In a tremendous step forward for trail construction along the Atlanta BeltLine, the City of Atlanta received an $18 million federal TIGER V grant in September 2013. This accelerates the construction of the Westside Trail by several years, bringing the Atlanta BeltLine through some of Atlanta’s most historic communities. Plans are progressing rapidly and you can look for construction to start in the fall of 2014.

The following milestones will also take place in 2014: completion of the Edgewood Avenue bridge; construction on the Eastside Trail between Irwin Street and DeKalb Avenue; construction of the Gateway path between the Eastside Trail and Historic Fourth Ward Park; and construction on the Eastside Trail extension south between Wylie Street and Memorial Drive. Final Environmental Assessment work for transit will also commence along several segments of the corridor.

Simultaneously, design continues for the southeast corridor between Adair Park (the southernmost point on the Westside Trail) and Glenwood Park.

Through your support, progress continues on many fronts of the Atlanta BeltLine. Community involvement is as important as ever as we continue to advance one of Atlanta’s most significant urban mobility and redevelopment programs.

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More than 70 works of visual art, four performance weekends, and 10,000 of your closest friends... this year’s Art on the Atlanta BeltLine exhibition was a visual and musical spectacle, starting with the annual Lantern Parade on September 7. The exhibition, which officially closed on November 11, marks Art on the Atlanta BeltLine’s fourth year, and the most successful to date. Approximately 10,000 participants came out for the Lantern Parade, and attendance numbered in the hundreds for the other performances, which included theater, dance, music, and live painting. Performances served as a catalyst to bring neighbors together. Sculptures and murals installed on the east and west sides of the corridor encouraged people to explore more areas of the Atlanta BeltLine. Several pieces incorporated the railroad’s history with two sculptures specifically fabricated from railroad artifacts. View more photos at art.beltline.org.

The Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade winds under Freedom Parkway on the Eastside Trail with a two-mile stretch of creative lanterns, vibrant lights, and energetic marching bands. Photo credit: Sinan Sinharoy.

Justine Rubin’s & Robin Finch’s “Elephant & Whale” in front of Hadley Breckenridge’s “Enterchange.”

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Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. is pleased to announce the following staff updates:

Marshall Norwood was promoted to the newly created position of Chief Financial Officer in mid-October. Mr. Norwood previously served as the accounting manager since joining ABI in July, 2011. He formerly worked for the State of Georgia, Cox Enterprises and KPMG, and is a CPA.

Mr. Norwood is a Georgia native and graduate from Morehouse College with a B.A. in Business/Accounting. His professional affiliations include the Georgia Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA).

Shaun Green joined ABI as Senior Transit Engineer, bringing 16 years of civil engineering experiences, primarily focused on urban, multi-modal transportation systems. Mr. Green spent the last ten years with the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, supporting the start-up and ultimate steady-state operation and maintenance of their regional express bus service. Prior to GRTA, Mr. Green worked as a consulting engineer, focusing on traffic engineering, urban planning and land development.

Mr. Green is a graduate of Georgia Tech, has three daughters with his wife Janet, has been a bicycle commuter in Atlanta since 1994, and is an avid ice hockey player.

Fellowships

ABI welcomes our newest addition to the team of Fellows. Sarah Boyer is the Landscape Architecture Fellow and is studying for her Bachelor’s of Landscape Architecture with a certificate in Water Resources from the University of Georgia.

Interested in working with us as a fellow, full-time employee, or contractor? Please visit beltline.org/about/work-with-us.

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership is encouraging Atlantans to get out and get active on the Atlanta BeltLine! Many Atlantans have already joined in new health programming that includes free, fun fitness activities at parks and trails around the Atlanta BeltLine. From aerobics to FitWit and REI-led Trail Yoga and introductory bike riding classes for adults and children, there is something for everyone—regardless of age or fitness levels.

This effort is in cooperation with the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation, Park Pride and other health-centric organizations. The Coca-Cola Company provided funding to support the programs.

Stay tuned to beltline.org/fitsignup for many more events coming up in 2014!

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership is pleased to announce that Lindsey Hardegree has joined its staff as their new Development Director; she’ll be working towards achieving the Partnership’s annual fundraising and sponsorship goals.

What can you do to support the Atlanta BeltLine?

- Become a Member! Atlanta BeltLine members receive some truly unique benefits. Bonus Points: Check to see if your employer will match your gift!
- Attend an Event. Our Running Series and other special events provide opportunities to not only have a great time, but to sustain the Atlanta BeltLine.
- Shop! Whether it’s visiting shop.beltline.org, registering your Kroger card, or utilizing Smile.Amazon.com, there are a variety of ways to support the Atlanta BeltLine!
The Gateway, shown in this rendering, will wind down the hill near the Angier Springs access point of the Eastside Trail to Historic Fourth Ward Park.

Construction on a connection between the Eastside Trail and Historic Fourth Ward Park is expected to begin by the end of 2013. The path, known as the Gateway, is an ADA-accessible trail that will begin across from the Angier Springs Road access point of the Eastside Trail, and wind down the hill toward the park, connecting at Dallas Street and North Angier Avenue. The design includes landscaping, retaining walls, lighting, and green infrastructure stormwater design. Historic Fourth Ward Park features a stormwater detention basin that doubles as a two-acre lake, a design feature that serves both a functional and aesthetic purpose. The Gateway will connect the park directly to the 2-mile paved portion of the Eastside Trail, running from Inman Park to Piedmont Park.

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership and Atlanta Bicycle Coalition have now partnered to offer bike tours on Saturdays and Sundays! Three-hour tours showcase a 16-mile Eastside Trail route and an 11-mile Westside Trail route. At stops along the routes, tour guides will highlight Atlanta BeltLine destinations, provide an overview of the Atlanta BeltLine program, concept, and history, and share updates on project planning, implementation, and development.

Tour registrations open at 9 a.m. on the 25th of each month. Please visit tours.beltline.org to sign up!

About Us

The Atlanta BeltLine is the most comprehensive transportation and economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and among the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment programs currently underway in the United States. The Atlanta BeltLine will provide a network of public parks, multi-use trails, transit and affordable housing along an historic 22-mile railroad corridor circling downtown and connecting many neighborhoods directly to each other. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine in partnership with other public and private organizations, including City of Atlanta departments and The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership. For more information on the Atlanta BeltLine, please visit www.beltline.org.

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