Atlanta BeltLine: Development Oriented Transit
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Development-Oriented Transit: Innovative Economic Tools and Models
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2012 New Partners for Smart Growth:
Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities
History & Context
Providing Region with Needed Connectivity

The Atlanta Beltline is in the heart of the Atlanta region & utilizes historic freight rail ROW circling the City.
History & Context
Four Belt Lines

SEABOARD AIR LINE BELT RAILROAD:
ATLANTA & RICHMOND AIR LINE RAILWAY:
ATLANTA & WEST POINT BELT LINE:
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD BELT:
Location & Scale
Significant Opportunity for Significant Impact

- Connects **45 neighborhoods**
- **22% of City of Atlanta population** lives in the Atlanta BeltLine planning area
- **19% of the City’s land mass** is inside the Atlanta BeltLine redevelopment area
- **40% increase** in Atlanta’s parkland
- **6,500 acre** TAD
Comprehensive Concept
Key Elements

Transit
22-mile loop

Parks
1300 + new acres

Trails
33 miles

Economic Development
20 areas, 30k jobs

Affordable Housing
5,600 Units

Historic Preservation

Public Art & Urban Design

Environmental Clean-up
1100 + acres
Political Context
Existing Conditions
Floor

L7
GREEN GUIDEWAY

Low-growing, low-input, low-maintenance and drought tolerant grasses are recommended: Bermuda grass, Buffalo grass (native), and Zoysia grass.

L2.2
TRANSIT + "DRY" FLOOR

With the introduction of transit, low-growing, sun tolerant grass species will replace the taller growing, warm season grasses within the guideway.

L2.4
TRANSIT + "MOIST" FLOOR

With the introduction of transit, low-growing, shade tolerant grass species will replace the taller grasses and wetland emergents.
Progress Report
Construction Update

Under Construction:
• Eastside Trail

Completed:
• Historic Fourth Ward Park
• Skate Park (Cox Parcel)
• Boulevard Crossing Park
• D.H. Stanton Park
• West End Trail Phase I (October 2008)
• Northside Trail Opened (April 2010)
• West End Trail Phase II (June 2010)

- Trails  - Parks
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