Transit Route Options and MARTA Connectivity Assessment
Atlanta BeltLine East and North Avenue/Luckie Street

Southeast, Northeast, Northside & Crosstown Study Groups
July and August of 2014
• Welcome and Introductions

• Today’s Agenda:
  ▪ Background
  ▪ Overview and feedback from Citywide Conversation
  ▪ Next steps
  ▪ Input Exercise

• Adjourn
Community Engagement Schedule
Spring and Summer 2014

- SAC/TAC Kickoff Meeting April 2014
- Study Group Meetings Round #1 May 2014
- Citywide Conversation June 2014
- SAC/TAC Meetings June 2014
- Study Group Meetings Round #2 July & August 2014
- Citywide Conversation August 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.
Study Groups Round #2
What do we need from you today?

**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 outlining anticipated Spring and Summer 2014 community engagement events
Project Background

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Project Background
Transit Plans/Studies/Initiatives

**Connect Atlanta Plan**
November 2008

- Atlanta Streetcar Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
  - April 2011
- Record of Decision (ROD) for Tier 1 EIS
  - August 2012

**Draft Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan (SSP)**
March 2014
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

Compliments existing and future MARTA bus and rail services
Project Background

Projects in Environmental Review Process

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

• Streetcar Projects currently in Environmental Review Process:

- Atlanta BeltLine East
- Atlanta BeltLine West
- North Avenue/Luckie Street
**Project Background**

**Environmental Review Process Timeline**

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This schedule is subject to change. Please check the website (http://beltline.org/events/) for other community engagement opportunities associated with the environmental review process.
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How does this process fit in to the environmental review process?

Five Guiding Principles

- Narrows route options from many down to a few
- Evaluates MARTA connectivity options

Route Selection and MARTA Connectivity Assessment

- Evaluates environmental impacts of alignments
- Public and agency review period and public hearing

Environmental Assessment

Engineering
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What are the main focus areas?
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Hulsey Yard Focus Area
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Hulsey Yard Focus Area

East Streetcar Extension Alternatives

MLK National Historic Site

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SSP 1E & 5 East | Alignment F.x
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Hulsey Yard Focus Area
Questions or Comments?

[Map of Atlanta BeltLine showing various stations and landmarks such as Peachtree Center, Inman Park/Reynoldstown Station, Hulsey Yard, King Memorial Station, and others.]

- Atlanta BeltLine East
- Alignment Options
- Atlanta Streetcar
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Centennial Olympic Park Focus Area
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Bankhead MARTA Station to Luckie St. Focus Area

[Map and Diagram of Atlanta BeltLine with specific routes and stations indicated]
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Preference and Input Exercise from Citywide Conversation

Summary of Key Findings

- “Hilliard/Grant Street under Hulsey Yard with a connection to King Memorial MARTA station is best”
- “Preserve Andrew Young International Boulevard as part of Centennial Olympic Park”
- “Compared to Luckie Street, there are more opportunities for re-development in Marietta Street corridor”
Input Exercise

Now it’s your turn...

• Spend 10 – 15 minutes reviewing the boards

• Make comments on sticky notes and then place on boards or discuss with ABI staff member during the breakout session
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Document confirmed alignments and environmental resources
Continue to engage communities and coordinate with resource agencies
Proceed with technical work based on documented alignments