# Beltline Streetcar Expansion

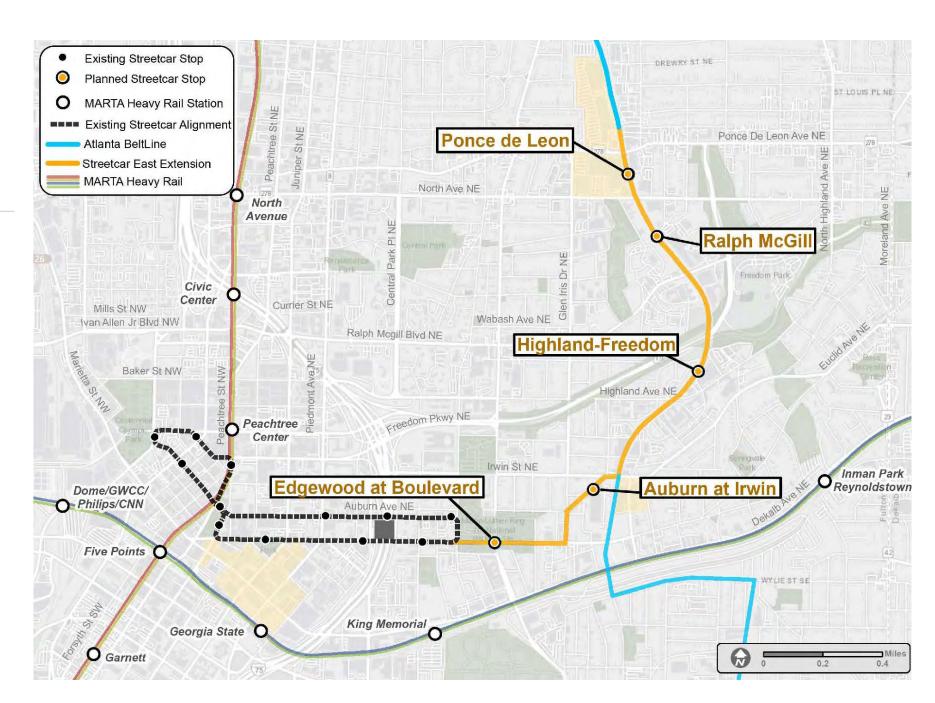
Monday, June 12, 2023



### **Project Description**

The Streetcar East Extension project is the first extension of the existing downtown Streetcar, which originally opened in late 2014. This project runs along Edgewood Avenue to the BeltLine at Irwin Street and up to Ponce de Leon Avenue.

The Streetcar East Extension project is advancing based on a detailed review of the planning and design work prepared by Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) on behalf of the City of Atlanta (COA).



# **More MARTA Atlanta – Background**

✓ Program approved by voters in 2016 by an overwhelming majority of 71%.

After successful passage of the referendum, MARTA and the City of Atlanta executed a robust program of community engagement to establish guiding principles and the project list.

✓ A list of 73 projects was narrowed to 17 priority projects and adopted by the MARTA Board in 2018.



# **Program Timeline**



# November 2016

More MARTA referendum approved by 71% of voters

### February 2017

Enhanced bus service immediately implemented

### January 2018

MARTA & City enter into 1st IGA: included public & stakeholder engagement process to narrow project list

### May-October 2018

Extensive public engagement conducted w/ public & stakeholders

### October 2018

MARTA Board adopts list of projects

### 2019

Limited project work begins

### **June 2019**

MARTA Board adopts project sequencing list

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# November 2020

MARTA & City enter into 2nd IGA to define program governance and accept project sequencing list

### 2021

Planning, design, and public engagement:

- Summerhill BRT
- Campbellton BRT
- Streetcar East
- Bankhead
- Cleveland & Metropolitan ART

### 2022

- Adoption of Campbellton LPA by MARTA Board
- Five Points design
- Clifton Corridor alternatives analysis

### Spring 2022

Discussions begin on revising project sequencing list

### March 2023

Proposed resequencing project plan presented to City Council

### April 2023

Public information sessions conducted



Not an accurate representation







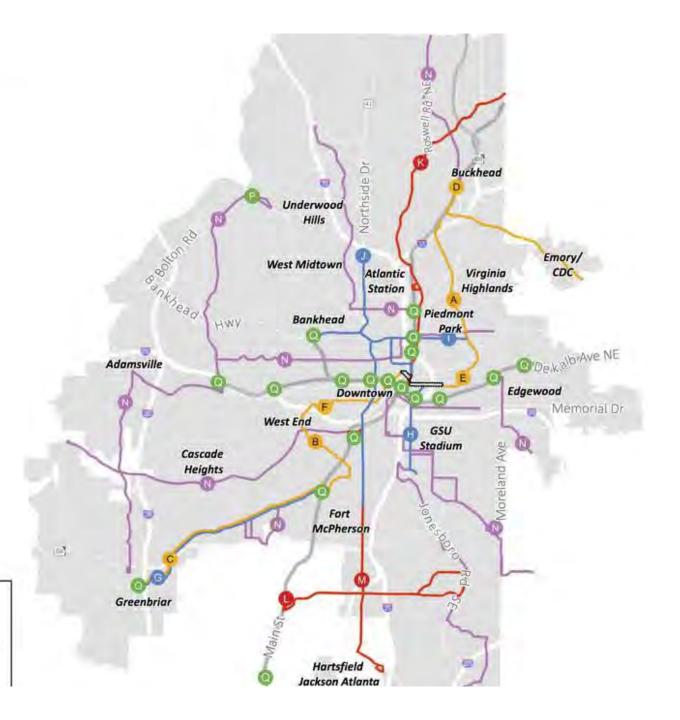
# **Proposed Program**

- BeltLine Northeast LRT
- BeltLine Southwest LRT
- Campbellton Rd LRT
- Clifton Corridor LRT
- Crosstown Downtown East Extension
- Crosstown Downtown West Extension
- © Campbellton Rd BRT
- Capitol Ave BRT
- North Ave Donald L. Hollowell Pkwy BRT
- Northside Dr BRT
- Peachtree Rd ART
- Cleveland Ave ART
- Metropolitan Pkwy ART
- Trequent Local Bus Service
- Greenbriar Transit Center
- Moores Mill Transit Center
- Station Improvements

#### Legend

City of Atlanta ••••• Existing Streetcar Route

(LRT) Light Rail Transit (ART) Arterial Rapid Transit (BRT) Bus Rapid Transit Note: Assume 50% federal match for major capital projects Project schedules and funding plans will be developed following approval of the



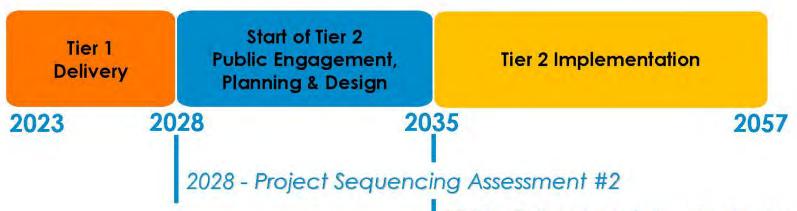
## Tier 1

- A Streetcar East Extension
- B Clifton Corridor BRT
- Campbellton Rd BRT
- D Summerhill BRT
- Cleveland Ave ART
- Metropolitan Pkwy ART
- G Greenbriar Transit Center
- Hive Points Transformation
- Bankhead Platform Ext.
- Enhanced Bus Service
  Enhanced Bus Service is
  included on printed display map.



### What does Tier 2 mean?

- In 5 years or less another sequencing assessment will be performed (per IGA).
- Current expenditures and funds availability will be reviewed. Future projects will be re-estimated.
- All assumptions will run through financial model.
- Projects may be separated into further tiers depending on funds availability and anticipated project costs.



### Tier 2 - Future Projects

BeltLine Northeast

BeltLine Southeast

BeltLine Southwest

BeltLine West

Moores Mill Transit Center

North Ave BRT

Northside Dr BRT

Peachtree Rd ART

Streetcar West

Vine City Station

2035 – Estimated date of sales tax availability for start of Tier 2

# STREETCAR EAST EXTENSION PROJECT Project History and Timeline













### Before 2017

- Atlanta BeltLine Transit Vision
- Atlanta Streetcar System Planning
- Downtown Streetcar Opens
- · Streetcar East Planning
- Local Funding Source Identified (Half-Penny Sales Tax - November 2016)



 MARTA Defines Atlanta Expansion Program

### 2019-2022

- Validate Work Performed by Others
- Establish Project Length and Route
- Complete Field Surveys
- Complete Planning and Begin Detailed Engineering
- Begin Stakeholder and Public Engagement
- Procure Final Design Team

### 2022-2024

Final Design Phase

### 2024-2027

 Construction, Testing, and Commissioning

### 2027

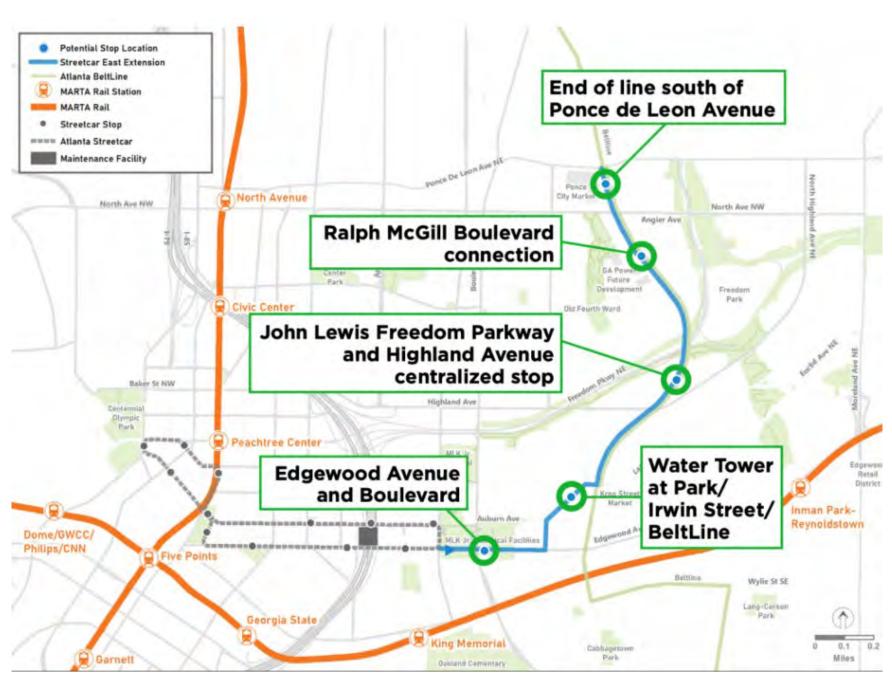
· Open to the Public

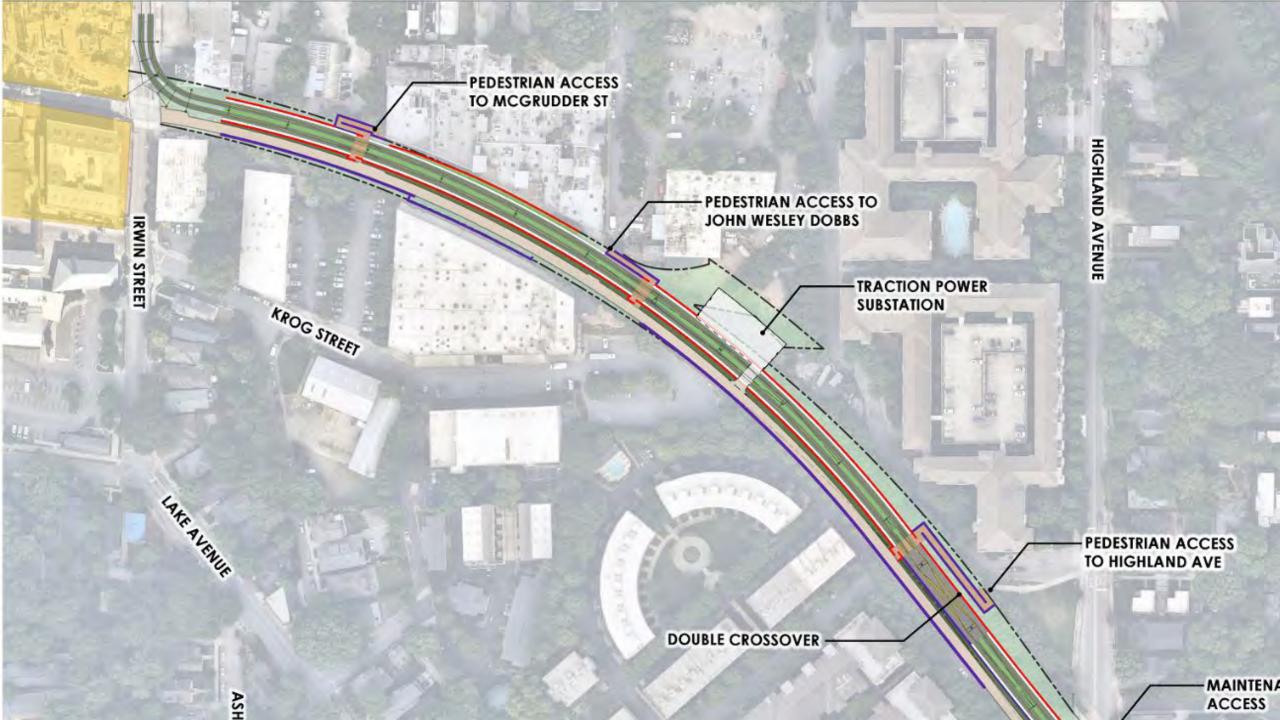
### **Streetcar Expansion**

The blue line shows where the Atlanta Streetcar extension would go, connecting at the Atlanta Beltline Irwin Street and then ending at Ponce City Market.

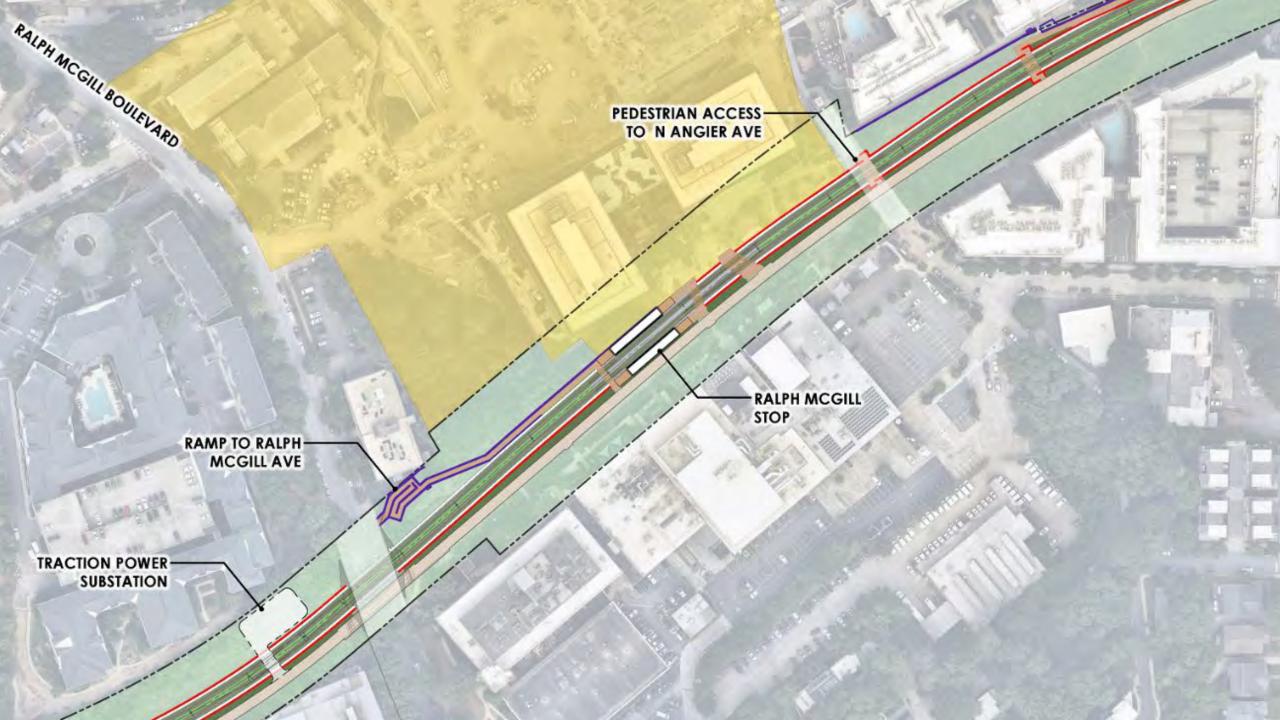
The planned stops are circled in green.

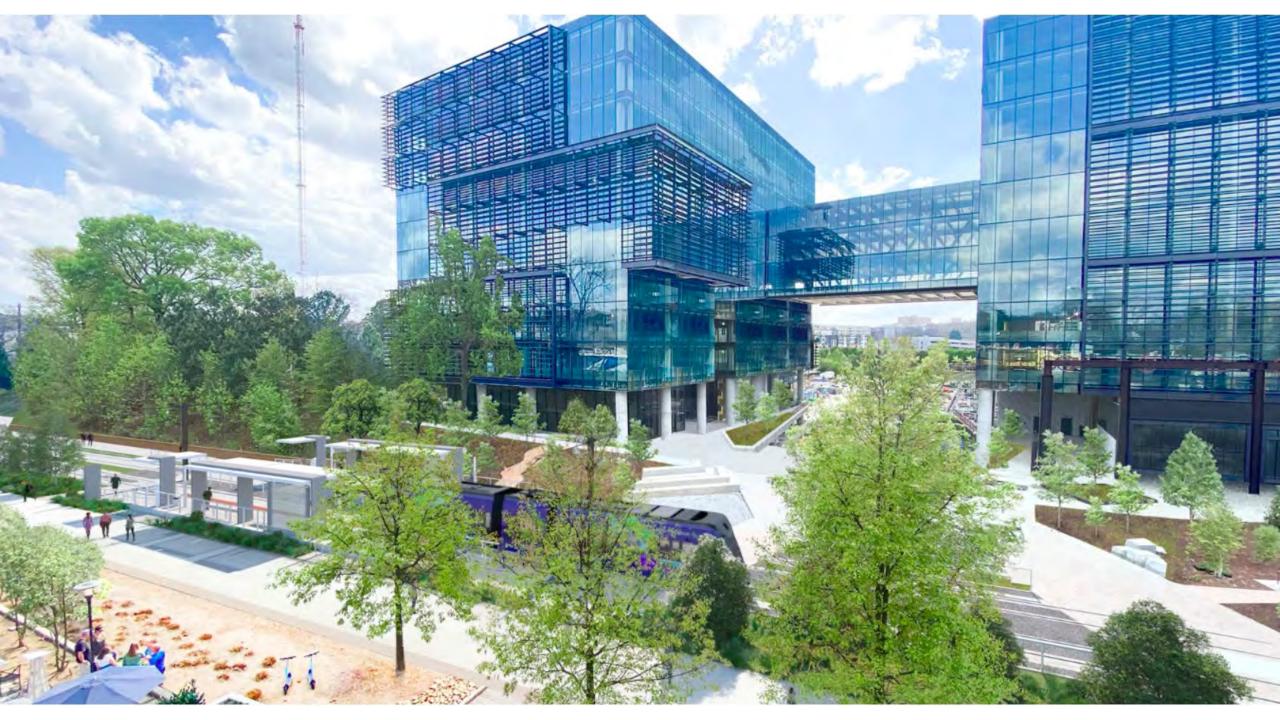
The entire route is about 2 miles.

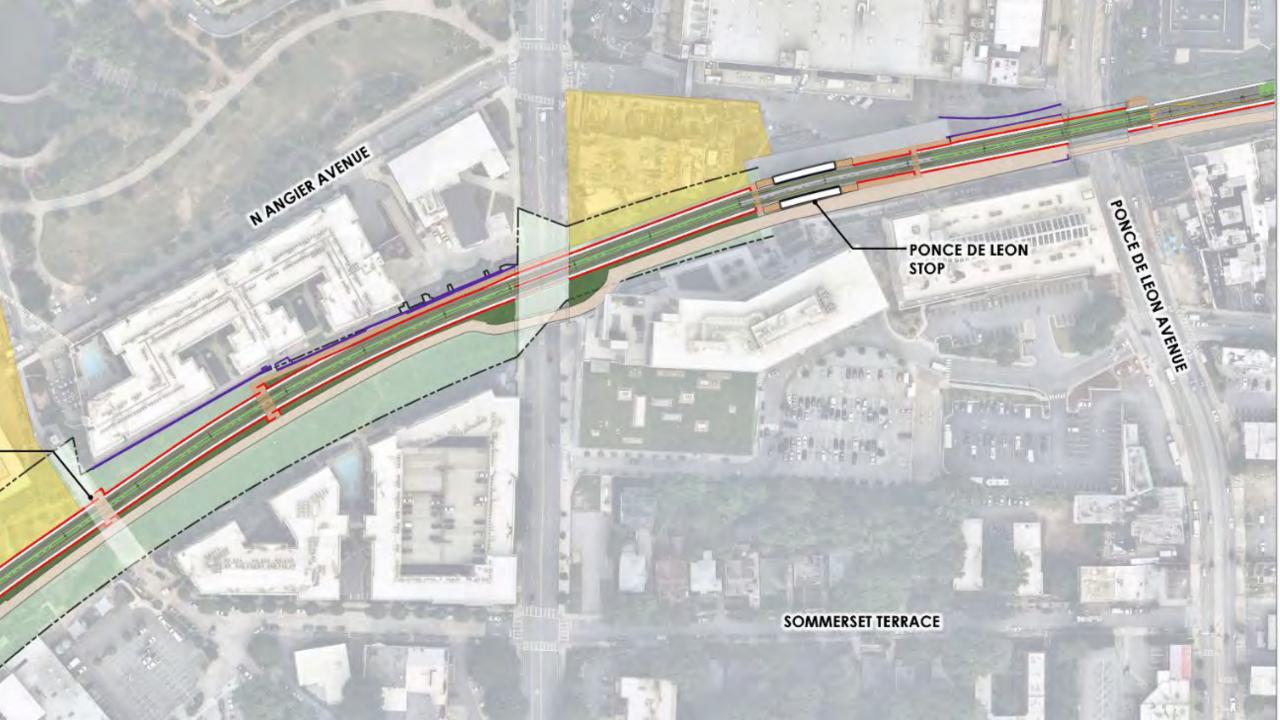


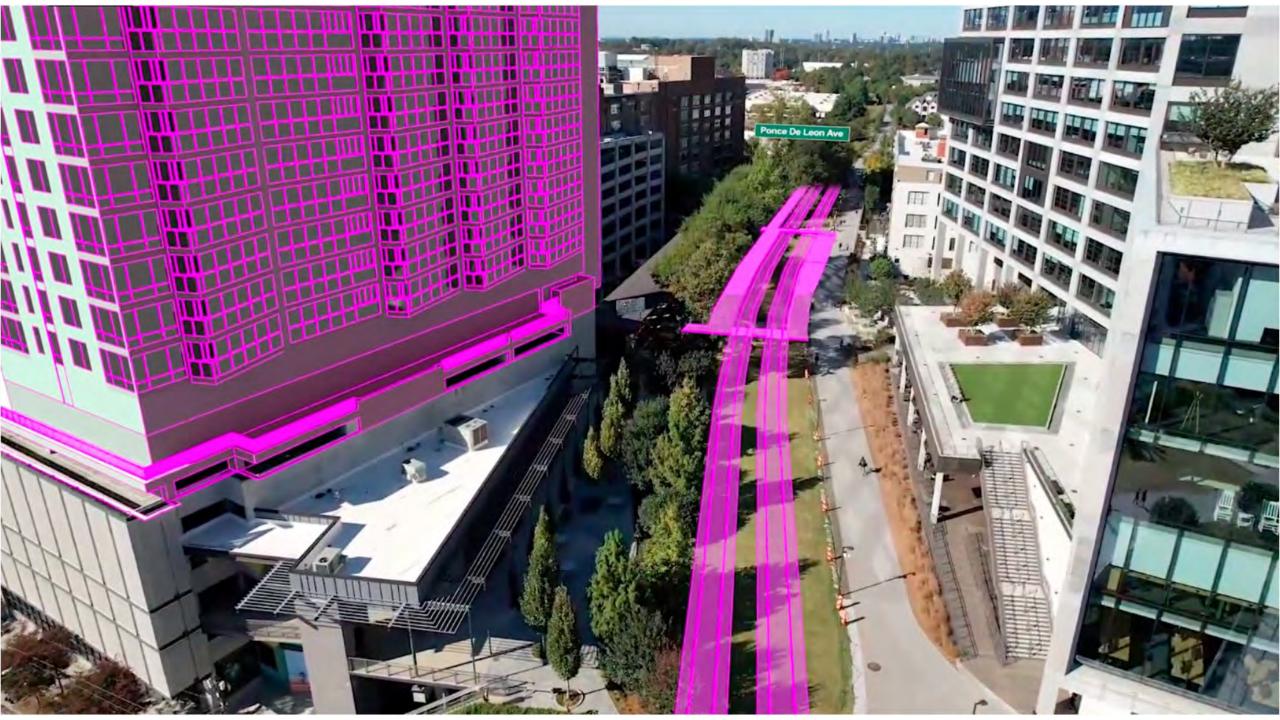


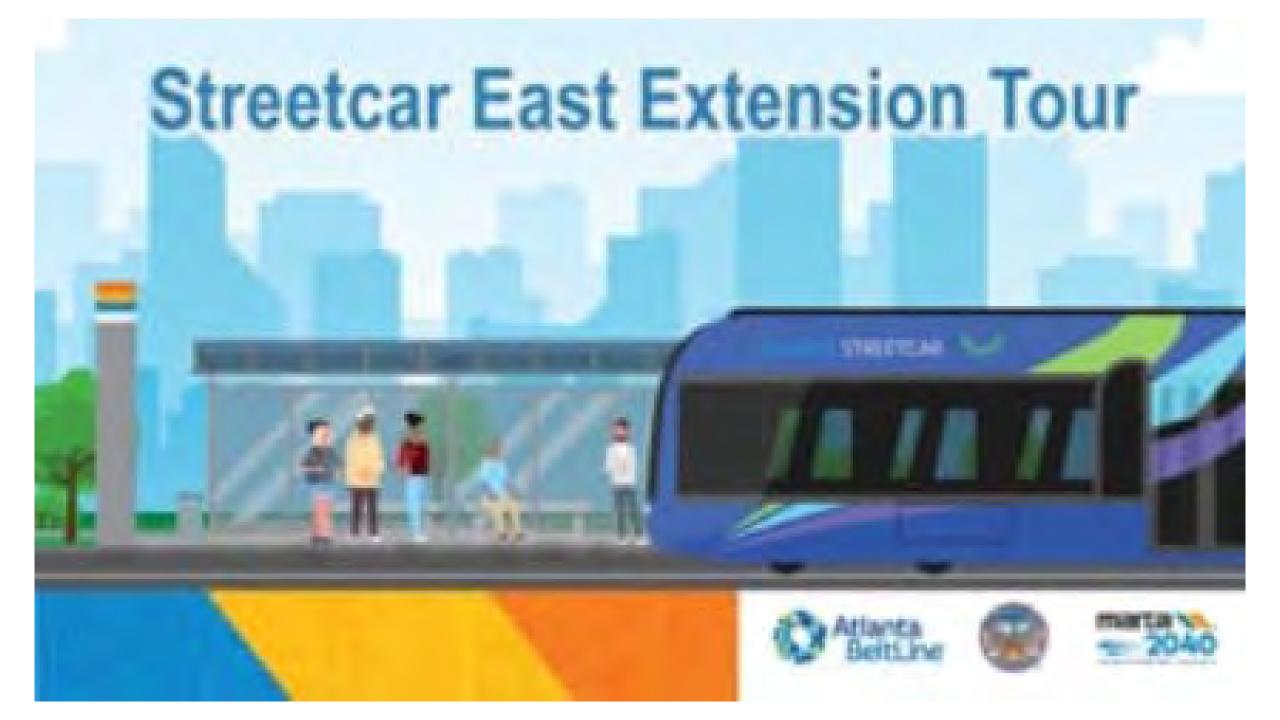












## **GUIDEWAY TREATMENT OPTIONS**



Concrete Tie and Ballast



**Grass Track** 



**Embedded Track** 







## **GUIDEWAY TREATMENT OPTIONS**



**Embedded Track with Pavers** 



**Embedded Track with Asphalt** 



**Combination Track Treatment** 







# GUIDEWAY PROTECTION OPTIONS: PEDESTRIAN DETERRENT



Low Chain-Link Fencing



Landscape Edge with Rope Fencing



Post and Picket Intertrack Fence



Post and Picket Fence with Landscape Buffer



**Ornamental Railing** 







# **GUIDEWAY PROTECTION OPTIONS: PEDESTRIAN BARRIER**



High Chain-Link Fence



Granite Facing Retaining Wall with Chain-Link Fence



Welded-Wire Panel Fence



Concrete Wall with Mural



Metal Screen Fence



Painted Concrete Crash Barrier







## **GUIDEWAY TREATMENT OPTIONS**



Retained Ballast Track with Maximized Green Space



Embedded Slab Track with Grass Edges



**Grass Track Over Ballast** 



**Direct Fixation Grass Track** 







# GUIDEWAY TREATMENT OPTIONS



Retained Ballast Track with Maximized Green Space







# GUIDEWAY TREATMENT OPTIONS



Embedded Slab Track with Grass Edges



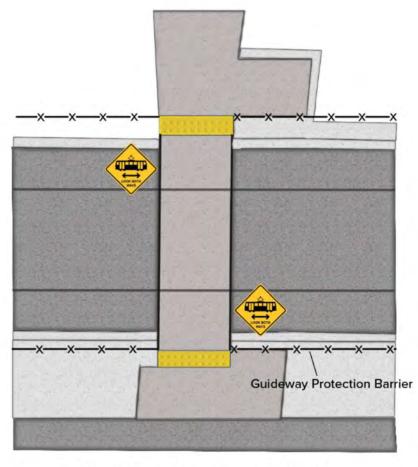




# PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: TYPE 1



- Passive warning (static signage)
- Speeds <10 mph</li>



**Tactile Crossing Panel** 



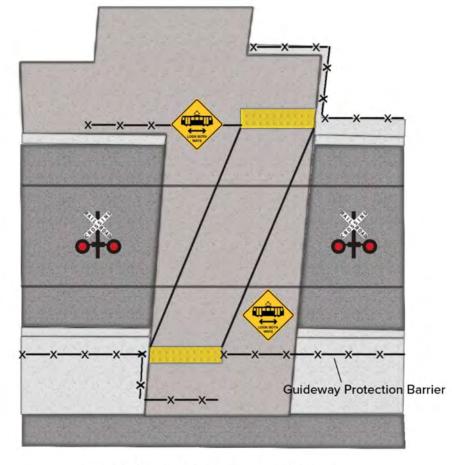




# PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: TYPE 2



- Active warning
- Speeds 10-25 mph
- Between stop locations



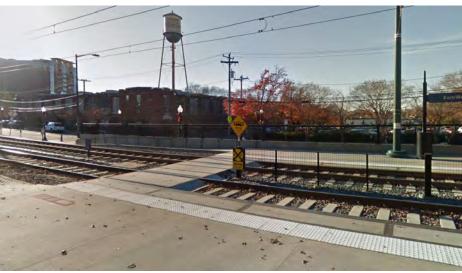
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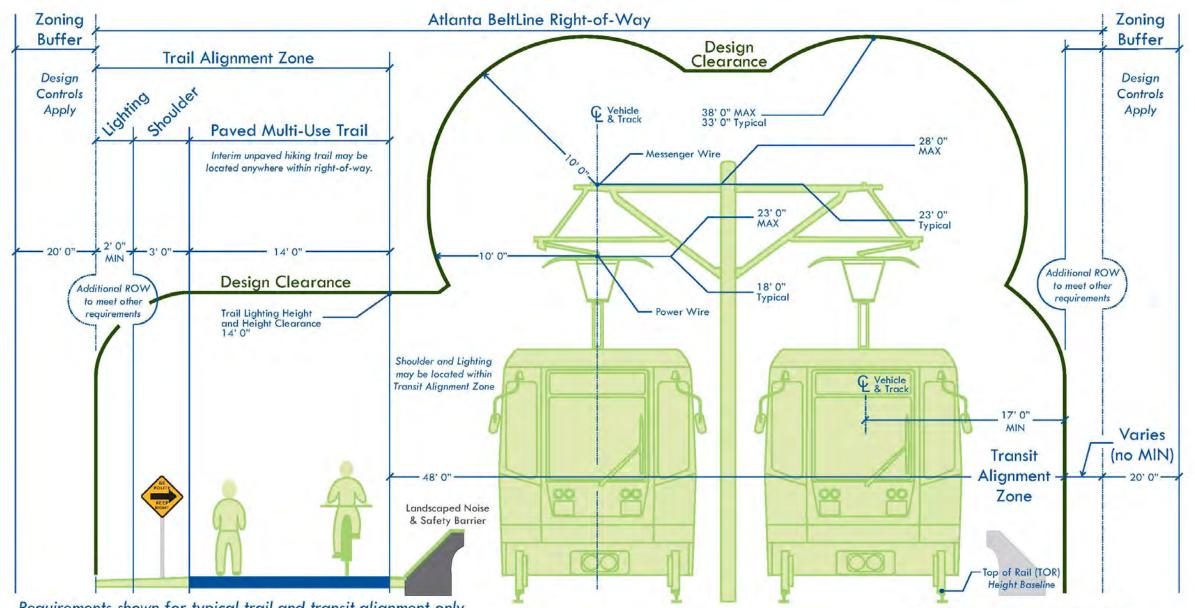










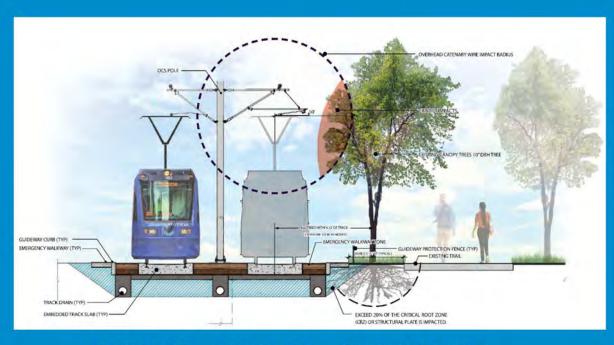


Requirements shown for typical trail and transit alignment only.

Actual requirements may vary at specific locations in the corridor for stations and based on system needs, topography, access, and other factors.

Illustrative Only: Not to Scale
Actual ROW width varies throughout corridor.

## **TREE PROTECTION & RESTORATION**



COLUMNAR REPLACEMENT THEE

COLUMNAR REPLACEMENT

BeltLine Tree Protection – Typical Section

BeltLine Tree Replacement - Typical Section







# **IRWIN STREET CROSSING OPTION 1: LEAVING OPEN**









# **Thank You**

