

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 |
| | | | 162 |

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 Forest Park

City of Forest Park Model Mile Poll Session

| Question: What is your current association with the City of Forest Park? | | Total votes (7) | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| No | Answer options | Votes | % of Total |
| 1 | Resident | 0 | 0.0% |
| 2 | Business Owner | 0 | 0.0% |
| 3 | Government Employee | 4 | 57.1% |
| 4 | Elected Official | 0 | 0.0% |
| 5 | Just Interest in the Trail System | 3 | 42.9% |

| Question: Do you actively use trails/greenways in Forest Park or other surrounding communities? | | Total votes (7) | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| No | Answer options | Votes | % of Total |
| 1 | Yes | 4 | 57.1% |
| 2 | No | 3 | 42.9% |
| 3 | I Don't Know | 0 | 0.0% |

| Question: Which of the following destinations would you like to see the trail connect to? (Select your top two options.) | | Total votes (14) | |
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| No | Answer options | Votes | % of Total |
| 1 | Atlanta State Farmers Market | 7 | 50.1% |
| 2 | Bill Lee Park | 0 | 0.0% |
| 3 | City Hall | 0 | 0.0% |
| 4 | Clayton County Library | 1 | 7.1% |
| 5 | Forest Park Recreation Center | 1 | 7.1% |
| 6 | Starr Park | 5 | 35.7% |

| Question: If open space adjacent to the railroad along Forest Parkway were to become a linear park what amenities would you most like to see? (Select your top two options.) | | Total votes (15) | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| No | Answer options | Votes | % of Total |
| 1 | Community Garden | 1 | 6.7% |
| 2 | Memorial Garden/Park | 3 | 20.0% |
| 3 | Multi-Age Playground | 3 | 20.0% |
| 4 | Open Playfields | 0 | 0.0% |
| 5 | Picnic Shelters and Restrooms | 1 | 6.7% |
| 6 | Shaded Areas with Seating | 7 | 46.6% |

| Question: What would make you feel safer as a pedestrian or bicyclist along Forest Parkway? (Select your top two options.) | | Total votes (16) | |
|--|--|------------------|------------|
| No | Answer options | Votes | % of Total |
| 1 | Change in the Road to Slow Traffic | 3 | 18.8% |
| 2 | Dedicated Trail Adjacent to the Roadway | 3 | 18.8% |
| 3 | Street Trees Separating the Road from Pedestrians and Bicyclists | 6 | 37.4% |
| 4 | Narrower Roadway to Calm Traffic | 2 | 12.5% |
| 5 | Incorporating the Trail into Open Green Space | 2 | 12.5% |

City of Forest Park Model Mile Q & A Session

Q: Is there concern about being close to the railroad?

A: We believe that the trail, especially in the area near Starr Park, would be located a safe distance away from the railroad. In tight areas, there could be some safety concerns.

Q: Would this be made of asphalt?

A: We have not yet determined the materials but the most common material used in urban trails is concrete. It is longer-lasting, more durable and is easier to construct.

Q: Are there other public meetings scheduled?

A: Yes, there is a series of public meeting opportunities including these virtual forums. These are being recorded and can be shared widely at the conclusion of the meeting series. We have future pop up events planned for a time when outdoor events are permissible. There will be a final engagement opportunity in the late summer/early fall. Check www.aeroatl.org to stay informed.

Q: Since the railroad is close to the green space, do they have ownership of property?

A: We are still identifying ownership of all parcels adjacent to the trail alignment. Railroad right of way vary. There may be an option for the city to buy property from the railroad for the trail.