



## Southwest Study Group – Segment 1 Construction Live Questions and Responses 6.29.2021

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#### Design and Construction

1. **Will cameras be at the entrance to BeltLine on Manford?**
  - A. Cameras and lighting will be at the entrance and along the Manford path to the main trail.
2. **Will there be a cross walk on metropolitan will both sides be available to connect to the BeltLine?**
  - A. There will be a crosswalk connecting the east and west portions of Metropolitan Pkwy so that pedestrians can access the BeltLine from either side of the road.
3. **Have you done any work on the rest of the south[side] trail?**
  - A. Design work is well underway on the remainder of the Southside Trail, but construction has not started. ABI will provide information in the future on the construction status for the remaining sections of the Southside Trail.
4. **When will the bridge be completed??**
  - A. As of August 2021, the contractor is adding final touches to the railings on the pedestrian bridge. The main pedestrian bridge structure is complete.
5. **What is the completion date?**
  - A. Late summer 2021.
6. **Are you coordinating with MARTA for rail that is probably in the infrastructure budget?**
  - A. ABI team member Shaun Green is responsible for coordinating with MARTA on the program-wide BeltLine rail. Please stay tuned to the ABI website for any upcoming meetings.
7. **For us late to the video...can you please quickly reiterate when the Metropolitan Pkwy bridge and west of it will be accessible to us that live off Milton Rd? Thank you! You guys are great and sorry for joining late.**
  - A. Access from Milton Road via the interim trail at Pryor Road will be accessible when ABI reopens the trail when construction is complete.
8. **Will there be any additional lights/warning for cars traveling south on Metropolitan before the hawk signal?**
  - A. In addition to the signal heads on the mast arm for the HAWK signal, there is an additional signal head for the HAWK signal that can be seen from a safe distance north of the pedestrian bridge.
9. **Any update on construction start for 1246 Allene?**
  - A. As of August 2021, the developer has closed on the property located at 1246 Allene Ave SW. Since this is not an ABI property, please reach out to Rangewater Real Estate for more details.
10. **Will the properties along the entire stretch on Erin (back of the BeltLine) be fenced from the beltline? If so, where there be gates to access?**

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- A. Neighbors along Erin Avenue will be able to access the trail via the access points at Manford Road and on Metropolitan Pkwy. There are no private entry points unless a property owner has entered in an agreement with ABI for access.

**11. Hi there! On the trail Milton Ave, once you leave the tunnel to cross over Milton Ave, there is currently a crosswalk with heavy traffic that is dangerous for pedestrians, are there any plans to add any safety measures like a stop sign or light?**

- A. Currently, the 90% design plans show the implementation of a speed table, which is a raised traffic calming device, with a crosswalk across Milton Avenue. There are currently no plans for a stop sign or signal. ABI has implemented speed tables on other parts of the trail, namely on the Eastside Trail where the trail reaches a t-intersection with Wylie Street in the Reynoldstown neighborhood and where it crosses Irwin Street.

**12. Regarding the remainder of the southside trail. My understanding that ABI was unable to secure funding of \$16M to complete the majority portion of the Southside Trail.**

**Question 1: Where is funding now?**

- A. Please visit our website for details in the future. The SSD is a recent funding mechanism that has been passed by City Council. The budget to complete the Southside trail is \$75 million, which includes Segments 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. A portion of the construction costs will be covered by bond funds which are anticipated to close tentatively during fall 2021. ABI is also finalizing philanthropy conversations with a number of donors.

**Question 2: What other bottlenecks are there?**

- A. Funding is a significant bottleneck, also, conflicting utilities within the corridor are also a bottleneck. These utilities will need to be relocated before the main trail construction begins. The design documents are significantly complete, but we received estimates from the design engineers that were a bit over the original anticipated budget. In order to remain within the allocated budget, we hired two contractors to provide more accurate pricing so that we could conduct "value engineering" on the project, which simply means that we are looking for ways to cut costs that do not affect the quality of the project.

**Question 3: Now that it's been nearly 2 years, how much longer do we expect it to stay in an interim state before going into construction?**

- A. The current ABI internal goal is to get Segments 4 & 5 out to bid during the first quarter of 2022. If all goes well, these two segments will begin construction during mid-2022. For Segments 2 & 3, we are targeting the use of Federal Funds that will require ABI to align the construction timeline with the availability of those funds. Currently, that timeline indicates that bidding for construction should begin in June 2023.

**Question 4: How does this group think of funding for land acquisition in comparison to funding for building on land already acquired? I'm trying to understand how various types of efforts and times of work-to-be-done are ranked relative to each other.**

- A. In order to best answer this question, the answer will be framed around the lens of the Southside Trail. Most real estate transactions on the Southside trail are completed before construction begins. From time to time, there might

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be smaller transactions that will need to be coordinated, but ABI owns the majority of the land needed to build the trail.

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