

# **Location and Design Report**

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Fulton County / GDOT District 7 - Metro Atlanta

BeltLine Corridor FM Lindbergh Center to 10th Street/Monroe Drive

FROM: Kimberly Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

R. Christopher Rudd, P.E., State Design Policy Engineer

Attn: Dave Peters, P.E., State Conceptual Design Group Manager

SUBJECT: Request for Location and Design Approval

### **Description and Project Proposal:**

Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Project PI No. 0009395 is a multi-use trail project located within the City Limits of Atlanta, Georgia. This project is considered Segment 3 of the proposed mainline Atlanta BeltLine Northeast (NE) Trail and proposes a 14-foot wide concrete shared-use path approximately 2.70 miles in length. The project includes approximately 2.10 miles of connector trail, 12-feet in width. The project also includes several walls and bridges.

Segment 3 of the proposed Atlanta BeltLine NE Trail begins at the end of the existing tunnel under Interstate (I)-85. At the end of the tunnel the trail would cross under the existing Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) bridge, which spans over Mayson Street. The trail then transitions to the Norfolk Southern and MARTA maintenance road before paralleling the MARTA and Norfolk Southern railway tracks and transitioning to a proposed bridge over the active Norfolk Southern railway tracks and yard. After crossing the Norfolk Southern railway tracks, the trail will continue on the bridge over Armour Drive adjacent to the existing industrial plants and over CSX Transportation railroad and Peachtree Creek. The trail will remain on structure until connecting to Kinsey Court. This point is where the future connection to the Atlanta BeltLine Northwest (NW) Trail is proposed. This point ends the mainline trail. There are also four connector alignments off the mainline trail.

The first connector continues from the mainline trail at the proposed connection point to the future NW BeltLine Trail at Kinsey Court East on structure over a Peachtree Creek tributary and then at grade parallel to Peachtree Creek, under the Norfolk Southern Railway and MARTA tracks. From there the connector trail continues behind Passion City Church along Peachtree Creek before bridging up to Garson Drive.

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The second connector would serve as a connection to the MARTA Lindbergh Station. The connector trail will continue at grade along Garson Drive crossing the existing MARTA overpass. This will require a road diet to make room for the proposed connector trail with the oversized lanes on Garson Drive reduced from existing 12 to 18-foot lanes to 11-foot lanes, allowing room for a curb and gutter section and a 5-foot buffer. The connector trail then continues adjacent to Garson Drive and crosses the Lindbergh Drive intersection at grade before tying into the Lindbergh MARTA station plaza.

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The third connector alignment would serve as a connection to the existing PATH400 Trail by spurring off the MARTA Lindbergh Station trail to the east of Passion City Church, following Peachtree Creek, passing under the Piedmont Road overpass, and running along the 2:1 slopes on structure until tying into PATH400 near Parkland Drive.

The fourth connector alignment would serve as a connection to the Armour-Ottley business district by bridging off the mainline trail to follow along Armour Drive as a side path ending at the Ottley Drive and Clayton Road intersection.

The existing right-of-way (ROW) is 50 feet on Armour Drive and varies from 50-85 feet on Garson Drive. Additional ROW would be required for the proposed project.

The Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. would be responsible for acquiring any property rights required for this project.

Concept Approval Date: 08/25/2022

**Concept Update:** No changes have been made to the concept report since its approval.

This project is federally funded, has a total project cost of more than \$100 million, and requires a NEPA document.

#### **Public Involvement:**

Public Meeting held on November 8, 2018

Public Meeting Results Summary:

Basic Meeting Information								
Meeting Date: 11/08/2018				Number of Attendees: 86				
End of Comment Period: 11/18/2018								
Comment Breakdown (for comments provided at the Open House)								
For	N/A	Conditional	N/A	Uncommitted	N/A	Against	N/A	

Major Concerns: None. Evaluation Cards were provided for attendees to leave written comments.
A total of nine written comments were received. Generally, comments from this meeting related to
a desire for trail interconnectivity, including PATH 400, keeping parking availability throughout the
corridor, keeping aesthetic elements like tree cover while emphasizing other elements like creeks,
connectivity to local focal points like Sweetwater Brewing Company, and a desire to elevate
crossings of railroad tracks and Peachtree Creek.

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Public Meeting held on June 25, 2019

Public Meeting Results Summary:

Basic Meeting Information							
Meeting Date: 06/25/2019				Number of Attendees: 70			
End of Comment Period: 07/05/2019							
Comment Breakdown (for comments provided at the Open House)							
For	N/A	Conditional	N/A	Uncommitted	N/A	Against	N/A
<ul> <li>Major Concerns: None. A total of 10 verbal comments for the alternatives shown were recorded. Generally, the comments were similar to the first PIOH, and related to connectivity to other trails and points of interest, parking, and keeping and enhancing aesthetic elements along the trail. In addition, eight written comments were submitted through the ABI website, and four email comments were received.</li> </ul>							

**Consistency with Approved Planning:** The design description as presented herein and submitted for approval is consistent with the approved Concept Report.

**Recommendations:** Recommend that the location and design for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

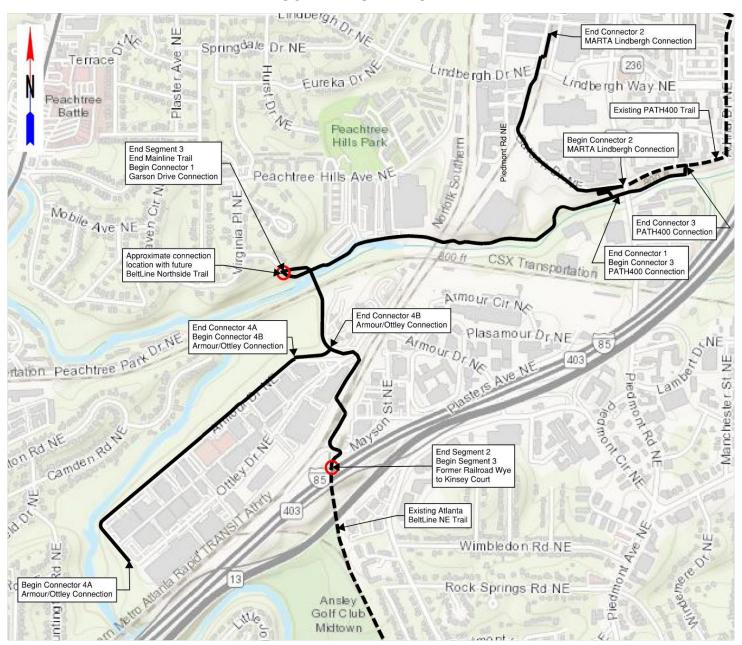
Concur:				
	GDOT Director of Engineering	Date		
Approve:				
	GDOT Chief Engineer	Date		
DATE OF LOC	ATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL:			
		(To be entered by State Conceptual Design Group Manager)		

#### Attachments:

- Location Map
- Notice of Location and Design Approval

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# PROJECT LOCATION MAP



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City of Atlanta, Fulton County
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# P. I. 0009395 FULTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

The proposed project	t is a multi-use tra	il located withi	n the City Limits	of Atlanta, G	eorgia. This	project is
considered Segment	3 of the propose	d mainline Atla	anta BeltLine No	ortheast (NE)	Trail and p	roposes a

14-foot wide concrete shared-use path approximately 2.70 miles in length. The project also includes

approximately 2.10 miles of connector trail, 12-feet in width.

The date of location and design approval is:

The proposed Atlanta BeltLine NE Trail begins at the end of the existing Segment 2 near Mayson Street and continues until connecting to Kinsey Court. This point is where the future connection to the Atlanta BeltLine Northwest (NW) Trail is proposed. This point ends the mainline trail. There are also four connector alignments off the mainline trail: Connector 1 (Kinsey Court to Garson Drive), Connector 2 (Connector 1 to MARTA Lindbergh along Garson Drive), Connector 3 (Connector 1 to PATH 400), and Connector 4 (Segment 3 to Armour and Ottley Drive).

The project is located in Land District 17<sup>th</sup> and Land Lots 49, 57, 58, 59, 102, and 103. The entire project is in Fulton County.

The Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. would be responsible for acquiring property rights for this project.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at:

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. info@atlbeltline.org 100 Peachtree Street NW Suite 2300 Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 477-3003

Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator Office of Program Delivery
Attn: Obi Ezenekwe, Project Manager
oezenekwe@dot.ga.gov
600 West Peachtree Street, 25th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 631-1151

Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Number as noted at the top of this notice.