

#### Transit Routing Options and MARTA Connectivity Assessments

**Atlanta BeltLine West** 

Westside Study Group: September 22, 2014 Southwest Study Group: September 25, 2014

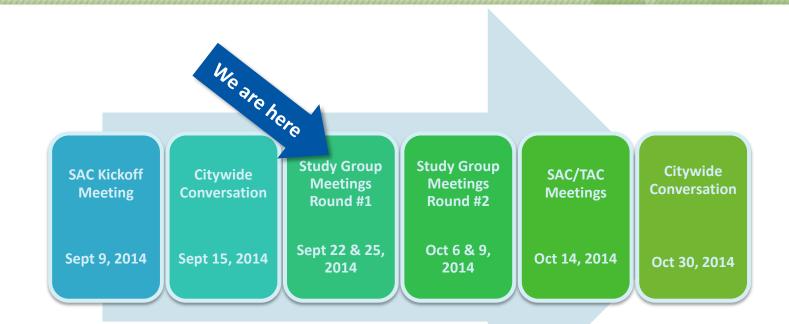


- Project Team Introductions
- Today's Agenda:
  - Schedule
  - Project Background
  - Environmental Review Process
  - Screening Process
  - Preference Exercise

### Adjourn

#### Community Engagement Schedule Summer and Fall 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.

#### Milestone Schedule







#### **Project Background** Atlanta BeltLine West

#### Project Background Transit Plans/Studies/Initiatives



#### **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** 

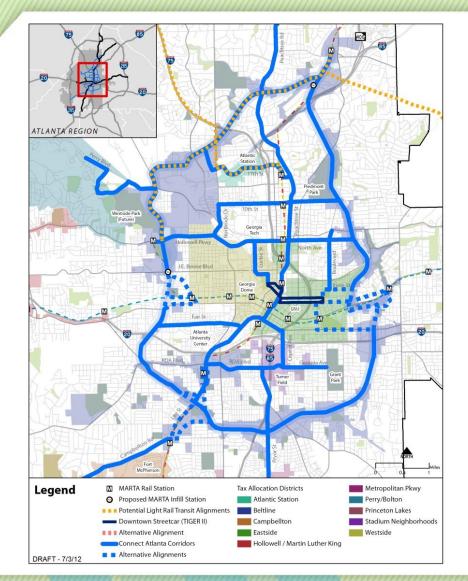
Record of Decision (ROD) for Tier 1 EIS

August 2012

### **Project Background**

Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan





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

# Complements existing and future MARTA bus and rail services

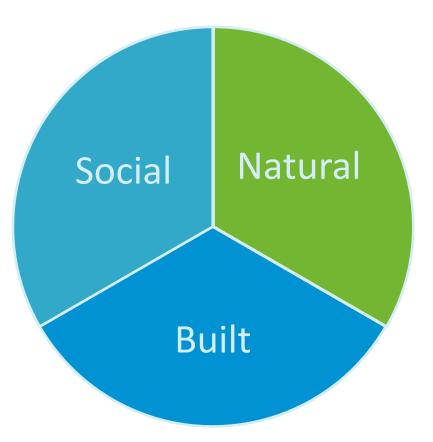


#### Environmental Review Process Atlanta BeltLine West

#### Environmental Review Process What is it?



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



# Environmental Review Process Atlanta

What are the steps?



**Review Previous Planning Work** 

**Routing Selection / MARTA Connectivity** 

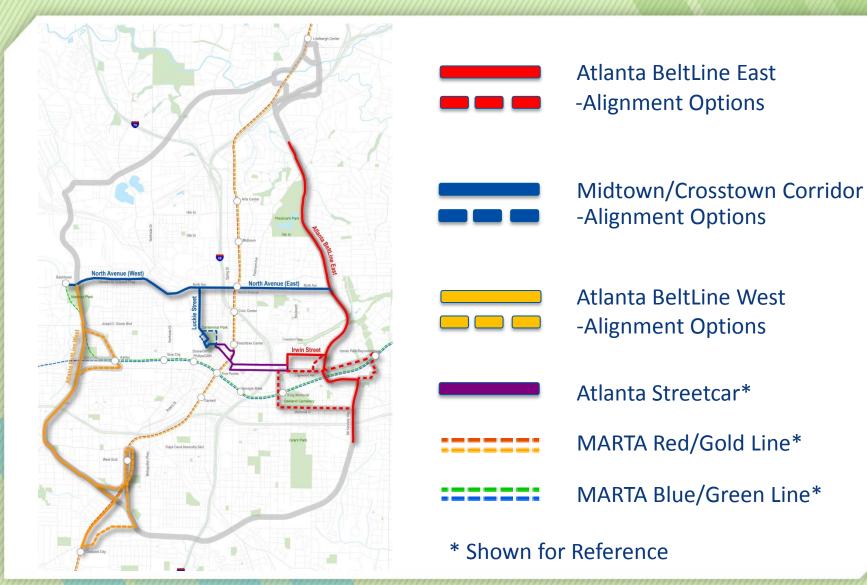
Technical Studies and Detailed Evaluation

**Complete Documentation** 

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

# Environmental Review Process Atlanta







#### **Screening Process** Atlanta BeltLine West

#### Screening Process Preliminary Evaluation Criteria



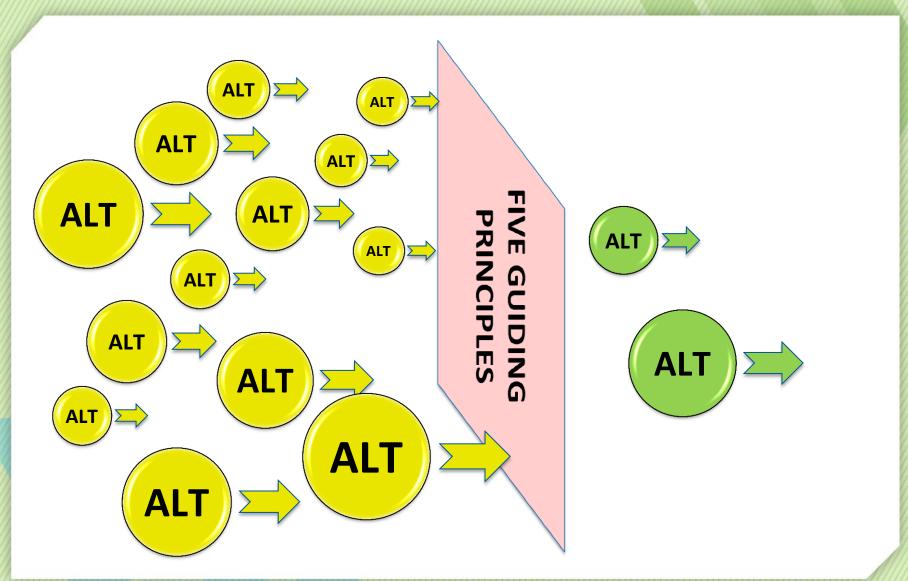
## • Five Guiding Principles

- Project Readiness
- Practicality / Ridership
- Equity
- Financial Options
- Development Impact

# Shaped from community input during previous transit planning efforts

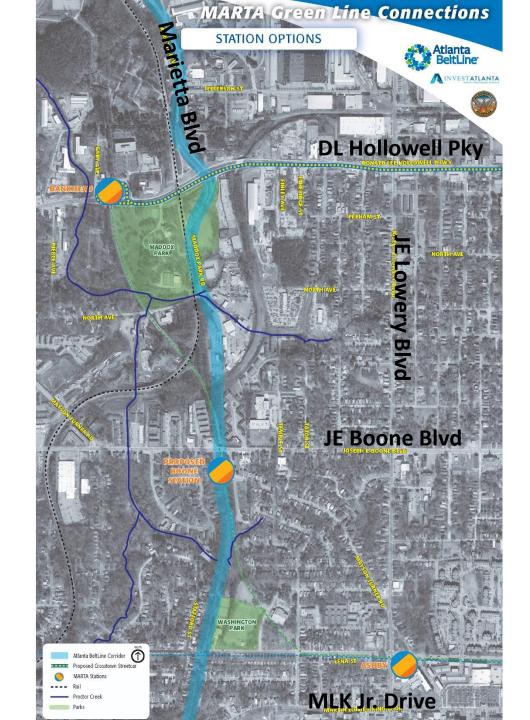
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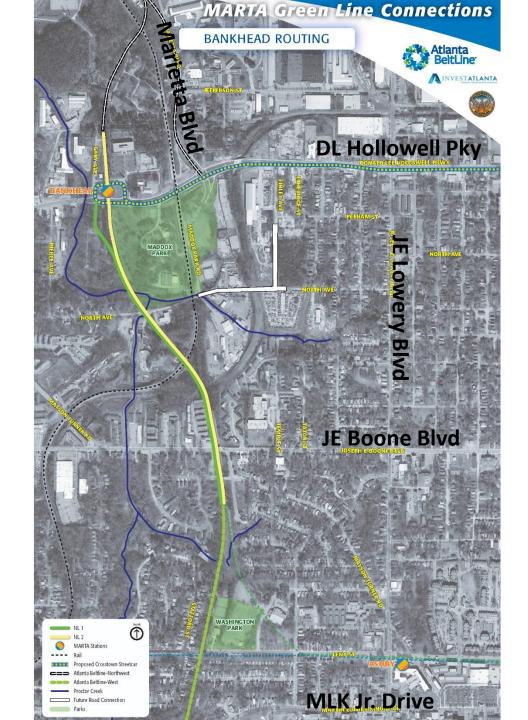


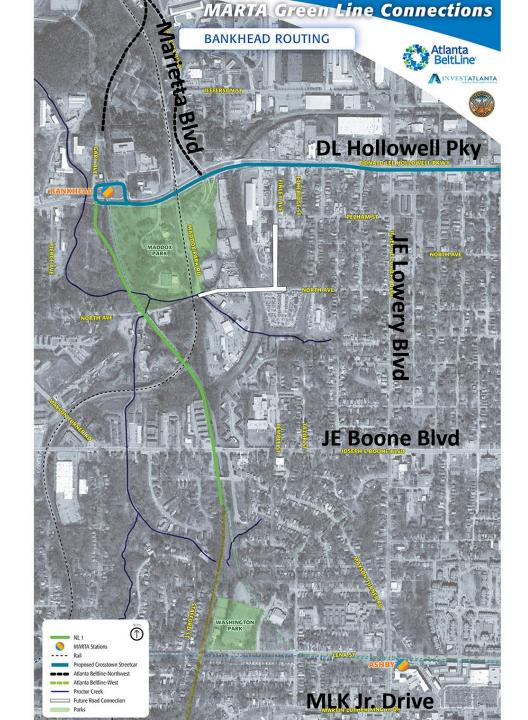


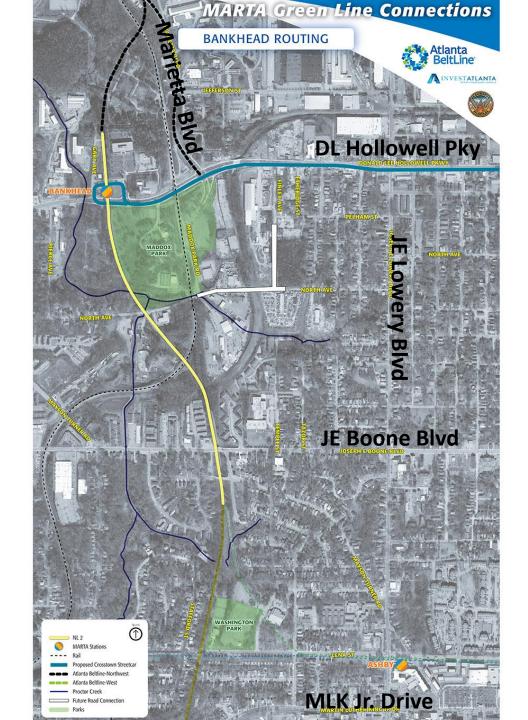


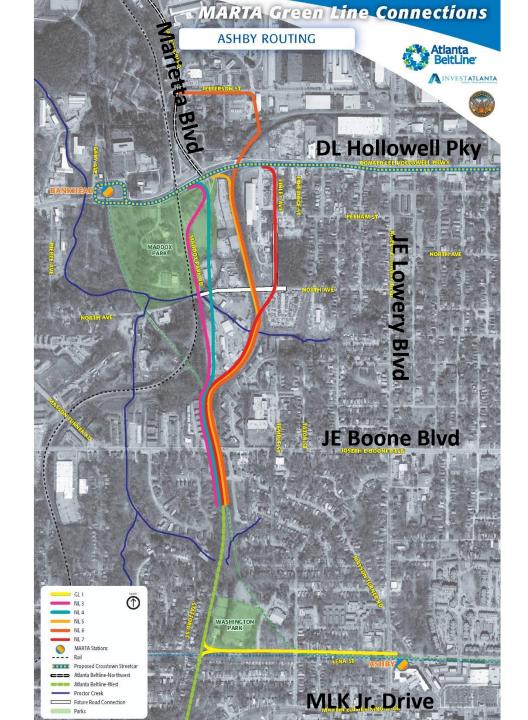
#### **Transit Routing Options** Atlanta BeltLine West

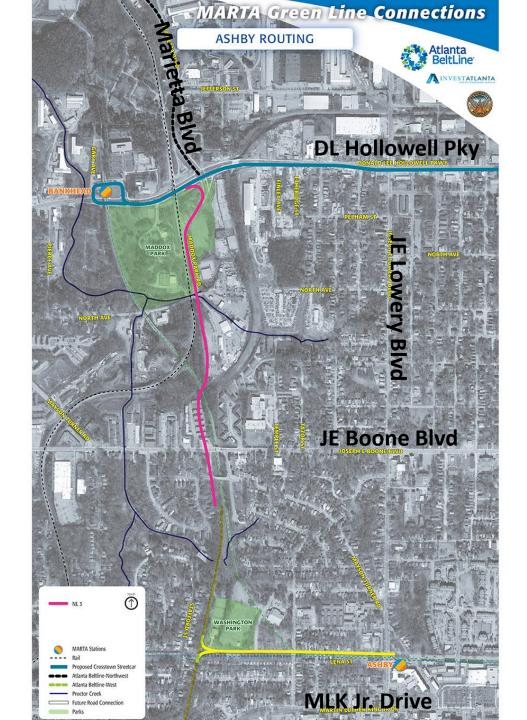


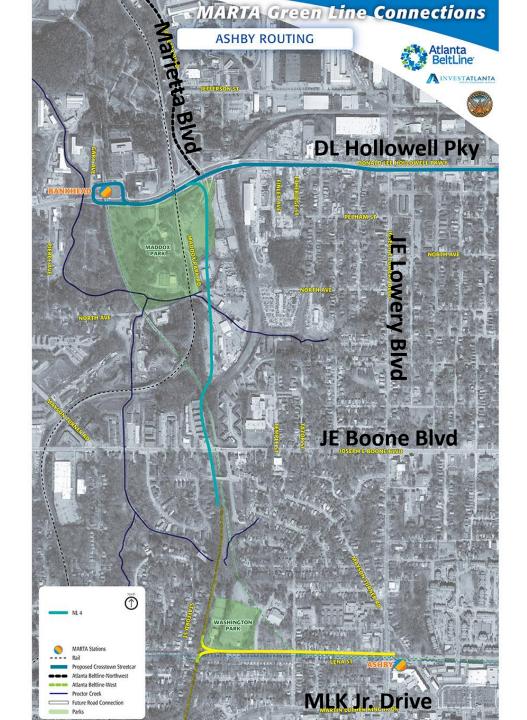


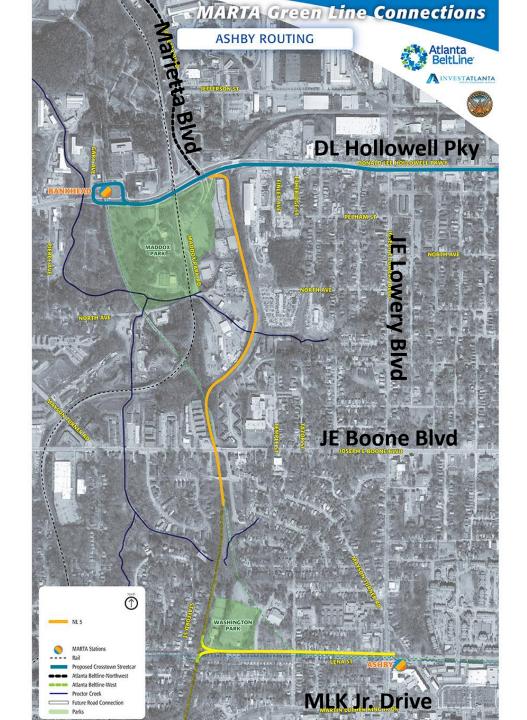


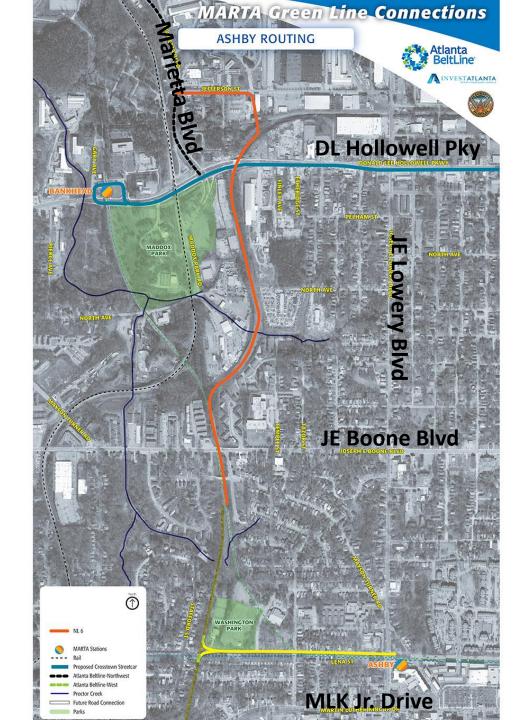


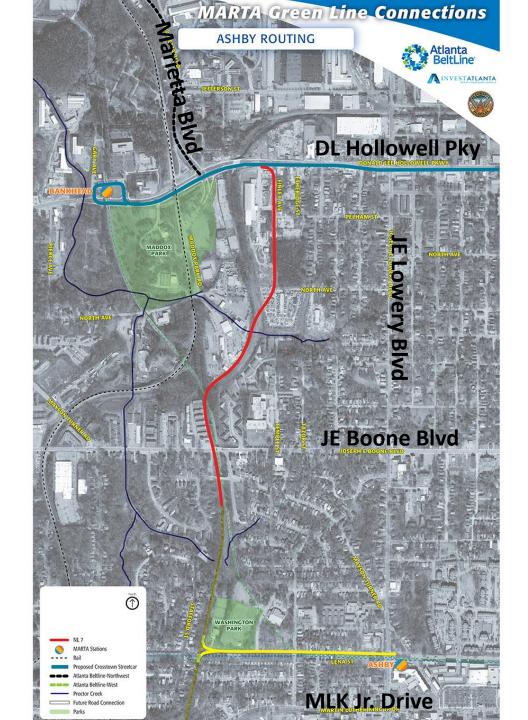


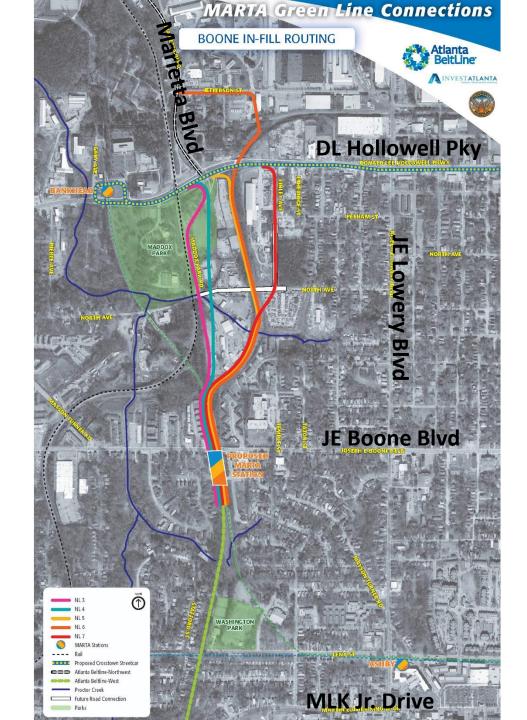


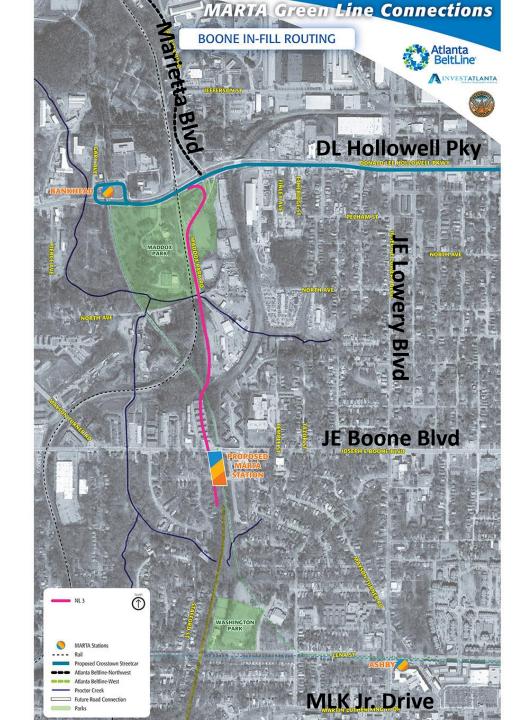


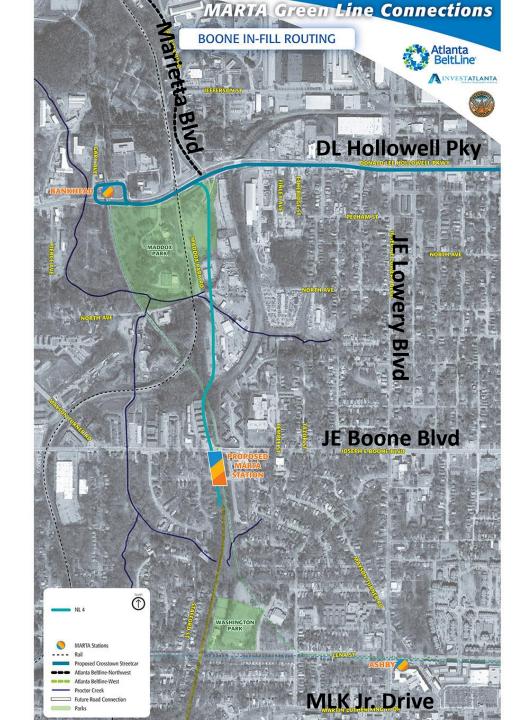


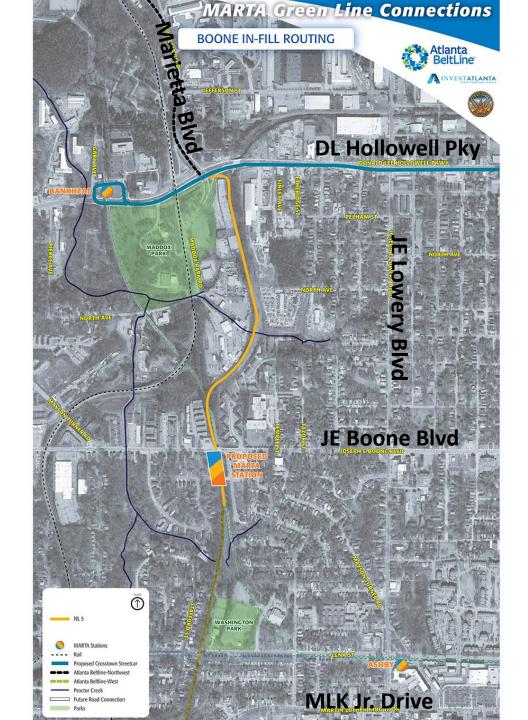


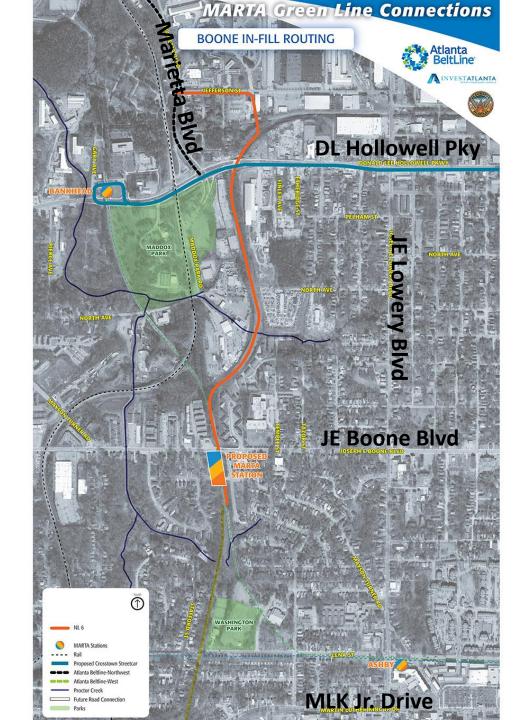


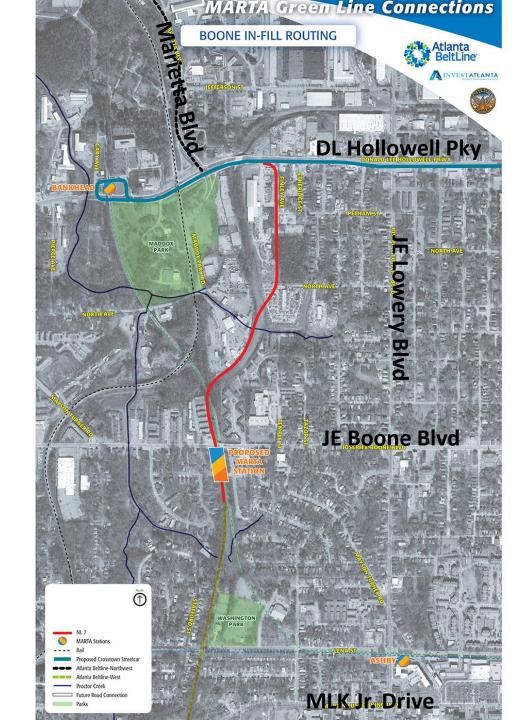


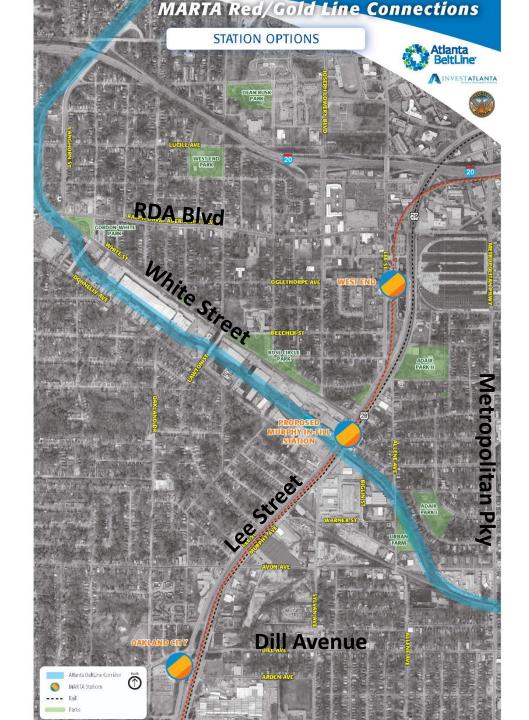


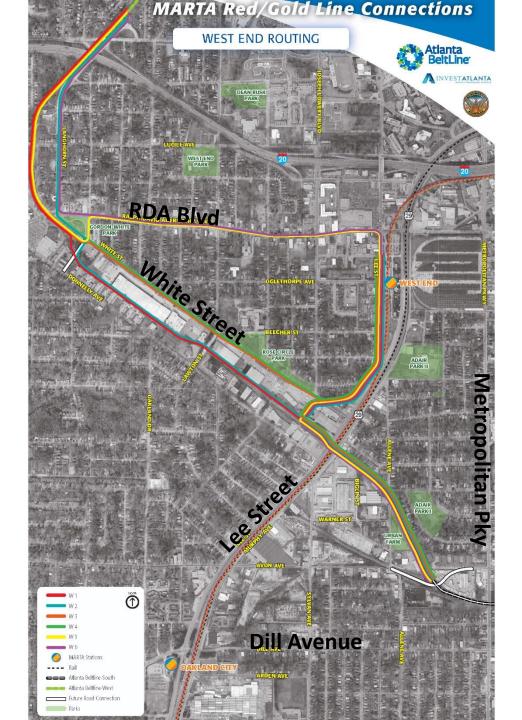


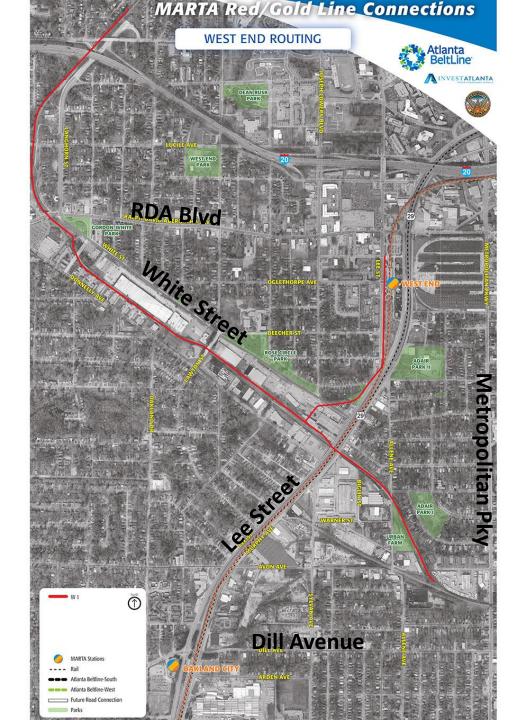






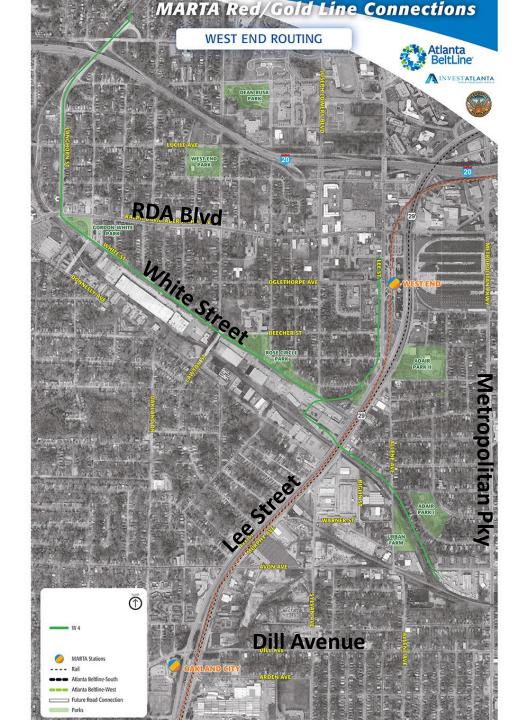




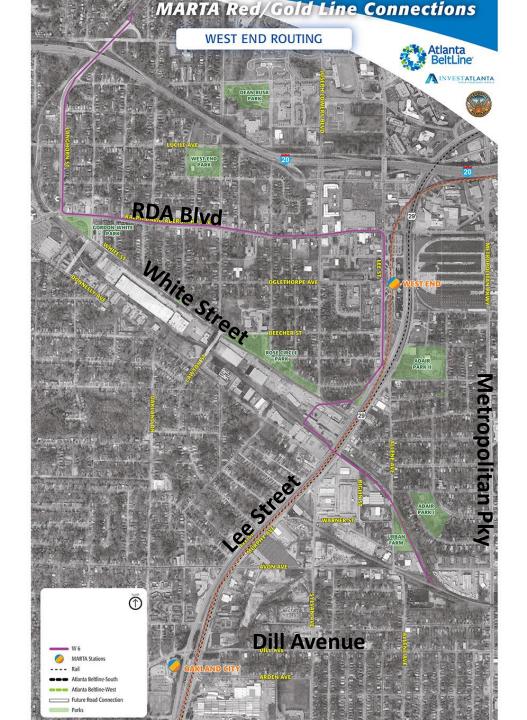


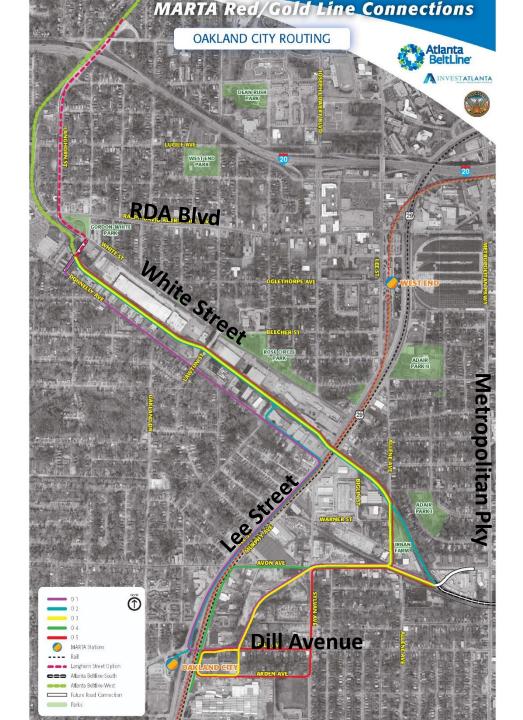








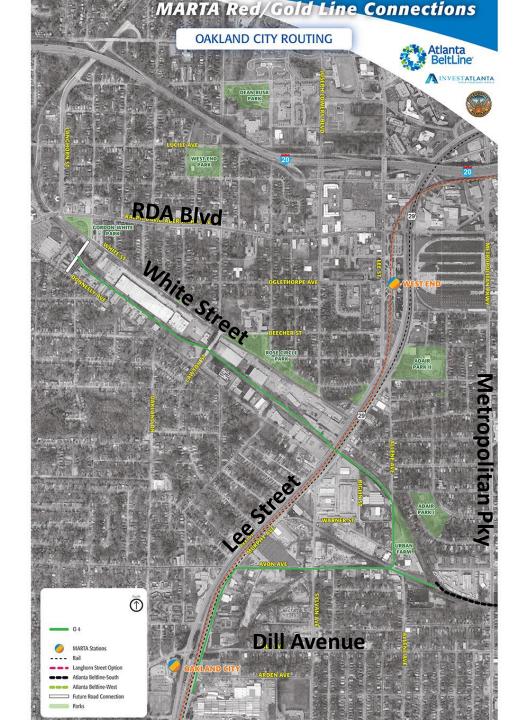


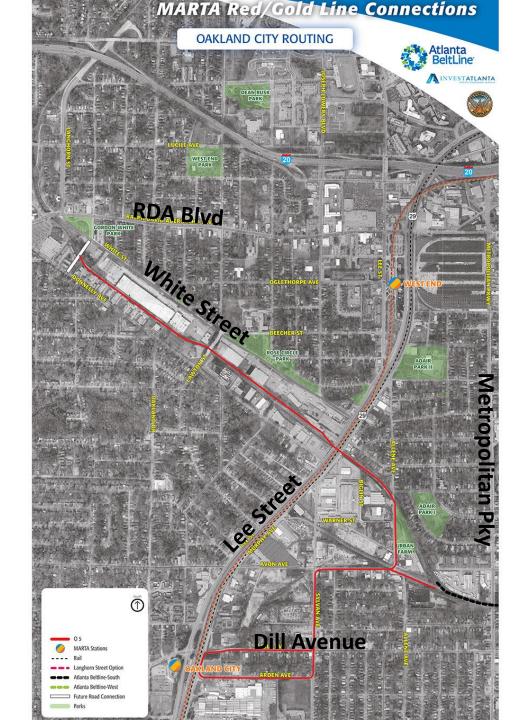










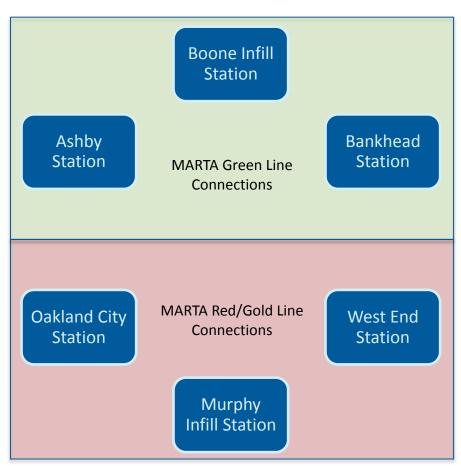




## **Preference Exercise** Transit Routing Options / MARTA Connectivity



- 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