• Introductions

• Today’s Agenda:
  ▪ SAC expectations
  ▪ Review project background
  ▪ Overview of environmental review process
  ▪ Overview of screening process
  ▪ Preference exercise
  ▪ Open discussion
  ▪ Review next steps

• Adjourn
SAC Kick-Off Meeting

What do we need from you?

**Participation** – Take notes and keep interested groups and agencies up-to-date on project recommendations

**Guidance** – Make the planning team aware of issues, concerns, and opportunities

**Feedback** – Ask questions and provide comments after the presentation

**Support** – Get a schedule of anticipated community engagement events and spread the word
Project Background
Atlanta BeltLine West
Connect Atlanta Plan

November 2008

Draft Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan (SSP)

March 2014

Atlanta Streetcar Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

April 2011

Record of Decision (ROD) for Tier 1 EIS

August 2012
Project Background
Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan

A Supplement to the *Connect Atlanta Plan* and the ABI Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP)

**Phasing of transit** in SIP based on this strategy

Includes all streetcar lines in the Connect Atlanta Plan including Atlanta BeltLine

Project evaluation based on Equity, Readiness, Value Capture, Finance, Ridership

Significant stakeholder and public input garnered to date

**Integrates Atlanta Streetcar lines** and *Atlanta BeltLine* into a unified system
Project Background
Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan

Streetcar is the transit technology for the Atlanta BeltLine corridor

Comprehensive system network

Complements existing and future MARTA bus and rail services
Project Background

Projects in Environmental Review Process

• Phase 1 and some Phase 2 of the Draft Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan (SSP). This represents the near-term priorities for the City of Atlanta.

• Streetcar Projects currently in Environmental Review Process:

  - Atlanta BeltLine East
  - Atlanta BeltLine West
  - Midtown/Crosstown Corridor
Environmental Review Process

Atlanta BeltLine West
Environmental Review Process

What is the Environmental Review process?

- Required for all actions seeking Federal funding as regulated by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1972
Environmental Review Process

What are the steps?

- Review Previous Planning Work
- Route Selection and MARTA Connectivity
- Technical Studies and Detailed Evaluation
- Complete Documentation
- Finding of No Significant Impact
- Engineering
Environmental Review Process

Which corridors are involved?

- Atlanta BeltLine East - Alignment Options
- Midtown/Crosstown Corridor - Alignment Options
- Atlanta BeltLine West - Alignment Options
- Atlanta Streetcar*
- MARTA Red/Gold Line*
- MARTA Blue/Green Line*

* Shown for Reference
Screening Process
Atlanta BeltLine West
• Five Guiding Principles
  ▪ Project Readiness
  ▪ Practicality / Ridership
  ▪ Equity
  ▪ Financial Options
  ▪ Development Impact
Screening Process

Five Guiding Principles

Transit Route Options

- Narrows alignment options
- Evaluates MARTA connectivity options

Environmental Assessment

- Evaluates environmental impacts of alignments
Screening Process
System-wide Focus Areas
Screening Process

Green Line Connection
Screening Process

Red Line / Gold Line Connections
Preference Exercise
Transit Route Options / MARTA Connectivity

- Six boards are for indicating your preferred transit routes, by MARTA station connection
- Two boards are for indicating your preferred MARTA station connection, by focus area
- Please indicate your preferences with green dots (like more) and orange dots (like less)
- Please label your dots with the route option number (GL1, NL3)
- Explanatory comments should be on sticky-notes
- Reconvene in 20 minutes
• Open Discussion
  ▪ Project background
  ▪ Environmental review process
  ▪ Screening process
  ▪ Preference exercise
## Milestone Schedule

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Community Engagement Schedule
Summer and Fall 2014

Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC): Advisory committee for each project corridor representing business and property owners, adjacent neighborhoods, and community groups.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): Advisory committee comprised of representatives with technical and/or environmental expertise.

Study Groups: Residents and business owners with an interest in the project within each geographical area.

Citywide Conversations: Citywide public meetings are forums to educate the public at large with upcoming plans, policies, and studies.
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Document confirmed transit routes and environmental resources

Continue to engage communities and coordinate with resource agencies

Proceed with technical work based on documented transit routes