

## BeltLine Corridor Environmental Study Outreach Activities Fall 2009

October 2009

### MEETING

#### Northside Study Group Public Meeting

### DATE/LOCATION

**Monday, November 2, 2009–6:30–8:30 PM**

Piedmont Hospital – McRae Auditorium  
1984 Peachtree Road NW  
Atlanta, GA 30309

#### Southeast Study Group Public Meeting

**Monday, November 9, 2009–6:30–8:30 PM**

Trees Atlanta  
225 Chester Avenue SE  
Atlanta, GA 30316

#### Northeast Study Group Public Meeting

**Thursday, November 12, 2009–6:30–8:30 PM**

Hillside, Inc.  
690 Courtenay Drive NE / 1301 Monroe Drive NE  
Atlanta, GA 30306

#### Westside Study Group Public Meeting

**Monday, November 16, 2009–6:30–8:30 PM**

Atlanta Community Food Bank  
732 Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard NW  
Atlanta, GA 30318

#### Southwest Study Group Public Meeting

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009–6:30–8:30 PM**

West Hunter Street Baptist Church  
1040 Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard SW  
Atlanta, GA 30310

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#### WHAT IS THE BELTLINE CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY?

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) are preparing a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to identify the right-of-way required to accommodate the transit and trail alternatives. The study will address potential cultural and environmental impacts.

Having more information on the right-of-way required to build transit and trails in the BeltLine Corridor will allow MARTA and ABI to initiate corridor preservation activities. The study is taking place in accordance with guidelines established in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Georgia Environmental Policy Act (GEPA) in order to protect eligibility for federal and state participation in funding for this project in the future.

## Have you been on the project websites lately?

Along with general information about MARTA and ABI, the project websites contain specific documents, presentations, maps, videos, and handouts related to the BeltLine Corridor Environmental Study.

- [www.itsmarta.com/Beltline-Corr.aspx](http://www.itsmarta.com/Beltline-Corr.aspx)
- [www.beltline.org/BeltLineBasics/TransitTrailsandTransportation/EnvironmentallImpactStudyEIS/tabid/2936/Default.aspx](http://www.beltline.org/BeltLineBasics/TransitTrailsandTransportation/EnvironmentallImpactStudyEIS/tabid/2936/Default.aspx)

### **Study Schedule**

Find up-to-date information on public meetings and workshops in your community, such as the fall series of public meetings.

### **Newsletters and Study Updates**

Get the latest editions of printed materials that provide highlights of the latest developments in the study.

<b>Hand-out</b>	<b>Date Printed</b>	<b>Description of Material</b>
• <b>Newsletter #1</b>	<i>Summer 2008</i>	<i>Introduction to the BeltLine Corridor Environmental Study</i>
• <b>Newsletter #2</b>	<i>April 2009</i>	<i>Scoping Process Results and GEPA Progress</i>
• <b>Newsletter #3</b>	<i>August 2009</i>	<i>Results of the Spring Public Workshops</i>
• <b>Study Update #1</b>	<i>Summer 2008</i>	<i>Introduction to the BeltLine Corridor Environmental Study Public Scoping Meetings</i>
• <b>Study Update #2</b>	<i>Fall 2008</i>	<i>How the Public Can Get Involved in the Study</i>
• <b>Study Update #3</b>	<i>July 2009</i>	<i>Spring Activities: Progress for GEPA and NEPA Work</i>
• <b>Study Update #4</b>	<i>September 2009</i>	<i>Evaluation Criteria in the Selection of Transit and Trails Options</i>

### **Documents**

All of the finalized documents, reports, and technical memorandums can be found on the websites. Some of the items found on the website include:

- **GEPA Environmental Effects Report for the Northeast Zone**  
*documents the cultural and environmental impacts of building the transit and trails in the northeast zone*
- **Existing Conditions Report**  
*describes the features of the study area as they exist today (socioeconomics, natural environment, transportation, bicycle and pedestrian, and related plans and efforts)*
- **Public Involvement and Coordination Plan**  
*lays out the framework for public and committee involvement throughout the life of the study*
- **Scoping Report and Supporting Materials**  
*includes a comprehensive summary of findings from the initial Scoping period*

There are also helpful links to documents and reports that have preceded the BeltLine Corridor Environmental Study, such as: the *BeltLine Emerald Necklace* and the *BeltLine Redevelopment Plan*.

### **Presentations and Maps**

Presentations and maps shown to the public, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) or the agencies are available for viewing. The major presentations to date include:

<b>Presentation date</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Description of Presentation</b>
• <i>July 2008</i>	<i>TAC / SAC / Agency</i>	<i>Project kick-off and Scoping presentation</i>
• <i>December 2008</i>	<i>TAC / SAC</i>	<i>Scoping Results and Upcoming Work</i>
• <i>March 2009</i>	<i>TAC / Agency</i>	<i>Progress-to-date and Upcoming Public Workshops</i>
• <i>April 2009</i>	<i>SAC / Public</i>	<i>Citywide Conversation on Transit and Trails</i>
• <i>April and May 2009</i>	<i>Public / SAC</i>	<i>Discussion of Service Types and Project Alignments</i>
• <i>August 2009</i>	<i>TAC / SAC / Agency</i>	<i>Assessment of Potential Transit and Trails Routes</i>