



Atlanta Inner Core

Beltline Transit Alternatives Analysis

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development, job creation, affordable housing, cleaner air, and an improved tax base - all advancing economic development and quality of life in Atlanta's central core.

How Will the Locally Preferred Alternative be Selected?

The Inner Core BeltLine Alternatives Analysis has evaluated all alternatives identified during the Feasibility study and the ongoing Alternatives Analysis study. The evaluation includes a two-step review process. In the first review phase, alternatives that did not support the project's goals were removed. The four alternatives shown on the map are being evaluated using the following criteria to select a Locally Preferred Alternative that is the most feasible, reasonable, and publicly supported.

- Mobility & Accessibility Benefits
- Land Use and Redevelopment Benefits
- Environmental Benefits and Consequences
- Cost-Effectiveness



Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
2424 Piedmont Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30324
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What is the Status of the Inner Core Project?

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) is moving forward with its Alternatives Analysis (AA) to identify and evaluate transit improvements within the Inner Core, a combination of the BeltLine and the C-Loop transit corridors. Based on initial findings and stakeholder feedback from the Inner Core Alternatives Analysis, MARTA, in January 2006, decided to separate the project into two concurrent transit studies. The BeltLine follows a 22-mile loop of existing rail corridor that encircles the City of Atlanta's Central Business District (CBD), connects up to six existing MARTA rail stations and provides direct linkage to over 40 neighborhoods. The C-Loop is a C-shaped corridor that connects the Clifton Corridor (Emory University Area) with the existing MARTA North Line, the mixed-use development at Atlantic Station, Georgia Tech, Atlanta University Center, West End, and South DeKalb Mall via the I-20 East Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

Although both projects complement transit expansion and redevelopment efforts within the study areas, each serves different travel markets and supports different communities. The separation of the BeltLine and the C-Loop provides the opportunity to focus on the distinct needs of each corridor, provides the simplicity needed to segment and phase the projects, and jurisdictional support and resources for the projects. The Inner Core BeltLine Alternatives Analysis is approaching completion, with a Locally Preferred Alternative expected to be identified by the MARTA Board in late summer 2006. The Inner Core C-Loop Alternatives Analysis will begin this summer and a Locally Preferred Alternative is expected to be identified by the MARTA Board in the fall of 2006.

What is the Purpose of the Inner Core BeltLine Project?

The Inner Core BeltLine serves a dual purpose: to improve local and regional mobility, accessibility and connectivity and support the City of Atlanta's plan to add mixed-use developments, bicycle and pedestrian greenway trails and neighborhood connectivity. The concept for the BeltLine envisions the conversion of abandoned and underutilized railway corridors around Atlanta's CBD to greenway and transit corridors that would connect communities with Atlanta's park system and serve as a basis for neighborhood preservation and revitalization, mixed-use

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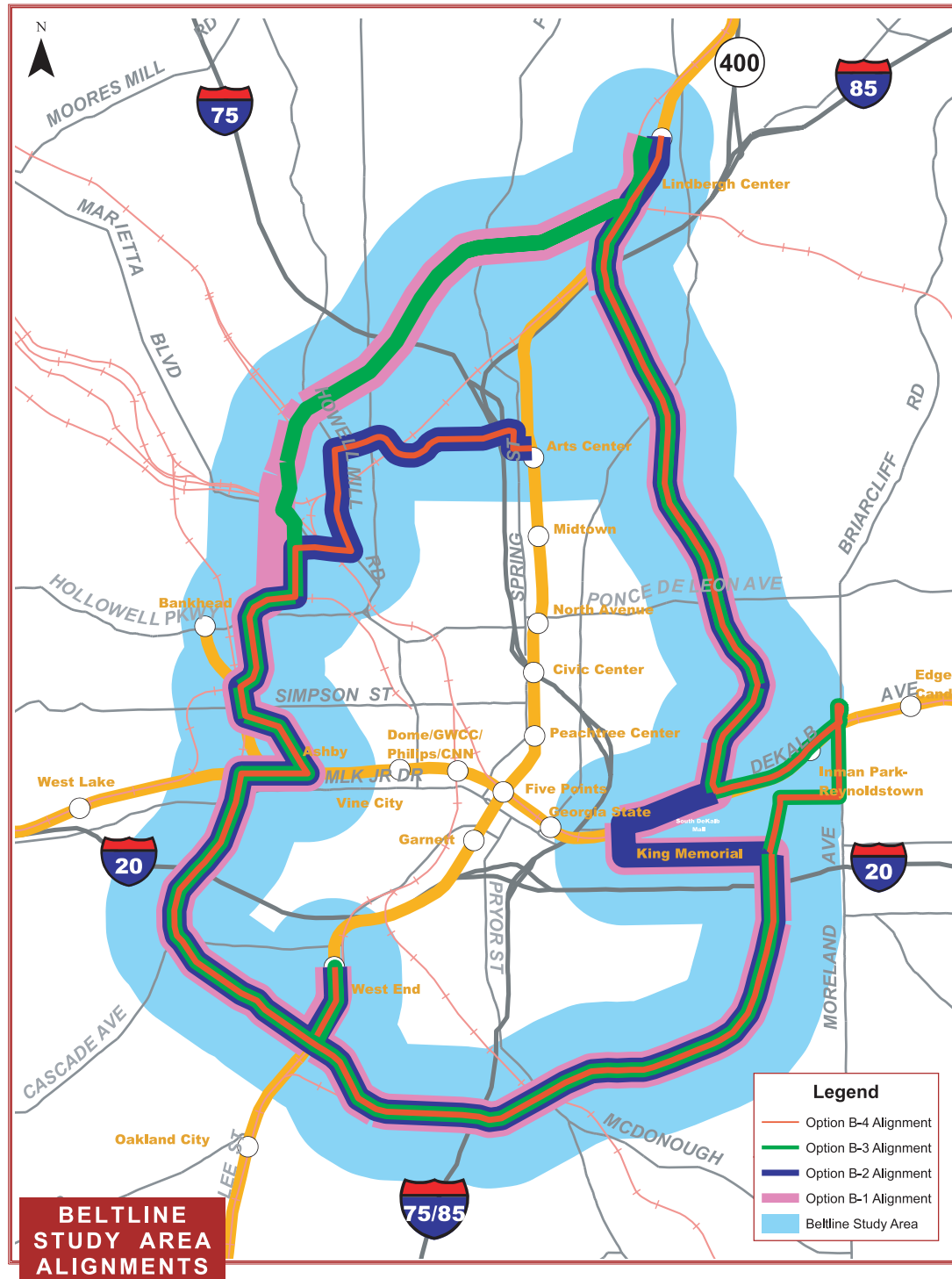




Inner Core BeltLine Alternatives Analysis Project Alternatives



MARTA Inner Core BeltLine Meeting Schedule



What Additional Opportunities are Available for Public Involvement?

Stakeholder and public outreach have been a critical element of both the Feasibility study and the alternatives analysis. Public meetings are scheduled to begin in July 2006 for the BeltLine with additional meetings for the C-Loop occurring later in the study process.

Northwest Atlanta

Monday, August, 7th 2006
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Peachtree Branch Library
1315 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404)-885-7830

(The Corner of Peachtree Street and 16th Street
Across from the High Museum)

Arts Center MARTA Station

Leave the station by the Peachtree St. exit, which is behind the Arts Center. 16th St. is the first street to the left. Turn right onto 16th Street and walk one block to Peachtree. The branch is across the street.

Southeast Atlanta

Tuesday, August 8th 2006
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
East Lake YMCA
275 East Lake Boulevard
Atlanta, GA 30317
(404)-373-6561

(Located off of Glenwood Avenue)

East Lake MARTA Station

The East Lake MARTA station is apart of the East-West Rail line. The station is located at the intersection of College Avenue and East Lake Road.

Southwest Atlanta

Wednesday, August, 9th 2006
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Mozley Park Recreation Center
1565 Martin Luther King Dr.
Atlanta, GA 30314
(404)-756-1857

(Right next to F.L. Stanton Elementary School)

MARTA Bus Route 3

Northeast Atlanta

Thursday, August 10th 2006
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
North Avenue Presbyterian Church
Broyles Auditorium
607 Peachtree St.
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404)-875-0431

(The Southeast Corner of North Ave. and Peachtree St. One block south of the Fox Theatre and directly across Peachtree St. from the Bank of America Plaza)

North Avenue MARTA Station

Follow the signs to exit toward GA Tech. Upon exiting, turn left (east/uphill) onto North Avenue. The church is one block east of the MARTA station, on the southeast corner of North Avenue and Peachtree Street.

Can't attend a meeting? We still want to hear from you! Please contact the study team by e-mail at contact_peq@bellsouth.net, fax at 770-306-7754, or visit the project website at www.itsmarta.com/newsroom/innercore. You may also contact us by mail c/o PEQ, 6067 Roosevelt Highway, Union City, GA 30291.