



ONE YEAR OF WESTSIDE TRAIL PROGRESS



Westside Trail construction progress near the bridge at Ralph David Abernathy. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

A little more than one year ago, the Atlanta BeltLine broke ground on the Westside Trail! Though the weather has been uncooperative at times, we are really excited about the progress we've made since that groundbreaking. From pile-driving to potholing, the beginning infrastructure has been laid for the \$43 million trail in southwest Atlanta. With several retaining walls being built and shoring and backfilling in process, the trail's form is beginning to take shape. Construction is expected to be complete in 2017. When finished, the Westside Trail will be a 3-mile multi-use corridor that features a concrete trail and can accommodate future transit. Fourteen access points are being built with the trail (11 of which are ADA-accessible),

along with lighting, handrails, and landscaping. The corridor connects four parks and four schools and provides connectivity to several southwest Atlanta neighborhoods.

The ground-breaking took place on November 12, 2014, and our construction crews at Astra have been hard at work ever since. The Westside Trail was funded by a grant from the US Department of Transportation and funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation and lead donors James M. Cox Foundation/PATH Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, and Susan and Richard Anderson. See a whole gallery of construction photos at beltline.org.



A view of construction progress at Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

REYNOLDSTOWN STAGE

The design team for the Reynoldstown Stage has been selected! POND & Company has been chosen to help lead design efforts for the performance area along the Atlanta BeltLine. The concept for the project was proposed by Georgia Tech professor Tristan Al-Haddad who will be a valued member of the design team that will coordinate with the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to help finalize and design the permanent stage and exhibition site. The project site is located on the Atlanta BeltLine's Eastside Trail southern extension. The project seeks to add greenspace to and design a community destination adjacent to neighborhoods with unique topography and cultural value. The design, funded through a National Endowment of the Arts Our Town Grant, will combine a permanent stage structure, landscaped public art exhibit space, and an elevated connection to DWM space to allow for pedestrian paths and views that overlook the Atlanta skyline. The activity potential for the space has been proven through Art on the Atlanta BeltLine exhibits and performances where audience attendance has continued to grow over the exhibition's six year history. The preliminary design work is set to be completed by the end of next spring. More information is available at beltline.org.



Dad's Garage performing at the temporary stage in Reynoldstown for Art on the Atlanta BeltLine. Photo credit: John Becker.

NEWEST SKATEPARK: ARTHUR LANGFORD PARK

With the Mayor and First Lady of Atlanta present, leadership from the Parks Department and funding from Coca-Cola, Arthur Langford Park reopened in December with the City's second skatepark on the Atlanta BeltLine! On Friday December 11, beautiful weather, skateboarders, food trucks, and a ribbon cutting filled the day as the City of Atlanta welcomed a new addition to its parks family. The Arthur Langford Jr. Skatepark is now one of two of its kind located along the Atlanta BeltLine. As part of an initiative

to provide safe places for community members to come together, the City of Atlanta and the Department of Parks and Recreation, along with their other partners, are revitalizing outdoor spaces with an emphasis on city parks. ABI managed the park's construction, while the Coca-Cola Company played a key role in helping fund the skatepark along with providing a mural. Coca-Cola will also be funding skate clinics through a Park Pride grant. Once the Atlanta BeltLine is complete, there will be direct access to the skate park from the trail.



Ribbon-cutting at Arthur Langford, Jr. Skatepark in December 2015.

President & CEO Corner



It's hard to believe that 2015 is coming to a close already - it seems like yesterday that we kicked off the new year with shovels in the dirt on our next major multi-use trail. We can't thank you enough for your support of these efforts, whether it is dollars gifted to the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, hours spent volunteering, or your grassroots advocacy to see the Atlanta BeltLine vision through to its completion. This year, we have seen monumental advances in transit with the adoption of the Atlanta

Streetcar System Plan, and progress in selecting a contractor to extend the Eastside Trail south. We are one year closer to a Westside Trail that connects Adair Park to Washington Park, and to an Atlanta BeltLine that connects 45 vibrant, unique neighborhoods throughout our city. In 2016, we ask for your continued support and advocacy for the Atlanta BeltLine. We look forward to moving into Atlanta's future with you.

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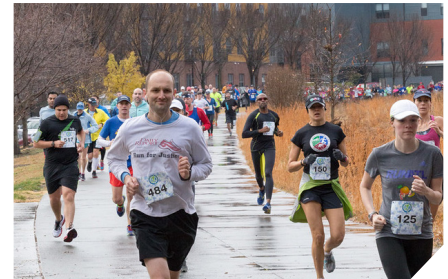
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RUN.WALK.GO! 10K

The Eastside 10k on December 5th was a huge success thanks to the Atlanta BeltLine Run.Walk.Go! sponsors. The final race of the year had more than 800 participants. Proceeds from the race series benefit the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership. More info at beltline.org/races.



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, jobs, 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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