
Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/03/20 16:08

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Re:Beltline project

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/03/20 17:47

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Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/03/21 11:22

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Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/03/21 11:25

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/03/21 11:26

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/03/21 11:26

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1st Tree Planting for beltline

Posted by cubana - 2008/03/23 20:52

The first step for Atlanta Beltline Arboretum is happening on 4/05. Go to the calendar for more information.

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by cubana - 2008/04/02 17:02

The date of the first tree planting has been changed due to weather concerns. It going to be either the 12th or the 19th stay tuned or check calendar

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Re:Beltline bike tour

Posted by cubana - 2008/04/09 00:36

The trail is already having people walk on it. I think I will do that tomorrow. Also there is a beltline bike tour on 4/20 \$20.00 per family, \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for Adults.

It start at 1pm and ends at 4pm

For more information 404 492.9991 or email. rebecca@atlantabike.org

I wont be able to make it because I dont have a bike but if anyone goes please report back.

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by cubana - 2008/04/09 14:20

The powers that be made up their minds and the tree planting will be on Saturday 12th.

BeltLine Arboretum Planting

This is the first BeltLine Arboretum planting Trees Atlanta will do - a historic event! Come be part of it! 9 AM to noon Saturday.

Directions to planting:

From I-75/85:

1. Take I-20 West
 2. Exit at Joseph E. Lowery Blvd.
 3. Turn left off of exit to go south on Joseph E. Lowery
 4. Turn right on Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd.
 5. Turn left on Peeples St.
 6. Meet at the end of Peeples St. at Rose Circle Park
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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/04/14 22:54

New pictures from Beltline Trail

<http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/images/beltline1.jpg>

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/04/14 22:55

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/04/14 22:58

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/04/14 22:58

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/04/14 22:59

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/04/14 23:00

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/04/14 23:01

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/05/12 21:22

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Good afternoon All,
It's time for the next Beltline Cram Session. The meeting will be on Monday, the 19th at The Mall West End Community Room. A flyer is attached.

See you there!

Danielle

NPU-T PRCA Beltline Subcommittee Chair

See you there!

Danielle

NPU-T PRCA Beltline Subcommittee Chair
<http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/files/BeltlineCramFlyer051908.pdf>

Re:Beltline project - Study Group Mtg Tonight!

Posted by DaniC - 2008/07/24 12:23

July 24, 2008

Atlanta Connected

Southwest Study Group Meeting on Affordable Housing

Thursday, July 24th
6:30 to 8:30 pm at Atlanta Metropolitan College
Academic Building, Room A-210
1630 Metropolitan Parkway, SW Atlanta, GA 30315

trip.atltransit.com

Please join the BeltLine Affordable Housing Advisory Board (BAHAB) and Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) at the Southwest Study Group this evening to learn more about BeltLine affordable housing and to give your input. We need your help to shape affordable housing policies as they are being developed.

Project Manager: James Alexander jalexander@atlbeltline.org

Citizen Participation Advocate: Rukiya Eaddy ready@atlbeltline.org

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Re:Beltline project - Study Group Mtg Tonight!

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/07/27 22:45

Update: pictures Beltline July 2008 <http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/images/BELTLINENEW1.jpg>

Re:Beltline project - Study Group Mtg Tonight!

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/07/27 22:49

<http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/images/BELTLINENEW2.jpg>

Re:Beltline project - Study Group Mtg Tonight!

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/07/27 22:50

<http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/images/BELTLINENEW3.jpg>

Re:Beltline project - Study Group Mtg Tonight!

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/07/27 22:53

<http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/images/BELTLINENEW4.jpg>

Re:Beltline project - Study Group Mtg Tonight!

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/07/27 22:54

<http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/images/BELTLINENEW5.jpg>

Re:Beltline project - Study Group Mtg Tonight!

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/07/27 22:55

<http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/images/BELTLINENEW6.jpg>

Re:Beltline project - Study Group Mtg Tonight!

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/07/27 23:00

Here are some pictures from Beltline.com site.
<http://christophertmartin.com/uploads/Beltline/Westside/>

Re:Beltline project - Study Group Mtg Tonight!

Posted by DaniC - 2008/07/28 13:16

Neighbors,
It is important that we get involved in this process. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

I also took some pics this weekend but they are too big apparently to add...if I figure it out I will add them.

BeltLine 5K Road Race & West End Community Celebration

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/09/08 12:04

<http://www.beltline.org/GetInvolved/BeltLineWestEndTrail5kRun/tabid/3003/Default.aspx>

BeltLine 5K Road Race & West End Community Celebration

Saturday, October 18, 2008, 09:30 AM

Gordon White Park

Corner of White Street SW and Ralph David Abernathy

Atlanta, GA 30310

Date:

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Time:

09:30 AM

Venue:

Gordon White Park

Address:

Corner of White Street SW and Ralph David Abernathy

Atlanta, GA 30310

Prices:

5K FREE ENTRY - \$0.00

5K with T-Shirt - \$20.00

Online Registration Closes:

10/15/08 11:59 PM

The BeltLine Plan

The BeltLine has the extraordinary potential to positively transform the City of Atlanta. It will combine greenspace, trails, transit, and new development along 22 miles of historic rail segments that encircle Atlanta and is a bundle of solutions to the challenges that threaten to limit Atlanta's health and prosperity: traffic; deficient greenspace and recreation; and uneven economic development that has benefited some neighborhoods while leaving others behind.

The First BeltLine Section

The first section of the BeltLine trail system is opening NOW in Historic West End. Connecting Rose Circle Park to Brown Middle School and a completely renovated Gordon White Park, the trail is already improving mobility for local residents. Phase II - to be completed early next year - will wind through the Westview neighborhood out to Westview Cemetery.

Event Description

Join the residents of Southwest Atlanta as we run, jog and walk through the Historic West End and on the new BeltLine trail. Our inclusive Community Celebration will follow the BeltLine 5K and give our guests a taste of our rich culture and connect them to our communities.

FREE Registration

This is a free race! Complete your registration by selecting the \$0.00 dollar option.

Optional Donation

Those who select to make the optional \$20 donation as part of their registration will receive an event t-shirt on race day!

Race Day Registration & Packet Pickup

FREE registration and optional \$20 donation for t-shirt will also be available on race day! Packet pick-up and race day registration start at 8:30AM at Gordon White Park. No race numbers will be mailed.

Awards

Overall Male & Female 3 Deep. Top Finish Masters & Grand Masters Male & Female. Top Finish 14 & Under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65 & over.

Performers & Vendors

If you are interested in performing or being a vendor at the community celebration, please contact: Robert Thompson at rlthomp2002@yahoo.com, or (404) 399-3790.

BeltLine 5k Road Race & West End Community

To see our sponsors, or for more info about the BeltLine 5k Road Race & West End Community Celebration, visit:

<http://beltline.org/GetInvolved/BeltLineWestEndTrail5kRun/tabid/3003/Default.aspx>

BeltLine Website

For more info on the Atlanta Beltline, visit: www.beltline.org

Event Parking

Check Back Soon For Parking Location Details.

Take MARTA to the Starting Line

To get to the race by MARTA, check out the bus schedule at:

http://www.itsmarta.com/getthere/schedules/tables/rte_71_Sa.htm

Restrictions

No headphones, strollers, dogs or animals will premitted during the race by running participants.

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Re:BeltLine 5K Road Race & West End Community Celebration

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/09/08 12:24

<http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/images/beltline15.jpg>

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Re:BeltLine 5K Road Race & West End Community Celebration

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/09/08 12:24

<http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/images/beltline14.jpg>

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Re:BeltLine 5K Road Race & West End Community Celebration

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/09/08 12:25

<http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/images/beltline13.jpg>

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Re:BeltLine 5K Road Race & West End Community Celebration

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/09/08 12:26

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Re:BeltLine 5K Road Race & West End Community Celebration

Posted by admin - 2008/10/20 22:21

BeltLine 5K Road Race & West End Community Celebration -- Picture from this day and trail photos.

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Re:BeltLine 5K Road Race & West End Community Celebration

Posted by admin - 2008/10/20 22:35

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http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/beltline/beltline_atlanta6.jpg

Opening of the Beltline in West End

Posted by admin - 2008/10/21 16:44

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHbBQnEZOdA>

Re:Opening of the Beltline in West End

Posted by West End Gardener - 2008/10/22 22:49

Thanks so much to whichever neighbor posted that YouTube video of the Beltline 5K opening last Saturday morning. I chose not to attend this morning event because I could not in good conscience have attended without protesting Mayor Franklin's presence in our community when she has refused to even speak with us about her closure of Fire Station 7. I am so proud of my community leaders who apparently chose not to share the stage with Mayor Franklin after she closed our fire station and left us all at great risk in our homes and businesses. Thanks to all of them for their courage and willingness to take a stand on this issue.

Although a protest against our mayor would not have been in the best interest of our neighborhood on that day, the silence and absence of our neighbors and leadership spoke volumes about our unwillingness to be used as political pawns. I hope the mayor, and all other elected officials, were listening.

Re:Opening of the Beltline in West End

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2008/10/27 19:52

Beltline 5k Race Results - Top Females

Division	Name	Time
Top Overall	Jennifer Eweri	20.24 course record
Masters	Jill Duke	24.22
Grand Masters	Kate Spencer	24.10
14 & Under	Ashley Moore	38.00
15 - 19	Claire Dickey	54.46
20 - 24	Cheryl Case	25.44
25 - 29	Amanda Easoz	22.49
30 - 34	Marisa Goodwin	28.29

35 - 39	Ann Railsback	23.46
40 - 44	Deb Maberry	24.34
45 - 49	Sheena Wilson	27.08
50 - 54	Fawn Shelton	49.00
55 - 69	Ellen Ecton	26.27
60 - 64	Cynthia Alexander	59.55
65 & Up	Frances Ellison-Dansby	55.16

2008 BeltLine 5k Race Results - Top Males

Division	Name	Time
Top Overall	Matt Silva	19.00 course record
Masters	Richard Lutch	20.50
Grand Masters	Clifton Jenkins	20.57
14 & Under	Darius	27.40
15 - 19	Salahudeen Ali	27.58
20 - 24	Lamont Cobb	26.25
25 - 29	Zack Odom	21.22
30 - 34	Jared Janeczko	21.11
35 - 39	Carlos Armando Esquer	20.46
40 - 44	Andre Oosthuizen	21.39
45 - 49	William Blackwood	21.20
50 - 54	Peter Langston	30.11
55 - 69	Larry Montagne	26.13
60 - 64	Bobby Sutton	49.13
65 & Up	David K. Ewert	24.16

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Re:Opening of the Beltline in West End

Posted by VirtualM - 2008/10/27 21:25

It was a gorgeous day for a run!

I also agree that I couldn't believe the mayor showed her face that day. I'm surprised everyone kept their composure, I was seething inside.

Now we just need to push for some fun public art or a little play structure in the middle of that park. It would be perfect! (And don't tell the city that it's going to be a great spot for skateboarding...)

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Re:Opening of the Beltline in West End

Call for Artists

The City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs Public Art Program (OCA/PAP), Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. and Councilperson Cleta Winslow (District 4) are seeking proposals from artists or artist teams to paint an imaginative, site specific mural on White Street under the Langhorn Street bridge in Atlanta, Georgia. The mural design should be created after dialogue with stakeholders and the surrounding neighborhood. The projected budget for artwork is \$26,000.

The mural will be located on White Street under the Langhorn Street bridge. This is in the southwest section of Atlanta and the BeltLine. The closest physical address is 1070 White Street. The wall is a 17' x 159' concrete underpass. The street is largely unpopulated except for a few businesses on the opposite side of the street. The BeltLine is one of the most comprehensive economic development efforts ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment currently underway in the U.S. It will combine greenspace, trails, transit and new development along 22 miles of historic rail segments that encircle the urban core of Atlanta. The BeltLine will pass through the eastern edge of the Westview neighborhood on White Street. White Street is where the Model Mile construction began at the beginning of this year. It will travel towards Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard and along Muse Street. This walking path will feature greenery, park space, and an arboretum. A street car station is proposed for the intersection of Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard., Langhorn Street, and Cascade Avenue. The deadline for applying is November 26, 2008 at 5 p.m. The OCA/PAP and the Atlanta Beltline, Inc. will convene a stakeholders' committee to assist with the selection process where proposals will be judged on artistic quality, context, feasibility.

http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/files/White_Street_Mural_Scope_of_Work__2_-7b2a828d0fcd25989cbefa17792bc4f5.pdf

Re:Beltline project

Posted by D_Corbu - 2008/11/12 11:46

That is the Lawton St Bridge over White St, so it is located in West End right by Brown Middle School.

BeltLine Southwest Study Group Meeting

Posted by intoeyes2001 - 2009/01/17 11:50

Thursday, January 29th

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Southwest Study Group Meeting: BeltLine Subarea 1 Master Plan Launch and Orientation

Meeting Purpose: Introduction to the BeltLine, Smart Growth and Master Planning

Location:

Hammonds House Museum

503 Peoples Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30310

GDOT, Amtrak throw wrench in Beltline plans

Posted by cubana - 2009/01/27 16:57

<http://blogs.creativefloating.com/freshloaf/2009/01/26/gdot-amtrak-throw-wrench-in-beltline-plans/>

GDOT, AMTRAK throw wrench in Beltline plans

Thomas Wheatley, Creative Loafing - January 26, 2009

If there's one thing we've learned about the Beltline, the 22-mile loop of parks, trails and transit proposed to circle Atlanta, it's that surprises are to be expected. And some interesting developments are afoot with the \$2.8-billion project.

If you recall, Atlanta Beltline Inc. — the nonprofit agency in charge of planning and implementing the project — finalized its purchase of a 66-acre piece of property in October owned by Gwinnett County developer Wayne Mason and his son

Keith, an Atlanta attorney. The Mason property included land and transit right-of-way. The \$66 million purchase riled city watchdogs not only for the ultimate payout to the Masons — more than double what father and son originally paid for the land in 2004 — but also the deal ABI cut with a private partner group it needed to buy out if it wanted to use tax-exempt bonds to finalize the purchase before a Halloween deadline. That's background, and for all intents and purposes, irrelevant for the moment.

Beltline leaders hoped to complete planning the area, implement transit, and sell off excess land to developers. They would then re-invest the windfall from those sales back into the overall project. But before it could do anything with the property, it first had to abandon the transit right-of-way. That humdrum process is conducted by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board and largely involves just some time for public comment and a shuffling of papers. It was supposed to be a walk in the park.

Looks like that's not turning out to be the case. An eleventh-hour move by the state Department of Transportation and AMTRAK has potentially thrown a wrench in the Beltline. And why those two odd entities decided to hold hands and insert themselves into the conversation — this late in the party — is making folks scratch their heads.

Late last year, the city asked Norfolk-Southern, the rail and shipping company who had still had control of the rail line, to formally abandon the property. The process was supposed to be complete on Jan. 22. But according to a source with close knowledge of the abandonment process and a helluva letter Mayor Shirley Franklin wrote to U.S. Congressman John Lewis seeking his assistance, GDOT filed an out-of-the-blue motion with the U.S. Surface Transportation Board to halt the abandonment process. According to the mayor's letter, GDOT "enlisted the help of AMTRAK, which on January 21st took the brazen action of using its federal status to initiate condemnation proceedings on the corridor."

In other words, GDOT and AMTRAK have put the brakes on a vital piece of the Beltline — and for the time being, put the project's future in limbo.

"I am dismayed and alarmed by these actions, which not only jeopardize BeltLine transit, but also our ability to compete for federal funds," Franklin wrote.

Some gems from the mayor's letter to Lewis:

* "For a state agency (GDOT) to now flip-flop and at the last minute attempt to derail a well thought out and partially implemented plan is truly appalling. Sadly, from what I have witnessed over the years, GDOT's actions are consistent with its past behavior, and it is this behavior that has caused Georgia and Atlanta to lose out on millions in federal funding." (Yee-owsza!)

* "Simply put, because of GDOT's boorish behavior and AMTRAK's willingness to play along, the future of the city of Atlanta is at stake." (Yoo-aye!)

* "I grew up near the railroads in Philadelphia, and I know the value and important of commuter rail in the life of a city. I am also an advocate of cooperation and collaboration to do what is best for the public. Time and again as the BeltLine has faced judicial, legislative and other challenges, grassroots Atlantans have risen up to ensure that the BeltLine vision moves forward. We have invested far too much in the BeltLine, and have seen too much growth and investment for it to be stymied by the actions of a state agency that does not have a viable plan or funding for commuter rail or the Northeast BeltLine Corridor, let alone funding for projects to which it has already committed." (Getting Philly! Getting Philly! Knocking GDOT's broken-ness and lack of viable plans! State agencies — they're just like us!)

The city, ABI, and the Atlanta Development Authority — ABI's parent entity — are fighting the motions on several grounds. They say AMTRAK has other options available to it that are more in line with its future plans for intercity transit, that GDOT and AMTRAK lack funding to support their actions, and this move endangers millions of dollars and countless hours already invested in the Beltline. Franklin's letter is a gem, so I've decided to post it here for your reading pleasure. Here's the Beltline's legal reply to GDOT's move. In so many words: Deny GDOT's motion.

So why is AMTRAK getting involved? According to a filing by the federal transit agency's lawyers sent to the Surface Transportation Board:

the BeltLine Segment that NS seeks to abandon is a critical link in the rail route that would be used by Amtrak trains (including Amtrak's New York-Atlanta-New Orleans Crescent) and future high speed rail passenger trains to access the proposed Multimodal Passenger Terminal in Atlanta. There are no viable alternate routes. The August 21 letter from the Atlanta Regional Commission included in the NS Notice (pp. 36-37) correctly states that, if the BeltLine Segment were abandoned, passenger train service into downtown Atlanta would have to operate via an alternate route (the "Trunk Line Route") over "the combined Norfolk Southern/CSX trunk line on the west side of the city ... an active rail corridor that is already heavily utilized by freight traffic."...

Ironically, abandonment of the Belt Line Segment would thwart the development of intercity corridor and high speed rail service through Atlanta at the very moment when Congress has decided that expanding such services is a national priority.

Oh yeah, sure, blame Obama! (kidding, AMTRAK!)

Here are some questions: Why would GDOT, which as a member of the Transit Planning Board, signed off on said agency's regional transportation vision called Concept3, which included the Beltline, only now speak up? The Concept3 plan, if you recall, included commuter rail, but it was the Atlanta-Griffin line and Brain Train — which don't run near Piedmont Park, where the Beltline property is located. (Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't the commuter rail in the plan originate from the long-in-the-works downtown train terminal proposed for "The Gulch" near Philips Arena?) And why does AMTRAK, which already operates heavy-rail trains that run out of the Brookwood station, have any interest in service on tracks that would pass residential properties and possibly enrage nearby homeowners?

What makes this even more interesting is the fact that GDOT owns a vital piece of Beltline transit right-of-way in the project's Southwest quadrant. The state agency and the city have reportedly been in talks for two years about a land swap. Is GDOT trying to gain some leverage in a future discussion about the land? Or about another piece of city property?

Some insiders are questioning the dates listed on the legal filings I linked to above. We'll get into those issues later. I made a call to AMTRAK about their condemnation but was sent to voicemail. The GDOT spokesman more familiar with the abandonment process would be able to comment in the morning.

But as they say, "sunlight is the best disinfectant." Here are some of the details. Please chime in if you have any thoughts. We'll report on it more tomorrow.

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White street mural

Posted by cubana - 2009/02/26 12:36

The mural will be located on White Street under the Laughton Street Bridge. This is in the southwest section of Atlanta and the Beltline (see below). The closest physical address is 1070 White Street (The Salvation Army located across the street). The wall is a 17' x 159' concrete underpass. The street is largely unpopulated except for a few businesses on the opposite side of the street. Some members of the community will be involve in the production of the final selection, including, Brown Middle School.

The three artists selected are: Rod Pittam, Malaika Favorite and Tim Settimi/Cheryl Myrbo. They will be producing a maquette of their final proposal and will be presenting it to the same committee mentioned before in addition to Camille Russell Love, Director of the Office of Cultural Affairs, and Jaymes Taylor, Art teacher at Brown Middle School.

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1000 trees to be planted in West End.

Posted by cubana - 2009/03/15 08:52

I am sorry guys, I dropped the ball on this one. I was sent an email about two weeks ago but I forgot to post. But I have another surprise about the beltline that I will make everyone happy, but I cant unveil it yet.

Atlanta middle school students will plant 1,000 trees and shrubs Thursday as part of an arboretum encircling the future Beltline.

Trees Atlanta and the Atlanta Audubon Society are working with Brown Middle School to plant fig and black walnut trees, blueberry bushes and other bird-friendly trees and shrubs at the West End school. The project was largely funded by a \$42,400 grant from TogetherGreen, a National Audubon Society program sponsored by Toyota.

Trees Atlanta spokeswoman Cheryl Kortemeier said the middle school is along the first piece of the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum, a one-mile path next to the abandoned train tracks. It is accessible from the school and Gordon White Park. Kortemeier said the arboretum's theme for the West Connection is ethnobotany, or how trees and plants are used as medicine.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, the public can help mulch and water the trees and plant any remaining trees at the school. To join in, e-mail robby@treesatlanta.org or call 404-681-4901.

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by cubana - 2009/03/29 22:59

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) have planned a Citywide Conversation on Transit and Trails for the BeltLine Environmental Impact Statement. The meeting will cover feedback from the first round of public scoping meetings, including updated goals and objectives, new evaluation criteria, a review of the EIS process and milestones for public input. It will also include an open house on the inventory of existing environmental, cultural, and socio-economic features along the BeltLine that may be impacted by construction of transit and trails.

The Citywide Conversation will be held:

Thursday, April 2, 2009

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

All Saints' Episcopal Church

634 W. Peachtree Street, NW

Atlanta, GA 30308

All Saints' Episcopal Church is located at the corner of W. Peachtree Street and North Avenue and is directly across the street from the MARTA North Avenue Station on the North-South line. We encourage you to take MARTA. Bus service is also provided to the North Avenue Station. Call 404-848-4711 for bus route information. Deck and surface parking is also available at the church.

Please plan to attend.

In addition, we request that you hold the date open for a series of public workshops that will be coming up in April and May. Schedules of the public workshop are listed in the attached flyer. We would appreciate your sharing the flyer with your e-mail database and encourage others in the community to attend.

We are looking forward to your participation.

http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/files/MARTA_BeltLine_April_May_2008_Meeting_Flyer.pdf
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Re:Beltline project West End and Westview in AJC

Posted by cubana - 2009/05/19 09:01

Hello neighbors,

Back in February there was a nice story about Westview and West End in the AJC. It is about the future of the BeltLine in our neighborhoods. The author enjoyed lunch at the Fried Rice King and then ventured down in to our commercial district.

<http://www.ajc.com/travel/content/printedition/2009/02/22/kessler0222.html>

Patrick

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Another ground breaking for Beltline

Posted by cubana - 2009/08/09 10:39

Beltline.org is planning another beltline groundbreaking in West End, the Muse Street trail this section borders with Westview and we will do the groundbreaking in conjunction with them. I will keep you posted.

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Re:Another ground breaking for Beltline

Posted by D_Corbu - 2009/08/18 12:07

cubana wrote:

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Nice to see the Beltline moving forward. :-)

This does remind me of a post that was made nearly a year ago about Muse St in the "Just for Residents" section.

Below is the link to that thread. Maybe now that more West End residents use this forum it can be addressed.

http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/component/option,com_fireboard/Itemid,97/func,view/catid,14/id,859/

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City of Atlanta Developers Day

Posted by cubana - 2009/09/14 20:44

Greetings,

This is a FYI, please feel free to share with any person(s) that you may know of who may be interested in attending. Please see attachment.

City of Atlanta Developer's Day
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Trees Atlanta
225 Chester Avenue, SE
Atlanta, GA 30314

All Best,

MCCRI Staff http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/images/fbfiles/files/scan0027_1_.pdf

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by cubana - 2009/11/16 21:42

There is a very important BeltLine meeting being held tomorrow, Tuesday, November 17th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the West Hunter Baptist Church. Your attendance is needed to provide input on the BeltLine Corridor transit and trails evaluation results. We need West End input.

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Re:Beltline project

Posted by Lain - 2009/12/11 15:14

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I hadn't seen this video posted anywhere yet on this forum, but the BeltLine produced a video featuring our new mural and a lot of our neighbors. Wahoo!

I wish I could make the groundbreaking tomorrow -- hope all goes well!

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