



## Questions & Answers

### Southwest Study Group

### Southside Trail West Construction Updates

#### 5.19.20

- Q:** Does the Atlanta Beltline intend on reapplying for a federal grant to complete the Southside Trail from Glenwood Ave to Boulevard as well as the segment from Boulevard to the Downtown Connector (and if so at what point?). Also, is there a chance of state funding playing a role in expediting any of the projects?

**A:** We applied for the USDOT BUILD grant last year and again this year. This year's application is for the 1.9-mile portion of the corridor from the end of the Southside Trail-West (near the downtown Connector) to Boulevard.
- Q:** I live at the intersection of Allene Avenue and Avon Avenue. I was not expecting them to cut down quite so many large trees for the project. Are there plans to replant trees of a comparable size to the ones that were grazed?

**A:** Trees were removed for various reasons which also included the removal of dead, dying or hazardous trees and other approved trees that conflicted with the design. Trees, shrubs and other plantings will be replanted in this area in a similar manner that has been done on the Eastside and Westside Trail.
- Q:** Can Capitol View neighbors get more information on the project?

**A:** ABI Community Engagement staff can make themselves available to attend neighborhood, community, or NPU meetings when invited. We ask that you give us at least 2 weeks notification for requests. Please contact us at [engage@atlbeltline.org](mailto:engage@atlbeltline.org).
- Q:** What is shoring?

**A:** Shoring is a support system that holds up soil during excavation. This allows the contractor to dig and conduct other construction activities without disturbing soil next to the excavation area.
- Q:** How long is the first segment?

**A:** The first segment is .85 miles.
- Q:** Will there be an access point to the trail from University Ave?

**A:** There is currently a path from the end of University Avenue near the Westside Trail. In the future, users will also be able to access the trail at the intersection of University Avenue and McDaniel Street. Users will be able to enter the Pittsburgh Yards property and walk up an accessible sidewalk path to the trail.
- Q:** Will the Billboard on the southwest side of the trail at Metropolitan be removed?

**A:** The billboard in this location is not on BeltLine property and will not be affected by construction.



8. **Q:** Will cars be safe on the street on Manford during tree removal as it is a narrow street?  
**A:** There will be 2-3 trucks per day, not a constant flow; hours will be limited. Contractors will be careful while going through the community. Residents can move their car if they'd like.
9. **Q:** What is the estimated time to complete this segment?  
**A:** Due to unforeseen delays, the estimated completion timeframe is early summer 2021.
10. **Q:** I noticed that the Historic South Atlanta neighborhood was not listed in the survey.  
**A:** There is a limitation in the Zoom software that limited it to 10 options. We listed the neighborhoods that are closest to the construction.
11. **Q:** How long will the pile driving last?  
**A:** Pile driving is expected to ramp up during the second week of June 2020. The duration will depend on the final schedule.
12. **Q:** Is there a timeline to connect to the Westside Trail?  
**A:** When the Southside Trail-West is complete, there will be a continuous BeltLine connection from Washington Park to Pittsburgh Yards.
13. **Q:** What is being done to assist low income home buyers along the BeltLine?  
**A:** Please visit our website to view links to resources related to buying a home as well as resources for renters and homeowners.
14. **Q:** Is there an update on the closure for Metropolitan for construction? This is a great time while traffic is low.  
**A:** Brief weekend closures are tentatively planned for this fall. The community will get notification when the timeline is solidified.
15. **Q:** Will the BeltLine offer access for individuals with disabilities, for example – wheelchairs?  
**A:** The BeltLine offers ADA access points on all trails and ADA-compliant ramps will be included along the Southside Trail.
16. **Q:** Will the Sprint Building on the corner of Allene and the BL be required to move the barbed wire and use a more appropriate fencing?  
**A:** No, because it is a private property.
17. **Q:** When the segment is complete, how much will have bars, restaurants, and housing? And how much has trees and greenspaces?  
**A:** Retail, dining, housing, and jobs are generally a function of the private market; however, we have economic development and housing departments that work closely with developers along the corridor.
18. **Q:** What resources are available for existing elderly homeowners to protect them from dramatic property increases?  
**A:** ABI has resources to help seniors understand how to take advantage of homestead or senior exemptions.



19. **Q:** When do you anticipate construction will start on the eastside segment between Glenwood and Metropolitan?

**A:** A date or timeframe has not been determined for this section of the Southside Trail. As funding becomes available, ABI will reach out and inform the community of upcoming plans. ABI is currently working with our engineering design team to solidify the plans for these sections.

20. **Q:** Will there be public art installed on the trail? If so, what is the process?

**A:** Yes, the process to determine what art will be included is the call for artists. Visit [art.beltline.org](http://art.beltline.org) or email Miranda Kyle at [mkyle@atlbeltline.org](mailto:mkyle@atlbeltline.org) to learn more. Art pedestals are included as part of construction to install art.

21. **Q:** What is the concrete land on the west portion of the Pittsburg yard site? Is that part of the Pittsburgh Yards property or something else?

**A:** The "concrete land" is part of the Pittsburgh Yards property. Please visit their website to learn more about the plan for this development.

22. **Q:** Is pile driving part of removing part of the tunnel between Capital View Manor and Pittsburg Yards?

**A:** No. There will be no tunnel between Capital View Manor and Pittsburgh Yards but there will be a connection between the two neighborhoods. Pile driving is necessary for shoring order to place the new pedestrian bridge structure at Metropolitan Parkway.

23. **Q:** Is there a plan to have rail go on Pittsburg Yards property?

**A:** There is a conceptual plan to have a transit stop at Pittsburg Yards.

24. **Q:** What is the timing of the Westside Trail north of Washington Park?

**A:** This section, known as the Westside Trail-Extension, is currently pending contract negotiations with a design team. Once that is complete, the design is estimated to take 12 months.

25. **Q:** What is the cost for remediation and who takes care of the cost?

**A:** The cost for remediation of this section of the Southside Trail is included in the overall construction budget.