

AeroATL Model Mile Feasibility Study

Virtual Public Forums

Schedule & Attendance

Municipality	Date	Time	# Attendees
City of South Fulton	4/21/2020	2:00 - 3:00 PM	24
City of East Point	4/21/2020	4:00 - 5:00 PM	35
City of Atlanta	4/22/2020	3:00 - 4:00 PM	28
City of Hapeville	4/23/2020	2:00 - 3:00 PM	22
City of Union City	4/23/2020	4:00 - 5:00 PM	15
Clayton County	4/28/2020	2:00 - 3:00 PM	23
City of Forest Park	4/28/2020	3:00 - 4:00 PM	15
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Summary

This first round of public meetings was initially scheduled as two in-person meetings. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings were moved to a virtual/dial in format. All meetings were facilitated by a Consultant Team project manager and followed the same agenda:

- Introduction
- Pigeonhole: How To & Poll
- Overview of Goals & Criteria
- Progress to Date
- Existing Conditions
- Virtual Site Tour
- Interactive Poll
- Interactive Q & A
- Next Steps

Each meeting was recorded and can be found at <https://aeroatl.org/special-projects>. A summary of the interactive poll results and questions/answers recorded at each meeting is included below.

Clayton County

Clayton County Model Mile Poll Session

Question: What is your current association with the Clayton County		Total votes (12)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Resident	2	16.7%
2	Business Owner	2	16.7%
3	Government Employee	1	8.3%
4	Elected Official	0	0.0%
5	Just interested in the trail system.	7	58.3%

Question: Do you actively use trails/greenways in Clayton County or other surrounding communities?		Total votes (12)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Yes	5	41.6%
2	No	5	41.7%
3	I don't know.	2	16.7%

Question: How would you best describe the type of trail user you are?		Total votes (11)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	I enjoy a peaceful, solitary walk on occasion.	2	18.2%
2	I enjoy walking with friends and family for recreation.	2	18.2%
3	I am an avid runner.	0	0.0%
4	I love to skateboard/roller blade/scooter on paved trails	0	0.0%
5	I enjoy casually riding my bicycle on paved trails.	6	54.5%
6	I am an avid cyclist who loves to ride anywhere.	1	9.1%

Question: How do you foresee yourself predominantly moving along this trail?		Total votes (11)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Walking/Running	6	54.5%
2	Biking	4	36.4%
3	Other	1	9.1%

Question: What type of trail elements would you like to see?		Total votes (19)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Overlooks	9	47.3%
2	Seating areas	3	15.8%

3	Picnic Areas	2	10.5%
4	Bird Blinds	1	5.3%
5	Nature Wayfinding/Interpretive Signage	4	21.1%

Question: What security elements would make you feel safer/more comfortable using the trail?		Total votes (22)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Multiple access points on and off the trail	8	36.4%
2	Clear sight lines	2	9.1%
3	Lighting	5	22.7%
4	Emergency Call Boxes	2	9.1%
5	Trail Signage/Wayfinding	5	22.7%
6	Security/Police presence	0	0.0%

Question: What destinations would you like to see the trail to connect to?		Total votes (17)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Southern Regional Medical Center	5	29.4%
2	Riverdale Elementary School/Charles R. Drew High School	6	35.3%
3	Tara Crossings Shopping Center	2	11.8%
4	Nearby Apartment Complexes	4	23.5%

Clayton County Model Mile Q & A Session

Q: Has any kind of timeline been established for construction?

A: A timeline for construction has not yet been established. At the end of this process we will have an idea of how much it would cost to construct, potential funding sources, and (depending on the source of funding) what the timeline for construction will be.

Q: Is the trail scheduled to be 1 mile long?

A: Currently, all of the model miles are +/- one mile in length. If we get a lot of feedback and buy-in from the community, leadership and staff regarding changing the logical termini, the length can change. However, trails tend to be built, one mile at a time.

Q: My concern is Clayton County's history of putting warehouses in residential neighborhoods. Has this been addressed with Clayton County leaders?

A: This is a valid concern but is not something that we can control through this process. It is not anticipated that this trail will impact land use in that regard. We will share this question with Clayton County leadership.

Q: What would you use to construct the trail? Concrete? Asphalt? Boardwalk/wood?

A: We have not yet decided upon materials for this trail, however, concrete is commonly used for trails that are at-grade with the roadway. Concrete is longer term and lower maintenance as compared to asphalt. Boardwalks can be built with concrete as well. It is a matter of how much you want to pay up front versus how much you want to pay in maintenance over time. It will be a paved, multiuse trail.

Q: What is the ETA for starting and completing the project?

A: The feasibility study will wrap up by September/October of this year. A proposed timeline will be developed that depends on funding sources and availability. The entire mile can be designed, engineered, permitted and installed within a few years. Other funding sources can extend the timeline for construction.

Q: Can the trail plan be moved to an alternate location such as the Jonesboro area?

A: This will be the location of the model mile that we are tasked with developing. Remember, it is a small piece of the larger AeroATL Greenway Master Plan network, so there are other trail segments to come which may eventually extend into the Jonesboro area. Please visit www.aeroatl.org to view the entire master plan. You can also visit the other model mile Social Pinpoint websites to view where the other trails are in relation to this segment.

Q: Have y'all biked the Jesters Creek Trail yet? It's a great model for this trail segment.

A: Absolutely. We have members of our Team who were instrumental in the construction of the Jesters Creek Trail. Pond designed and engineered a piece of this trail segment in Morrow area. We agree that it is a good model for this model mile.

Q: Will you have camera surveillance in some areas?

A: 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: Where do I find the presentations for the other cities?

A: The presentations and Social Pinpoint websites for each model mile can be found at <https://aeroatl.org/special-projects/aeroatl-greenway-model-mile>.