

Southside Trail-West Construction Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

SITE MAP



DESIGN

Q1: Is the design complete for the Southside Trail-West section?

A: Yes

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

A: *The trail will include 3 access points (gravel path at Allene Ave, Metropolitan Pkwy ramp and stairs and a paved path between Capital View Manor/Pittsburgh Yards) to existing streets and job-centers, 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, Southside and Westside Trails at this time?

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A: Yes. All trails include lighting, security cameras, and signage. 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 Metropolitan Parkway access point to the Atlanta BeltLine?

A: This access point will be compliant with the “Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Act.” The access point, located on the southeast side of the trail’s crossing with Metropolitan, will include both a ramp system and stairs with lighted handrails. A pedestrian crossing signal will be installed across Metropolitan. A new bridge will be built to the north side of the existing railroad bridge for the multi-use trail.

CONTRACTOR

Q5: Who is the contractor for the Southside Trail-West?

A: Astra Group, Inc.

Q6: 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.

Q7: 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.)

Q8: Will community members be able to apply for vacant positions on the construction project?

A: Yes. Please contact [Worksource Atlanta](#) for job training and placement to be considered for employment on the project. Worksource Atlanta is located at 818 Pollard Blvd SW, Atlanta, GA 30315.

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TIMELINE AND SEQUENCING

Q9: How long will it take to build the Southside-West Trail section?

A: Approximately 1 year from the start of construction. Utility work is in progress with third-party utility providers. This work needs to be completed before the General Contractor begins their work. It is anticipated that the utility work will be complete, and the General Contractor will receive a Notice to Proceed to start work sometime in February.

Q10: In what order and where will the trail be constructed first?

A: The order in which the trail will be built will be determined by the contractor.

Q11: How long will southernmost portion of the trail at University Avenue SW serve as the trail head for the Westside Trail?

A: A small portion of the University Avenue trail access point will be rebuilt, to install stormwater pipes. Please stay tuned for exact details of this very brief closure.

Q12: How long will it take to build the new pedestrian bridge over Metropolitan Parkway SW?

A: The contractor's schedule has not yet been finalized at this time. Once the schedule is finalized, this FAQ will be updated. It is anticipated that the bridge will be constructed during the latter half of the one year construction period.

CONSTRUCTION ACCESS

Q13: Where will construction access points be located?

A: Construction vehicles will not travel through low-traffic residential areas within the Capitol View Manor neighborhood. Construction vehicles will enter the corridor from Allene Avenue and Pryor Road.

SAFETY

Q14: Are there areas of Southside Trail-West corridor that will be open during construction?

A: No. During construction, the Southside Trail-West corridor will be an active construction site and will be off-limits at all times. Accessing the corridor is considered trespassing. There will be

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many hazards within the construction zone including an area of massive grading adjacent to the Pittsburgh Yards development that will require cutting through the existing banked slope. The remaining section of the Southside Interim Trail east of Pryor Road will remain open.

Q15: 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.*

COMMUNICATION

Q16: 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/southsidetrail) 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.*

Q17: Where can I go to get more information on the Southside Trail?

A: *Southside Trail-West Construction General Questions: 678-757-4932
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Online: beltline.org/southsidetrail or Email: SSTWConstruction@atlbeltline.org*

Q18: Will the link to the construction documents be placed on the beltline.org website?

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

LANDSCAPING AND TREES

Q19: How will the landscaping and trees be maintained?

A: *Trees Atlanta (treesatlanta.org) will install landscaping and provide maintenance including watering and fertilization as needed until root systems are established. The maintenance period is typically 2 years after installation.*

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REMEDICATION

Q20: Is the environmental remediation for the Southside Trail-West corridor complete?

A: *Not yet. Because of ground disturbing activities along the corridor, we will be following an approved remediation and soil management plan (which includes proper soil testing and disposal) that has been approved by Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD)*

Q21: When is the Exide battery plant (1246 Allene Avenue) cleanup scheduled to take place?

A: *As part of this construction project, Atlanta Beltline has purchased an easement for construction on a small portion of this site. At this time, the owner of the property has remediated the property to Georgia EPD standards. We will be providing construction reports as directed by Georgia EPD.*

FUTURE TRANSIT

Q22: 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 preliminary engineering design begins.*

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