



## Southside Trail West Questions & Answers 8.31.2020

### Design & Construction:

#### Southside Trail (segment 1) – Metropolitan Parkway SW

1. Q: What is going on with the extremely tall pile of dirt just to the east of the bridge over Metropolitan? Is the trail going to be elevated that much or is the dirt going to be moved again?

A: This is soil that was removed for the excavation of the bridge abutment and an adjacent wall. The soil will either be placed as backfill between the hill and the abutment, used elsewhere on site, or removed from the project.

2. Q: Do we have an expected date for Metropolitan closure to install new pedestrian bridge?

A: We are still in the process of finalizing the GDOT permit to do the work. Once we have the permit, GDOT will need to review bridge submittals. As such, we do not currently have a defined date for the installation.

3. Q: Any developments in acquiring the property needed on the NW corner of Metropolitan for a ramp to be built?

A: No.

4. Q: How will the ramp for the pedestrian bridge cross over the existing bridge on the Southeast side of Metropolitan?

A: The top of the ramp will be at grade with the trail and will be east of the new & old bridges.

5. Q: I thought the temporary stairs would remain/be placed on the South West side of Metropolitan. Is that not the case?

A: The steps had to be removed in order to build the west bridge abutment and install a stormwater system in the same area. While replacing the steps was not part of the project scope, ABI has requested that the consultant team provide a design for permanent steps. If funding allows at the end of the project, these steps will be installed. If funding is not available, the prior wood steps will be reinstalled.

6. Q: Will the sidewalks under the bridges on Metropolitan be widened to comply with ADA?

A: Yes.

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7. Q: What is a hawk signal? Does the hawk signal require the use of a beg button by the pedestrians?

A: The HAWK signal affords people who want to cross the street to stop traffic to do so. It does require that the pedestrian/biker push a button.

8. Q: Any update on the hawk signals being installed?

A: Not at this time as GDOT has not completed its review of the submittals.

9. Q: Any streetscape plans in the works for Metropolitan?

A: Not by us beyond our current work area.

10. Q: Is the BeltLine still looking to preserve the lettering (Atlanta & West Point Railroad) on the north side of the overpasses of the Metropolitan and Pryor bridges?

A: Yes.

### **Southside Trail (segment 1) – Pittsburgh Yards/Capitol View Manor Vicinity**

11. Q: What is the time frame for blasting/digging/tunneling through to connect the Manford pedestrian path to Pittsburgh Yards?

A: The contractor is currently working on installing retaining walls along the Pittsburg Yards edge. The excavation for the connection should start soon after that work is complete.

12. Q: What will the access point in capitol view manor look like? I think you said on Manford Rd?

A: The spur trail will terminate at the back of the curb at Manford Road.

13. Q: So the rain water will be routed to the McDaniel street treatment facility?

A: In order to comply with the City of Atlanta Stormwater ordinance, the first inch of any storm will be retained on site and infiltrated into the ground. Any water in excess of that amount will be conveyed to the existing stormwater infrastructure which does go to/thru the McDaniel facility.

14. Q: What is the plan for the space on the south line beltline that backs up to the capital view manor neighborhood? Will there be access to the trail directly from the neighborhood? Thank you

A: There will be access at Manford Road.

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15. Q: When will a bridge be built over the PY/CVM opening in the hill? (Don't love the answer "when rail is built") 😞

A: There is no need to build the transit bridge at this time and no funding available to do so.

16. Q: The strip of Manford road that will lead down to the Pittsburgh pathway has an acute slope. Is it possible for one side of the street to have steps installed?

A: There are currently no plans to work on Mannford Road.

### **Southside Trail (segment 1) - General**

17. Q: In light of the developments at the former Exide Battery property - will there be any new access points to the trail?

A: The developer is currently proposing a public access point to its project as well as connections to Allene Ave and Metropolitan Parkway.

18. Q: Where will the rainwater be routed to?

A: Please see the answer to question 13 above.

19. Q: Will this section have lighting and security cameras?

A: Yes. The design for both will closely match the adjacent Westside Trail. The only difference is that we are upgrading the cameras to ones that have four lenses. This model will allow a greater field of view than previous ones.

20. Q: Is Clair replacing Jose as our construction emergency contact? Should we no longer use the number previously given for Jose?

A: Yes she is. Her number is 404-490-0259.

21. Q: Is there an estimate on when the Southside Trail when have access again? Not necessarily full completion but allowing pedestrians to cross on through the currently laid gravel path.

A: If the question is in relation to the section currently under construction, then the answer is currently next summer for the trail be open to the public.

22. Q: Will the Allene access point be paved?

A: Not at this time.

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23. Q: The trail at Metropolitan Pkwy is north/interior to the proposed transit, but it is south of the transit corridor at the Allene crossing. How will the crossing take place?

A: While that crossing will be worked out during transit design, it is currently anticipated that the crossing will occur adjacent to the existing curved brick building at Murphy Crossing.

24. Q: Where will the trail cross from north of the proposed transit (Metropolitan) to south of the proposed transit (Allene)?

A: Please see answer to question 23 above.

### **Southside Trail (segment 2-6)**

25. Q: How long until the Beltline crosses the connector to the other side of Pryor?

A: We are currently working to identifying funding for the continuation of the Southside Trail across Pryor and will let the community know when we have completed that process.

26. Q: When is Segment 2 of Southside scheduled to begin construction?

A: Same answer as 25.

27. Q: How close will this phase get to Hank Aaron Blvd?

A: Depending on how you define the location, the alignment of the trail is closest to University Ave/Hank Aaron Blvd at the McDonough intersection and at Milton Ave.

28. Q: I may have missed this, but is there an update on the Southside Trail Segment 2 (Connector to Boulevard)?

A: If the question is in reference to the BUILD grant that ABI applied for, we unfortunately were not selected and there was only one project in GA that was. When we have identified funding for segments 2 & 3, we will come back to the community to make that announcement.

29. Q: Could construction on the Southside trail section 2 begin prior to the completion of the currently under construction Southside - West section?

A: As there is currently no funding identified for segment 2, starting work before the Southside Trail-West section is not possible.

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30. Q: Will Carver High School students from Adair Park, Capital View, Pittsburg, etc... be accommodated when segment 2 construction starts? If they are not accommodated - the construction phasing will affect them twice (current construction and future construction).

A: We assume that this question is in reference to students using the corridor to get to school. There is unfortunately no way, given the narrow width of the corridor between Milton and west of the McDonough tunnel, to build the trail without inconveniencing the students during construction. We will commit to working with the school to identify temporary access routes.

31. Q: Clearly there is a lot of interest to get the next phase of the Southside trail started after design. What can we as residents do to help secure funding? Should we contact elected officials, fundraising, etc. thanks!

A: Depending on whether you mean the Connector to Milton or on to Boulevard, the cost of the work is somewhere between \$20-50 million. Letting your various representatives know of your passion for getting the trail built can only be viewed as a positive action.

### **Southside Trail (general)**

32. Q: What is the most time-consuming part of the construction process? (permitting/administrative work can be included in the answer)

A: The answer is unique to each section as each one has different constraints, such as but not limited to, topography that affect how many walls need to be built, the extent of the underground stormwater systems, the need for a new bridge, and yes, permitting.

33. Q: Are there any telecom companies planning on running new service lines in conduits within the trail right of way?

A: Yes.

### **Westside Trail**

34. Q: When will the construction for the beltline section running from Washington park to Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy start?

A: We are currently working to identifying funding for the construction of this section of trail and will let the community know when we have completed that process.

35. Q: Is the entrance to the beltline on S Gordon and RDA still in the works? If so, what is the timeline? Anything on the access point on S. Gordon and RDA?

A: The plaza/stairs/ADA ramp is currently in design. We anticipate starting construction sometime late spring/early summer of 2021.

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## Parks

36. Q: What's the status of Hillside Park? Has any planning begun?

A: While the development of Hillside Park is in the Sub-Area Master Plan, it is not currently identified in the Strategic Implementation Plan as a park that ABI will oversee design and construction of before 2030.

37. Q: Hi! i'd like to know what is the timeline for Reservoir park to be ready for visits?

A: Westside Quarry Park is currently being done by the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation and not ABI. While our understanding is that Phase I will open later this year and Phase II by early summer 2021, you may want to contact the Department for a more accurate timeline.

## Other:

38. Q: Any updates on Pittsburgh yards openings? Any potential developers for pad sites?

A: Please call Pittsburgh Yards at 478-888-9273.

39. Q: What is being considered for the battery property?

A: Recently, the developer of the site made a presentation to the Atlanta BeltLine Design Review Committee (DRC) for the construction of 343 multi-family units on the site.

40. Q: Also; are there any community planting volunteer opportunities once that phase of the plan begins?

A: As the planting is 9-14 months away, we have not yet identified at this time any volunteer options for helping with the plantings.

41. Q: How does the Fulton Co Development Authority's recent decision to provide tax breaks to a number of high-profile Beltline-adjacent developments impact funds available for trail construction projects?

A: The Fulton County Development Authority uses its tax abatement incentives to provide the catalyst to a number of projects throughout Fulton County including some developments within the BeltLine Tax Allocation District (TAD) and BeltLine Planning Area. When these projects are incentivized, they produce a higher level of property tax revenue than what the tax base was frozen at when the tax allocation district was created. This additional tax revenue is part of what funds Atlanta Beltline programmatic elements including trails, housing, parks, transit, etc.

42. Q: Has the city considered reconnecting University and Avon Ave and have you considered that possibility in the future since that's near the Start point of this project?

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A: ABI's Design Consultant for the Southside Trail has identified that this connection could be made. However, that would be a City of Atlanta project and, to our knowledge, there are currently no funds identified for that project.

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