



## Northeast Study Group – Subarea 6 Master Plan Update

### Live Questions and Responses

8.18.2022

Presenters made every effort to answer as many questions from attendees as possible live during this virtual meeting. The questions and answer portion can be replayed [here starting at time stamp 53:09](#). All questions that were not answered before the meeting ended are reflected and answered below.

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#### Subarea 6 Mater Plan

1. **Is there a plan to connect to the future Clifton Corridor? I think it is outside the Subarea, but the Gotham project gets super close.**
  - A. BeltLine and Clifton Corridor are intended to connect at MARTA Lindbergh Center station.
  
2. **With the new Midtown Elementary School coming in 2023, most of Midtown will not have bus service. Is the Beltline in discussions with GA Power to prioritize the 8th Street extension Multiuse Trail to the new Midtown elementary school (Field of Dreams)?**
  - A. As of 2015 the 8<sup>th</sup> Street extension project is still listed as a project for consideration in the [Connect Atlanta Plan](#). Additionally, the [original Subarea 6 Master Plan](#) which was adopted in 2011 showed the 8<sup>th</sup> Street extension. ABI will reevaluate this recommendation in the update.
  
3. **No mention is made about what happens at the Asana/Coro shopping centers. What are the new planning thoughts about the Trader Joes and Home Depot/Whole Foods shopping centers?...**
  - A. Future land use and development potential at key nodes was addressed in the presentation. We have seen several examples of pre-BeltLine shopping centers repositioning to orient themselves toward the BeltLine (as the Midtown Promenade center is actively doing) or redevelop altogether (e.g. Ponce Kroger) as the market continues to evolve.
  
4. **Is Lynette Reid saying that the idea of creating a beltline entrance at Avery is OFF the table?**
  - A. In the Subarea Master Plan update, we are not proposing any new street or pedestrian connections on the westside of the BeltLine to Avery Drive.
  
5. **How do we get the Ansley Country Club patrons to stop parking on the sidewalk across from their clubhouse on the Montgomery Ferry lead up to the BeltLine entrance?**

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- A. Please contact the [Atlanta Department of Transportation](#).
- 6. At what point will e-scooters be viewed as dangerous and harassing to pedestrian and the rules of them not being permitted on sidewalks be enforced?**
- A. E-scooters are regulated by the City of Atlanta.
- 7. The Midtown Cluster of Atlanta Public Schools is bursting at the seams. Our SA6 neighborhoods just went through a very painful rezoning process to create a new elementary school. The high school is also overcapacity. As it relates to residential density, are you working with Atlanta Public Schools and their Facilities Master Planning department?**
- A. The density proposed in the Subarea 6 Master Plan is shown as future land use and is intended to serve as a policy tool to help guide future growth and development decisions (e.g. rezoning, etc). Many of the key nodes in Subarea 6 along the BeltLine are currently identified by the City's Comprehensive Development Plan as medium to high density. However, we will contact APS to share these recommendations and to get additional feedback.
- 8. Will Amsterdam Walk have easier access to the Beltline? Dutch Valley & Amsterdam walk given lower topography seem good for the mid-use to improve density and traffic along the section Monroe to Piedmont. Now foot traffic much lower than Beltline south of Ponce.**
- A. Neither the Amsterdam Ave or Dutch Valley Rd public rights of way extend to the BeltLine corridor, so any access between those rights of way and the BeltLine corridor would be driven by private development adjacent to the BeltLine.
- 9. Can you clarify what is happening with segment 1 of the NE trail? is it winding through the park, or using the existing corridor on the east side of the park?**
- A. We will be presenting the 60% plans to the public on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Meeting details can be found at [beltline.org/meetings](http://beltline.org/meetings).
- 10. Please explain the process by which the real estate department approves direct connections to the BeltLine.**
- A. ABI encourages connections to the trail when appropriate to facilitate access to the trail. When an adjacent property owner desires to construct a direct connection to the BeltLine, the following process applies:
- The property owner and ABI meet to discuss possible design options and ABI provides information on connection widths and construction materials.
  - The property owner submits a draft access design for review by ABI staff.
  - ABI staff reviews the proposal and based on the context, sometimes requires changes to the design.
  - Once ABI agrees with the design of the access on its property, the property owner must sign an Access Agreement with ABI.

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- Once the agreement is signed, the property owner must abide by the terms of the Access Agreement in order to construct and maintain the accessway.

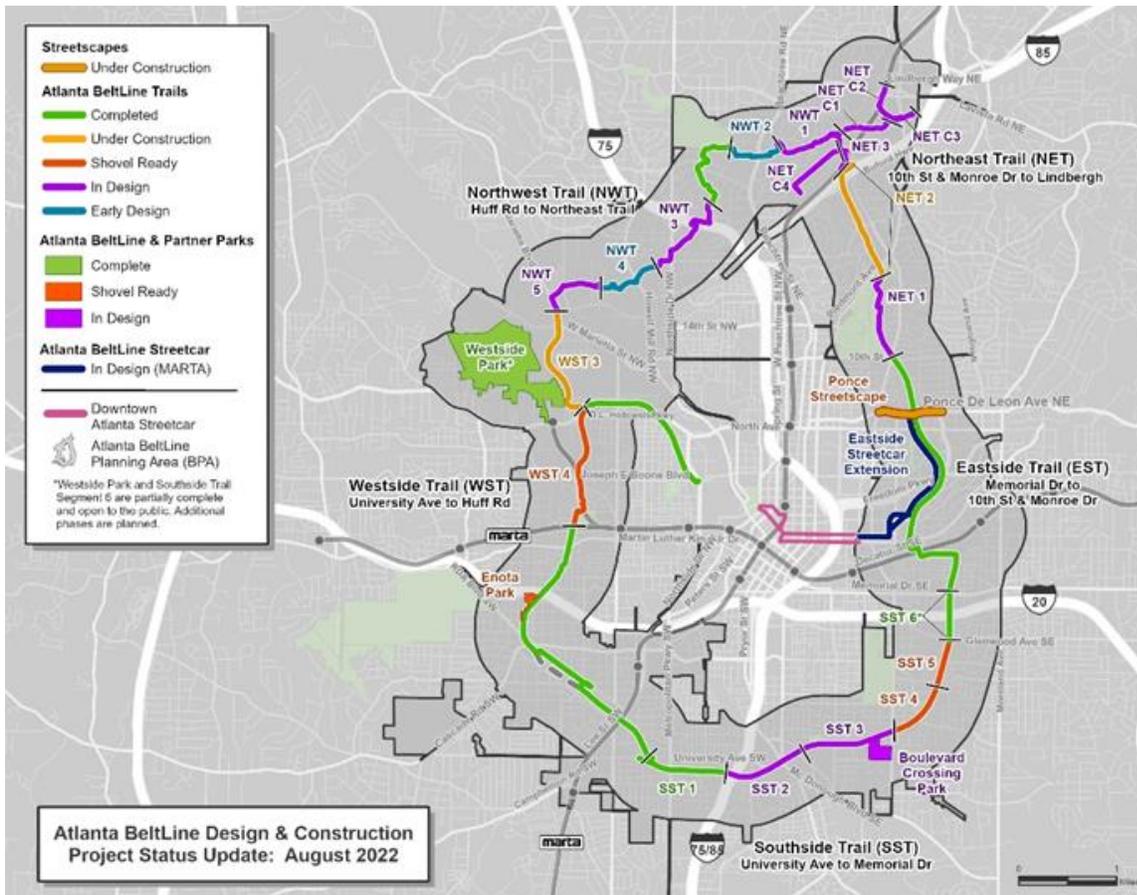
**11. How are legacy businesses NOT on the beltline mastering the increase in competition?  
You had mentioned something in place if you have more details.**

- A. ABI's Economic Development team is currently designing and implementing a community-driven economic inclusion strategy that includes small business support, commercial affordability, commercial district support and workforce development support. The Atlanta City Council also [passed legislation](#) in August to research and better inform strategies to support the city's legacy businesses.

**Other**

**12. What would be completed by World cup?**

- A. Our current construction schedules show the following projects as complete by the Summer of 2026. Given the uncertainty of construction activities which can be impacted by weather, permitting, real estate transactions, and the relocation of utilities, this should be considered a forecasted completion date. Once the work is under construction, and a contractor is under contract, we can provide more definitive schedules.
- Northeast Trail Segment 1 (ready to bid next year)
  - Northeast Trail Segment 2 (currently under construction)
  - Southside Trail Segments 4+5 (out to bid)
  - Westside Trail Segment 3 (under construction, almost complete)
  - Westside Trail Segment 4 (ready to bid)
  - Northwest Trail Segments 1 and 5 may be complete



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