Westside Trail Extension North Design

July 26

@ 6:30pm

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TONIGHT’S ON + OFF CAMERA TEAM

Meeting Host
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Kristen Mansfield, PLA
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• Your line is muted, and you won’t be able to share your video or screen during the meeting.

• To submit questions and provide answers, you may do so in the Q&A box anytime during the meeting.

• During discussions you may use the “Raise Hand” feature.

• A recording of this meeting, the presentation, a copy of tonight’s Q&A and all other supporting materials will be made available online at www.beltline.org/meetings.

• If you are having technical difficulties during the meeting, please email engage@atlbeltline.org.
Poll Question #1

What neighborhood do you live in?

- Westin Heights/Bankhead
- Washington Park/Ashview Heights
- Grove Park/Rockdale
- Hunter Hills/Mozley Park
- Vine City/English Avenue
- A BeltLine neighborhood not on this list
- A neighborhood not in the City of Atlanta
Poll Question #2

How do you feel about the BeltLine Trail Extension coming to the Westside

- Thrilled
- Happy
- No opinion
- Apprehensive
- Upset
Poll Question #3

How many BeltLine meetings have you been to?

• None
• 1-4 meetings
• 5 or more meetings
Poll Question #4

How would you rate your knowledge of the BeltLine's full portfolio of projects?

• I'm an expert.
• I know more than most people.
• I don't know a lot, but I want to learn more.
• I don't know anything about the BeltLine.
Atlanta Beltline Vision

Vision: to be the catalyst for making Atlanta a global beacon for equitable, inclusive, and sustainable city life.

- $10 BILLION in economic development
- 22 MILES of pedestrian-friendly rail transit
- 1,300 ACRES of new greenspace
- 33 MILES of multi-use, urban trails
- 48,000 CONSTRUCTION JOBS
- 1,100 ACRES of environmental clean-up

30,000 PERMANENT JOBS
EQUITY AND INCLUSION
5,600 UNITS of affordable workforce housing
PUBLIC ART
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
PROJECT CONTEXT

Atlanta BeltLine Streetscapes
- In Design
- Shovel Ready
- Completed
- Under Construction
- In Design
- Study in Progress

Atlanta BeltLine Trails
- Completed
- Under Construction
- In Design
- Study in Progress

Atlanta BeltLine Parks
- Under Construction
- In Design

Atlanta BeltLine Streetcar
- Study in Progress (MARTA)
- Downtown
- Atlanta Streetcar
- Atlanta BeltLine Planning Area (BPA)

Westside Trail (WST) University Ave to Huff Rd

Northwest Trail (NWT) Huff Rd to Northeast Trail

Northeast Trail (NET) 10th St & Monroe Dr to Lindbergh

Northeast Trail Gravel Improvements

Drewry St Storm Water

Ponce Streetcape

Eastside Streetcar Extension

Eastside Trail (EST) Memorial Dr to 10th St & Monroe Dr

Westside Park

WST 3

WST 4
Approximately 1.3 miles from Washington Park to intersection of Westside BeltLine Connector north of Hollowell Pkwy.

14’ wide trail, landscape, fiber duct bank, retaining walls, vertical connections to adjoining streets, high quality materials, storm management, soil remediation, lighting, security cameras.
PROCESS
PUBLIC COMMENTS

TRAIL CONNECTIONS
- Partnering with Microsoft/ Quarry Yards
- Proctor Creek Trail
- Surrounding streets
- Entering trail from neighborhoods without direct street access
- Rodney Cook Park

ECOLOGY & HYDROLOGY
- Minimizing tree removal
- Green infrastructure/ city's stormwater ordinance

TYPES OF IMPROVEMENTS
- Lighting/security
- Additional public access
- Public art

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT
- Old factory near Hollowell
- Washington Manor Dr lots
PREFERRED CONCEPT

VIA WASHINGTON PARK

- Improves access to Washington Park
- Requires the least amount of tree removal
- Fewer impacts to private properties/privacy
- Provides access options at east-side neighborhood cul-du-sacs.
- Does not need to cross over MARTA using a bridge
- Considers the option for future transit
lena st gateway

preferred concept

what we heard

what kind of educational experiences would interest you along westside trail extension?

23% public art about history or local culture
22% marker or monument celebrating local neighborhood or historic community
20% historic exhibit with signage panels
20% ecological interpretation (wildlife, hydrology, geology, etc)
15% use of landscape forms or features to demonstrate educational moment
LENA ST GATEWAY

EXISTING BELTLINE TRAIL

SMALL PLAZA ALONG BELTLINE TRAIL

TERRACED LANDSCAPE AND SEATING

FLEX SPACE ALONG TRAIL FOR EVENTS

IMPROVED ACCESS TO WASHINGTON PARK

SECONDARY ACCESS DIRECT TO PARKING LOT
WASHINGTON PARK CONNECTION

EXISTING

- Existing Buffer Lawn
- Existing Park Trail
- Washington Park Open Space

10-20 ft
6 ft

PROPOSED

- Buffer / Amenity Zone
- Existing Park Trail
- Washington Park Open Space

14 ft
6 ft
WHAT WE HEARD

WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST ABOUT THE FUTURE WESTSIDE TRAIL EXTENSION?

TOP 3:

- 32% IT PROVIDES ME A PLACE TO EXERCISE AND/OR BE IN MY COMMUNITY
- 28% IT INCREASES MY CONNECTIVITY
- 22% IT PROVIDES INTERESTING EXPERIENCES
PREFERRED CONCEPT

KUDZU LINE

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL AND NATIVE PLANT REMEDIATION

POLLINATOR MEADOWS ALONGSIDE TRAIL

SHADE INSTALLATIONS

FRAMED VIEW OF SKYLINE

VALLEY OF THE HAWKS

MADDUX PARK

NORTH AVE
• Concept Phase
  o November 2020 Completion
• Construction Documents
  o January 2022 (permit ready)
• Construction
  o TBD
Phone Attendees

• Press *9 on telephone keypad to “raise your hand” during the Q&A to indicate you want to speak. Facilitator will unmute your mic.

Online Attendees:

• Submit a question or comment any time in Q&A box.
• The “raise your hand” feature is available to all Zoom participants however we are prioritizing phone attendees.

Facebook Live Attendees:

• Please feel free to participate in the “Comments Section.” Someone on our staff will make sure I see your questions.
Fix That! Workshops: Ask an Arborist
• Wednesday, June 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Northside Study Group | Northwest Trail Planning Study
• Monday, August 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
STRIVE Atlanta:

- STRIVE’s proven five-pillar model (job readiness training, occupational skills training, career coaching/case management, job placement, and lifetime support) creates a clear pathway to long-term career success. The partnership will provide residents with skills they need to secure family-sustaining jobs.
- Currently recruiting for 7-week free training class in the logistics industry which begins August 30.
- Virtual information sessions taking place every Thursday at 10am, July 29 through August 26. Orientation begins August 27.
- For more information visit: Strive.org/atlprograms

Visit beltline.org/workforce-partnerships or call 404-446-4404
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For more information on the project:
beltline.org/westside-trail-extension
Poll Question #5

How did you hear about this meeting?

- Email from Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.
- Social Media
- Communication from a family member, friend or neighbor
- Other
Poll Question #6

What is your preferred method or methods of communication?

• Email
• Social Media
• Automated Phone Call
• Text Message
• US Postal Mailing
Poll Question #7

Was this meeting helpful?

• Yes
• No
• No opinion
THANK YOU!