



Atlanta
BeltLine
Partnership

ATLANTA BELTLINE BUS TOUR

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions



Where did the Atlanta BeltLine concept originate?

The project was first conceived as a 1999 master's thesis by Georgia Tech student Ryan Gravel. The Atlanta BeltLine evolved from an idea, to a grassroots campaign of local citizens and civic leaders, into a robust new vision of an Atlanta dedicated to an integrated approach to transportation, land use, green-space, and sustainable growth.

More info: beltline.org/project-history

What is the timeline for the development of the Atlanta BeltLine?

The anticipated completion is 2030. In 2013, Atlanta BeltLine Inc. (ABI) adopted the 2030 Strategic Implementation Plan that spells out the development pace over three periods (2014-2018, 2019-2023, and 2024-2030). **It can be viewed online here:** beltline.org/implementation-plan

How is the Atlanta BeltLine funded?

Major capital investments like the Atlanta BeltLine require diverse funding sources. The Strategic Plan adopted in 2013 lays out a framework for how the project will be funded through a mix of public and private sources—including the Atlanta BeltLine Tax Allocation District (TAD), the City of Atlanta, private investment and philanthropic contributions, county, regional, state and federal grants, and public-private partnerships. In 2016, city residents approved MARTA and TSPLOST sales taxes, portions of which will help fund the BeltLine. **More info:** beltline.org/funding

The Atlanta BeltLine is also funded by people like you! We encourage you to become a member of the Atlanta BeltLine: beltline.org/member.

How are neighborhood residents involved in the planning and development of the Atlanta BeltLine?

The Atlanta BeltLine's initial Five Year Work Plan included a legislatively mandated Community Engagement Framework, consisting of five components: a Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee and Affordable Housing Advisory Board; a community representative on the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) Board of Directors; a community engagement advocate

on staff; formal community reporting; and the creation of a structure or framework in which to engage the community in the Atlanta BeltLine Planning Area. All of these components have been implemented.

You can get involved by attending study group meetings, citywide briefings, quarterly briefings, and by joining one of the advisory boards.

More info: beltline.org/community-engagement

What will transit look like on the Atlanta BeltLine?

Transit on the Atlanta BeltLine will be an extension of the current Atlanta Streetcar. The streetcar will run alongside the multi-use trail. **More info:** beltline.org/transit

Will the Atlanta BeltLine connect to MARTA?

Streetcar transit will connect with MARTA at all four compass points (proposed locations include Lindbergh/Armour Yard, King Memorial, Oakland City, and Ashby, with a possible infill station at Joseph E. Boone Boulevard).

How does the Atlanta BeltLine handle public safety?

The Atlanta BeltLine has a long standing partnership with the Atlanta Police Department (APD). In 2013, APD formed the Path Force, a dedicated unit of 15 officers and 3 supervisors, all military veterans, who are dedicated to patrolling the Atlanta BeltLine trails, as well as the adjacent parks and neighborhoods. In 2016, Mobile Medics—a group of specially-trained EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) and paramedics from the Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department—joined the Path Force team in patrolling the Atlanta BeltLine.

In addition, the Atlanta BeltLine has facilitated several key upgrades to the Eastside Trail, including lighting improvements and added fixtures, mile markers for coordination with APD, and tree pruning to improve visibility. Security cameras have been installed at several points along the Eastside Trail, integrating with the APD's citywide Video Integration Center.

All future trails built in the Atlanta BeltLine corridor will include lighting, surveillance cameras and mile markers.

More info: beltline.org/safety



What programs are in place for residents, homebuyers, and renters seeking affordable housing?

The Atlanta BeltLine affordable housing program seeks to make city living financially attainable for both renters and homeowners. Our goal is to create 5,600 units of affordable housing over twenty-five years; provide downpayment assistance to homebuyers; provide incentives to developers; and engender successful and transformational projects, such as the Lofts at Reynoldstown Crossing.

As of the end of 2015, ABI and Invest Atlanta have created 1,025 affordable workforce housing units. Including other developers, more than 2,200 affordable units have been created around the Atlanta BeltLine.

In 2015, ABI launched a strategic partnership with Federal Home Loan Bank Atlanta (FHLBank Atlanta) to provide downpayment assistance and owner-occupied rehabs to eligible customers earning 80 percent or less of the area median income.

More info: www.atlantabeltlinehomes.com

The Atlanta BeltLine has also made concerted efforts to increase awareness among residents of homeowner tax breaks in Fulton County.

A supplement to the Strategic Implementation Plan was developed in order to identify the best ways to support the Atlanta BeltLine's housing, economic development, and real estate goals. The Integrated Action Plan is practical and action-oriented. It is focused on years 2016 to 2020 while establishing a longer term general framework through 2030.

For more on the next steps, please visit:

beltline.org/integrated-action-plan

Are there other programs the Atlanta BeltLine offers?

The Atlanta BeltLine offers numerous programs, including: free fitness classes for people of every level of ability, health and wellness workshops, workforce partnerships and job training assistance, Art on the Atlanta BeltLine, Play Days and the Run.Walk.Go! race series.

How can I get more involved with the Atlanta BeltLine?

There are a variety of ways to help out, including our speakers' bureau, volunteering at festivals and events,

providing upkeep on BeltLine segments, and making a donation through our membership program.

Our new partnership with Hands On Atlanta allows you to volunteer with the BeltLine, as well as 30+ additional organizations located along the Atlanta BeltLine corridor.

More info: beltline.org/get-involved

Who is responsible for building the Atlanta BeltLine?

There are three core entities that will work on behalf of the City, Fulton County, and Atlanta Public Schools (APS) to make the Atlanta BeltLine real. Invest Atlanta (formerly the Atlanta Development Authority) serves as the legal redevelopment agent. This means they are responsible for the issuance of bonds, administration of TAD funds and any City funds. Invest Atlanta is legally responsible for effective execution of this TAD project.

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership is a non-profit organization that enables the Atlanta BeltLine project by raising funds from the private sector, engages with residents in the 45 Atlanta BeltLine communities through a variety of programs and outreach, and empower residents in those same communities through targeted partnerships in the areas of health, housing and economic opportunity.

Atlanta BeltLine Inc., an affiliate of the Invest Atlanta, is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine in partnership with City of Atlanta Departments and private partners. Its functions include specifically defining the Atlanta BeltLine plan; leading efforts to secure federal, state and local funding; continuing the Atlanta BeltLine community engagement process; and serving as the overall project management office to execute the Atlanta BeltLine plan, including the coordination of planning and execution activities with other City of Atlanta departments and managing all vendors and suppliers. Atlanta BeltLine Inc. is also responsible for tracking and reporting progress on the Atlanta BeltLine to the Atlanta City Council, Atlanta Public Schools and Fulton County, the three taxing authorities that authorized the Atlanta BeltLine TAD legislation in 2005.

For More Information

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