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

Citywide Conversation June 17, 2014
Introductions

Today’s Agenda:
- Review project background
- Choosing the best routes and connections to MARTA
  - Route Options
  - MARTA Connection Options
- Discuss next steps and project contact information
- Questions?
- Preference and 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 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.
Citywide Conversation
What do we need from you today?

Participation – Provide your input during the Community Preference and Input Exercise

Guidance – Provide input on streetcar routes being considered and preferred connections to MARTA rail

Feedback – Ask questions and provide comments after the presentation

Support – Receive a schedule outlining anticipated Summer 2014 community engagement events
Project Background

Atlanta BeltLine East and North Avenue/Luckie Street
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
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
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
  - North Avenue/Luckie Street
Project Background
Environmental Review Process Timeline

- Identify goals and objectives
- Review previous planning work
- Evaluate existing conditions

ROUTE SELECTION AND MARTA CONNECTIVITY
- Review concept drawings
- Field review and surveys
- Identify environmental resources

Spring - Summer 2014

TECHNICAL STUDIES AND EVALUATION
- Initiate community engagement and agency coordination
- Evaluate alternatives
- Document technical work

Spring 2014 - Winter 2015

COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION
- Achieve final decision from Federal lead agency

Spring 2015

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

Route Selection and MARTA Connectivity Assessment

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

Environmental Assessment

- Evaluates environmental impacts of alignments
- Public and agency review period and public hearing
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What are the main focus areas?
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Hulsey Yard Focus Area
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Bankhead MARTA Station to Luckie St. Focus Area

Bankhead Station to Luckie St.

North Avenue (West)
Alignment Options
MARTA Green Line

Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy
North Avenue (West)

Maddox Park

Luckie Street
Contact Information and Next Steps

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1. **Document confirmed alignments and environmental resources**
2. **Continue to engage communities and coordinate with resource agencies**
3. **Proceed with technical work based on documented alignments**
Questions or Feedback?

• Project Background

• Route Selection and MARTA Connectivity

• Public Engagement Process
Preference and Input Exercise

• Each of the 3 Stations will have an aerial map showing potential routes and MARTA connectivity

• Show preference with green dots (like) and red dots (don’t like)

• Make comments with sticky notes