

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.

City of East Point

City Of East Point Model Mile Poll Session

Question: What is your current association with the City of East Point?		Total votes (19)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Resident	12	63.2%
2	Business Owner	2	10.5%
3	Government Employee	2	10.5%
4	Elected Official	0	0.0%
5	Just Interest in the Trail System	3	15.8%

Question: Do you actively use trails/greenways in East Point or other surrounding communities?		Total votes (19)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Yes	17	89.5%
2	No	2	10.5%
3	I don't know	0	0.0%

Question: What type of trail design elements would you like to see? (Select your top two choices.)		Total votes (36)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Lighting	11	30.4%
2	Emergency call box	5	13.9%
3	Physical barrier between the trail and the rail line	2	5.6%
4	Signage	2	5.6%
5	Artwork/sculpture	11	30.6%
6	Landscaping	5	13.9%
7	Other	0	0.0%

Question: What types of land uses/amenities would encourage you to use the trail? (Select your top two choices.)		Total votes (35)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Outdoor gathering space/greenspace	11	31.4%
2	Park	1	2.9%
3	Retail/shopping opportunities	6	17.1%
4	Restaurants	3	8.6%
5	Food Hall	3	8.6%
6	Outdoor/open market area	9	25.7%

7	Other	2	5.7%
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Question: Please rate the level of comfort you would have as a pedestrian or bicyclist along this trail?		Total votes (19)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	1 - Very uncomfortable	4	21.1%
2	2 - Somewhat uncomfortable	3	15.8%
3	3 - Neutral	2	10.5%
4	4 - Somewhat comfortable	4	21.1%
5	5 - Very comfortable	6	31.5%

City Of East Point Model Mile Q & A Session

Q: Can we use East Forest to connect to the existing trail, allowing to save funds for funding for a future bridge across Langford Pkwy?

A: We have identified some spurs off of the main north/south alignment and there is the possibility of having a safe crossing at an existing intersection with the trail.

Q: Does the plan include any improvements or renovations to the existing pedestrian bridge?

A: Improvements to the pedestrian bridge that connects to the MARTA station are not a part of this planning process. However, conversations have occurred regarding needed renovations to the structure.

Q: What is the City's timeline for building the remainder of the model mile south of Norman Berry? Is that funded?

A: The construction on the remainder of the PATH model mile is funded and is expected to be completed by mid-June, if the weather permits.

Q: Are there any restrictions from the railroad for building the trail so close to the tracks?

A: If we maintain the current alignment, we will have to initiate conversations with the railroad on ways to make this safe and to give a level of comfort to users. Railroad companies are not typically in favor of new development within their right of way. It is ideal to begin conversations early. If it is not allowed, the trail alignment may have to be altered.

Q: How would this model mile connect to the other cities' model miles? For instance, will it continue into College Park?

A: College Park is not a partner in this study. However, they were participants in the larger AeroATL Greenway Plan which is the impetus to this study. That plan does show connectivity to College Park and is available at www.aeroatl.org.

Q: Did the team consider a routing on the other side of the railroad tracks, for instance by taking a lane away from US 29/Main St through downtown East Point?

A: There are future plans in the larger PATH Master Trails Plan to add a 2-way cycle track in this area.

Q: Who owns the land for the current proposed path for the trail, the railroad or the owner of those buildings?

A: For the currently proposed alignment, property owners include a combination of government and railroad owned properties.