



## From the President and CEO:

In a tremendous step forward for trail construction along the Atlanta BeltLine, the City of Atlanta received an \$18 million federal TIGER V grant in September 2013. This accelerates the construction of the Westside Trail by several years, bringing the Atlanta BeltLine through some of Atlanta's most historic communities. Plans are progressing rapidly and you can look for construction to start in the fall of 2014.

The following milestones will also take place in 2014: completion of the Edgewood Avenue bridge; construction on the Eastside Trail between Irwin Street and DeKalb Avenue; construction of the Gateway path between the Eastside Trail and Historic Fourth Ward Park; and construction on the Eastside Trail extension south between Wylie Street and Memorial Drive. Final Environmental Assessment work for transit will also commence along several segments of the corridor.

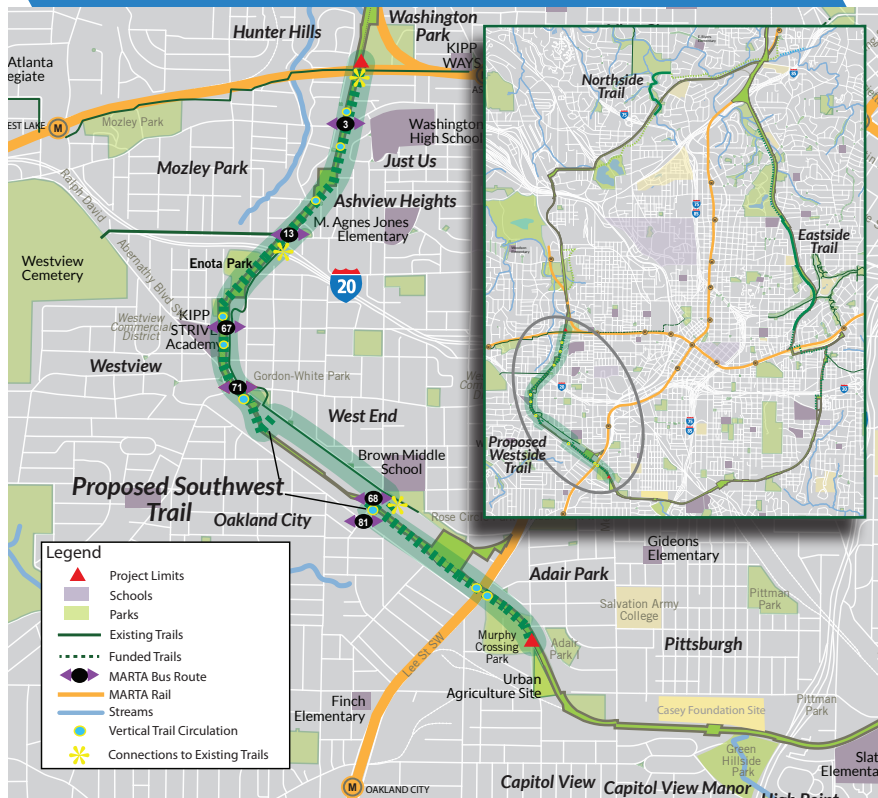
Simultaneously, design continues for the southeast corridor between Adair Park (the southernmost point on the Westside Trail) and Glenwood Park.

Through your support, progress continues on many fronts of the Atlanta BeltLine. Community involvement is as important as ever as we continue to advance one of Atlanta's most significant urban mobility and redevelopment programs.

—Paul Morris



## TIGER V FEDERAL GRANT FOR SOUTHWEST



**We have BIG news for southwest Atlanta!** The City of Atlanta has been awarded an \$18 million federal grant to develop the southwest corridor of the Atlanta BeltLine. Administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant (known as TIGER) represents federal support for transportation infrastructure of national significance. The project includes the construction of shared-use trails, trailheads and access points, and the preservation of the future streetcar transit corridor. It will run from Allene Avenue north to Lawton Street, where it will transition to the existing West End Trail for a few blocks, then return to the rail corridor near Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard and run north to Lena Street and Washington Park, where it will terminate at the existing Westside Trail, a PATH Foundation trail. In all, the southwest corridor project includes 16 points of entry with ADA-accessible ramps and stair systems at nine cross-streets, including Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Lee Street

and Murphy Avenue. It includes a 14-foot wide concrete trail, two-foot shoulders and landscaping associated with the greenway corridor. Lighting, utilities, significant retaining wall infrastructure, security cameras and signage also will be constructed as part of the project. Modern streetcar transit is planned for a future stage of this corridor's development. The TIGER V grant covers roughly 42 percent of the total project cost, which is estimated at \$43 million and includes the cost of right-of-way, design, demolition and construction. The project's benefits include the creation of a bicycle- and pedestrian-safe transportation corridor with connections to four local schools, direct access from neighborhoods to four parks, and a significant regional quality of life amenity for the area. The Atlanta BeltLine Eastside Trail has already proven itself as a redevelopment catalyst, with roughly \$775 million in private real estate development completed or underway within a half-mile of the project.



## ART ON THE ATLANTA BELTLINE 2013



The Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade winds under Freedom Parkway on the Eastside Trail with a two-mile stretch of creative lanterns, vibrant lights, and energetic marching bands. **Photo credit:** Sinan Sinharoy.

*More than 70 works of visual art, four performance weekends, and 10,000 of your closest friends...*

this year's Art on the Atlanta BeltLine exhibition was a visual and musical spectacle, starting with the annual Lantern Parade on September 7. The exhibition, which officially closed on November 11, marks Art on the Atlanta BeltLine's fourth year, and the most successful to date. Approximately 10,000 participants came out for the Lantern Parade, and attendance numbered in the hundreds for the other performances, which included theater, dance, music, and live painting. Performances served as a catalyst to bring neighbors together. Sculptures and murals installed on the east and west sides of the corridor encouraged people to explore more areas of the Atlanta BeltLine. Several pieces incorporated the railroad's history with two sculptures specifically fabricated from railroad artifacts. View more photos at [art.beltline.org](http://art.beltline.org).



Justine Rubin's & Robin Finch's "Elephant & Whale" in front of Hadley Breckenridge's "Enterchange."



**Top left:** Mass Transit Muse performs on the "Nesting Resonants" stage, a multi-functional sculpture created by Byran Alcorn and Frank Fralick. **Top right:** Kenneth Locke Bridger's SkyFish. **Photo credit:** Christopher T. Martin. **Bottom:** An afternoon of performance art in Historic Fourth Ward Park.

## ATLANTA BELTLINE AWARDS

We are honored to have recently received the following awards:

- Urban Land Institute's Jack Kemp Award finalist for Lofts at Reynoldstown Crossing
- FIABCI's Grand Prix in Real Estate for the Eastside Trail and Historic Fourth Ward Park
- Urban Land Institute Georgia Chapter's "Project of the Year" for Historic Fourth Ward Park
- Atlanta Regional Commission's "Exceptional Merit for Transformative Redevelopment" for the Eastside Trail





## STAFF NEWS

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. is pleased to announce the following staff updates:



**Marshall Norwood** was promoted to the newly created position of Chief Financial Officer in mid-October. Mr. Norwood previously served as the accounting manager since joining ABI in July, 2011.

He formerly worked for the State of Georgia, Cox Enterprises and KPMG, and is a CPA.

Mr. Norwood is a Georgia native and graduate from Morehouse College with a B.A. in Business/Accounting. His professional affiliations include the Georgia Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA).



**Shaun Green** joined ABI as Senior Transit Engineer, bringing 16 years of civil engineering experiences, primarily focused on urban, multi-modal transportation systems. Mr. Green spent the last ten

years with the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, supporting the start-up and ultimate steady-state operation and maintenance of their regional express bus service. Prior to GRTA, Mr. Green worked as a consulting engineer, focusing on traffic engineering, urban planning and land development.

Mr. Green is a graduate of Georgia Tech, has three daughters with his wife Janet, has been a bicycle commuter in Atlanta since 1994, and is an avid ice hockey player.

### Fellowships

ABI welcomes our newest addition to the team of Fellows. **Sarah Boyer** is the Landscape Architecture Fellow and is studying for her Bachelor's of Landscape Architecture with a certificate in Water Resources from the University of Georgia.

Interested in working with us as a fellow, full-time employee, or contractor? Please visit [beltline.org/about/work-with-us](http://beltline.org/about/work-with-us).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
12/12/13	6:30-8PM	NE Study Grp: Brownfield Remed.	774 Virginia Ave. NE, 30306
1/14/13	6:30-8:30PM	TIGER V Public Info Open House	1191 Donnelly Ave, 30310
2nd Wed.	5:30-6:30PM	Volunteer Training	50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 910, 30303
Fridays	9:15AM-12:30PM	Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour*	Inman Park MARTA Station
Fridays	10-11:30AM	Eastside Trail Walking Tour*	240 N. Highland Ave, 30307
3rd Fri.	12-1PM	Volunteer Training	50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 910, 30303
Saturdays	9:15 AM-12:30 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour*	Inman Park MARTA Station
Saturdays	10-11:30AM	Arboretum Walking Tour*	240 N. Highland Ave, 30307
Saturdays	10 AM-1PM	Eastside Bicycle Tour*	151 Sampson St, 30312
Sundays	2-5PM	Westside Bicycle Tour*	1050 Ralph D. Abernathy, 30310

For more details on upcoming events, please visit: [events.beltline.org](http://events.beltline.org). Stay tuned for more calendar updates in January and February for public meetings on environmental assessments.

\* All tours require advance registration. Please visit [tours.beltline.org](http://tours.beltline.org) for more information on bus, arboretum, and bicycle tours.

**Get to know the project with an Atlanta BeltLine 101!** These monthly educational presentations throughout the city will help answer your questions. Check out [events.beltline.org](http://events.beltline.org) for a full list of upcoming sessions.

**We're looking for volunteers!** Visit [volunteer.beltline.org](http://volunteer.beltline.org) for more information on ways to get involved.

## HEALTH & FITNESS



The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership is encouraging Atlantans to get out and get active on the Atlanta BeltLine! Many Atlantas have already joined in new health programming that includes free, fun fitness activities at parks and trails around the Atlanta BeltLine. From aerobics to FitWit and REI-led Trail Yoga and introductory bike riding classes for adults and children, there is something for everyone—regardless of age or fitness levels.

This effort is in cooperation with the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation, Park Pride and other health-centric organizations. The Coca-Cola Company provided funding to support the programs.

Stay tuned to [beltline.org/fitsignup](http://beltline.org/fitsignup) for many more events coming up in 2014!

## SUPPORT US



The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership is pleased to announce that **Lindsey Hardegree** has joined its staff as their new

Development Director; she'll be working towards achieving the Partnership's annual fundraising and sponsorship goals.

**What can you do to support the Atlanta BeltLine?**

- **Become a Member!** Atlanta BeltLine members receive some truly unique benefits. Bonus Points: Check to see if your employer will match your gift!
- **Attend an Event.** Our Running Series and other special events provide opportunities to not only have a great time, but to sustain the Atlanta BeltLine.
- **Shop!** Whether it's visiting [shop.beltline.org](http://shop.beltline.org), registering your Kroger card, or utilizing Smile. Amazon.com, there are a variety of ways to support the Atlanta BeltLine!



## COMING SOON: THE EASTSIDE TRAIL GATEWAY



The Gateway, shown in this rendering, will wind down the hill near the Angier Springs access point of the Eastside Trail to Historic Fourth Ward Park.

Construction on a connection between the Eastside Trail and Historic Fourth Ward Park is expected to begin by the end of 2013. The path, known as the Gateway, is an ADA-accessible trail that will begin across from the Angier Springs Road access point of the Eastside Trail, and wind down the hill toward the park, connecting at Dallas Street and North Angier Avenue. The design includes landscaping, retaining walls, lighting, and green infrastructure stormwater design. Historic Fourth Ward Park features a stormwater detention basin that doubles as a two-acre lake, a design feature that serves both a functional and aesthetic purpose. The Gateway will connect the park directly to the 2-mile paved portion of the Eastside Trail, running from Inman Park to Piedmont Park.

## ATLANTA BELTLINE SHOP

Now you can show off your Atlanta BeltLine pride as you sport our new line of apparel and enjoy other exciting products available through the Atlanta BeltLine Shop! We have just launched [shop.beltline.org](http://shop.beltline.org)—your go-to place for Atlanta BeltLine shirts, hats, coasters, posters, and postcards. Proceeds from every purchase fund Atlanta BeltLine programs and projects. Shop now at [shop.beltline.org](http://shop.beltline.org)!



## ART & HISTORY



Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

A celebration in November dedicated the newest addition to the Art on the Atlanta BeltLine permanent collection, a 27-foot tall column utilizing railroad artifacts from the Atlanta BeltLine corridor. The International Interior Design Association Georgia Chapter funded the "Iron Column" sculpture by Phil Proctor. The column is part of the Eastside Trail skyline by Historic Fourth Ward Park.

## BIKE TOURS

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership and Atlanta Bicycle Coalition have now partnered to offer bike tours on Saturdays and Sundays! Three-hour tours showcase a 16-mile Eastside Trail route and an 11-mile Westside Trail route. At stops along the routes, tour guides will highlight Atlanta BeltLine destinations, provide an overview of the Atlanta BeltLine program, concept, and history, and share updates on project planning, implementation, and development.

Tour registrations open at 9 a.m. on the 25th of each month. Please visit [tours.beltline.org](http://tours.beltline.org) to sign up!

## ABOUT US

The Atlanta BeltLine is the most comprehensive transportation and economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and among the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment programs currently underway in the United States. The Atlanta BeltLine 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](http://www.beltline.org).

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