



Transit Routing Options and MARTA Connectivity Assessments

Atlanta BeltLine West

*Citywide Conversation
September 15, 2014*



- **Project Team Introductions**
- **Today's Agenda:**
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 - Project Background
 - Environmental Review Process
 - Screening Process
 - Preference Exercise
- **Adjourn**

Community Engagement Schedule

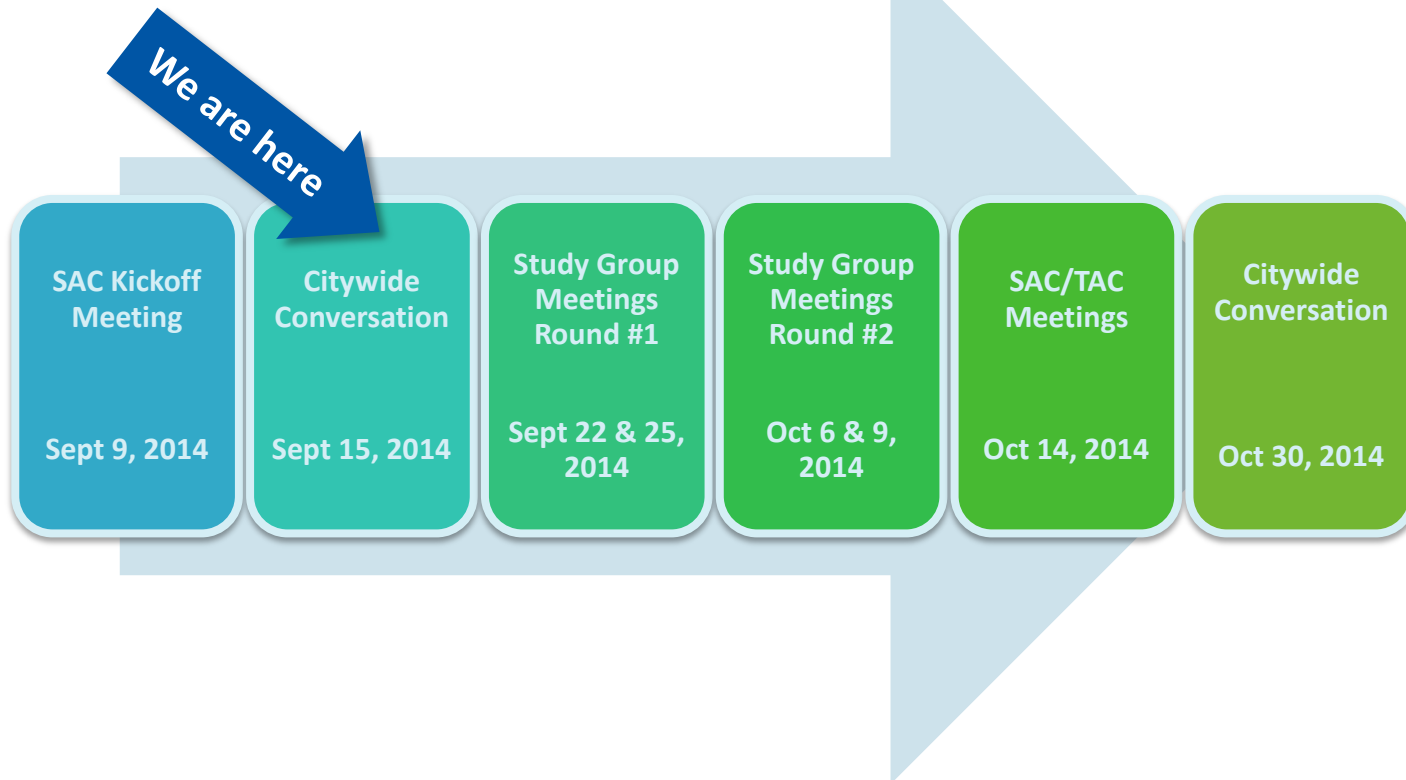
Summer and Fall 2014



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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.

Milestone Schedule



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We are here

Transit Routing
Options/MARTA
Connectivity
Assessments

June 2014 to
November 2014

Technical Studies
and Evaluation

September 2014
to March 2015

Complete Draft
Environmental
Assessment (EA)

March 2015

Public/Agency
Review and
Public Hearing

April 2015

Finding of No
Significant
Impact (FONSI)

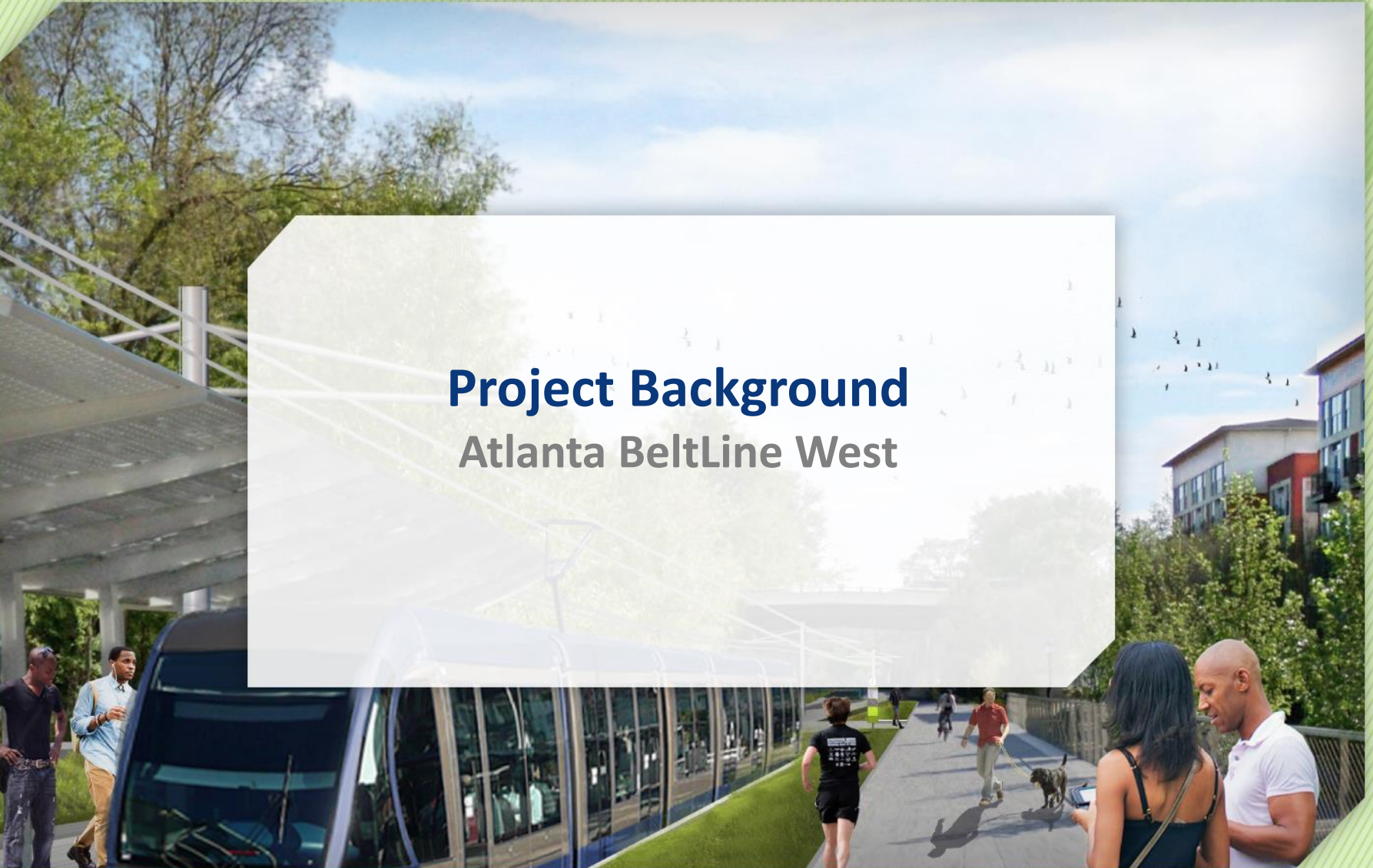
May 2015

Project
Development
(PD) Entry
Request

Summer 2015



Project Background Atlanta BeltLine West





Connect Atlanta Plan

November 2008

Draft Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan (SSP)

March 2014

**Atlanta Streetcar Finding of No
Significant Impact (FONSI)**

April 2011

**Record of Decision (ROD) for Tier 1
EIS**

August 2012

Project Background

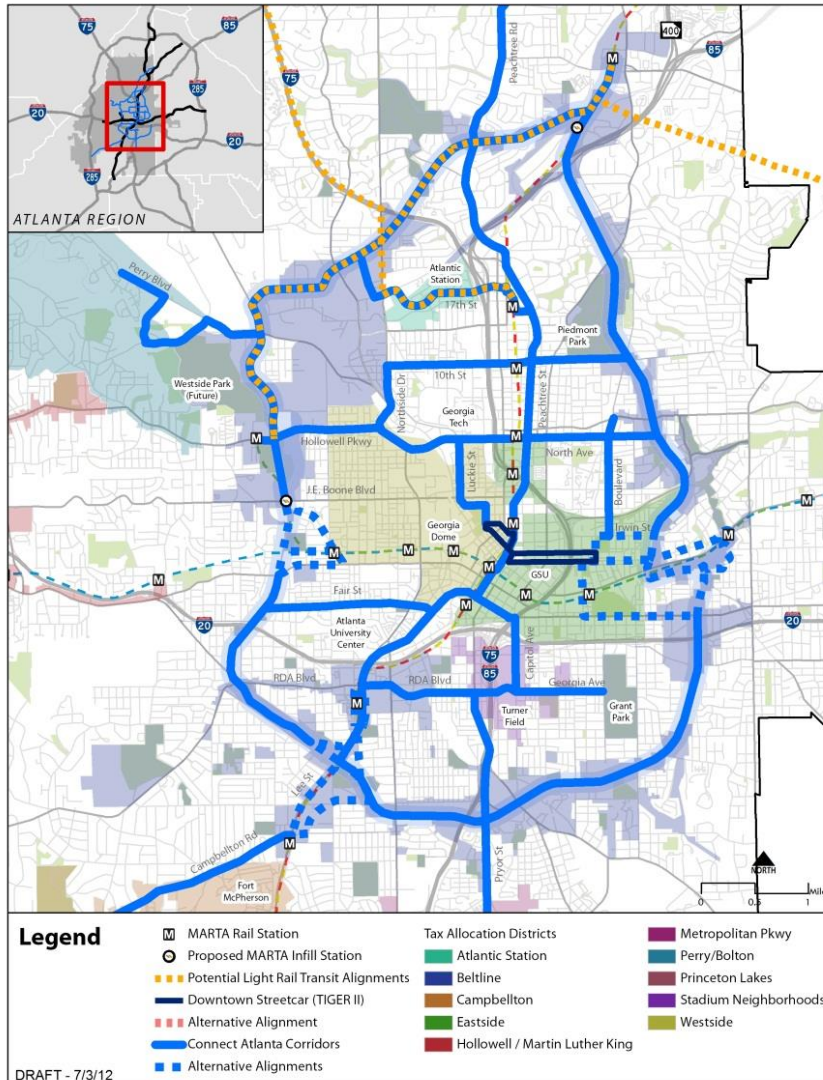
Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan



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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



Streetcar is the transit technology for the Atlanta BeltLine corridor

Comprehensive system network

Complements existing and future MARTA bus and rail services

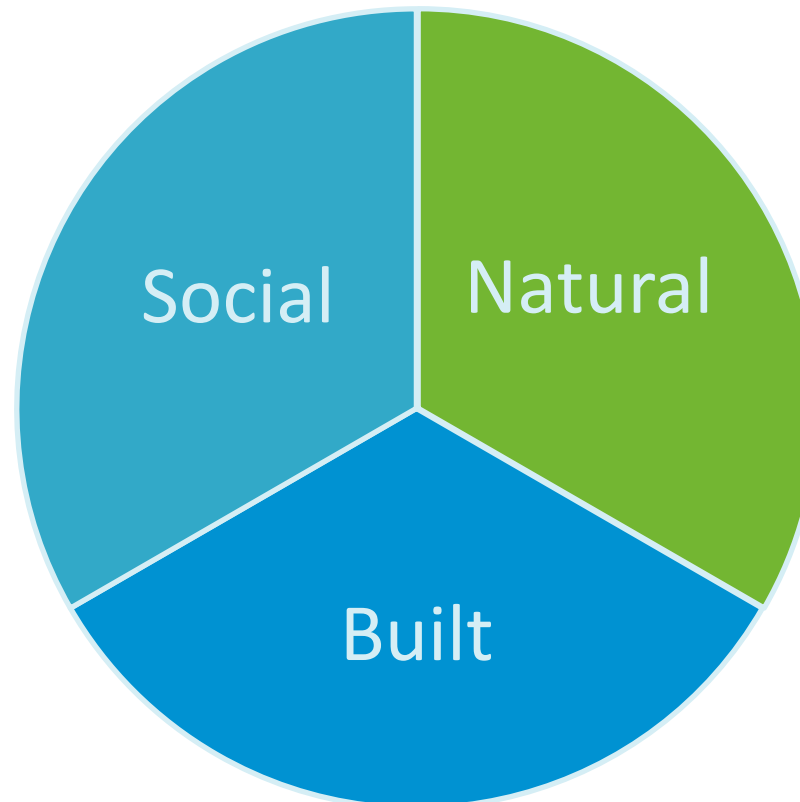


Environmental Review Process Atlanta BeltLine West





- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969
- All federal projects must consider impacts to the environment



Environmental Review Process

What are the steps?



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Review Previous Planning Work

**Routing Selection / MARTA
Connectivity**

Technical Studies and Detailed
Evaluation

Complete Documentation

Finding of No Significant Impact
(FONSI)

Environmental Review Process

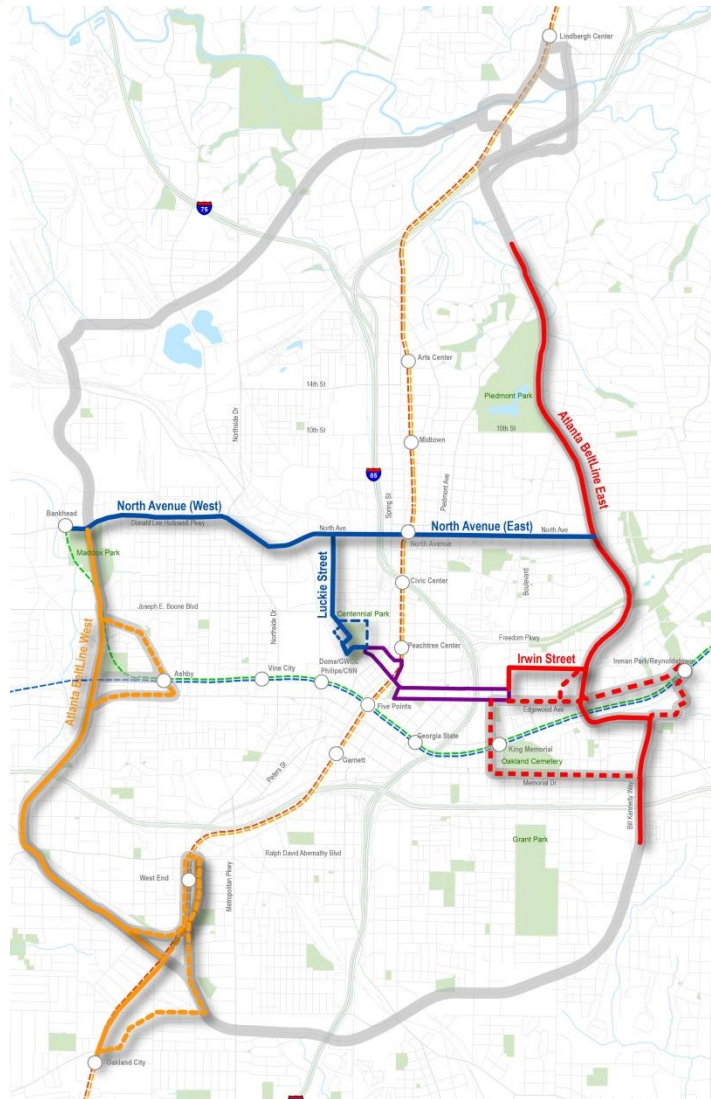
Which corridors are involved?



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-Alignment Options



Midtown/Crosstown Corridor



-Alignment Options



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-Alignment Options



Atlanta Streetcar*



MARTA Red/Gold Line*

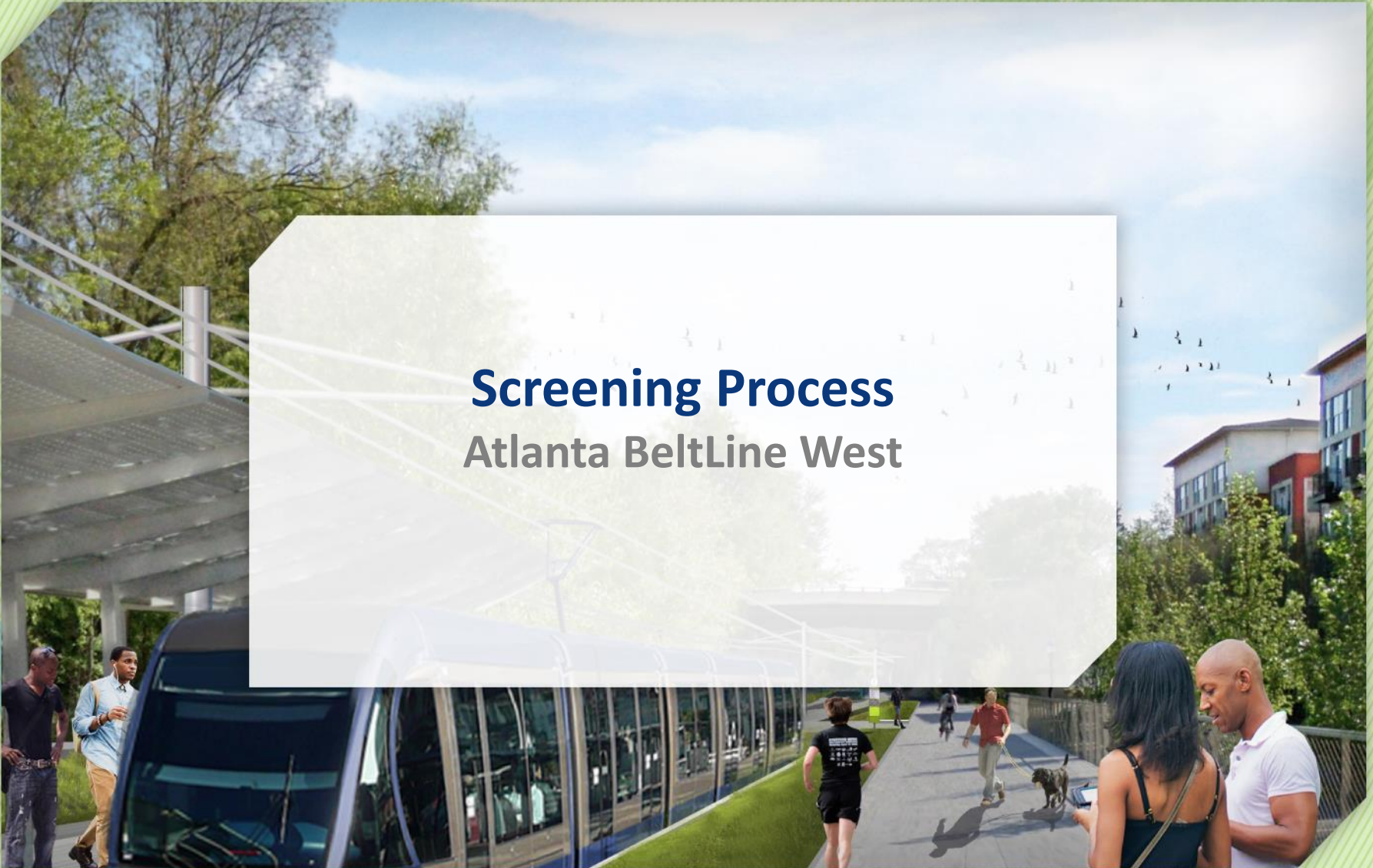


MARTA Blue/Green Line*

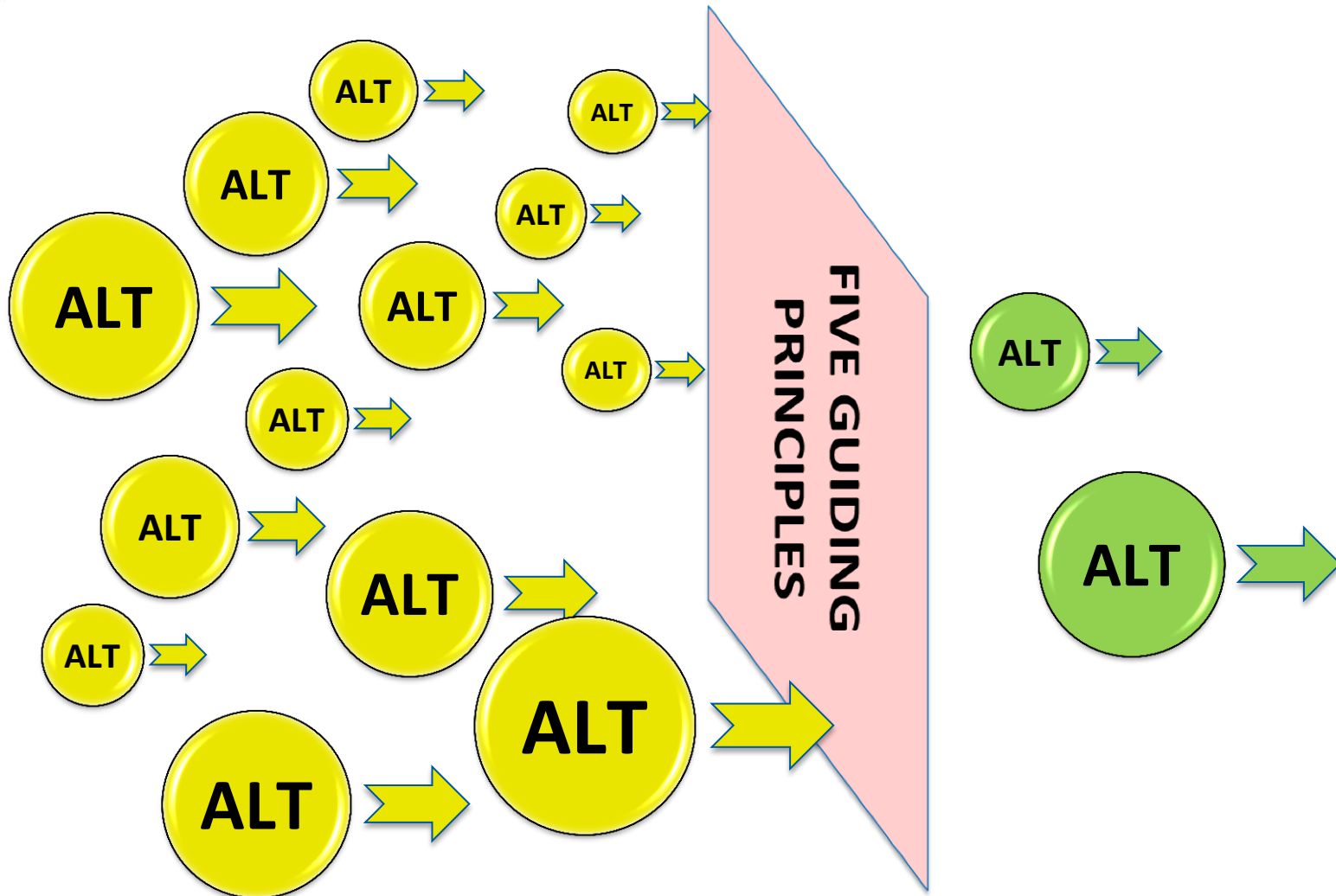
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Screening Process Atlanta BeltLine West



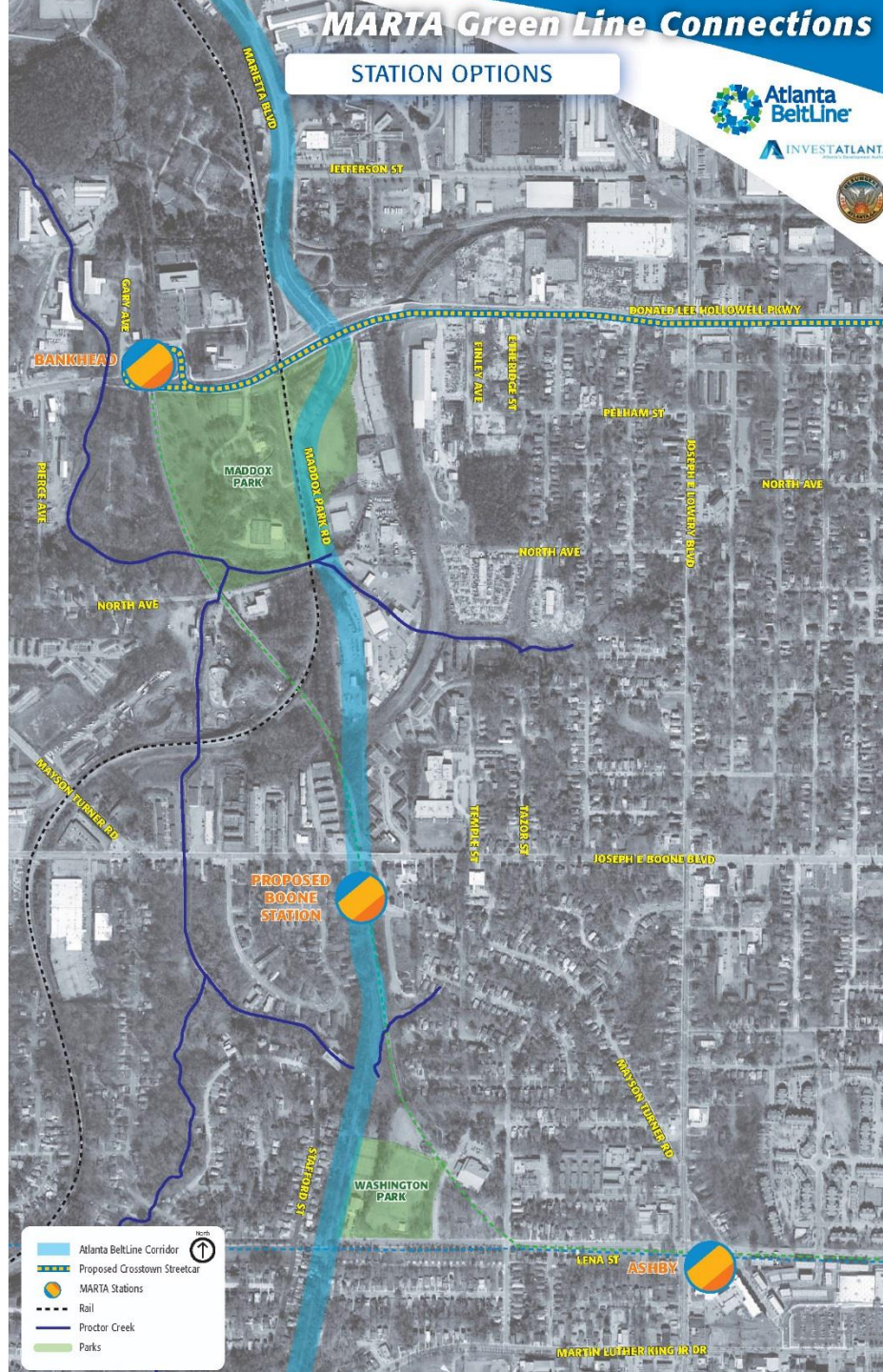
- **Five Guiding Principles**
 - Project Readiness
 - Practicality / Ridership
 - Equity
 - Financial Options
 - Development Impact
- **Shaped from community input during previous transit planning efforts**





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STATION OPTIONS



MARTA Green Line Connections

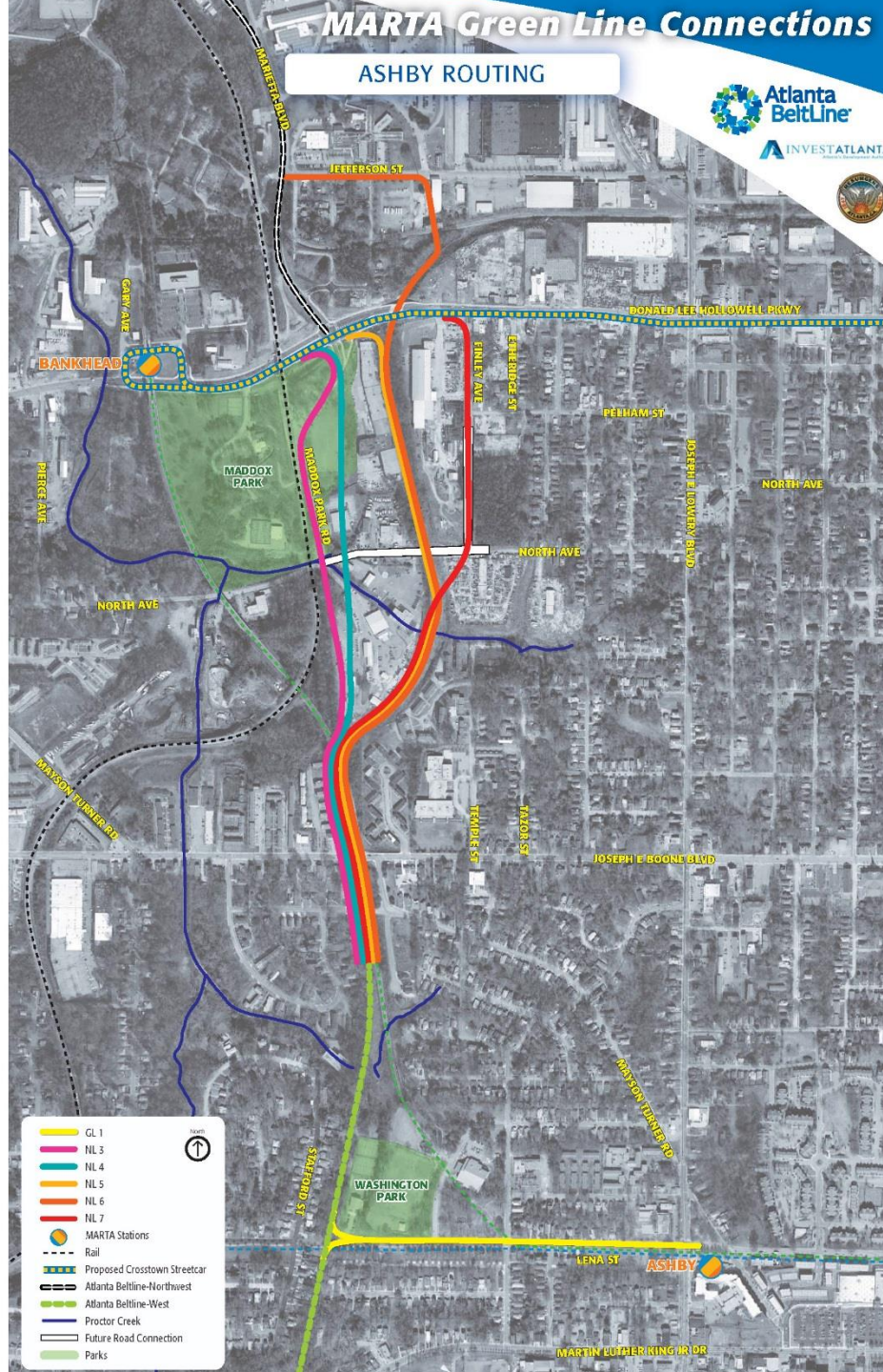
BANKHEAD ROUTING



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ASHBY ROUTING

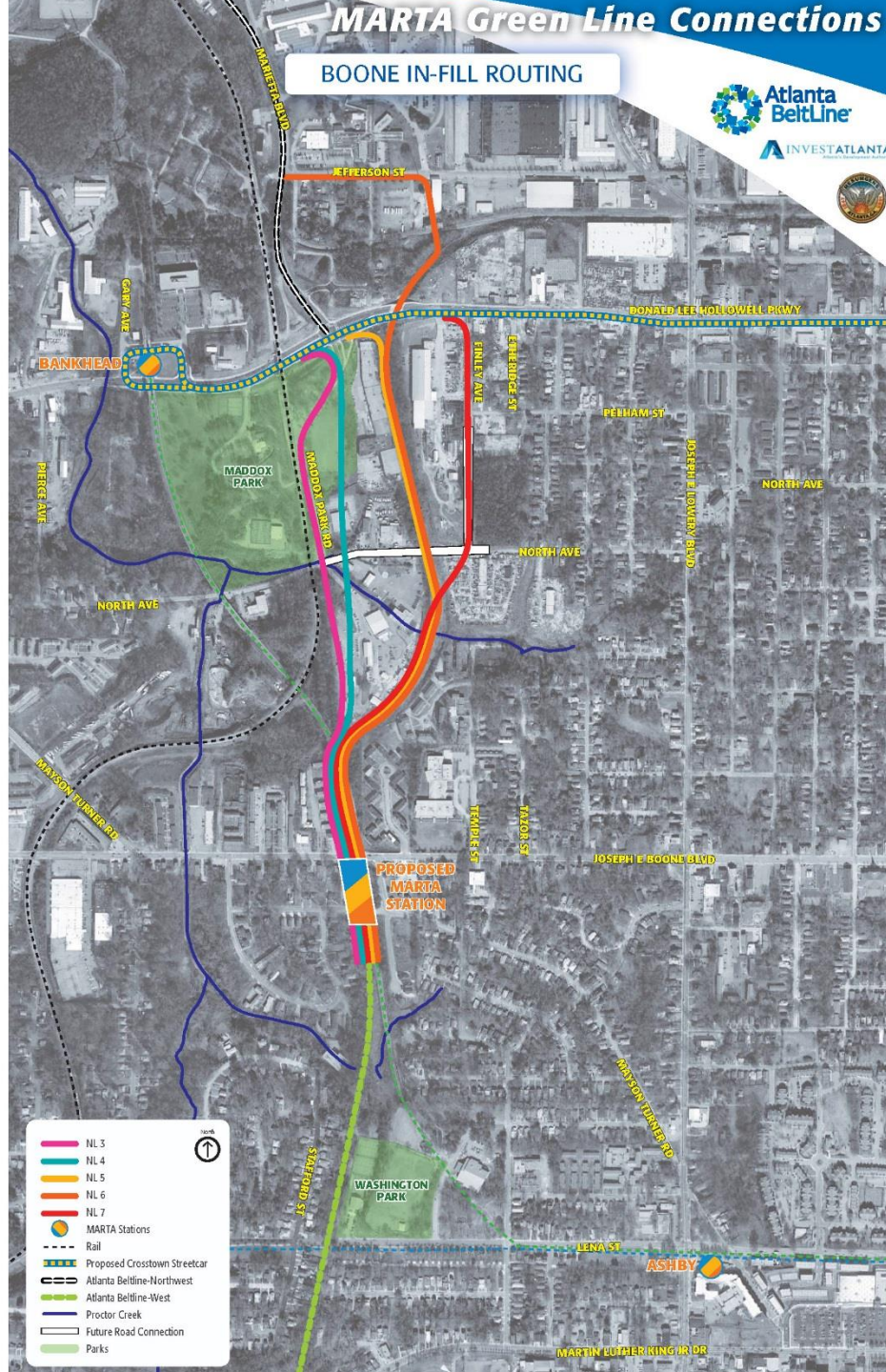


MARTA Green Line Connections

BOONE IN-FILL ROUTING



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MARTA Red/Gold Line Connections

STATION OPTIONS



MARTA Red/Gold Line Connections

WEST END ROUTING



MARTA Red/Gold Line Connections

OAKLAND CITY ROUTING



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MARTA Red/Gold Line Connections

MURPHY IN-FILL ROUTING



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- MARTA Stations
- Rail
- Atlanta BeltLine-South
- Atlanta BeltLine-West
- Future Road Connection
- Parks

Preference Exercise

Transit Routing Options / MARTA Connectivity

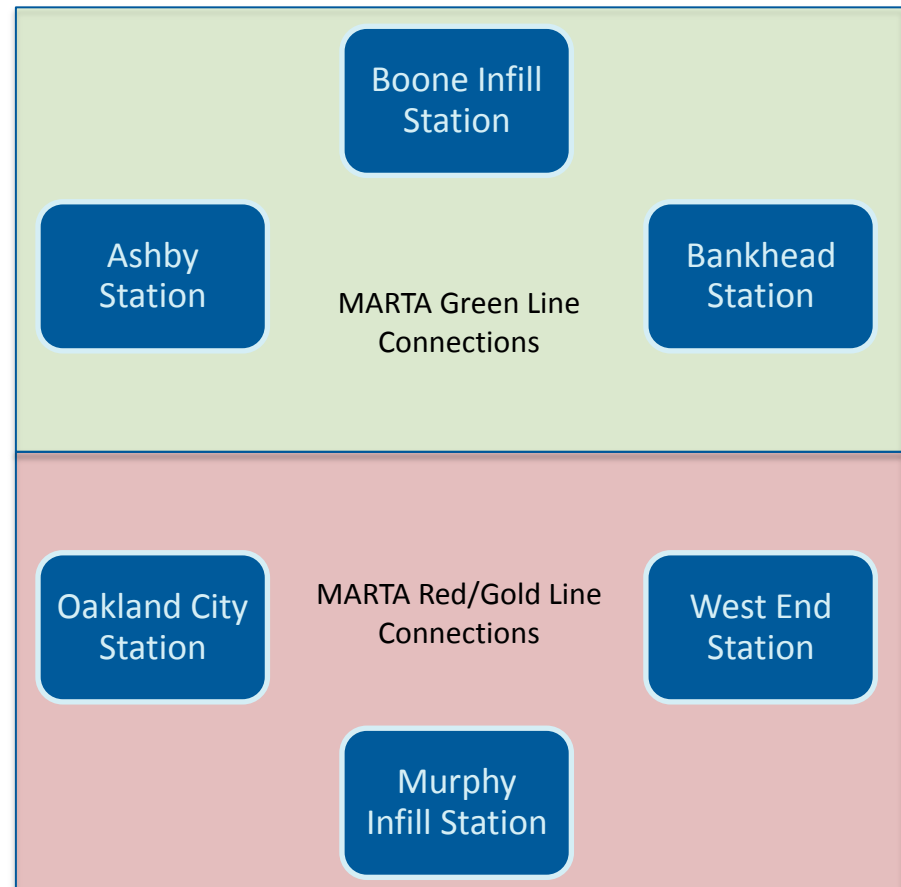


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- Four boards are for indicating your preferred routing, by MARTA station connection
- Two boards are for indicating your preferred MARTA station connection, by focus area
- Please indicate your preferences with green dots (like most) and orange dots (like least)
- Please label your dots with the route option number (GL1, NL3)
- Explanatory comments should be on sticky-notes



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Document confirmed transit
routes and environmental
resources



Continue to engage
communities and coordinate
with resource agencies



Proceed with technical work
based on documented
transit routes