

BRING ON THE CHARM!



Slow down sugar! Signs from the Southern Charm campaign served as a gentle reminder to mind your manners.

The Atlanta BeltLine launched an etiquette campaign on the Eastside Trail to remind everyone how to keep the Atlanta BeltLine fun and enjoyable for all users. We call it #BeltLineCharm. On weekends in March and April, volunteers smiled and held up signs with simple reminders about courtesy on the trails.

The Atlanta BeltLine is no longer Atlanta's best-kept secret. The success of the Eastside Trail alone has caused the project's popularity to explode, with visitors numbering near 10,000 on peak days, and we want everyone to be neighborly. See all of the signs at www.beltline.org/beltlinecharm.

ATLANTA BELTLINE EARTH DAY 2014



Before and after images of the bamboo grove that volunteers tackled. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

Bamboo—and lots of it—was on the chopping block for Earth Day on the Atlanta BeltLine 2014. Volunteers tackled a huge, invasive grove of bamboo that long ago took root along the interim hiking trail just north of Park Drive alongside Piedmont Park. Removing this bamboo ensures visibility, preserves native species, enhances the experience of trail users, and emphasizes the natural beauty

of the Atlanta BeltLine. Foot traffic continues to increase along this stretch of the interim hiking trail with numbers averaging almost 2,000 people per week in the first quarter of 2014.

Now in its eighth year, Atlanta BeltLine Earth Day is made possible by countless volunteers and a strong, supportive network of partners.

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ATLANTA BELTLINE SHOP

Check out the Atlanta BeltLine Shop and find great gifts for yourself or your favorite new grad! It's your go-to place for Atlanta BeltLine shirts, hats, coasters, posters, and postcards. Proceeds from every purchase fund Atlanta BeltLine programs and projects. Shop now at shop.beltline.org!



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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DOT SECRETARY VISIT



The above rendering depicts the Westside Trail near Holderness Street, just north of I-20 and Westview Drive.

The Atlanta BeltLine is garnering national attention and visitors from the President's administration. The U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx paid a visit to the Atlanta BeltLine in April on his "Invest in America, Commit to the Future" tour. Secretary Foxx's tour took him across eight states, from Columbus, Ohio to Dallas, Texas to raise awareness for transportation funding needs.

Mayor Kasim Reed welcomed the Secretary to Atlanta where he toured the Atlanta Streetcar Vehicle Maintenance Facility, took a bus ride down the streetcar line through the King Historic District, and walked through the Historic Fourth Ward Skatepark for a look at the Eastside Trail.

Secretary Foxx called the Atlanta BeltLine "game-changing" for its potential to spur connectivity and quality-of-life improvements around the 22-mile loop and throughout the City of Atlanta.

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded an \$18 million TIGER V grant to the City of Atlanta last September. The grant will help to fund the Westside Trail, a 3-mile portion of the Atlanta BeltLine in southwest Atlanta.

MAJOR DONATION FOR THE WESTSIDE TRAIL

The James M. Cox Foundation is making a \$5 million gift for the Westside Trail project to the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, which includes a \$3.5 million challenge to other supporters. This kind of leadership is characteristic of the collaborative public-private partnership that has yielded so many Atlanta BeltLine successes to date.

The Westside Trail will build upon this foundation of accomplishments with a 3-mile trail running from Washington Park, past Kroger Citi-Center, and to the Urban Farm and Murphy Crossing with connections to four schools and four parks. The Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum will line the trail with hundreds of large, native trees. 40 acres of new greenspace will line the

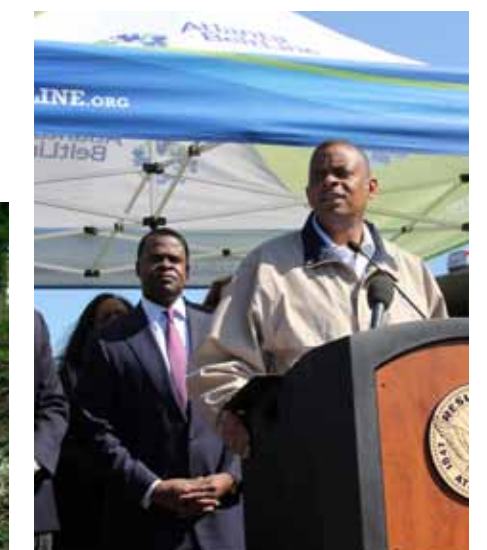
trail segment bringing innumerable benefits to several southwest Atlanta neighborhoods, residents, children and visitors.

This investment is a lead gift in the renewed Atlanta BeltLine Partnership fundraising plan with the first priority being an urgent \$12.5 million effort for the Westside Trail and targeted land acquisition. It will be followed by other capital projects, all carefully coordinated with our philanthropic and implementation partners in pursuit of the Strategic Implementation Plan.

Get more details and see how to explore the Westside Trail before it goes into construction later this year at beltline.org/westsidetrail.



The Westside Trail in its current condition as an interim hiking trail. This location is looking south towards the bridge over Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.



U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, alongside City of Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, speaking in Historic Fourth Ward Skatepark.

EDGEWOOD AVENUE REOPENED



After one year of construction, the Edgewood Avenue bridge is now open. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

On April 1, the Edgewood Avenue bridge over the Atlanta BeltLine corridor reopened to vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. This span has been closed for one year for demolition and reconstruction. A dedication for the new bridge will be held this summer when ramp and stair connections to the Atlanta BeltLine are completed. Contractors will also continue work on fencing

along sidewalks causing temporary closures for pedestrians. The opening reestablished connectivity between Inman Park and the Old Fourth Ward neighborhoods, benefitting businesses, residents and commuters who traverse the area. Later this year, ABI will begin construction on the southern extension of the Eastside Trail, which currently terminates at Irwin Street.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO



2014 will be the busiest year for construction projects that the Atlanta BeltLine has experienced to date. The Eastside Trail Gateway connecting Historic Fourth Ward Park and the Eastside Trail will be complete and open to the public by this fall. By the end of 2014, construction will be underway on the Westside Trail and the Eastside Trail southern extension. The urban farm in Adair Park is underway. In addition, final corridor design plans for the southeast segment are due by the end of the year and environmental assessments are underway for transit.

The Atlanta BeltLine has initiated a cultural shift in Atlanta. We are thrilled that estimates indicate that over one million people will use the trails this year. This new culture is made possible in part due to private contributions to this transformative project, like the recent \$5 million donation by the James M. Cox Foundation. We are extremely grateful for such supporters.

Now in its fifth year, Art on the Atlanta BeltLine is on the verge of announcing the line-up of visual and performing artists for this landmark exhibition. Mark your calendars for the September 6 kick-off with the Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade.

If you're not already a member of the Atlanta BeltLine, I invite you to consider making a donation today and becoming a part of our city's most significant redevelopment project at beltline.org/member. Thank you as always for your continued support.

—Paul Morris

HISTORY SPOTLIGHT



The administration building at the 1895 Cotton States and International Exposition in Piedmont Park. Photo credit: The Kenan Research Center at the Atlanta History Center.

So much of Atlanta's history revolves around the old railroad corridors—especially the four lines that make up the 22-mile loop of the Atlanta BeltLine. With the help of the Atlanta History Center and the Digital Library of Georgia, we have collected some photos and maps that provide a look into the history of Atlanta around the Atlanta BeltLine.

Some of the earliest documents include maps from the 1895 Cotton States and International Exposition held in what is now Piedmont Park. Atlanta's status as a trade and business center was showcased as hundreds of thousands of visitors attended the exhibits and attractions.

An official history of the Exposition published in the following year credited the railroads for helping to make the Exposition possible. Several of the rail lines, including Southern Railway, purchased Exposition bonds, contributing to its funding.

The Southern Railway transported visitors both locally and long-distances, and the Exposition brought in so many additional travelers that the schedule was expanded with trains departing every few minutes. Southern Railway also laid additional tracks to accommodate the influx of visitors, connecting the station with its terminal inside the exposition.

Most of the buildings from the Cotton States and International Exposition were subsequently torn down, but some structures, such as the stone balustrades near the Atlanta Botanical Garden, still remain.

For those of you that love Atlanta as much as we do, seeing glimpses of the past makes the future even more exciting. They remind us what it took to get here and what it will take to get where we want to go. Read more on our blog: www.beltline.org/blog.

STAFF NEWS

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



Jill Johnson, Director of Government Affairs, actively supports ABI at all levels of government to ensure and expand funding, regulatory, and political support.



Jerald Mitchell, Director of Economic Development, advances the economic development strategy.



Kristin Olson, Real Estate and Asset Specialist, supports the real estate team.



Robbie Ross, Accounting Manager, supports financial operations.



Nathan Soldat, Community Engagement Advocate, works on community outreach and public meetings.



Monica Stovall-Simpson, Executive Assistant, provides scheduling and administrative support to Paul Morris, the President and CEO.



Michelle Thomas, Assistant General Counsel, handles legal issues and provides legal advice in support of General Counsel.

Lynnette Reid was promoted to Senior Community Planner after two years serving as the Community Engagement Advocate.

Fellowships

ABI welcomes our newest additions to the team of Fellows. **Greg Giuffrida** is the Affordable Housing Fellow. He is studying for his Masters in Land and Community Development at Georgia Tech. **Miranda Duncan** is the Art and Design Fellow and is studying for her Masters in sculpture from the Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta Campus.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Atlanta BeltLine 2013 Annual Report, "Where Atlanta Comes Together," is now available online. The report provides an overview of the dynamic progress of the Atlanta BeltLine over the course of the year and shares updates from every program area and project, including a timeline of the history of the program. The report also includes audited financial information from Fiscal Year 2014. View it online and download it here: beltline.org/about/resources/annual-reports.

FREE FITNESS CLASSES



Instead of making excuses for NOT working out, why not make a list of reasons FOR getting fit on the Atlanta BeltLine? Be sure to include fun, easy, and free on your list, because the fitness classes are all of those and more! With a range of programs for every age level of fitness, there is no reason not to come get a healthy dose of fitness on the Atlanta BeltLine! Classes include: aerobics, FitWit boot camps, REI-led trail yoga and group runs, introductory bike riding classes for adults and children, mountain biking, nutrition walks, sunrise / sunset hikes, Street Cup, Play Day, Atlanta BeltLine Run Club runs, and more!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
6/14/14	9AM-3PM	Annual Bicycle Tour	Historic Fourth Ward Park
7/12/14	7:30-11AM	Southwest 5k	1350 Ralph D. Abernathy, 30310
2nd Wed.	5:30-6:30PM	Volunteer Training	250 Williams St, Suite 2115, 30303
Fridays	9:15AM-12:30PM	Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour *	Inman Park MARTA Station
Fridays	10-11:30AM	Eastside Trail Walking Tour *	240 N. Highland Ave, 30307
3rd Fri.	12-1PM	Volunteer Training	250 Williams St, Suite 2115, 30303
Saturdays	9:15 AM-12:30 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour *	Inman Park MARTA Station
Saturdays	10-11:30AM	Arboretum Walking Tour *	240 N. Highland Ave, 30307
Saturdays	10 AM-1PM	Eastside Bicycle Tour *	151 Sampson St, 30312
Sundays	2-5PM	Westside Bicycle Tour *	1050 Ralph D. Abernathy, 30310

For more details on upcoming events, please visit: beltline.org/events. We offer an extensive roster of free fitness classes, all of which are listed on our calendar. Please register online at beltline.org/fitsignup.

* All tours require advance registration. Please visit beltline.org/tours for more information on bus, arboretum, and bicycle tours.

Get to know the project with an Atlanta BeltLine 101! These monthly educational presentations throughout the city will help answer your questions. Check out beltline.org/events for a full list of upcoming sessions.

We're looking for volunteers! Visit beltline.org/volunteer for more information on ways to get involved.