Atlanta Streetcar Program
Environmental Clearance Process Update
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Organizational Structure
• National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969
• Projects with federal funds must consider impacts to the environment
Proposed Streetcar System
We are here*

*Technical studies are now starting for the Crosstown Downtown corridor
West: Two Focus Areas
West: Southern Focus Area
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West: Two Focus Areas
West: Northern Focus Area
West: Northern Focus Area
West: Preferred Alignment
Crosstown Midtown: Two Focus Areas

LEGEND
- North Ave/Luckie Street (NL)
- NL Design Options
- Peachtree Streetcar Study Area*
- Atlanta BeltLine
- Parks
- Atlanta Streetcar
- MARTA Rail Transit System
- Water Resources

Note: Peachtree Streetcar study area was evaluated previously in the EA/FONSI for the Georgia Connector: Atlanta Streetcar.
A-Line to North Avenue:

- Based on Stakeholder and Business Community feedback, Spring Street is not a viable route connecting A-line streetcar to Baker Street
- Williams Street is also not viable due to building impacts from turning radii
- COP Drive and Baker Street remain potential connection routes
A-Line to North Avenue:

- Evaluated two options:
  - Peachtree-Baker double-track
  - COP Drive double-track
- Uncertain utilities and ROW
- Preferred alignment is COP Drive
- Carry Peachtree-Baker as a design option
Crosstown Midtown

Luckie Street to MARTA Bankhead Station
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- Tech Parkway is not project ready – would require new bridge, new roadway, and property acquisitions.
- Northside Drive option provides better redevelopment opportunities.
- Northside Drive is the preferred alignment.
East: Alignment Design Options

[Map showing various streets and alignments with legend for Atlanta BeltLine East Streetcar Corridor, Common Alignment, Design Options, Potential Station Area, Proposed VSMF Site, Existing Features, Parks and Greenspace, MARTA Rail Transit System, Atlanta Streetcar.

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Sources: AECOM, ARC, Atlanta Beltline, Inc, City of Atlanta, Google Imagery, MARTA]
East: Preferred Alignment & Design Options
Next Steps

• Continued community engagement
• Submit draft environmental documents to FTA
  – AB West: September
  – AB East: October
  – Crosstown Midtown: November
  – Crosstown Downtown: December
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Existing Freight Corridors

- Norfolk Southern
- Atlanta & W Point
- Disconnected lines currently separated by Hulsey Yard
Crossing DeKalb Ave
East: Alignment Design Options

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Atlanta BeltLine East Streetcar Corridor
- Common Alignment
- Design Options
- Potential Station Area
- Proposed VSMF Site

Existing Features
- Parks and Greenspace
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Crossing DeKalb Ave

Crossing Challenges

- MARTA Bridge
- Active CSX Line
- DeKalb Ave
Crossing DeKalb Ave

**Tunnel Solution**

- Accommodates Trail and Transit (double track)
- Avoids impacts to MARTA Bridge foundations
- Avoids DeKalb Ave Crossing
- Avoids a CSX Crossing