



From our President and CEO:

On July 31, we face an historic vote for the Atlanta region. The 10-county Regional Transportation Referendum is an opportunity to expand the regional transit network in the most significant way since the build-out of MARTA. If voters approve the Transportation Referendum, it would build more than 10 miles of new modern streetcar transit both on the Atlanta BeltLine and through Midtown and Downtown. It would also bring new rail transit service from the Lindbergh MARTA station all the way to the Emory University/CDC area in DeKalb County, new premium transit service in South DeKalb along I-20 and new premium transit service from Atlanta to Cobb County. More information on these and other projects are available online at TransformMetroAtlanta.com.

We are also putting the finishing touches on the Eastside Trail from Piedmont Park to Inman Park and Old Fourth Ward, which will be a new world class amenity for Atlanta.

Thank you for your continued support of this transformative project.

See you on the Atlanta BeltLine,
-Brian Leary

THE EASTSIDE TRAIL IS ALMOST HERE!



The Atlanta BeltLine's Eastside Trail is almost here! Crews led by the PATH Foundation have been working hard pouring the concrete for the 14-foot wide trail, preparing the bridges over Ponce de Leon Ave. and Ralph McGill Blvd., and building the final retaining walls needed in the corridor. The trail will be accessible to the public later this summer as landscaping and plantings continue into the fall, turning the Eastside corridor into a linear greenspace. Please visit eastsidetrail.beltline.org for more detailed information and construction updates, and stay tuned for an announcement regarding the official dedication of the Eastside Trail!

Pictured Above: The Transportation Referendum would build transit alongside the Eastside Trail, seen here from Freedom Parkway. Photo Credit: Christopher T. Martin

TRANSPORTATION REFERENDUM UP-CLOSE

The July 31 Transportation Referendum is almost here. It's a big decision. If it passes, it means building transit on the Atlanta BeltLine within a few short years, much faster than would otherwise be possible.

The Atlanta BeltLine and Streetcar projects will build 10.2 miles of new transit, with approximately 5 miles on the Atlanta BeltLine corridor and 5 miles on city streets through midtown and downtown, connecting to the Atlanta Streetcar (now underway) and MARTA in 3 locations.

To make it a little easier to digest, we've broken this project into four parts:

Atlanta Streetcar Extension West: This project would build an extension of the Downtown Atlanta Streetcar

west past Centennial Olympic Park, towards the Georgia World Congress Center and head north towards Midtown and Georgia Tech. Building on the Downtown Streetcar's connection to MARTA at the Peachtree Center Station would extend transit access to key regional destinations like the Georgia Aquarium and Georgia Tech University.

Midtown Crosstown Connection: This leg would build modern streetcar transit across Midtown, connecting the Atlanta BeltLine's east and west sides primarily along North Ave. or 10th St., connecting with MARTA at either the Midtown or North Ave. Stations.

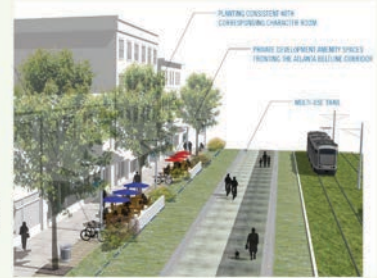
Atlanta BeltLine West: This segment

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ALL NEW BELTLINE.ORG + INTERACTIVE MAP!

The Atlanta BeltLine project is quite a lot to behold and we realize that people all across Atlanta – and the world – are looking at the massive revitalization project to explore key benefits, track progress, connect with our exciting programs, and help support the initiative. **Which is why we are pleased to present a completely reinvented website just for you!** We have an interactive map with open trails, parks, access points, events, photos, and more. We've made it easier for you to explore maps, photos, videos, and renderings to see what's open, underway, and planned. We have an in-depth blog with a variety of up-to-the-minute details and stories about the project. Check it out at beltline.org!



NEW SPLASH PAD



Families gathered in Perkerson Park and children waited impatiently for fountains to start gushing during the splash pad grand opening event on May 19. With leadership from City Councilmember Joyce Sheperd and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs and a generous donation from the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, Perkerson Park in southwest Atlanta is now home to a beautiful new splash pad. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. managed the design and construction of the new water feature, which includes the artwork of Maria Artemis in a series of granite boulders that form a fountain and double as seating. The splash pad features in-ground spray elements and fog and is designed for three age groups.

The splash pad is the first of many elements to be completed under the new master plan for this 50-acre greenspace nestled in Capitol View.

The playground and splash pad are located at 770 Deckner Avenue, Atlanta, 30310.

TRANSPORTATION REFERENDUM cont.

would be built directly on the old rail corridor on the Atlanta BeltLine's west side and run south from Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy. near Maddox Park, connecting to a new MARTA station at Joseph E. Boone Blvd., ending at the Kroger Citi-Center at Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.

Atlanta BeltLine East: This section would also be built on the old rail corridor alongside the current Eastside Trail. Transit would extend east from the Downtown Streetcar, entering the Atlanta BeltLine corridor at either Edgewood Ave. or Irwin St. and run north to 10th St and Monroe Dr. at the tip of Piedmont Park. It would connect to the Midtown Crosstown Connection either at North Ave. or 10th St. and Monroe Dr.

Like the connectivity? Like the ability to transfer from MARTA and reach your final destination? Get up to speed, tell your friends and neighbors to do the same, and watch our new video on transit.beltline.org. And remember to vote on July 31.

URBAN FARM IN SOUTHWEST ATLANTA



More than 300 volunteers came out for our Earth Day Clean-Up on Saturday, April 21 to help prepare for the first urban farm on the Atlanta BeltLine! This huge, collaborative effort is actively transforming nearly 4 acres of former industrial property into new public space and an organic farm.

Earth Day partners and volunteers worked across the site to remove invasive plants, litter, and building debris to clear the way for the eventual planting of native plant species, brambles, berry bushes, and fruit trees. This site, which was acquired by the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. and the City of Atlanta, is a formerly contaminated industrial site plagued by erosion and depleted soil. To date, the buildings on the site have been demolished; underground storage tanks and two acres of concrete and asphalt, tons of rubbish and invasive species have been removed; and the soil was tested and remediated with the help of a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. We are grateful to Councilmembers Clela Winslow and Joyce Sheperd for helping with the clean-up and providing lunch for volunteers.

Pictured Above: Volunteers worked tirelessly on Earth Day to rid an old, vacant lot of construction debris, shrubbery, and mounds of trash. **Photo Credit:** Christopher T. Martin.

COMING SOON!

Atlanta BeltLine Running Series: Southwest 5k

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The second race of the 2012 Atlanta BeltLine Running Series will take place on **Saturday, July 14**. The Southwest 5k Run/Walk, sponsored by Internal Data Resources (IDR), will follow along the Atlanta BeltLine Southwest Trail and through the historic West End and Westview neighborhoods. The race course will introduce participants to many local parks and features a ¾-mile off-road jaunt within the Atlanta BeltLine corridor. Registration is \$30 and participants can register online at run.beltline.org or in person at West Stride (3517 Northside Pkwy).

The proceeds from the Atlanta BeltLine Running Series Southwest 5k benefit the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership.

Atlanta BeltLine Run Club

Every month, runners, walkers, and Atlanta BeltLine enthusiasts get together for an after-work run. On the first Thursday of the month, the group, led by the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, gathers at Park Tavern around 6:30 p.m. for a 7 start time. Please visit events.beltline.org and select "Running Series" for more events.



Atlanta BeltLine Night at the Braves

Grab your gloves and join the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership for one of our favorite annual events - a night with our Atlanta Braves! Get your tickets now for the pre-game reception, parade around the field, and a strong showing of support for the project. Mark your calendar for August 16, 2012, and visit braves.beltline.org for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
6/19/12	6-8 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Qtrly Briefing - Q2	Trees Atlanta, 225 Chester Avenue, ATL, GA 30316
6/23/12	9-12 AM	Atlanta BeltLine Clean-Up	Kroger Citi-Center parking lot, 590 Cascade Avenue, ATL, GA 30310
7/10/12	3-5:30 PM	BeltLine Aff. Housing Board Meeting	86 Pryor Street, ATL, GA 30303
7/5/12	6:30-9 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Run Club	Park Tavern, 500 10th Street ATL, GA 30309
7/14/12	7:30-10 AM	Atlanta BeltLine Southwest 5k	Gordon White Park, 1350 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd, ATL, GA 30310
7/24/12	4-6 PM	TAD Advisory Committee Meeting	86 Pryor Street, ATL, GA 30303
8/8/12	8:30-10 AM	Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. Board Meeting	86 Pryor Street, ATL, GA 30303
8/16/12	5-10:30 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Night at the Braves	Turner Field
9/8/12	All Day	Art on the Atlanta BeltLine Opening	Open Trails (visit art.beltline.org)

For more details on upcoming events, please visit: events.beltline.org.

ATLANTA BELTLINE 101



Want to learn the Atlanta BeltLine basics? There's a 101 near you! Every month, the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership has educational presentations throughout the city that explain the project and answer all of your questions. Check out events.beltline.org for a full list of upcoming sessions.

MEET THE TEAM

Catherine M. Owens,
LEED AP, PE
Senior Civil Engineer



ABI is excited to welcome its newest team member, Catherine M. Owens who joined the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. team in May 2012 as the Senior Civil Engineer. She has worked for more than 10 years as a civil engineer in the private sector. Catherine comes to ABI from AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. (formerly MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Inc.) as a Senior Civil Engineer. At AMEC, Catherine worked with commercial, institutional, and industrial clients on projects ranging from demolition, environmental remediation, industrial facilities siting, environmental permitting, and development. Between 2010 and departing AMEC, Catherine was the AMEC project coordinator and civil engineer for the Perkins+Will-led Atlanta BeltLine design team.

Catherine's current projects at ABI include managing the Edgewood Bridge replacement, the vertical connection between Ponce de Leon and the Atlanta BeltLine, and installation of a pedestrian

plaza on the Atlanta BeltLine at Ponce City Market. She is also working with the corridor design team and on the Eastside Trail.

Catherine has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. She lives in the Ardmore neighborhood, three blocks from the Atlanta BeltLine corridor.

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. Fellows

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. has a fellowship program to provide invaluable work experience for qualified students and to expand the organization's capacity. Fellows will play an active role in the redevelopment project, contributing valuable assistance that will further the Atlanta BeltLine's mission.

Graduate Fellows

- Jeffrey Ader, Georgia State University
- Giovanni Cosentino, Georgia State University
- Meghan Injaychock, University of Georgia
- Will Porteous, Harvard Business School
- Keron Rouse, Clark Atlanta University
- Keenan Yates, Georgia Institute of Technology

Volunteer Fellows

- Alyssa Botts, College of Charleston

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? HERE'S HOW.

Are you out of town on July 31? Unsure about how to request an absentee ballot or to find your early voting precinct? We're here to help!



Your vote counts in the upcoming decision regarding the Transportation Referendum! If you are not currently registered to vote, please visit: <http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/VRinfo.htm> You must register by July 2 in order to vote on July 31.

Request an absentee ballot here: http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/absentee_voting.htm

Early voting begins in some counties (including Fulton) on July 21. Visit your county's website to see if there is a precinct near you.

Don't forget that Georgia law requires Georgia residents to show photo identification when voting in person.

Pictured Left: Transportation Referendum transit projects.

ART ON THE ATLANTA BELTLINE 2012



The temporary public art exhibition returns for its third year! With the opening of the Eastside Trail, visual and performance arts will stretch along the Atlanta BeltLine's 11 miles of open corridor. The exhibition opens

September 8 and runs through November 13, 2012. You will be able to find schedules of concerts, parades, theater, and performance art and see the list of our 2012 artists on art.beltline.org and on [facebook.com/artontheatlantabeltline](https://www.facebook.com/artontheatlantabeltline).



Perkerson Park splash pad ribbon cutting.

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ABOUT US

The Atlanta BeltLine is the most comprehensive economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and among the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment and mobility projects currently underway in the United States. The Atlanta BeltLine is a sustainable redevelopment project that will provide a network of public parks, multi-use trails, transit and affordable housing along an historic 22-mile railroad corridor circling downtown and connecting many neighborhoods directly to each other. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine in partnership with other public and private organizations, including City of Atlanta departments and the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership. For more information on the Atlanta BeltLine, please visit: www.beltline.org.

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