



## Westside Trail Construction Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) December 2014

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### DESIGN

**Q1: Is the design complete for the Westside Trail?**

A: Yes

**Q2: What additional infrastructure will be built in addition to the actual trail?**

A: *The trail will include 14 access points to existing trails and streets, lighting, benches, security cameras and the infrastructure necessary to accommodate current and future utilities.*

**Q3: Will you unify design elements like lighting and signage between the Eastside and Westside Trails at this time?**

A: *All newly constructed trails moving forward will include full lighting. When funding becomes available, the Eastside Trail will receive the same lighting as the Westside Trail. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) is currently working on a way finding master plan which will create unified signage throughout the Atlanta BeltLine.*

**Q4: Can you describe the University Avenue access point to the Atlanta BeltLine?**

A: *This access point will be compliant with the "Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Act."*

**Q5: Will there be any complimentary streetscape improvements as part of the Westside Trail Construction?**

A: *Improvements will be made where the trail intersects with Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Allene Avenue SW and Lawton Street SW.*

### CONTRACTOR

**Q6: Who is the contractor for the Westside Trail?**

A: *Astra Group*

**Q7: Does Astra's contract include a bonus if the trail is completed early or a penalty if it is completed late?**

A: *There is no bonus for early completion and there is a penalty for late completion.*

**Q8: What hours is the contractor allowed to work?**

A: *Monday through Friday: 7am to 7pm  
Saturday and Sunday: 9am to 5pm (with approval from Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.)*



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**Q9: Will community members be able to apply for vacant positions on the construction project?**

**A:** *Yes. Please contact Westside Works for job training and placement to be considered for employment on the project. Westside Works is located in the former E.R. Carter School building. (80 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30314 | info@westsideworks.org | 404-458-6413)*

### **TIMELINE AND SEQUENCING**

**Q10: How long will it take to build the Westside Trail?**

**A:** *Approximately 2 years from the start of construction.*

**Q11: When is the earliest that a segment of the trail will be completed and open for use? How long would that segment be?**

**A:** *It is feasible that some segment(s) may open prior to the completion of the entire project. It is not yet determined if this will happen nor which segment is most likely to be completed first.*

**Q12: In what order and where will the trail be constructed first?**

**A:** *The trail will be built in multiple segments with the order to be determined by the contractor.*

**Q13: How long will southernmost portion of the trail at University Avenue SW serve as the trail head for the Westside Trail?**

**A:** *The University Avenue temporary trail head will be rebuilt when the Southside Trail is constructed which will connect the Eastside and Westside Trails.*

**Q14: How long will it take to build the new bridge over Martin Luther King Jr Dr. and is it possible to save the original bridge?**

**A:** *The contractor's schedule has not yet been finalized at this time. Once the schedule is finalized, this FAQ will be updated. The original bridge has been evaluated for restoration and reuse however it has been determined that it is beyond repair.*

### **CONSTRUCTION ACCESS**

**Q15: Where will construction access points be located?**

**A:** *All available access points will be utilized as necessary during construction. Construction will require the use of city streets.*

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### SAFETY

**Q16: Are there areas of Westside Trail corridor that will be open during construction?**

A: *During construction, the Westside Trail corridor is an active construction site and off limits at all times. Accessing the corridor is considered trespassing.*

**Q17: How will I be able to identify construction workers who are working on the project?**

A: *Construction workers will be wearing bright yellow vests with Astra's logo on the back so they are easily recognizable. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. employees will be wearing bright yellow vests with Atlanta BeltLine's logo on the back. If you see what appears to be an unauthorized individual on the site engaged in suspicious activity, please contact Atlanta law enforcement.*

**Q18: Is it ok to use the unbuilt section of the Atlanta BeltLine between Glenwood Avenue SE and the Westside Trail also known as the future Southside Trail?**

A: *That section of the corridor is currently active rail. Though there are no trains running on it, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. does not own it and access to it is considered trespassing.*

### COMMUNICATION

**Q19: What methods will be used to provide the community with construction progress updates?**

A: *Methods will include quarterly newsletters, public meetings and updates on the website ([beltline.org/westsidetrail](http://beltline.org/westsidetrail)) and via social media. The Office of Community Engagement and Planning is available with advance notice to meet with community groups and organizations to provide updates at their regularly scheduled meetings.*

**Q20: Where can I go to get more information on the Westside Trail?**

A: *Westside Trail Construction General Questions: 678-995-3701  
Westside Trail Construction Emergencies: 770-256-7511  
Online: [beltline.org/westsidetrail](http://beltline.org/westsidetrail)*

**Q21: Will the link to the construction documents be placed on the [beltline.org](http://beltline.org) website?**

A: *No. Construction documents are available at ABI's offices. Please contact ABI to schedule a time to meet with staff.*



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### EXISTING WEST END TRAIL

**Q22: Will there be connections between the existing West End Trail and the Westside Trail?**

A: *There will be connections at Interstate 20 where the West End Trail turns west, Gordon White Park and Rose Circle Park.*

**Q23: Will the existing West End Trail be closed during construction?**

A: *The portion of the West End Trail under Interstate 20 will be closed during construction. A detour including directional signage will be provided to ensure continued usability.*

### LANDSCAPING AND TREES

**Q24: How will the landscaping and trees be maintained?**

A: *Trees Atlanta ([treesatlanta.org](http://treesatlanta.org)) will provide maintenance including watering and fertilization as needed until root systems are established. This is likely to take approximately 4 to 5 years after installation.*

**Q25: Are there plans to mulch the trees that are being removed and use them at the urban farm?**

A: *No.*



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### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM THE 12/2/14 COMMUNITY MEETING

**Q26: What is the plan for the old State Farmers Market?**

A: *The final plan has yet to be determined. ABI will meet with the community when planning begins.*

**Q27: What is the status of the urban farm?**

A: *The selection of a farmer is currently underway.*

**Q28: When will the design for Enota Park begin?**

A: *2018 is the target date. ABI will meet with the community when design begins.*

**Q29: Is the environmental assessment for the Atlanta BeltLine south of Interstate 20 complete and if so what were the results?**

A: *The assessment is complete and no remediation is necessary.*

**Q30: When is the Exide battery plant cleanup scheduled to take place?**

A: *That parcel is private property and not currently within the scope of the Atlanta BeltLine.*

**Q31: Where will the transit run?**

A: *The exact location of transit will be determined during a future design process. ABI will meet with the community when design begins. Currently ABI is completing transit environmental assessments for portions of the Atlanta BeltLine. More information is available at [beltline.org/progress/planning/transit-planning/environmental-assessments](http://beltline.org/progress/planning/transit-planning/environmental-assessments)*