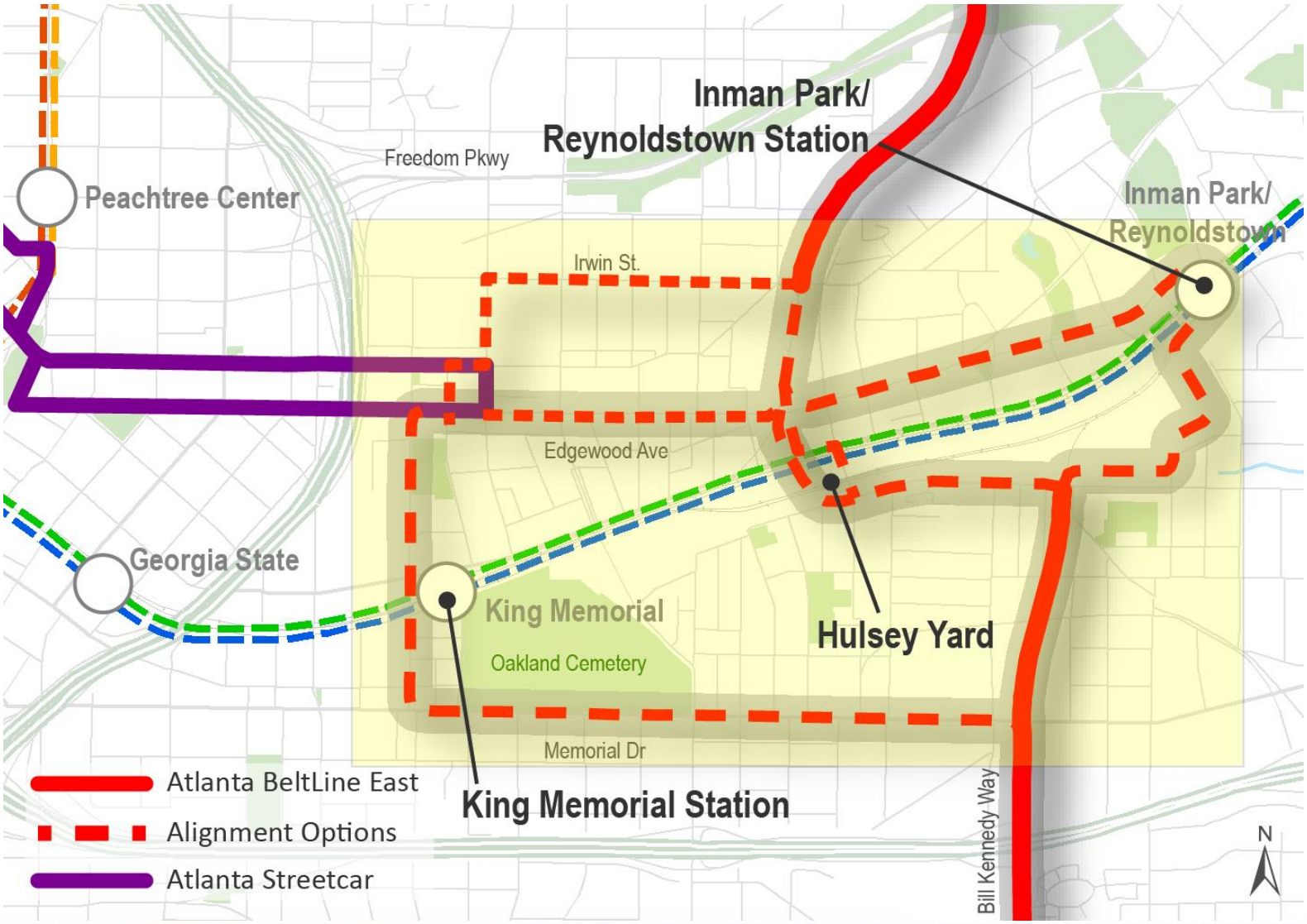

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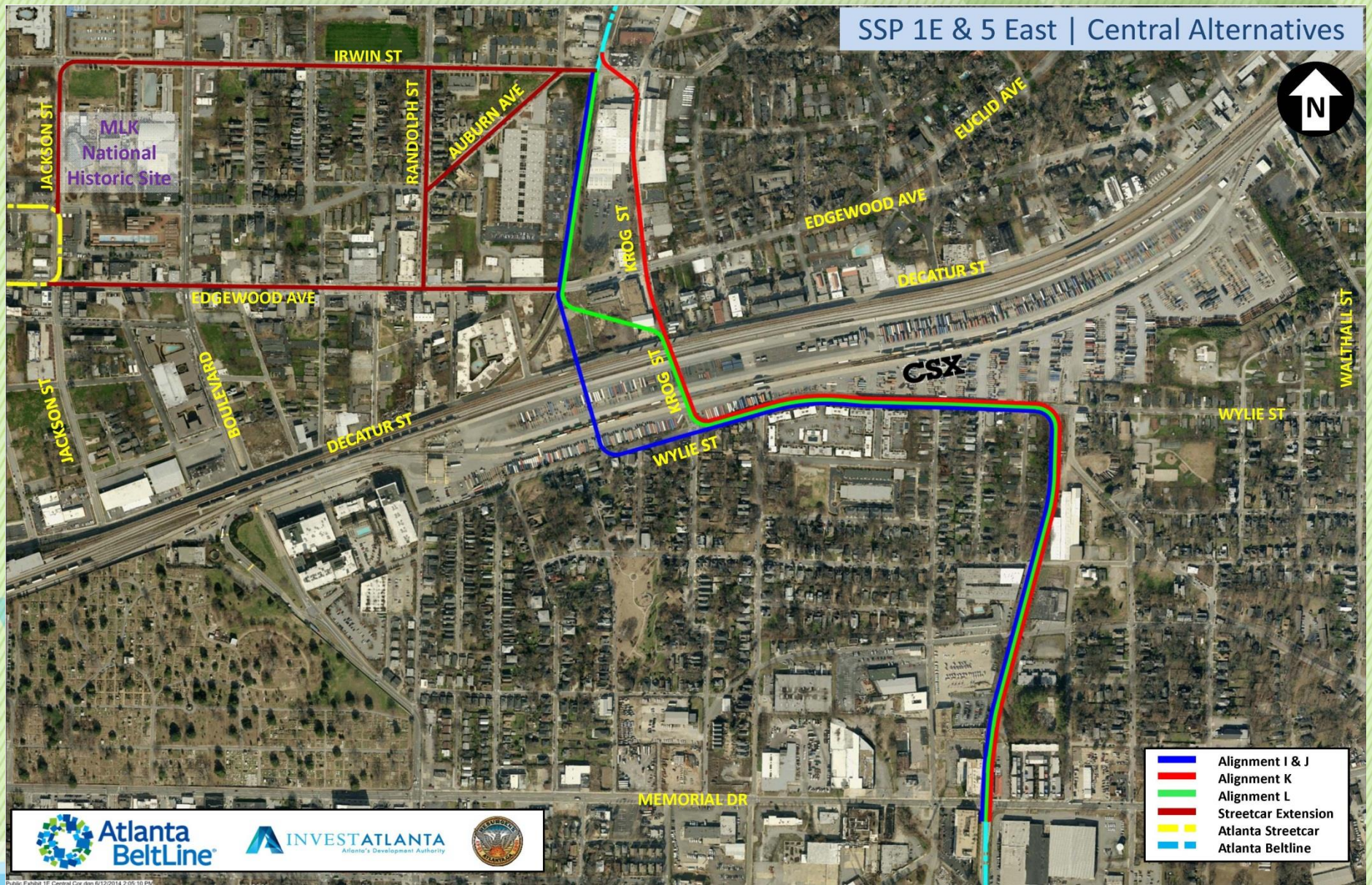

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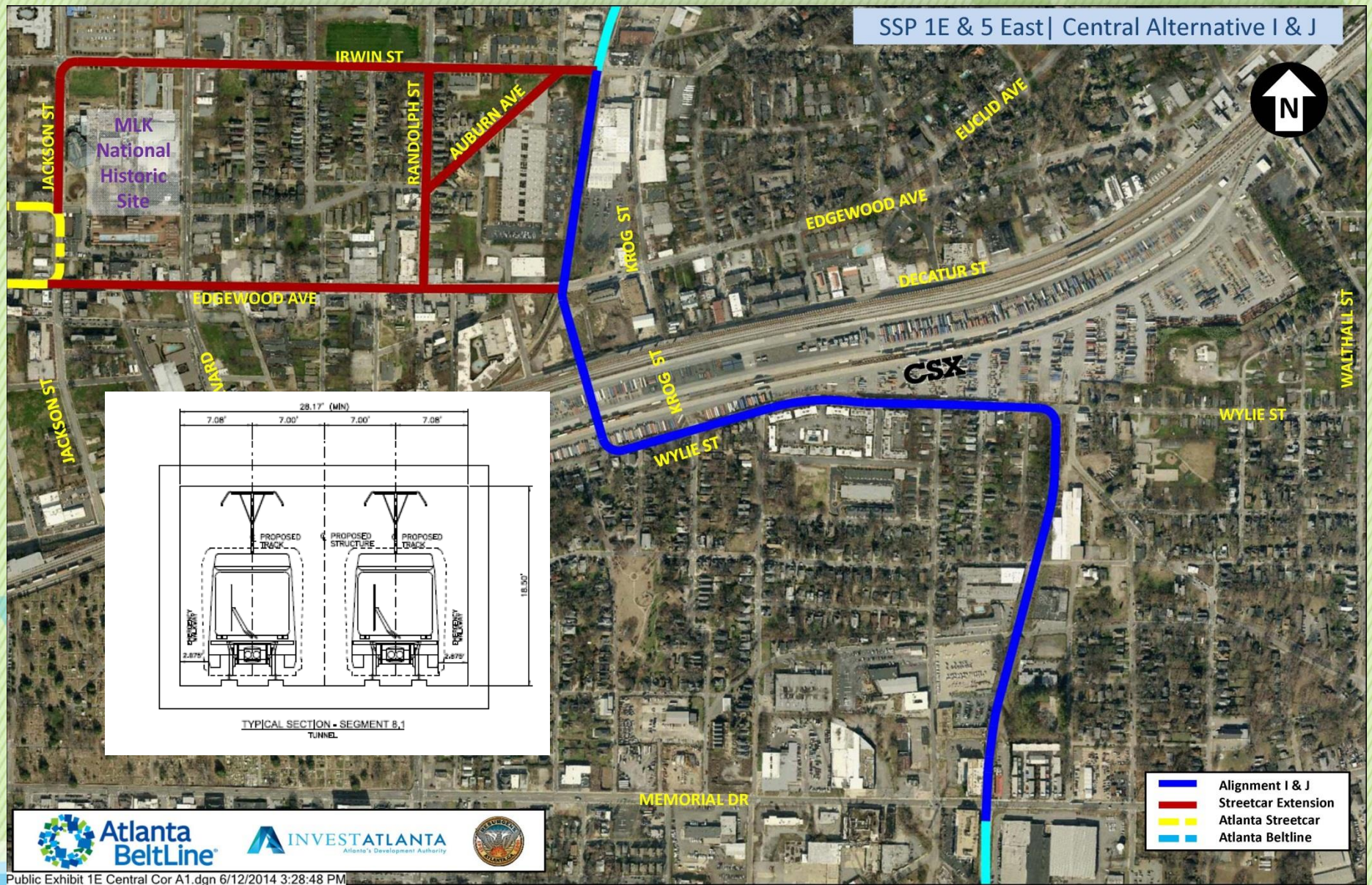

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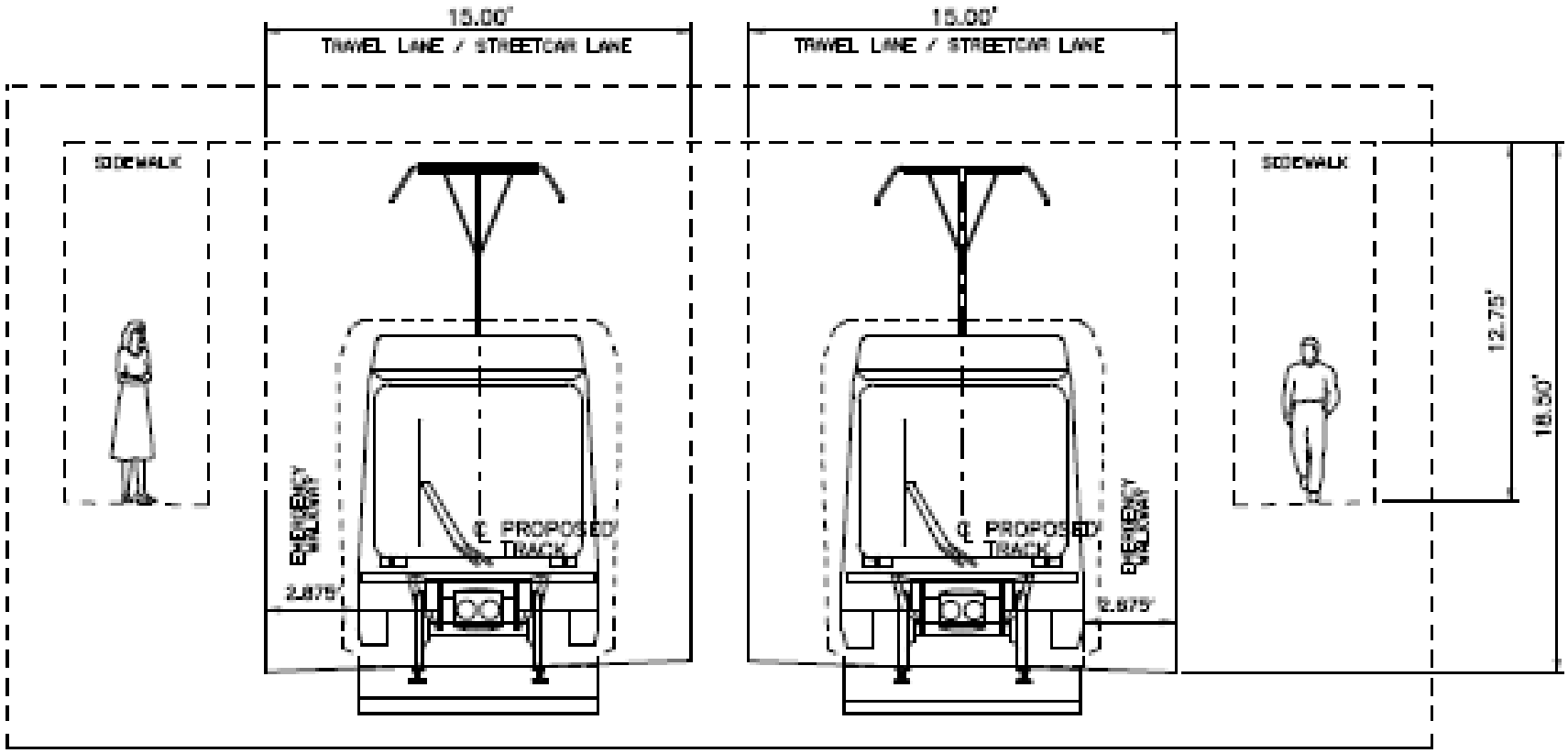

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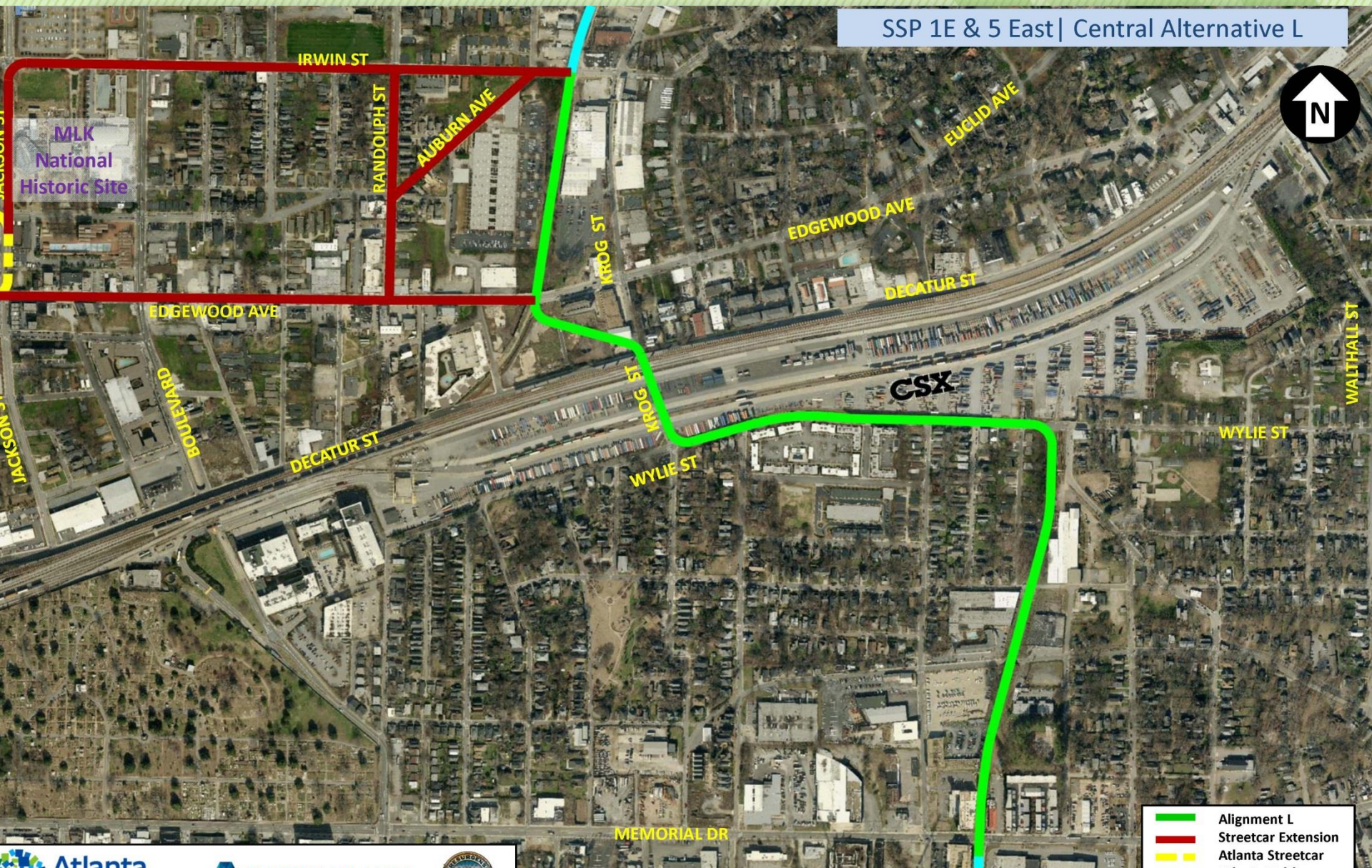

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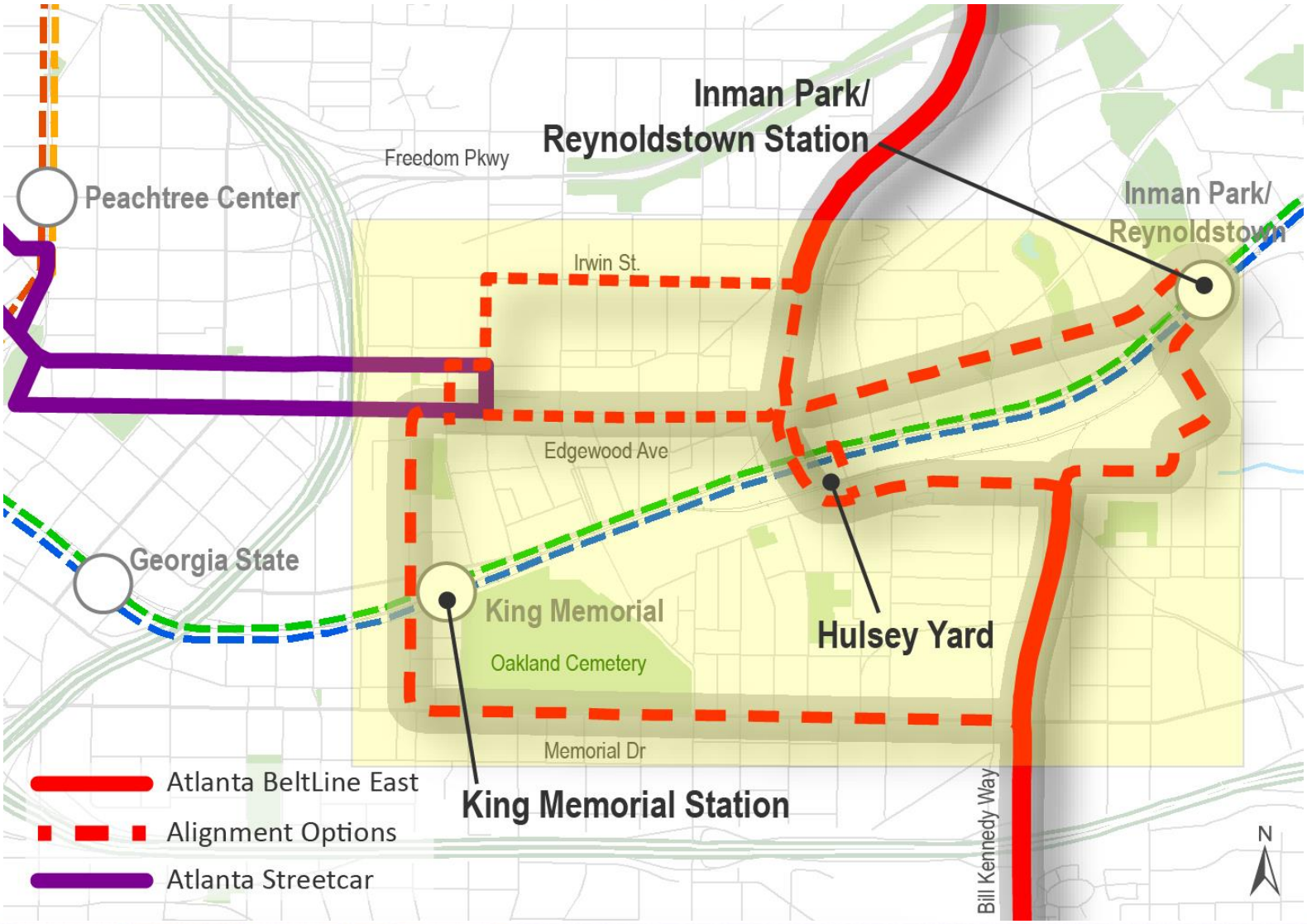

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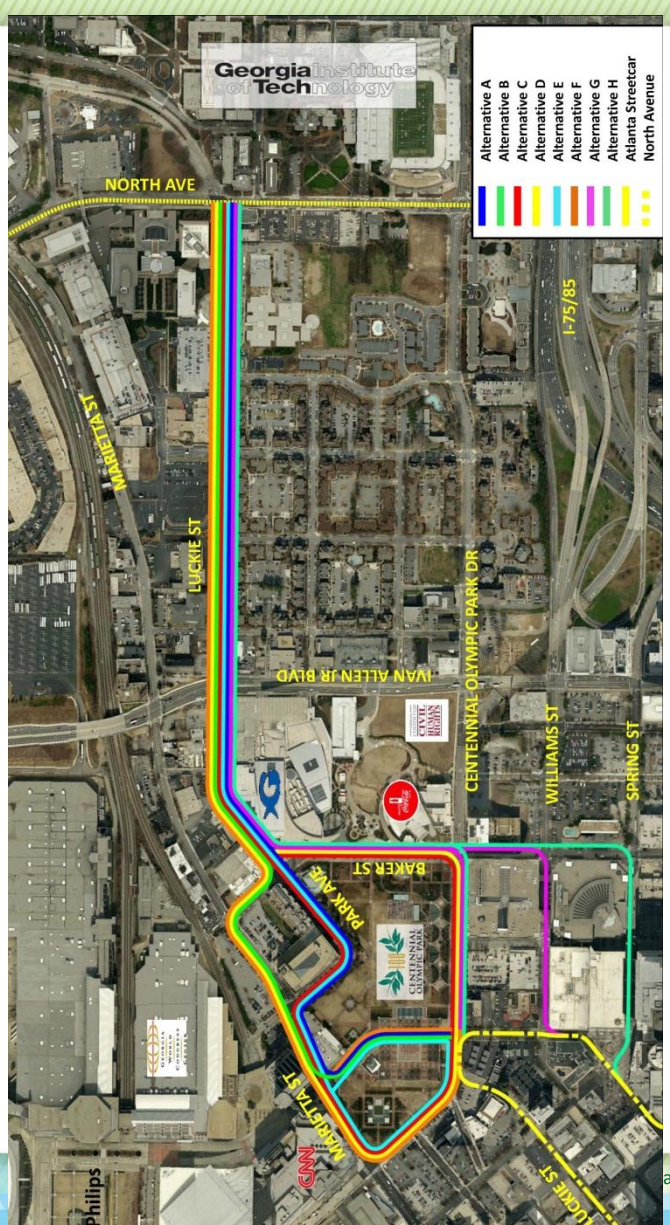

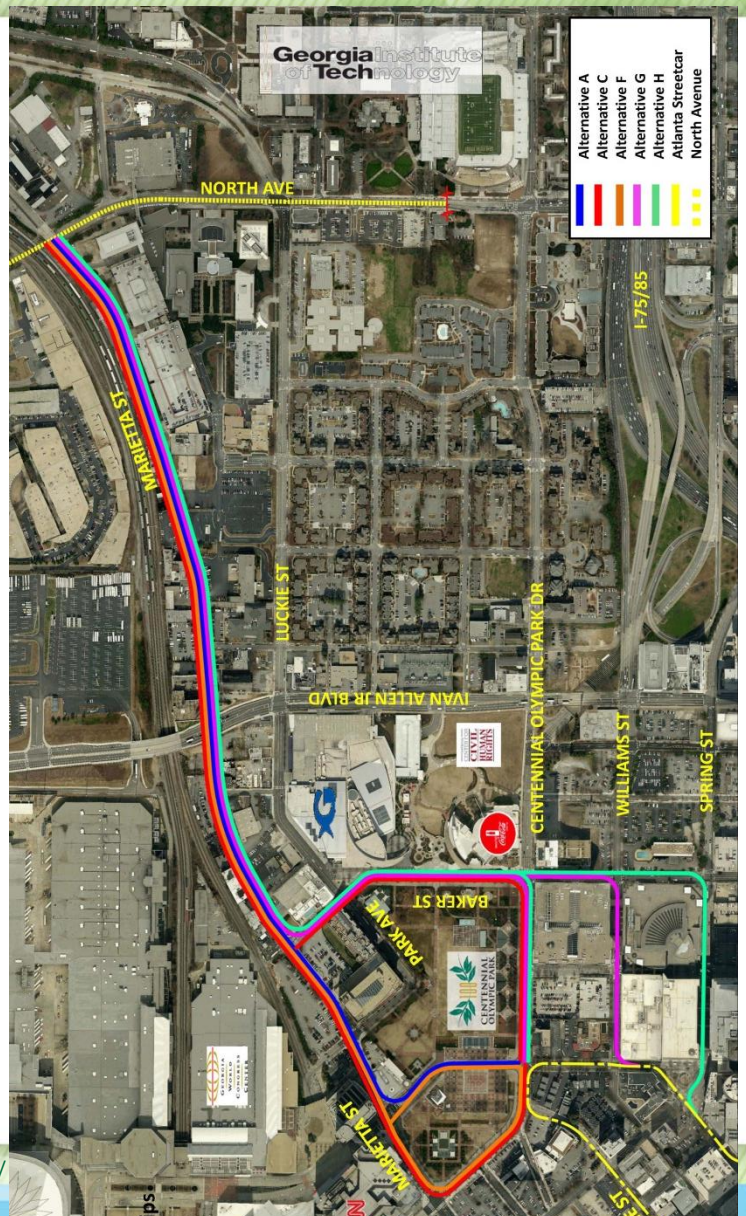

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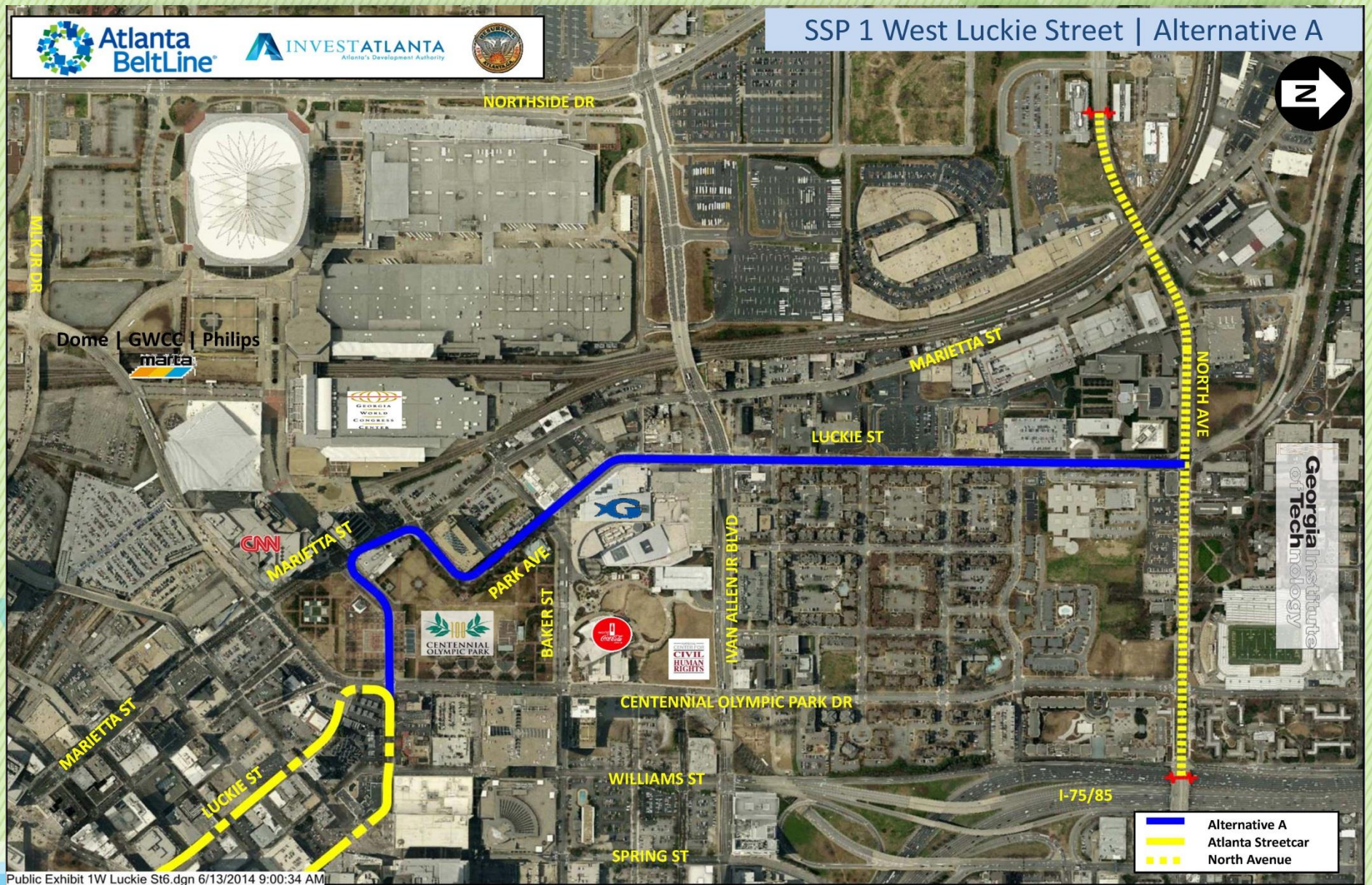

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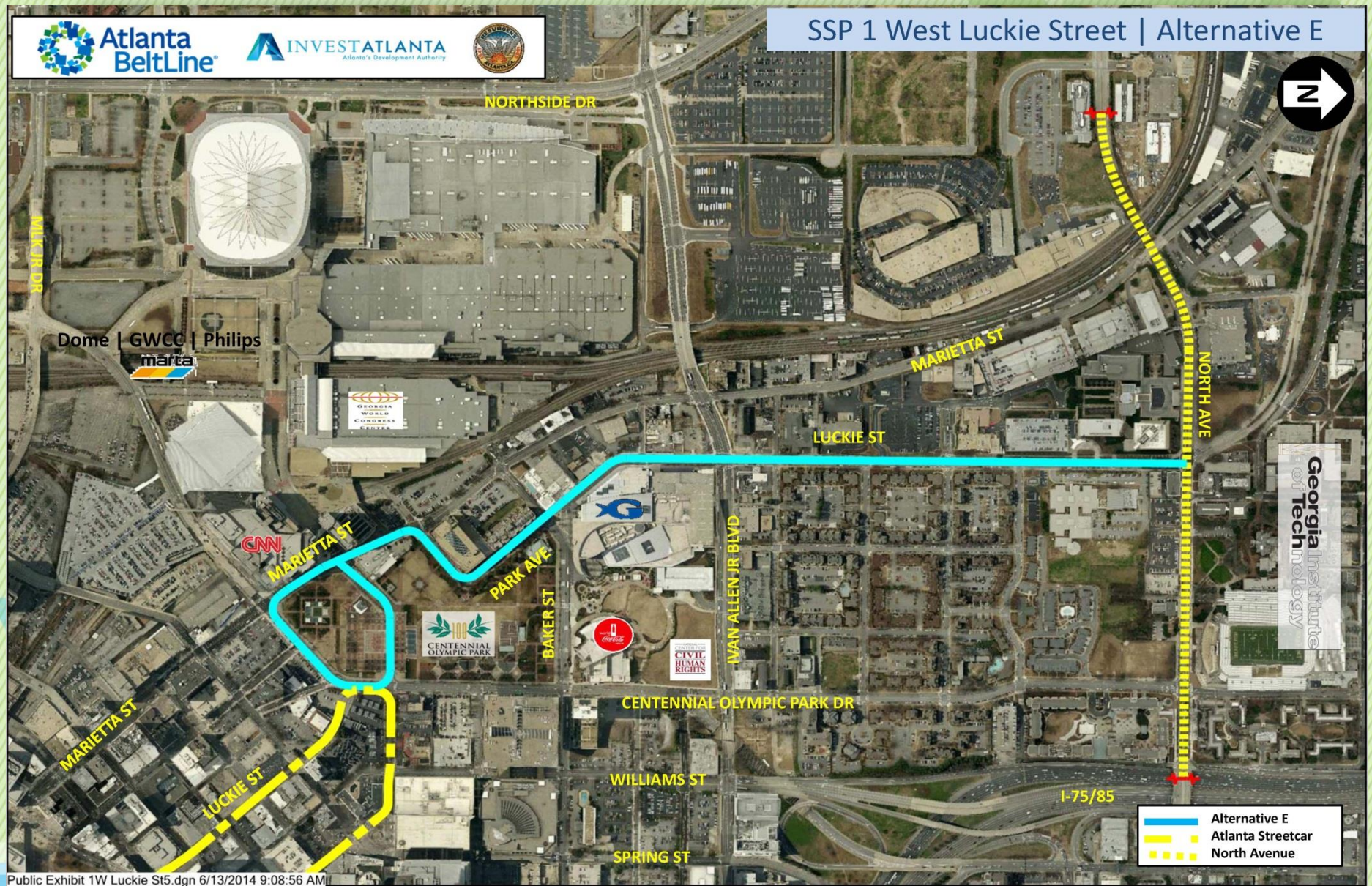
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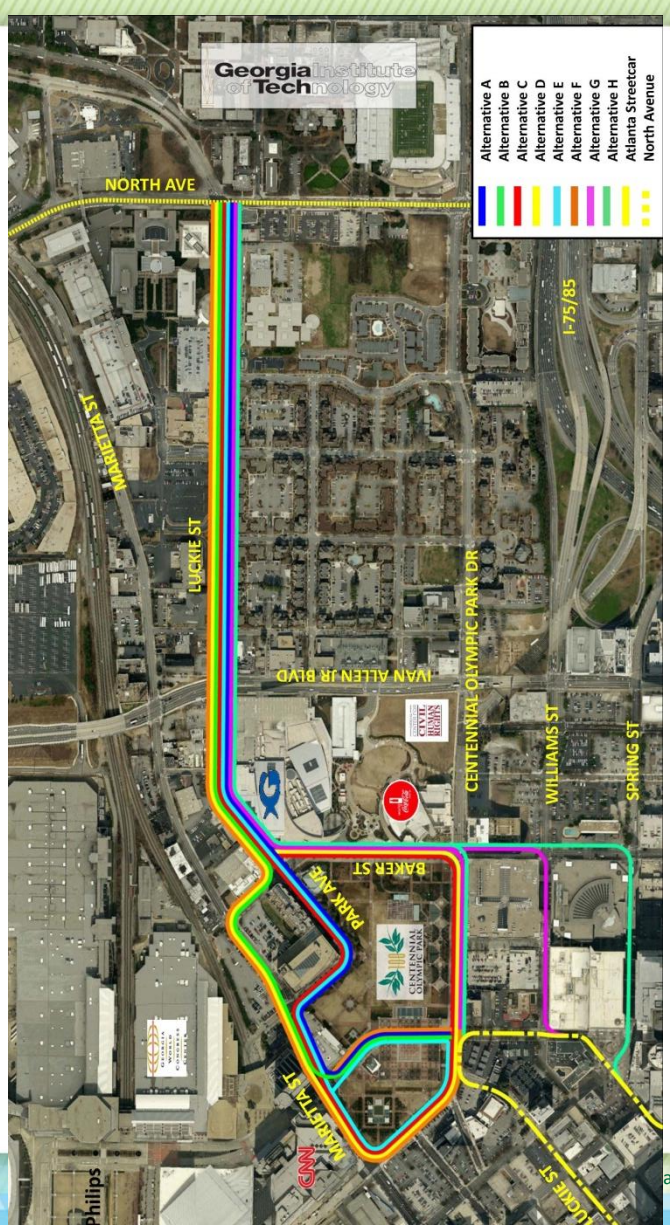

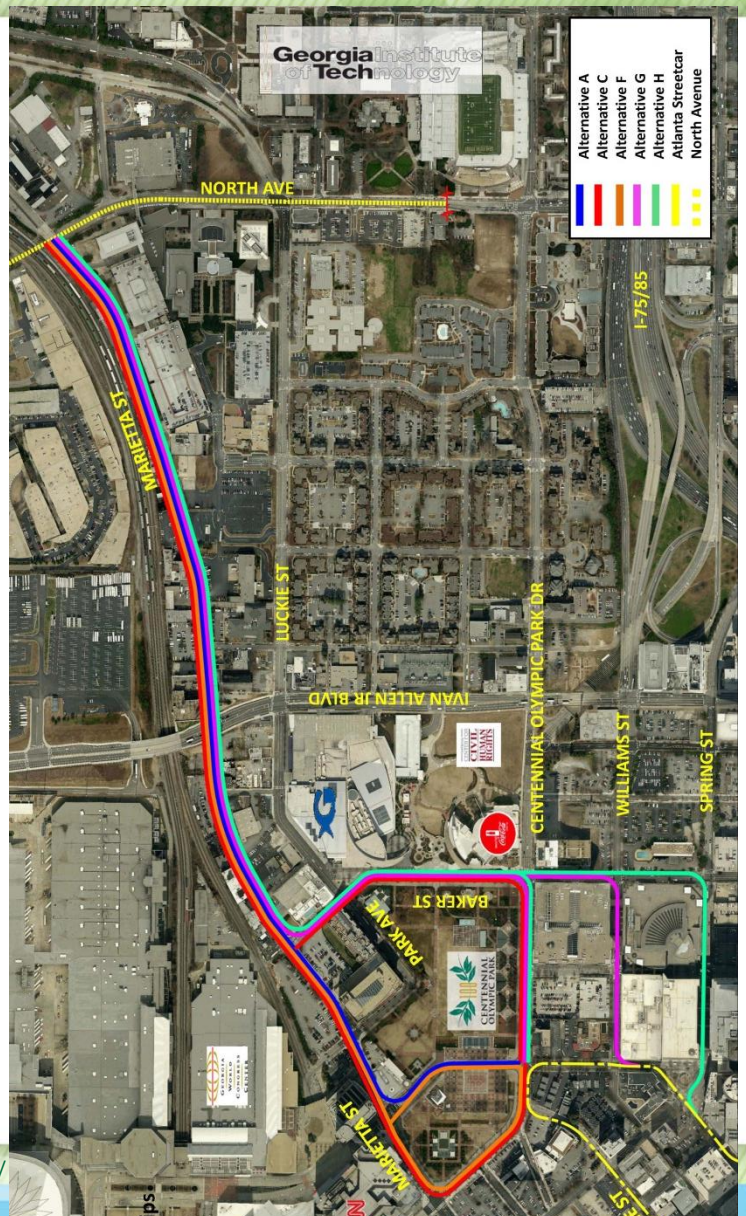

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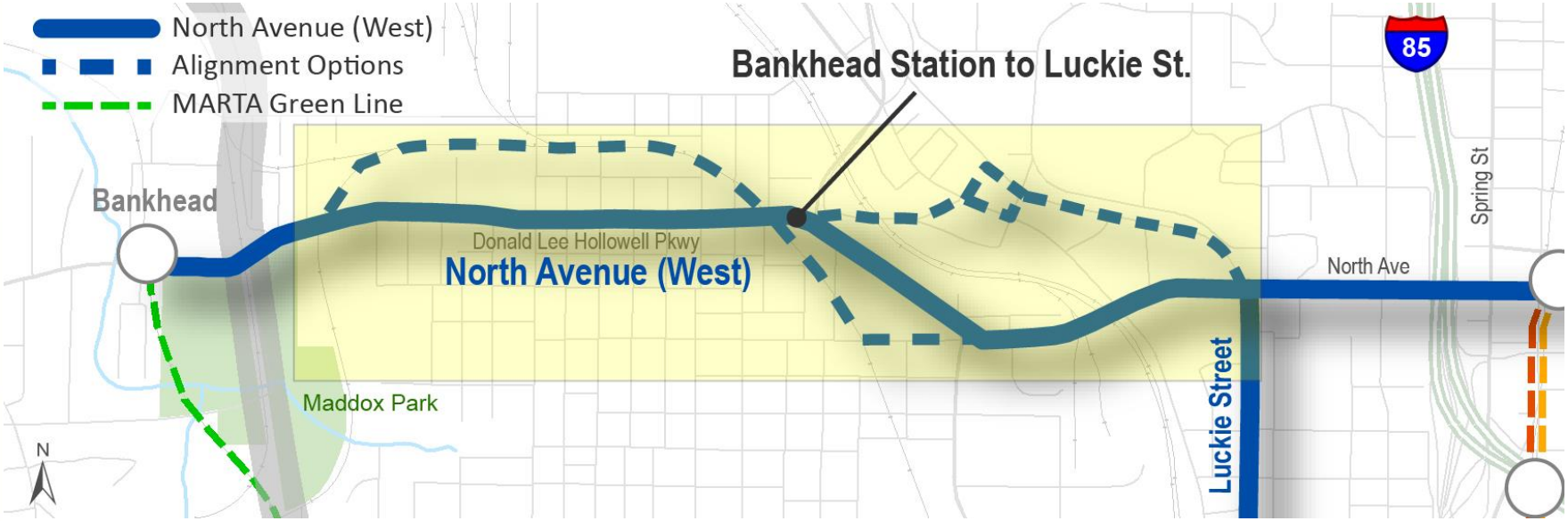

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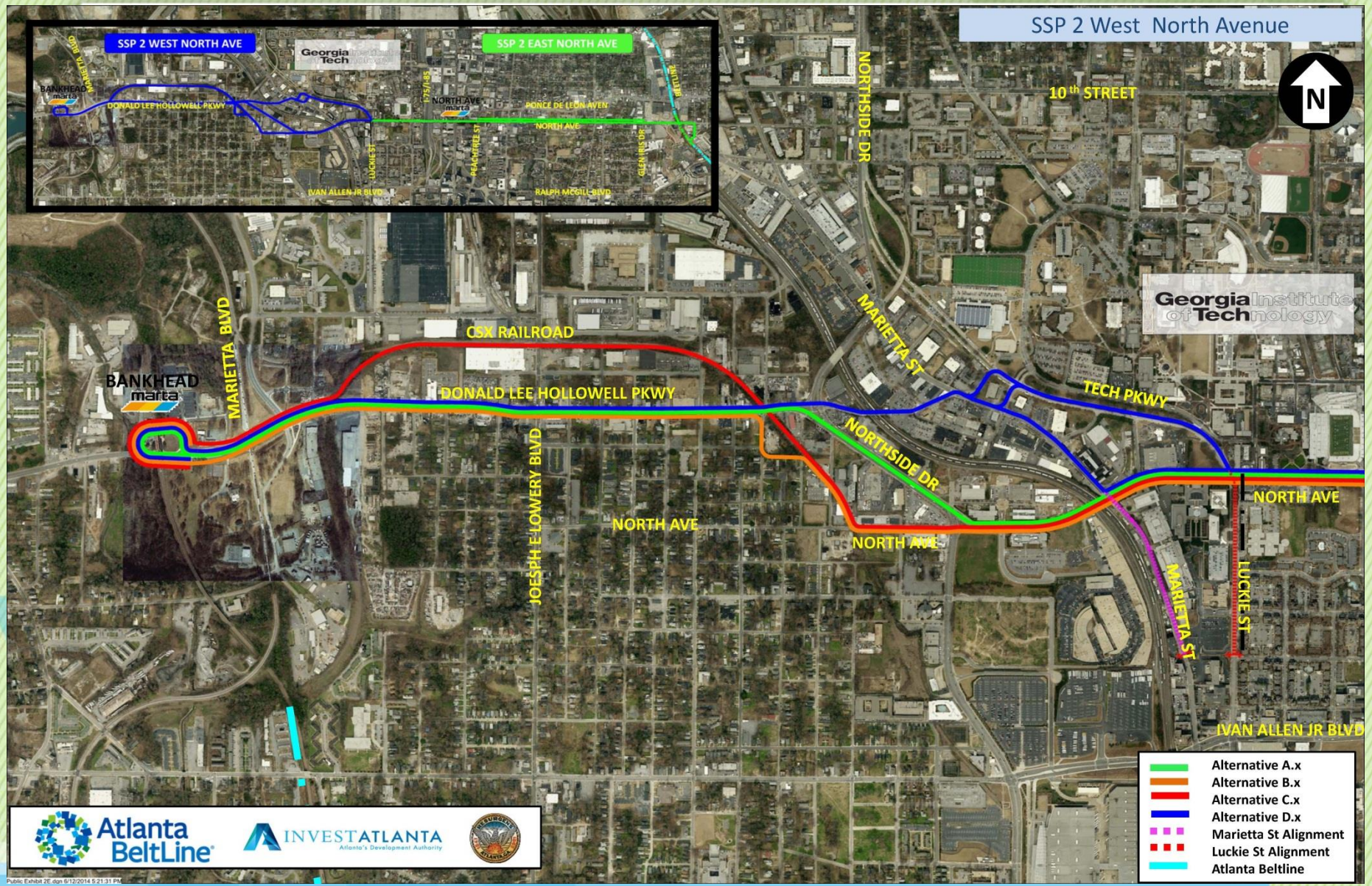

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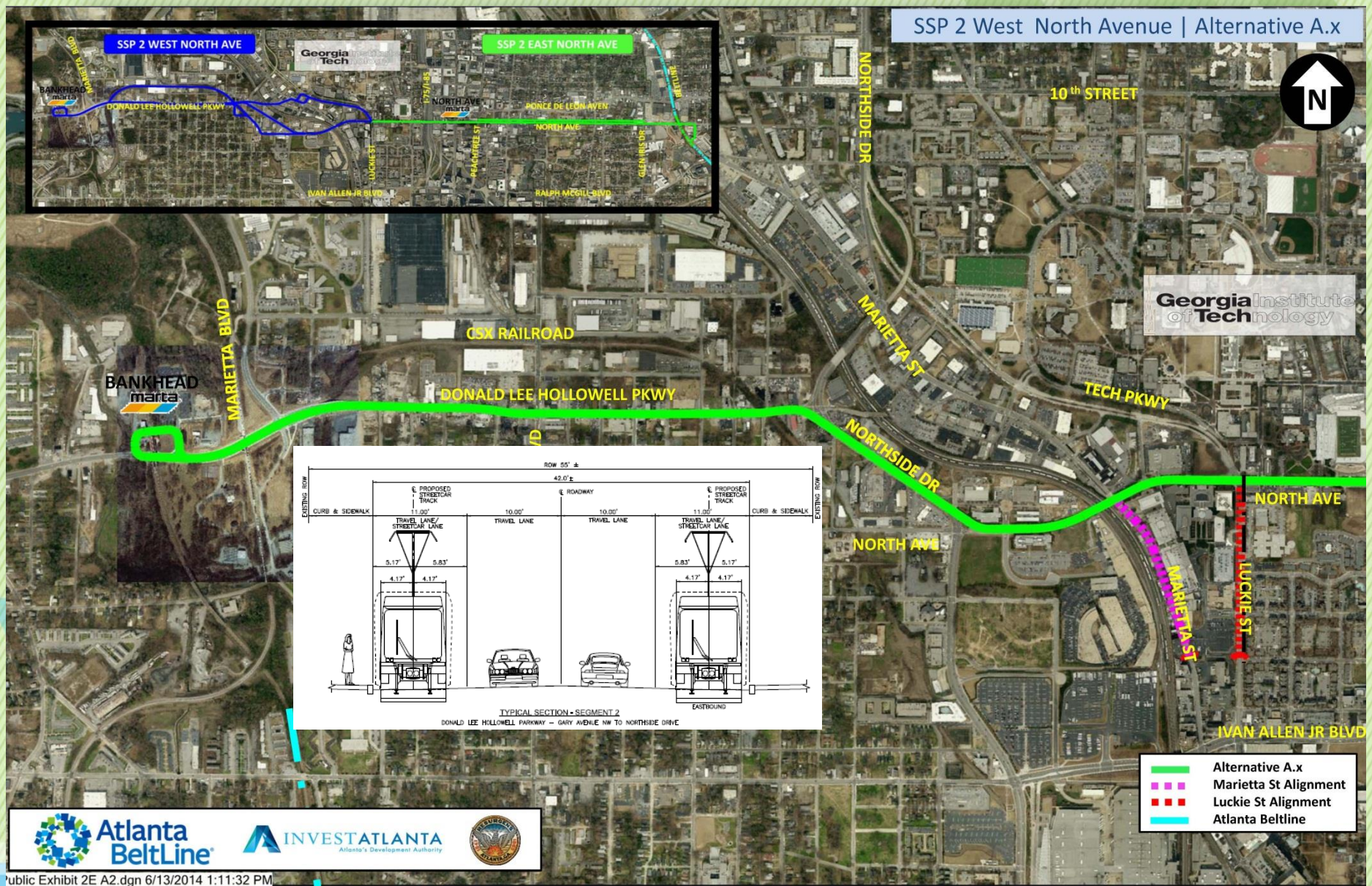

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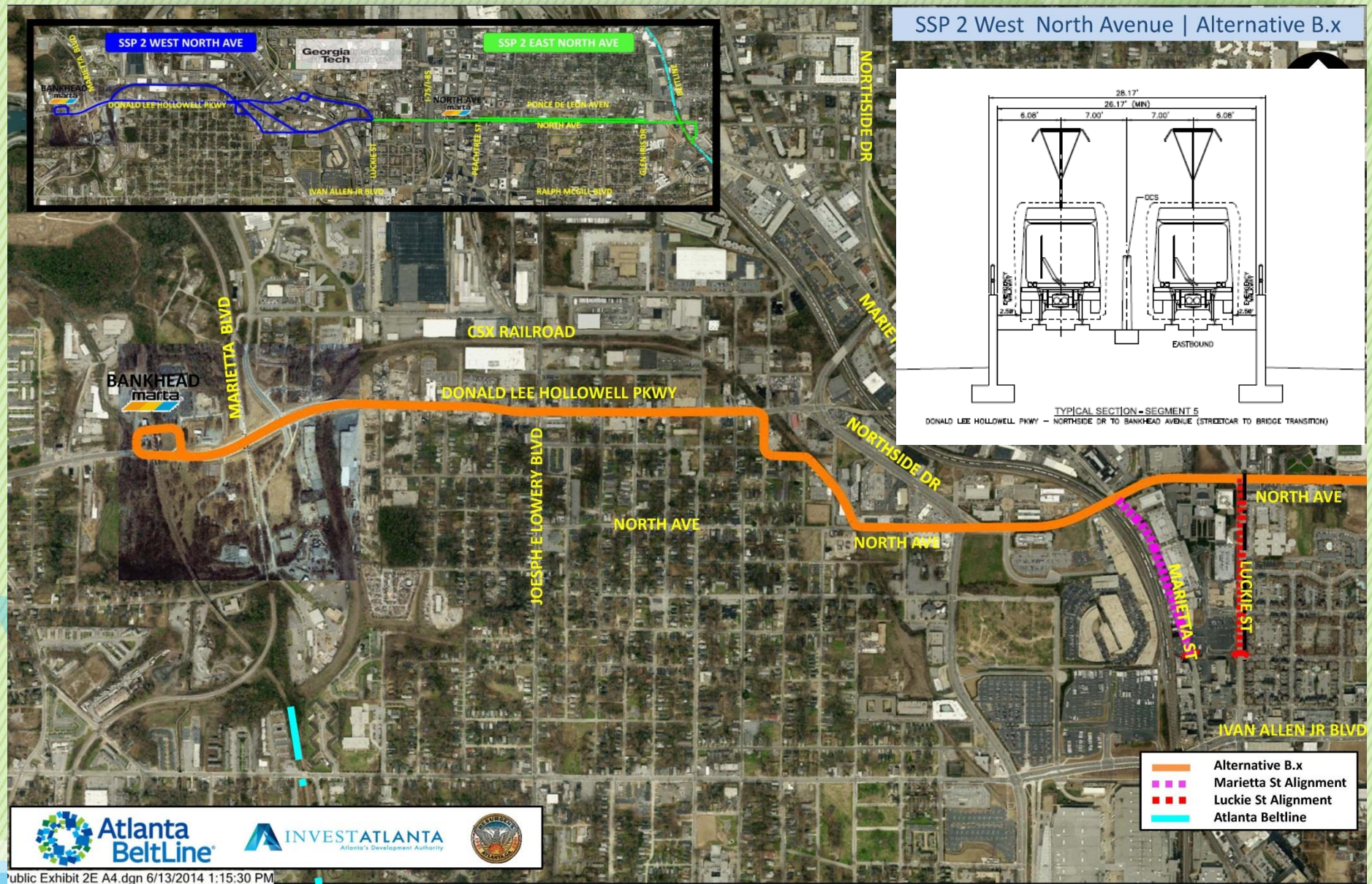

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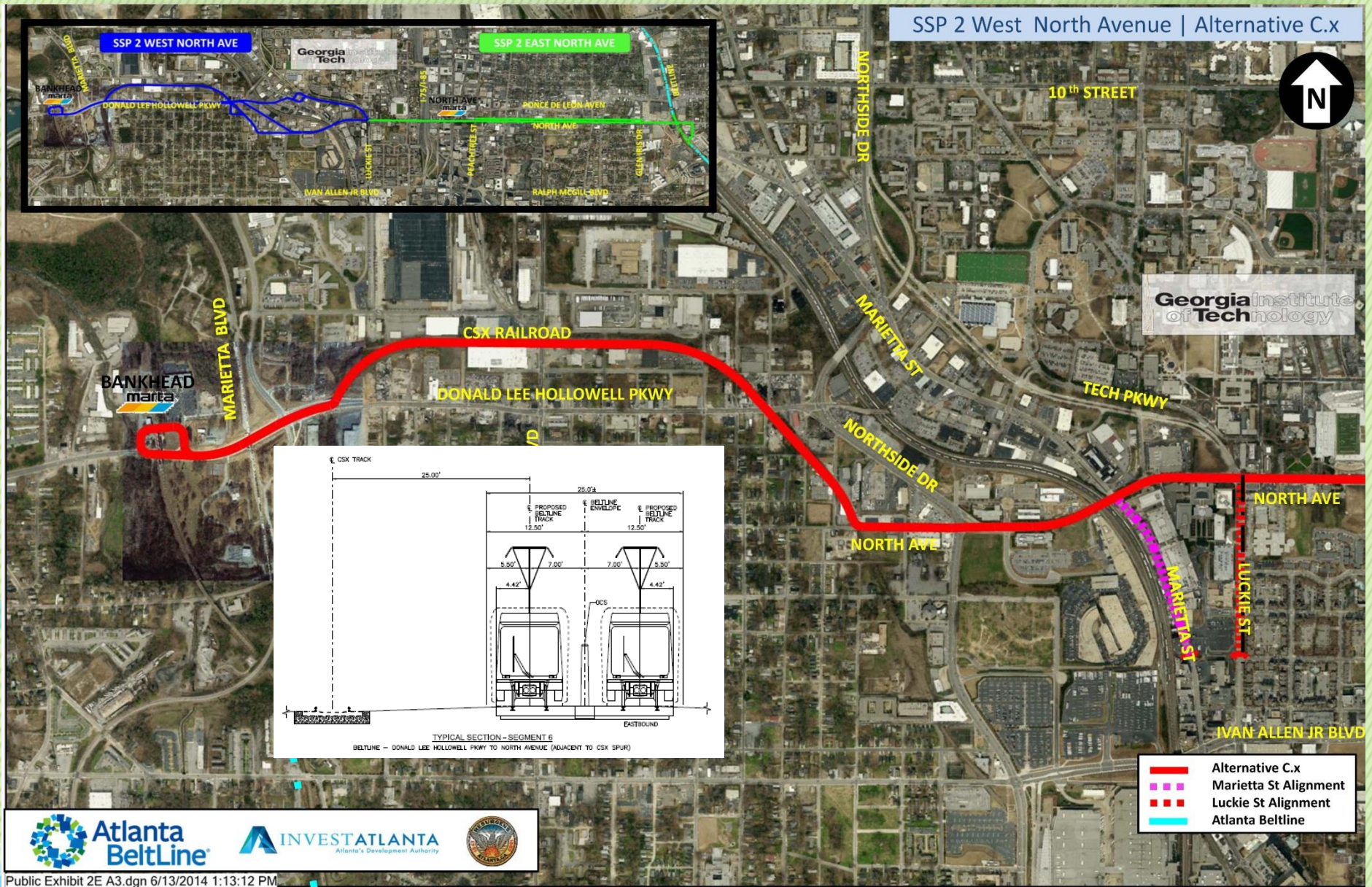

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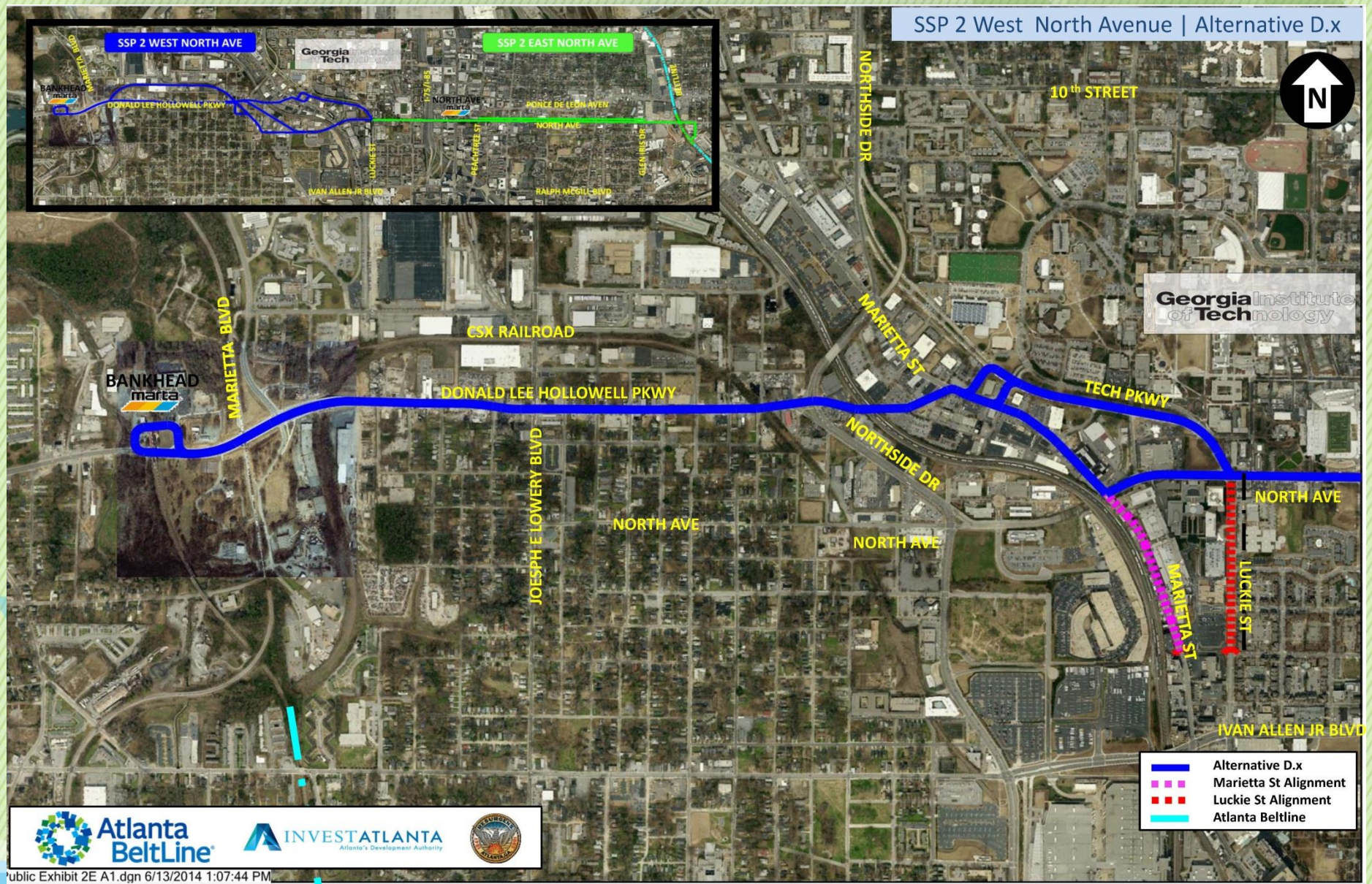

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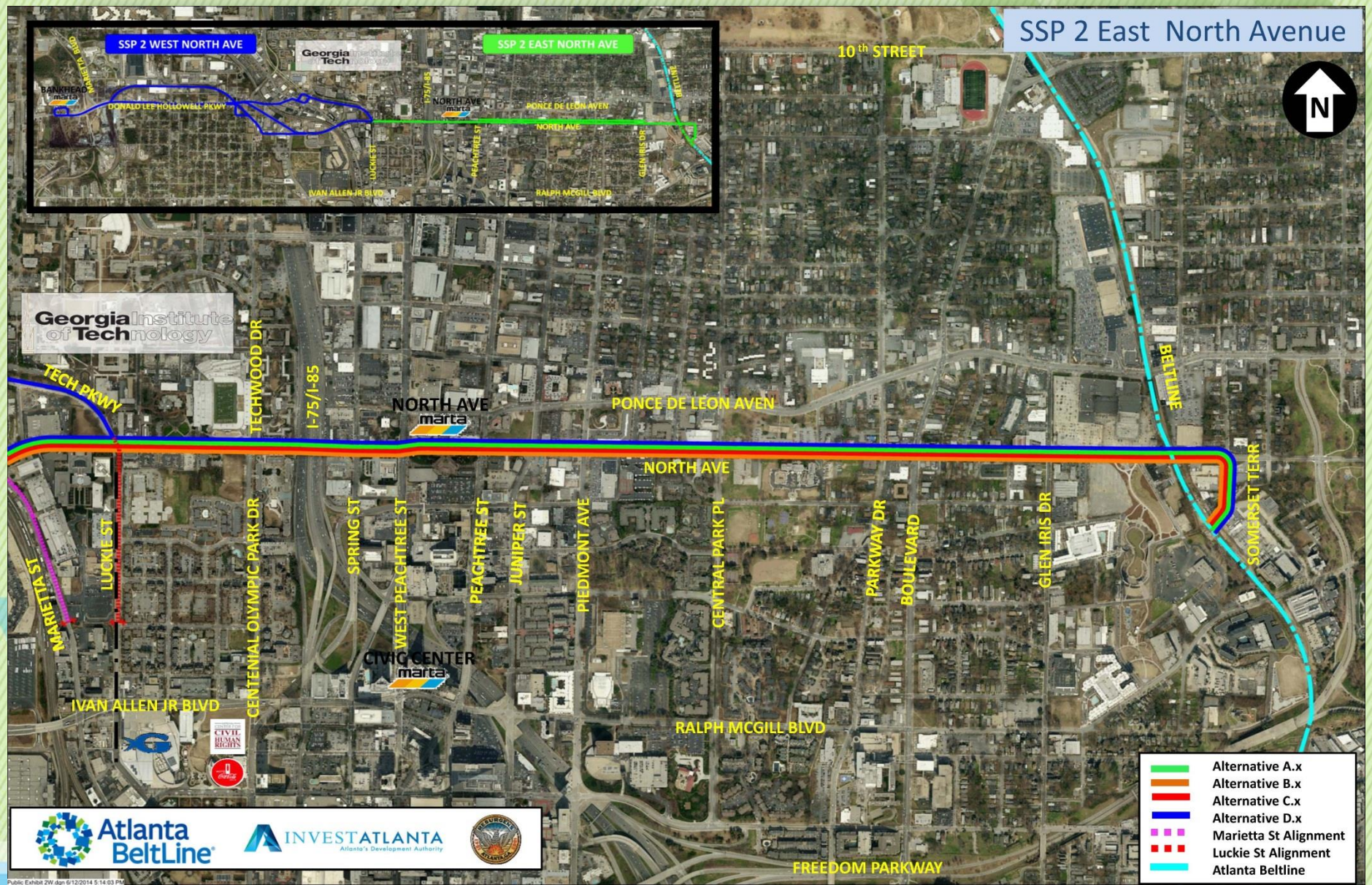

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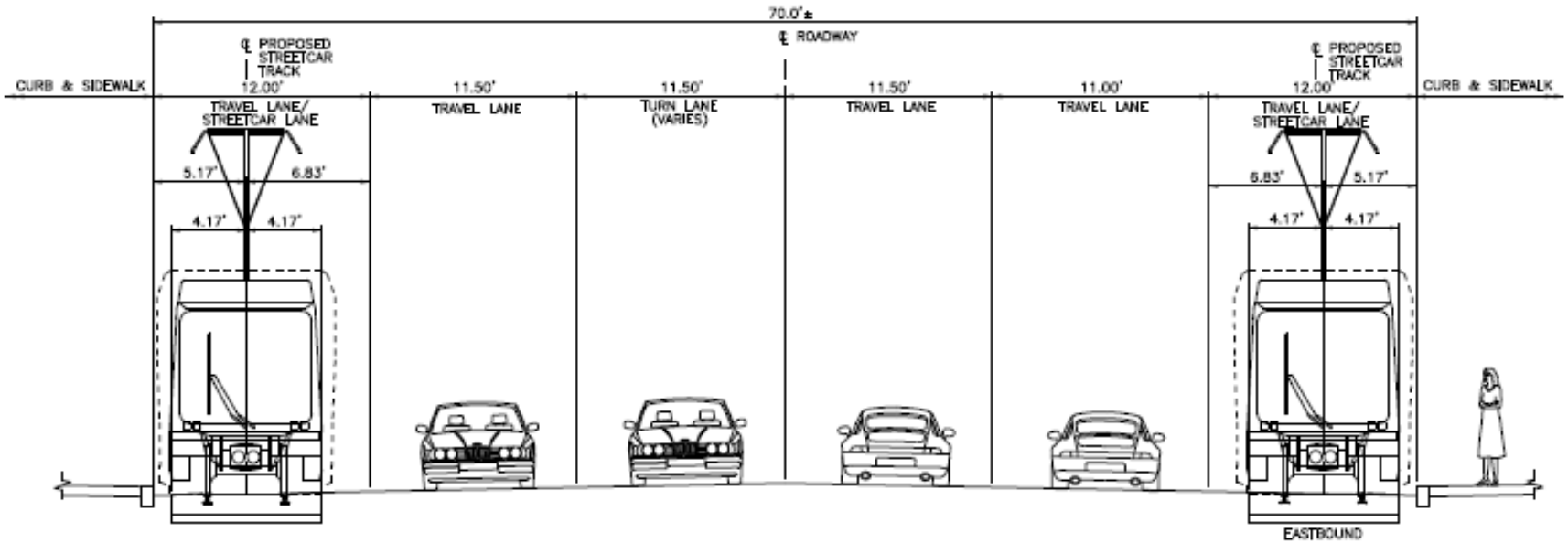

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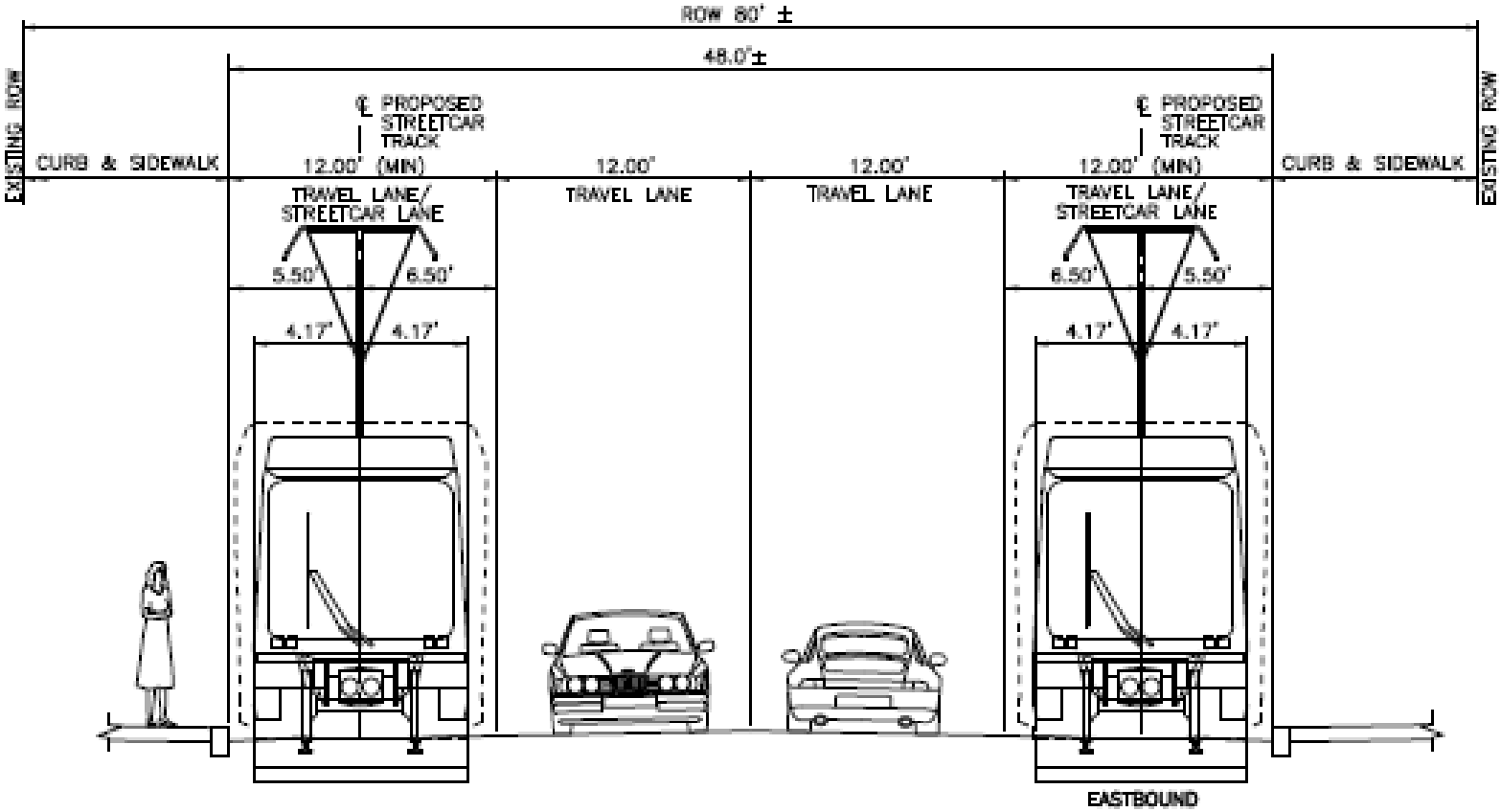

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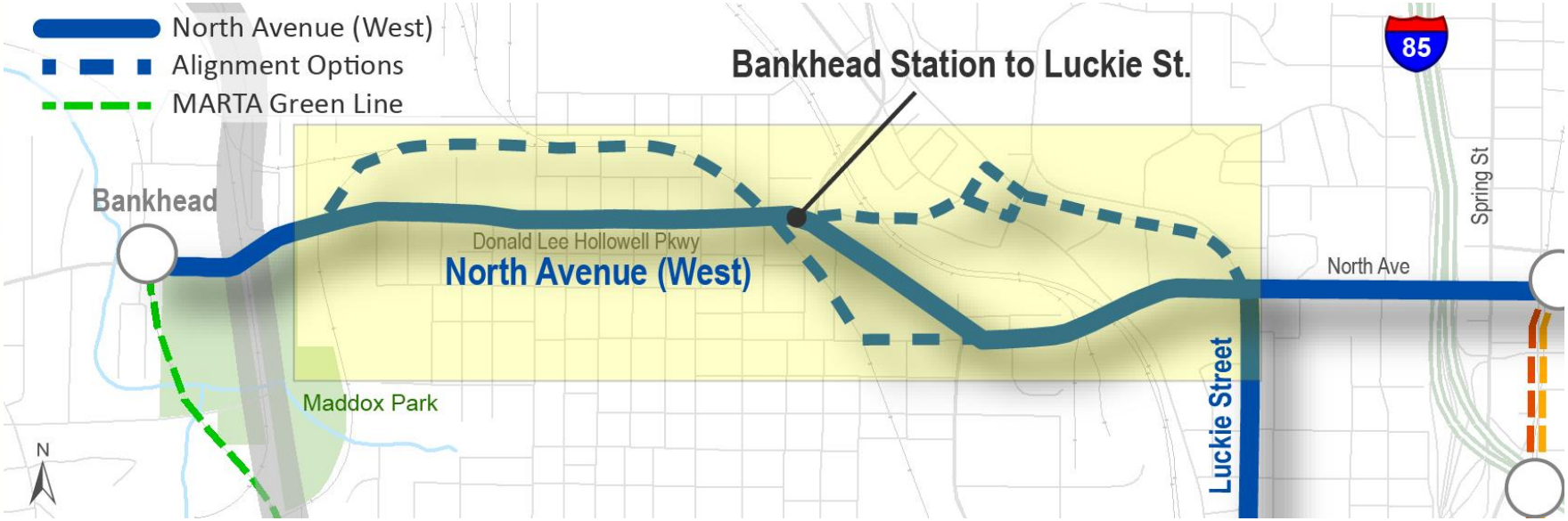
Questions or Comments?



- "Hilliard/Grant Street under Hulsey Yard with a connection to King Memorial MARTA station is best"
- "Preserve Andrew Young International Boulevard as part of Centennial Olympic Park"
- "Compared to Luckie Street, there are more opportunities for re-development in Marietta Street corridor"

Now it's your turn…

- Spend 10 – 15 minutes reviewing the boards
- Make comments on sticky notes and then place on boards or discuss with ABI staff member during the breakout session

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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