

AeroATL Model Mile Feasibility Study

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the timeline for this study?

A: The feasibility study will wrap up by September/October of this year.

Q: What is the targeted timeframe for construction?

A: After the study is complete, the municipalities will need to identify and hire a firm to complete the detailed design and engineering plans which could take from 6 to 18 months depending on the funding source and the complexity of the project. Next, the project can be bid out for construction which could take another 12 to 18 months.

Q: What types of materials would be used in the trail construction?

A: Best practices in Atlanta promote using concrete as the primary trail surface. It is long lasting and requires less maintenance in the long term. There are other materials that should be considered in different environments but by and large, we are considering concrete.

Q: How will safety be addressed?

A: Lighting would be a big safety element to be added that will serve as a deterrent to some of the crime. Camera surveillance is always a consideration and can be a part of the final recommendation. We are not preparing full design and engineering documents for this study. However, safety recommendations will be factored into our recommendations and into the cost estimates for each model mile.

Q: How will the model miles connect to the other participating municipalities?

A: The model miles are a part of a larger trail system being planned called the AeroATL Greenway Plan. The goal is to interconnect all of the individual model mile trails as well as tie into other trail systems where possible.

Q: Have you gotten buy in from surrounding communities or is this the beginning of the process?

A: This virtual public meeting marks the beginning of the engagement process, and we invite you and others to help advocate for this. Please drive your networks to the website to get them involved in this project.

Q: How much do you expect it to cost?

A: A basic, simple greenway without complicated crossings can cost between \$1 and \$1.5 Million per mile on the lower end. Once we have the actual preferred route and physical conditions that may impact the route, we will be able to estimate the cost more accurately.

Q: What sources of funding will be used to pay for the trail construction?

A: There are several options for funding the trail and these options may vary by community. Some common sources could include federal funding, local funding sources (general fund, SPLOST, TSPLOST), and state resources/grants. There are also private funding sources such as public-private partnerships that may be available depending on the location of the trail.