



Northside Study Group – Northwest Trail Feasibility Planning Study

Live Questions and Responses

8.30.2022

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 46:18](#). All questions that were not answered before the meeting ended are reflected and answered below.

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Segment 5

1. **How will you connect Whetstone Creek Trail (off Marietta Blvd) and the BeltLine at Huff Road?**
 - A. ATLDOT, PATH Foundation, Upper Westside Improvement District, and ABI are all partners in expanding the regional trail network in this quadrant of the city. While ABI must first focus on the mainline BeltLine loop, we will be coordinating with our partners to help plan for these connections over time.

Other

1. **Some of the stakeholders who will live next to the PATH in Peachtree Hills and other neighborhoods are retirees on a limited income. So far, Peachtree Hills isn't listed as a neighborhood which will benefit from the legacy program. Is there a plan for those residents whose taxes will be raised by their proximity to the Beltline to be included in the legacy program or will they be priced out of their homes?**
 - A. The Legacy Resident Retention Program is funded exclusively by philanthropic donations and is focused on the four Equity Priority Subareas that include neighborhoods in west, southwest, and south Atlanta that appear particularly vulnerable to gentrification and displacement. Funding is not currently available to expand the program area.

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership also offers free [Home Empowerment Workshops](#) to help residents reduce their property taxes and other housing costs.

2. **What will begin in 2023?**
 - A. By the end of 2023, all 5 segments will be in the design phase. Land acquisition along segments 1,3 and 5 will be well underway. Segment 5 will be under construction starting in approximately the third quarter of 2023 and segment 1 will start in approximately the first quarter of 2024.

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- 3. More material in the creek disperses water. Are you held to a standard of material removal of equal or greater volume?**
 - A. BeltLine strives to meet or exceed the requirements of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management. In addition, ABI's design intent is to obtain a [CLOMR](#) from FEMA for our work within the floodplain of Peachtree Creek.

- 4. How do you determine who pays TAD tax. Is there a certain distance to the proposed beltline?**
 - A. A tax allocation district "TAD" is not a new tax but rather a mechanism to direct a portion of future property tax revenue to project implementation costs. The BeltLine TAD was established in 2005 and at that time the properties included within the TAD were established. You can view the boundaries of the TAD at <https://beltline.org/map>. The BeltLine TAD was intentionally structured to avoid including single family residential properties. A landowner in Fulton County that is within the BeltLine TAD would see "ATLANTA/BELTLINE TAD" on their property tax bill under Tax District.

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