Southwest + Westside Study Group:
Atlanta BeltLine Refresher

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// Where is the Atlanta BeltLine?

- In the heart of the Atlanta region
- Connects many of Atlanta’s cultural landmarks and institutional destinations
- Connects four historic abandoned freight rail rights of way encircling the center of town
What is the Atlanta BeltLine?

• Unites 45 neighborhoods
• 22% of the City of Atlanta population lives in the Planning Area
• 19% of the City’s land mass is inside the mile-wide 15,000 acre planning area
• 6,500 acre TAD
// The Atlanta BeltLine: Key Elements

1,300 ACRES of New Greenspace (+700 ADDITIONAL ACRES REBUILT)

33 MILES of Urban Trails

5,600 UNITS of Affordable Workforce Housing (AS PART OF 28,000 TOTAL UNITS)

Corridor-wide Historic Preservation, Public Art and Arboretum

22 MILES of Transit & Transportation Infrastructure

46 MILES Streetscapes & Complete Streets

30,000 JOBS & $10-20B Economic Development

> 1,100 ACRES of Environmental Clean-up
// Atlanta BeltLine Subarea Master Plan Refresher

// Subareas 1, 2, 9 and 10
// Subareas 1, 2, 9 and 10 Boundaries
// Subarea 1 Land Use
Subarea 2 Land Use
Subarea 9 Land Use
// Subarea 10 Land Use
// Atlanta BeltLine Projects: Past, Present and Future

// Subareas 1, 2, 9 and 10
Overall Progress to Date

- Total investment to date: $405m
// Local Projects Completed

- West End Trail
- Southwest Connector Trail
- Gordon White Park
- D.H. Stanton Park
// Current Projects

• Design Review Committee:
  ▪ Advocate for and support the consistent application and implementation of the BeltLine Overlay and the City zoning resolution
  ▪ Provide recommendations to the Office of Planning to support projects consistent with the Sub-Area Master Plan Visions
  ▪ Encourage enhanced design features in redevelopments and new projects
  ▪ Provide development technical assistance to elevate the “overall design quality” of each project
  ▪ Systematic tracking of all Atlanta BeltLine Projects
Current Projects

• Urban Farm & BeltLine Shed
  - Designed to be off-grid
  - Cover crop is preparing the land for substantial plantings in the spring
• AIA Pavilion
  ▪ Annual performances will continue once WST construction is complete
  ▪ The BeltLine is seeking funding for a permanent pavilion
// Current Projects

- Arthur Langford Jr. Park
  - Ribbon Cutting Dec. 11th
  - RFP for Mural will be posted soon
• Southside Trail Design
  - RFQ for design & engineering due 11/12
  - Includes 4-mile trail between University Ave. & Memorial Dr.
  - Design to include lighting, retaining walls, vertical connections, storm drainage, signage/wayfinding, and bridges
// Current Projects

• Westside Trail
  ▪ Construction is fully funded and underway
  ▪ 3-mile trail will connect 4 schools and 4 parks
  ▪ 14 access points
  ▪ Vertical connections
  ▪ Preparation for future transit
Current Projects

• Westside Trail
  • Bridge Over MLK Jr. Dr.
    • The south abutment is 95% complete & north abutment work started
    • Schedule currently shows new bridge beams being installed in the spring
  • Stormwater systems in place near Lena St., White St. & University Ave.
    • Work started on the one adjacent to the Enota Park and Langhorn St.
  • Retaining walls started near Urban farm and north of MLK Jr. Dr.
  • Currently maintaining our completion date of summer 2017
  • 7 people from Westside Works hired by Astra Construction on this project and another for Northside Dr. project.
// Current Projects

- **Murphy Crossing RFP**
  - Jobs Related Economic Feasibility Analysis of Murphy Crossing and the Surrounding Area
  - Prioritized Recommendations for Short, Mid and Long Term Activation
  - Neighborhood Workforce Analysis
  - Analysis of economic development scenarios
  - Case studies of other national models
  - Framework for Site Preparation
  - Proposals were due November 13
Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta Program

- Single family community stabilization effort
- Structured Partnership Program (set-aside)
- Major Components (all homeownership)
  - Down payment Assistance – Applications closed
  - Owner Occupied Rehabilitation – Applications closed
  - Acquisition Rehabilitation or Redevelopment
- Funding
  - 2:1 ABI to FHLB commitment
  - Anticipate multi-year partnership
- Income Limits
  - 80% of Area Median Income. $38K for family of 1.
- Geography
  - Anywhere within Atlanta BeltLine Planning Area
Current Projects

Streetcar System Plan Refinement

- Refinement integrates multiple crosstown streetcar routes with service along the Atlanta BeltLine corridor.
Current Projects

- Atlanta Streetcar/Atlanta BeltLine Environmental Assessments
  - **Atlanta BeltLine East**
    Montgomery Ferry Road to Glenwood Avenue; Irwin Street (5.9 miles)
  - **Atlanta BeltLine West**
    D. L. Hollowell Pkwy to University Avenue (4.6 miles)
  - **Crosstown Midtown**
    North Avenue; Luckie Street (4.8 miles)
Flexible framework to complete the short- and long-term elements of the Atlanta BeltLine

Developed in 2013 for all projects and programs moving forward
- Designed for completion in 2030

Broken into 3 distinct periods
- Period 1: FY14-FY18
- Period 2: FY19-FY23
- Period 3: FY24-FY30

Outlines proposed order and spacing of projects and programs
• Criterion for determining project priority include:
  ▪ Development impact, equity, financial options, project readiness, goal consistency, and ridership (for transit projects)
// SIP Trails Timeline

- Westside Trail (South Section) completion in Period II: FY19-FY23
- Southside Trail completion in Period II: FY19-FY23
- Westside Trail (North Section) completion in Period III: FY24-FY30
// SIP Parks Timeline

- Westside Reservoir Park
  - Phase II
    - FY19-FY23
  - Phase III
    - FY24-FY30
- Maddox Park
  - Period III: FY24-FY30
- Enota Park
  - Period II: FY19-FY23
- Murphy Crossing Park
  - Period II: FY19-FY23
- Four Corners Park
  - Period III: FY24-FY30
- Hillside Park
  - Planning & Acquisition in Period III: FY24-FY30
// SIP Transit Timeline

- West Segment Completion in Period II
  - FY19-FY23
- Southeast Segment Completion in Period III
  - FY24-FY30
- Northwest Segment Completion in Period III
  - FY24-FY30
// Questions?