Transit Routing Options and MARTA Connectivity Assessments

Atlanta BeltLine West

Westside Study Group: September 22, 2014
Southwest Study Group: September 25, 2014
• Project Team Introductions

• Today’s Agenda:
  ▪ Schedule
  ▪ Project Background
  ▪ Environmental Review Process
  ▪ Screening Process
  ▪ Preference Exercise

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Community Engagement Schedule
Summer and Fall 2014

SAC Kickoff Meeting
Sept 9, 2014

Citywide Conversation
Sept 15, 2014

Study Group Meetings Round #1
Sept 22 & 25, 2014

Study Group Meetings Round #2
Oct 6 & 9, 2014

SAC/TAC Meetings
Oct 14, 2014

Citywide Conversation
Oct 30, 2014

We are here

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.
Milestone Schedule

- Transit Routing Options/MARTA Connectivity Assessments: June 2014 to November 2014
- Technical Studies and Evaluation: September 2014 to March 2015
- Complete Draft Environmental Assessment (EA): March 2015
- Public/Agency Review and Public Hearing: April 2015
- Project Development (PD) Entry Request: Summer 2015

We are here

We are currently in the Technical Studies and Evaluation phase from September 2014 to March 2015.
Project Background
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Transit Plans/Studies/Initiatives

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
Streetcar is the transit technology for the Atlanta BeltLine corridor

Comprehensive system network

Complements existing and future MARTA bus and rail services
Environmental Review Process

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Environmental Review Process

What is it?

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969
- All federal projects must consider impacts to the environment

![Pie chart showing social, natural, and built aspects]
Environmental Review Process

What are the steps?

1. Review Previous Planning Work
2. Routing Selection / MARTA Connectivity
3. Technical Studies and Detailed Evaluation
4. Complete Documentation
5. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
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
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• Five Guiding Principles
  ▪ Project Readiness
  ▪ Practicality / Ridership
  ▪ Equity
  ▪ Financial Options
  ▪ Development Impact

• Shaped from community input during previous transit planning efforts
Screening Process
Transit Routing Options
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Preference Exercise
Transit Routing Options / MARTA Connectivity

• Four boards are for indicating your preferred routing, 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 most) and orange dots (like least)

• Please label your dots with the route option number (GL1, NL3)

• Explanatory comments should be on sticky-notes
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